

# NEWSROUND

## Principals Message

### Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to the week 4 edition of the newsletter. What a fantastic start to term 2 we have had with the continuation of our Online Science sessions with The Discovery Centre in Bendigo. Our students have also had a number of great sessions in the Kitchen with the latest session from today being Savoury Muffins for our Open Afternoon on Monday.

### School Open Afternoon

We are holding an Open Afternoon on this coming Monday, the 13th of May from 2.15pm. We invite all current and prospective parents to come along to the open afternoon. We will also have Fast Brew Coffee at the school from 2pm as well.

### School Photos

Our school photo day is vastly approaching with the date set for Thursday the 13th of June. Photo slips have been sent home so please return the photo slips as soon as possible if you will like to purchase school photos. Please have the photo slips returned by Monday the 10th of June at the latest.

### Uniform Update

Many thanks to those who have placed uniform orders and are waiting patiently. We are hoping to have the jumpers in stock at some stage next week.

We have hit a roadblock with the search for our red tracksuit pants though as our order placed for red pants was cancelled due to the item being discontinued. We have found some red pants from H&M listed for \$30 a pair but they only go up to a Size 10. We are still looking for other alternatives and will hopefully have this problem rectified next week.

### Slithery Visitor

As most of you would already know, we had a 4-5ft Brown Snake in the schools sports shed on Tuesday afternoon. Whilst it is still unlikely that we should see any more slithery snakes getting around, a reminder just to be cautious as they may still be trying to find places to hibernate for the winter!

### Reading at Home

I encourage families to read every night. School's readers can be done in the morning if it's easier with the younger ones. Audio texts are brilliant for bedtime routines. The Story Box app through the local library is free and have 100s of choices of books to play at bedtime. It can be a great way to unwind together. The more words students hear, the greater their literacy skills!

### Breakfast Program

Just a reminder that the breakfast program is operating from 8.30am—8.45am. It was great to see so many of our students enjoying breakfast every day with an average of 8 kids attending the breakfast program every day.

Everyday items available include cereal, cheese toasties or toast with a choice of vegemite or honey.



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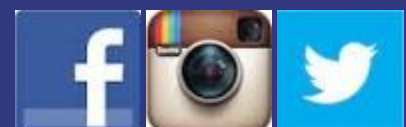
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### **Food Allergies**

Notices went home in Term 1 regarding our allergy awareness. We have a student with a severe peanut allergy and I thank families for their support in keeping this student safe at school. Just remember- no peanuts in any food sent to school and foods with a 'may contain' label are ok- just remind students to wash their hands and never share food.

### **Online Concerns**

We have been dealing with a few issues at school at the moment that come from their online world outside of school. Please monitor your child's usage and follow the age restrictions recommended by games and apps. Online gaming allows for private chat functions and this is fraught with danger for children. It is not recommended that primary school age children have any access to online chat rooms. Chatting through Messenger is also creating difficulties for our students. Students at primary school age are not mature enough to cope with the consequences of their online behaviours, so please monitor carefully their activities and encourage less screen time and more outdoor or creative play. Home is a safe place for students and a time for them to switch off from the demands of peer interactions. Families can limit access to online interactions as it is a good way to keep our children safe and give them down time. If you need support to understand what families can do to help their young people develop healthy digital habits visit [www.esafety.gov.au/parents](http://www.esafety.gov.au/parents)

### **Toys and Sports Equipment**

Toys and sports equipment from home are very precious. They can get lost at school, damaged and can be a cause of conflict. Please keep these special items safe at home. We have plenty of toys and sports equipment for students to use here at school.



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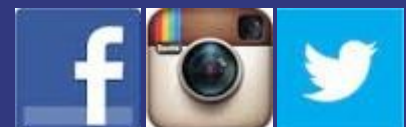
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# Classroom News

Welcome to week 4.

I'm not sure where the time has gone this fortnight, but the days are flying by. Its great to see the student's enthusiasm for learning and their willingness to collaborate and work together on the different tasks put to them over the last few weeks.

Please keep encouraging your child to read and practice their spelling words each night as this helps reinforce what we do in the classroom. In reading we are working on connecting the text to our world and making predictions and making inferences from what we are reading. In writing we are now moving on to writing descriptions and explanations for why things might happen. This links in well with our integrated topics about changes we see and experience in our world.

In Numeracy we have been focusing on problem solving and open-ended maths problems which allow the students to explore and extend their knowledge of number and that there is sometimes no one answer to a problem. We are learning the different strategies which can help us to solve problems more easily. This also helps to build our work stamina and resilience in not giving up when things get hard, and we don't get the correct answer straight away. As a staff we spent Friday with Michael Ymer who showed us some fantastic ways of teaching maths in a fun and integrated way. We learnt many new games and strategies which I can't wait to explore with our students over the coming weeks.

It was fantastic to see our wonderful women attend our wonderful women's breakfast today. We hoped you enjoyed it as much as we did having you here. I hope you all have a fabulous Mother's Day, and your children spoil you.

*Mrs. Answer*

## Tutor Learning Initiative—TLI

What an exciting fortnight in the Numeracy space!

TLI students continue to focus on their Numeracy Goals incorporating a lot of new hands-on resources. Incorporating manipulatives engages students in their learning, making learning more fun and enables them to grasp mathematical concepts more accurately.

Students have also been busy applying their mathematical knowledge to our STEM Project over the course of the last two weeks as they have been engaged in constructing buildings for our 'Cardboard City'. An enormous thankyou to our wonderful parents who have been assisting us with this project. It has been so incredible to see the high level of engagement from our students during this activity as they explore and experiment with design concepts. We cannot wait to see our city 'come to life' on Monday 20th May. If you have a moment to come by to see the final project please do - The students are very eager to show off their outstanding design skills.

*Mrs Cosgriff*



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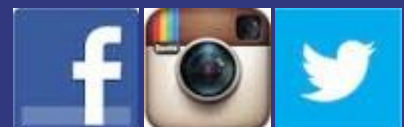
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15	16	17	17	19
22	23	24	25 Anzac Day	26
29	30	May 1	2	3 Pupil Free Day
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31
June 3	4	5	6	7
10 King's Birthday	11	12	13 School Photos	14
17 Pupil Free Day	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28 Last day of term

## AWESOME ARDMONA AWARD

**Awesome Ardmona**



**Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be A Learner.**

The Week 4 AAA recipient is Macey.

Macey was nominated for sharing her understanding of vertical addition, involving renaming, with other students during TLI to assist them in deepening their understanding of this concept.

Macey was clear and confident with her instructions and should be commended for her patience and positivity in the classroom. You are always a wonderful learner Macey!!

**Keep up the incredible work!**



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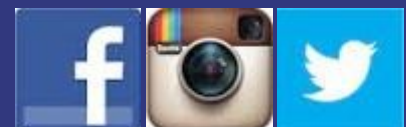
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# Star of the Week

## Stars of the Week!

**Chayton Charquero**  
(F-6)



*Well done to Chayton for being consistently supportive, considerate of others and always giving his best.*

*Keep up the fabulous work Chayton!*

## Fantastic Photos



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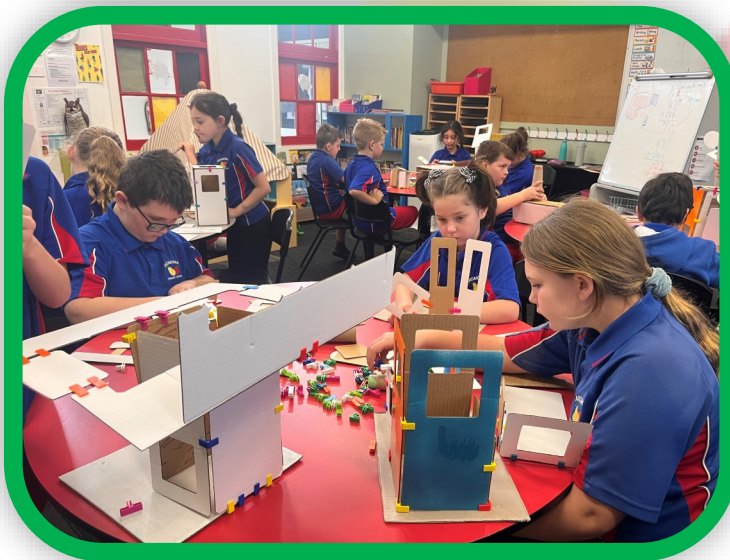
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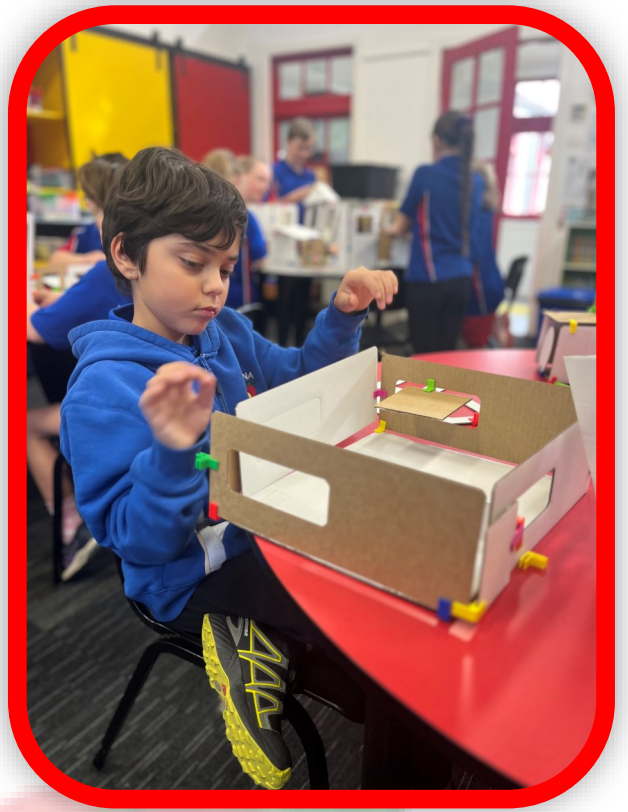
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# Child Safe Standards

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### Child safety and wellbeing at Ardmona Primary School: Information for families and the school community

The Victorian Government has announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Ardmona Primary School has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to our school's website and available at the school's front office upon request.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

Our child safety and wellbeing policies outline the measures and strategies we have in place to support, promote and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students:

- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Child safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedure
- Complaints Policy
- Digital Learning Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Visitors Policy
- Volunteers Policy

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact Jean Varty or Nathan Turner.



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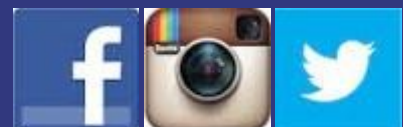
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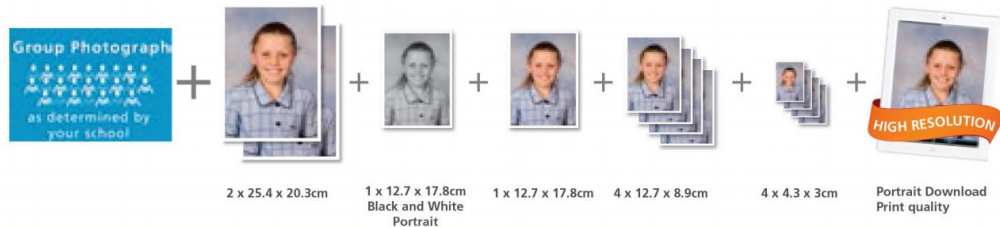




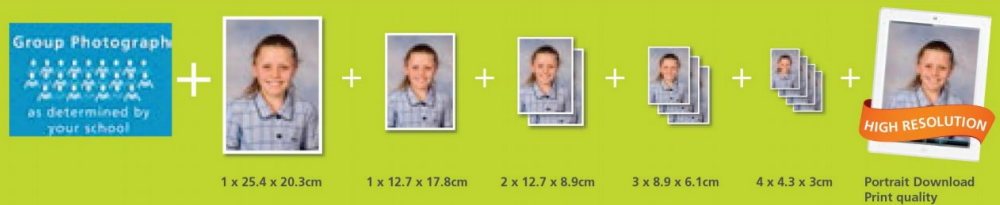
# School Photo Day - 2024

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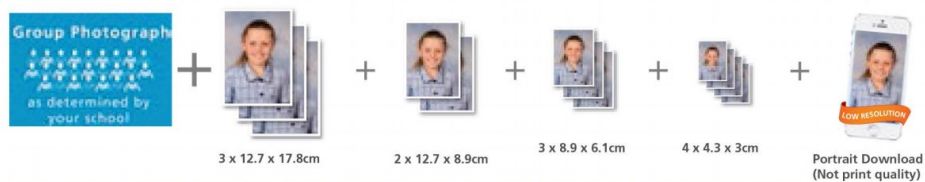
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\$58



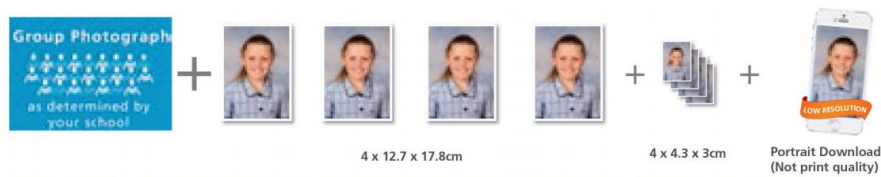
**Classic Pack**  
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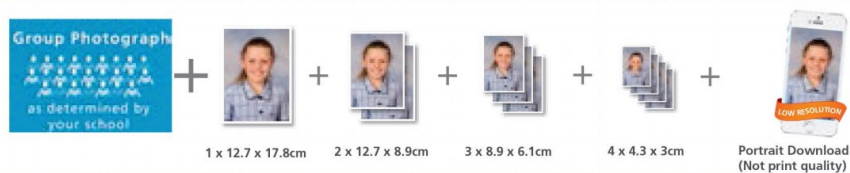
**Value Pack**  
\$49



**Essential Pack**  
\$46



**Basic Pack**  
\$43



\* Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.

**Gift Pack\***  
All 12 items  
\$15



**Class Group Photo**  
\$34



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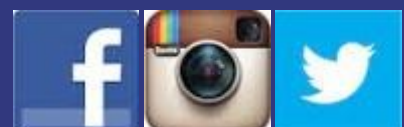
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# Two years of Kindergarten 3 and 4 Year Old Kindergarten Registrations now open

Registrations are open from Monday 6 May 2024  
to Friday 9 August 2024

**REGISTER ONLINE**



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# UNIFORM ORDER

(Prices Include GST)



STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	SIZES	PRICE	ORDER		
			Number Ordered	Size	Total \$
POLO SHIRT – 'Aussie Pacific' – Short Sleeves	6-16	\$35			
POLO SHIRT – 'Aussie Pacific' – Short Sleeves	S & up	\$40			
SHORTS – Red – LWR	6-16	\$10			
Hoody	4-16 & XS—XXXL	\$65			
TRACKSUIT – 'Eureka' – Jacket with Pants	4-16	\$85			
SCHOOL JACKET ONLY	4-16	\$50			
HAT – Bucket	S-M	\$15			
Pom Pom Beanie	One Size	\$20			
				TOTAL	

*\*\*Please note, all uniforms come including embroidery of logos.*

Any enquiries, please phone the office on 5829 0273. A payment plan can be set up for your payment if that would help you out.

Feel free to either email, the school at [ardmona.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:ardmona.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Please make cheque payable to **Ardmona Primary School** or

Direct Deposit

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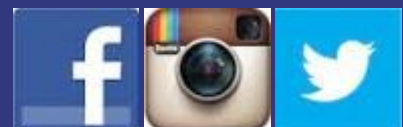
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