Greetings to staff, parents and community members and welcome to this edition of the newsletter. As we head towards the end of Term 3 it becomes busy with the Faction Athletics Carnival practice and training, as well as many teaching and learning opportunities. Staff and students continue to be engaged with authentic learning and are producing great results. Further on in the newsletter I have outlined some recent academic results from Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 in Reading, Spelling and Mathematics.

**PRESENTATION NIGHT**
An early warning to place **Thursday, 12 December** in your diary for our Graduation / Presentation evening at Applecross Senior High School Gymnasium. All students from Years 1 to 7 will commence their dance lessons in Term 4 in preparation for this evening.

**PUPIL FREE DAYS - TERM 4**
An early reminder also that there are two pupil free days in Term 4, the first being at the start of the term Monday, 14 October as well as one on Monday, 11 November as designated by the School Board. Please place these dates in your diary for future reference.

**ACADEMIC TESTING YEARS 1, 2, 4 AND 6**
Earlier this term, students in Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 participated in our annual academic testing program as per our School Plan. Tests were conducted in mathematics and reading, as well as spelling for Years 2, 4 and 6. A writing task was also undertaken and marked externally and we are still waiting for the results. Below are graphs and table of the results.

**Mathematics**
The number of Ardross Students with scores from stanine 6, 7, 8 and 9 continues to be considerably above the expected average, especially in the top 10% (stanines 8 and 9) while students in the lower stanines 1, 2, 3 and 4 are considerably below the expected average, bottom 25%.

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**Explanation**

- Extremely Poor
- Well Below Average
- Below Average
- Low Average
- Average
- Middle 50% of population
- High Average
- Above Average
- Well Above Average
- Outstanding

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The NAPLAN test results will be available electronically to schools from next week, however student reports will not be available until Term 4.
LAPATHON

The Lapathon is the school’s largest fundraiser for the year and this year will be held on Wednesday, 25 September. Children are asked to collect sponsors from family and friends. Sponsors can either pay an amount for the children completing the 30 laps or sponsor the children per lap. After the Lapathon, children collect their sponsorship money and return it to school. For every $4.00 raised they receive a raffle ticket which goes into the draw for a large number of prizes. The major prize is a bike and they also have a chance of winning a ticket to the movies with Mr Holmes. We encourage everyone to participate in the Lapathon. Mr Hill has provided the Sponsorship Form with today’s newsletter.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

All students have been practicing hard with their faction and are ready to go for next week’s competition. Jumps and Throws are on Monday morning 16 September, on the school oval, with the 200m and 400m in the afternoon at Applecross Senior High School Oval. The athletics carnival is on Friday, 20 September commencing at 9.00am. The events for the day have been posted on the website. Please note that due to the nature of the day, times are approximate and may change. We apologise if this does occur, however the smooth running of the carnival depends on a degree of flexibility. Thanks to Miss Davies, the staff and the Faction Captains for their efforts in the lead up to the carnival. I look forward to seeing many of you on either the Monday or Friday.

PREMIER’S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

As you would be aware the Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge in support of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA encourages students to read over the summer school holidays. Some exciting changes have been made to this year’s Challenge including extending the Challenge to include students in early childhood through to secondary students up to Year 10. A new competition will be run in Term 3 where students have the opportunity to design bookmarks based on the theme “Reading Takes You Places”. The bookmark competition entry forms have been sent home with each student from Kindy to Year 7. To find out more about the Challenge, please visit summerreadingchallenge.org.au.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Copies of the School Board minutes have now been published on the school website. The minutes are for the five meetings held this year. Please don’t hesitate to contact either myself or the Board Chair, Mark Downey, should you have any queries about the minutes.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

P&C NEWS

We are still desperately looking for a volunteer to coordinate this year’s Bunnings Sausage Sizzle in November. We already have food donations and parents willing to lend a hand with sizzling, but are desperately seeking someone to lead the event. If you feel like you could take on this once-off activity, please email Cornelia.Major@bhpbilliton.com.

The next P&C meeting is in the staff room at 7.30pm on Monday, 18 November 2013. It is a great opportunity to meet some new people. I would love to see you all there.

Cornelia Major, P&C Vice President

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

I am still in need of some parent helpers for the two carnival days: Monday, 16 September (Jumps, Throws) and Friday, 20 September (Carnival Day). If you are able to help on one of these days please contact me on 9364 2771 or alison.davies2@education.wa.edu.au. Please specify which day / time you are able to help out.

Monday 16 September Jumps & Throws: 9am – 1pm
Friday 20 September Carnival: 9am - 3pm

Alison Davies, Physical Education Teacher

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

At yesterday’s assembly the winner’s were:

Room 20 Victoria Karuri, Ji Ho Kim.
Room 19 Stella Brown, Trisha Mathur, Leo Zhang.
Room 17 Greer Hannaford, Tyler Kirkby.
Room 16 Janica Petanceski, Isaac Yiu.
Room 13 Isaac Beitmanas, Rahul Mahajan.
Room 11/12 Jarrad Fong, Jake Kwan.
Room 9 Jasmine Ellery, Roosmarijn Timmer.
Room 8 Addison Foster, Ryan Ewington, Tyler Nash, Sol Rodriguez, Nathanael Spence, Hannah Toole.
Room 7 Eamon Cooper, Sophie Miller, Isabelle Soh.
Room 6 Beatrice De Judicibus, Olivia Fereday, Rebekah Ho, Dennis Nguyen.
Room 5 Evan Fasher, Kaitlyn Ho, Sienna Motton.
Room 4 Skye Ewington, Jolyon Fereday.
Room 3 Tom Darlington, Oliver Khinsoe, Sofia Rudy Adrie.
Room 2 Tristan Noor, Ella Schaefer Zaicz, Matthew Whittome.

INVOICES / STATEMENTS
FOR SEMESTER 2 CHARGES

Parents should have received an Invoice or Statement for the charges for Semester 2. Payment is now due. Teachers require the permission slip, only, to be returned to the classroom prior to an incursion, excursion or sport activity. Parents who have chosen to pay ‘up front’ for charges for the year will have their charges allocated and paid from their credit by the Registrar. From time to time an incursion or excursion may be added to those already planned and invoiced for the semester. Should this happen, parents will receive additional invoices for these activities; this will definitely happen if your child is part of an inter-school sport team, as team members are not known prior to the events. Additional invoices will also go out in Term 4 to Year 7 students for their end of year graduation dinner/dance. Charges for excursions, excursions and sport activities are compulsory and have been communicated to parents via the school newsletter at the end of last year and are contained in the School Information Booklet.

Contributions

We are fortunate at Ardross Primary School to have a large percentage of parents who pay the $60.00 voluntary contribution per student. These funds enable our school to be able to fund the educational programs in the school and give better opportunities to your children. Thank you for helping the school with this voluntary contribution.

Alison Stockman
Registrar

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CAKE STALL

Donations of slices, biscuits and cakes suitable to sell for morning tea would be appreciated. Deliver to the stall on carnival morning (Friday, 20 September). Please NO NUTS. Helpers are most welcome. Any queries to Sarah Dal Molin on 0404 704 939.

UNIFORM SHOP

19 September 2013 9.00 - 9.30am
17 October 2013 9.00 - 9.30am
A Christmas toy catalogue and order form has been sent home. Who ordered last year. We raised $600 with which we were able to purchase various toys, puzzles and equipment for the school. The closing date is Please drop your order forms to the front office or to Room 16. Event.

Friday This is a final reminder that orders for the Athletics Carnival on Friday, 20 September between 8.30am and 3.30pm. We urge you to visit the Book Fair. You’ll be amazed. Many parents and students can’t wait to find the stars’ books, and remember the titles they read in school. The Book Fair is a great way to support the school and encourage reading at home.

Dishwashers can be thirsty. Even a dishwasher with a lower water use rating can use the equivalent of two sinks of water per wash. Older models can use more - up to 40 litres. New water efficient models can use 64% less water than older dishwashers and also save energy. The way to save water is to operate your dishwasher only when it’s full. This you will save on your power bills, as well as water. When buying a new dishwasher, look for a 4 ‘star’ rated model which uses as little as 15 litres per wash.

PYJAMA DAY - JAYTON’S JAMMIES

One of the charities we raised funds for on our Pyjama Day is Jayton’s Jammies. This is a charity providing sick kids in PMH with happy, comfortable Pyjamas. If students would like to donate new FJs to this cause, they can be dropped off in the school office. We recommend bringing something in your child’s size.

General Information from the Jayton’s Jammies Facebook Page

As my 7 year old son is a “frequent flyer” at PMH, I have a permanent bag that is always packed with his pillowcase, comforter and bright, happy, comfy PYJAMAS! It breaks my heart when kids are rushed in, with sleep deprived & stressed out parents and they are “issued” with PYJAMAS! And as we all know... sick kids just want to be comfy!!! There are no regulations on having personal hospital clothes, there just isn’t “funding” to supply all kids with HAPPY PYJAMAS... so I am starting an ongoing public appeal to brighten up the wards!!! I am aware that we all donate to Telethon... and times are tough, but as you tuck your kids in at home each night, I hope you can give a thought for the kids at PMH.

PYJAMAS – BRAND NEW ONLY! Girls & Boys... 2 piece... Summer & Winter... Button Front preferred. Lots of bright colours/ patterns!!!

We are also making “Mummy Packs” so all travel toiletry items are appreciated too!!

ORANGE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL 90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

When: 2 November, 2013
Where: Orange Grove Primary School Boyle Lane, Orange Grove
From: 10.00am to 3.00pm

The day will be celebrated by showcasing our school choirs, guitar ensemble, tree planting and a variety of stalls. A sausage sizzle and afternoon tea will be available. All past and present staff and community members are invited along to help us celebrate this wonderful occasion.

For further information please contact Diane McHugh on 9459 3601 or diane.mchugh@education.wa.edu.au.

FUN FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Programs for 4 to 7 and 8 to 12 year olds commencing at the beginning of Term 4 in 2013. These programs develop children’s emotional resilience and social skills. Help your children:

- Empower themselves
- Identify their feelings
- Think positively
- Be brave and try new things
- Develop problem solving skills and positive coping strategies

Sessions run over a 10 week period. Each session is 1.5 hours long.

For more details and enrolments contact Libby at S.H.I.N.E.

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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For more information call 1300 MILKMAN (1300 645 562) or visit www.aussiefarmers.com.au/fundraising

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.