Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members and welcome to the last edition of the Ardross newsletter for Term 1. I trust that you have found the term rewarding, and that your children have been involved in many learning and teaching opportunities throughout the term. I look forward to your continued involvement in Term 2.

END OF TERM
A reminder that Term 1 concludes on Friday, 19 April and Term 2 commences for students on Tuesday, 7 May.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
With the school holidays approaching it is pertinent to remind our school community to be vigilant during this time. We have all worked so hard to ensure that our school looks great and it distresses us all when we see such things as graffiti and vandalism occurring. Luckily it is a rare occurrence, however, with the holidays fast approaching it does give more time and opportunities for this to happen. I ask that we all stay vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to School’s Watch on 1800 177 777 or the Police on 131 444. Mr Felstead, our School Gardener and Mr Hernandez and his cleaners will be present at various times throughout the holidays.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY
I have reviewed the late arrival book from Term 1. I regularly have students who arrive late to school, without an appropriate reason. On many occasions this is seven students or more. Students arriving late are disrupting the entire class when they arrive, with many late arrivals coming in after 9.15am. I will be sending letters home to parents in Term 2 for students who regularly arrive late, seeking an explanation for continued lateness. Where an appropriate reason cannot be given, I will be meeting with those families to try and assist in ensuring that students arrive at school on time. I look forward to an improved effort in arriving at school on time.

STUDENT ABSENCES
I would also like to continue with an emphasis on attendance for Term 2. Mr Parker has advised me that the current attendance rate is around 96%, which is a great effort! That is 96% of students are attending school above 90% of the time. I would hope that we continue this trend into Term 2 and beyond. This term I have also signed off on 34 students and their families taking holidays during school time for a total of 258 days. I appreciate that many of our families are from overseas, and occasionally family issues require overseas travel, I still need to impress the importance of attendance at school at all times. The number of absent days due to overseas travel still remains reasonably high.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING
Congratulations to the interschool swimming team who are practicing to compete in the Carnival on Tuesday, 16 April at the Fremantle Aquatic Centre. This year Miss Davies and Mr Hill have been working with a large squad of swimmers, with the students training hard on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the Applecross Senior High School Pool. Thank you to Applecross Senior High School for allowing us to use their pool on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for practice. I look forward to seeing some fine swimming performances next Tuesday!

NATURE PLAY PASSPORT
With the holidays rapidly approaching we are supporting an initiative from Nature Play WA with the support of the Department of Sport and Recreation. Today, all students will be supplied with a Nature Play WA passport. This passport links to a website which delivers “missions” kids can do whenever they have a bit of free time. The missions are free, age appropriate outdoor activities like, climb a tree, build a cubby or ride your bike, the kind of things most of you did as kids. While the passport missions are designed to be fun, they are also an important tool for boosting development. A bit like hiding veggies, they are a sneaky way to help get them to increase their dose of exercise and free range imaginative play. Where an activity has been offered at school, such as bird spotting or geocaching, the classroom teacher can sign off on this activity. We hope that students and parents have fun over the holidays using the passport.

ENVIRONMENTAL WORK AT WIRELESS HILL
On Monday the Year 6/7 River Rangers worked with Katherine Sambrooks from Murdoch University, The Friends Of Wireless Hill and The City of Melville to inoculate native trees, with the initial pilot programs commencing in Al Richardson Reserve. Based on previous programs, and current research, the trees are inoculated with phosphite, which protects them from dieback disease. This is the third year we have inoculated native trees, with the initial pilot program commencing in Al Richardson Reserve. Congratulations to all students and staff who worked tirelessly to complete this work in 37 degree heat!!

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Pinny Lakes - Rooms 5 & 13

Tue 16 April
Interschool Swimming Carnival

Wed 17 April
HBF Geocache Competition - Rottnest Year 6 & 7 - 2 Rivers Talk

Thu 18 April
Kindy A Family Morning Tea

Fri 19 April
Kindy B Family Morning Tea

Mon 6 May
Pupil Free Day

Tue 7 May
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NAPLAN Week

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A Message from the Principal
NAPLAN 2013
The annual NAPLAN testing will be in week 2 of Term 2 - 13 to 17 May. All students in Years 3, 5 and 7 are required to sit the assessments. A Parent Information brochure has been sent out to all parents of students in these year levels. Should you have any queries with the NAPLAN program please don’t hesitate to contact either Mr Parker or myself. Classroom teachers have been integrating NAPLAN curriculum into everyday learning and teaching programs. Should you have any classroom concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher.

PARENTAL RESPONSES TO NAPLAN
Tomaz Lasic from Murdoch University is researching what parents think about NAPLAN. He is interested to hear from the parents at our school. Parents can complete a short, anonymous questionnaire at parentsandnaplan.net to express their views. Tomaz is also inviting 9-12 parents whose children are doing NAPLAN this year for a conversation about it. The conversations will take place in late May, a week or two after NAPLAN. This is a unique attempt in Australia to hear the voices of parents. You can check the details and express your interest at parentsandnaplan.net. If you would like to find out more, you can call Tomaz on 9360 2593, email him at t.lasic@murdoch.edu.au or visit parentsandnaplan.

MY SCHOOLS WEBSITE
The 2012 My Schools website has now been updated with information for Ardross from 2008 - 2012. The release of the latest version of the My School website builds on the past three years of sharing information about the resources and performance of schools with the Australian public. This year’s version of the website maintains all of the functionality of previous releases, including various ways users can compare a school’s progress over time with schools serving similar student populations. Additionally, users can now also view more detailed financial information about schools over time. Should you be interested in viewing the My Schools website you can go to the link http://www.myschool.edu.au/. As a school community, the My Schools website is another tool we can use to assess our student performance in the NAPLAN testing program. Should you have any questions about the information on the website, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Have a great holiday break.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

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HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS
At yesterday’s assembly the winner’s were:

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P&C NEWS
Thanks to the tremendous financial support by our students and parents alike, we will be constructing another new playground within the school grounds early in Term 2, 2013. Based on feedback by our school community, the P&C voted last year to build an inspiring climbing structure to keep our oldest kids challenged and physically active.

We will be holding a Busy Bee on Saturday, 18 May 2013, where we want to prepare the ground and lay retaining blocks. Two companies will then instal equipment within a matter of days, and the new playground can be used by our kids.

If you ever wanted to help make our school even more fantastic, now is your chance! In order to make this day a success, we need at least 20 parents willing to help for a few hours or preferably the entire morning, on 18 May 2013. Parents will be preparing the ground and laying limestone blocks. Fred Roberts will be providing the various equipment and also managing the day, so all we need are willing parents! If you are able to assist, please email me to Cornelia.Major@bhpbilliton.com.

Additionally, we require food donations for the day, as we will take breaks for morning tea and also celebrate our achievements with a shared lunch. If you can contribute a food donation, please also email me for planning purposes.

To get involved with our P&C, either to help with some one-off projects or to just to listen to our discussion, please come along to the next P&C meeting. It is held on Monday, 13 May 2013 at 7.30 pm at the staff room.

Cornelia Major
Vice President

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Entertainment Book will be available in early May, and an order form is enclosed with this newsletter. Please use the form and envelope to order your book/s, and then place it into the letterbox in the front office. The first 20 orders will receive a bonus sheet of early offers.

At only $65, this book will be a fantastic investment for your social activities, and supports the fundraising effort for our school. Enquiries to Tracy Thillainath on 0438 364 236.

OSHCLUB NEWS

With only two weeks left of the term we would like to remind families that bookings for the Kardinya Holiday Program can be made online now. Brochures can be found online as well as in the office. Any question please feel free to contact Denise on 0409 953 103.

Also a reminder that all booking and cancellations are managed online within your account at www.oshclub.com.au.

WATERWISE TIP - SPECIALISTS

As climate change continues to affect the amount of rainfall we receive, we can no longer rely on rainfall to charge our dams and ground water storage. This is why the Water Corporation is developing water sources, like desalination, that will not rely on rainfall in the future. As a community we too are doing our best to teach our children to conserve our most precious resource.

You can do your bit by using a Water Corporation endorsed Waterwise Specialist wherever possible. Waterwise Specialists have been trained in the latest water saving techniques and can help you save water and money. Call 13 10 39 or visit www.watercorporation.com.au to find a Waterwise Specialist.

STUDENT EXCHANGE

STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that’s what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room and board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

Call us today to start your adventure on 1800 263 964 or email us at stsf@people.net.au. Website: www.sts-education.com.au.

LOST & FOUND

A man’s gold wedding band has been found on the school oval in the sand. There is an inscription which states ‘JEL 12.06.05’. If this ring belongs to you or someone you know please collect it from the front office.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT ARALUEN

Where: Araluen Botanic Park
362 Croyden Rd Roleystone. Ph - 9496 1171

When: Tuesday 23rd April & Thursday 2nd May

Time: 10-00am – 11.30am – 3 Discovery Trails
12.45pm – 2.00pm - craft / clay modelling

Cost: $3 Child / $4 adult (children must be accompanied by an adult )
Ardross Primary School would like to thank all of the sponsors listed here for their support of the school. We encourage all parents to use their services where feasible.

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The following sponsors’ support is provided through direct recognition of parents purchasing goods and services from them. Please identify yourself as an Ardross Parent at Athlete’s Foot or Coffee Club when making a purchase upon which a percentage of the sale will be donated to the school. For ANZ Booragoon a percentage of a home loan or home sale respectively will be paid to Ardross Primary, please contact the principal for details.
The following sponsors provide support to the school based on the use of their services. Specifically, Athlete’s Foot supplies sporting equipment for each $100 of sales. ANZ Booragoon gives 0.3% of a new loan. Coffee Club gives 10% of each sale. Aussie Farmers Direct donate 2% of your total spend back to the school.