Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members and welcome to the first edition of the Ardross newsletter for 2013. The fortnightly newsletter is one of the main forms of communication between the school and home. It provides useful information with regard to current and upcoming events. I know that we are all very busy however IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE NEWSLETTER IS READ EVERY FORTNIGHT. Today all families will be receiving a hard copy to ensure that it gets home, but from the next edition on Wednesday, 27 February the newsletter will be available online with only those families who have requested a hard copy receiving one. If you have not registered to receive notification by email that the newsletter is available you can go to www.ardrossps.wa.edu.au and register online in the newsletter section. Receiving the newsletter online assists us with our school sustainability initiative of reducing our reliance on paper.

GENERAL STAFFING INFORMATION
The parent information booklet for 2013 is being finalised and will be placed on our website shortly. It provides all relevant information from A to Z regarding school operations. The following is some general staffing information for the commencement of the year. I would like to welcome new staff members to Ardross and trust that they will have a rewarding year with us. Miss Diana Cooper will be teaching Year 2 in Room 17 and Mrs Gail Lawson will be our EAL/D teacher. WELCOME!

Principal: Andrew Holmes
Deputy Principals: Bob Parker / Catherine Bishop
School Registrar: Alison Stockman
School Officer: Chips Northcott
School Officers - Casual: Tania Logothetis / Gabriella Nicholson
Library Officer: Lois Bowden
School Gardener: Jason Felstead
School Cleaner: Oscar Hernandez (Head Cleaner), Hilda Hernandez, Daniel Paredes
Learning Support Coordinator: Catherine Riley
Primary Science Project: Lindsay Macmillan
Occupational Health & Safety Officer: Bob Parker
School Psychologist: Annette Goldschlager (Tues, Wed PM)
School Chaplain: Sarah Fromson
EAL Teacher: Gail Lawson (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)
EAL Education Assistant: Jenny Vong
Learning Technologies Coordinator: Glenn Hill
LOTE Specialist Teacher Japanese: Hisayo Rego
Phys Ed Specialist Teacher: Alison Davies
Music Specialist Teacher: Lynda Pateman

Art Specialist Teacher: Sue Warren
Environmental Education / Aboriginal Education: Cath Bishop
Kindergarten Teachers: Lee-Anne Downey / Jodie Atkinson
Education Assistants: Janine Coles, Kathie Esslemont and Dale Langenbach
Pre-Primary Teachers: Helen Brown / Alison Forzatti
Wendy Cocks / Raye Feldman
Education Assistants: Sian Jackson, Roseanna Dennis and Kylee Praed
Education Assistants: Linda Brydon, Sharon Doubell, Deena Le Page, Sara Morris, Judi Edmonds, Michelle Di Giacomo and Carolyn Stephens

Year 1 Teachers: Room 13 - Jackie Loney
Room 5 - Isabel Mangion-Campbell
Year 1/2 Teacher: Room 10 - Denise Harman
Year 2 Teacher: Room 17 - Diana Cooper
Year 2/3 Teachers: Room 9 - Blythe Maley / Denelle Ellery
Year 3/4 Teacher: Room 8 - Kellie Foote
Year 3 Teachers: Room 7 - Fiona Schaper / Jessica Williams
Year 4 Teacher: Room 6 - Kate Mathis
Year 5 Teachers: Room 4 – Karen Trelor / Sue Warren
Year 5/6 Teachers: Room 3 - Glenn Hill / Bob Parker
Year 6 Teacher: Room 2 - Lindsay Macmillan
Year 6/7 Teachers: Room 19 - Aurilo Heary
Room 20 - Lynda Pateman / Jenny Lawrence

Teaching staff will be advising parents of teacher / parent meeting nights to be held in Week 3 of this term. In the meantime, if you have any issues or concerns, please don’t hesitate to see your child’s classroom teacher.

FOCUS 2013
2013 will be another busy year at Ardross as we continue to implement our teaching and learning programs. Staff are working hard to ensure that we meet our targets from our Business Plan as endorsed by the School Board last year.

Target 1 - To maintain high standards of student achievement, performing at or above Like Schools, with a focus on literacy, numeracy and science development. Student academic performance will be assessed using the Department First Cut Data, SAIS information and WAMSE results. (More Ardross students will achieve in the upper bands in Years 3, 5 and 7 than Like Schools with an aspirational target of 80% of students performing at or above Like Schools.)

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All teachers will be holding Parent Information Sessions at Ardross we work closely with the School Board, P& C and Herbert, Frangenheim and Alford.

Classroom strategy, based on Bloom’s Taxonomy, developed by students effectively learn based on “The Thinking community.

Target 3

Responsive to student needs.

using the Australian Curriculum that are outcome focused and provide an acceptable explanation to the school principal for any planned absence.

ATTENDANCE

As indicated earlier in the newsletter, one of the Department's focus areas is student attendance. Last year, attendance rates at Ardross were: 83% of students had regular attendance (between 90% - 100%), 14% of students were indicated at risk attendance (between 80%-89%) and 3% of students were at moderate risk attendance (60% - 79%).

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to your child’s learning. Consistent attendance and participation are essential for your child’s social and academic learning. As parents or legal guardians of an enrolled child, you are responsible under the School Education Act 1999 to ensure the attendance of your child at school every day. It is important to assist your child’s achievement and learning by making regular school attendance a priority in your child’s life. The Department of Education’s Student Attendance policy requires parents/guardians to provide an acceptable explanation to the school principal for any absence of their children. Principals must authorise all absences. The Act defines health, religious and cultural observances as reasonable cause for a school absence and the absence would be recorded as ‘authorised’ by the principal. As the parent/guardian you must obtain the principal’s approval for any planned absence.

When a legitimate note has not been received from the classroom teacher within 3 days the teacher will send home a system generated note outlining the date of the absence and a space for you to provide a reason for the absence. If within 3 days of sending this note home, a legitimate excuse has not been provided, Mr Parker will send home a letter from administration requesting an explanation.

The Minister for Education, and the Director General have also stated that it is not appropriate for students enrolled to be withdrawn for family holidays during term. Last year we had over 1200 non attendance days due to family holidays! While I can understand that occasionally it may be necessary to travel overseas, families who regularly withdraw their children for holidays during term do so to the detriment of their child’s learning. Staff are not required to provide work packages and students may find themselves behind in their learning upon return, making it difficult for both the teacher and student. All holidays taken during the term must also be approved by the Principal.

I look forward to your ongoing cooperation with attendance.

JAPANESE STUDY TOUR

As part of our ongoing commitment to study the Japanese language and culture, we will again be hosting two small groups of Japanese students this year. The first tour is from Sunday, 24 March until Sunday 31 March. When we will be hosting a group of 5 students from Japan as part of a Cultural Exchange Program. The students will be attending the school from Monday, 25 March to Thursday 28 March and will attend normal classes at school during that period. We are looking for families to host a student. Becoming a host family is a rewarding and enjoyable experience! It provides a great opportunity for you and your family to interact and make friends with someone from another country and learn about their culture. (Host families receive a hosting payment of $200 per student.) Please advise the office if you are interested in hosting a student. An application form will accompany the next newsletter.

STUDENT CROSSING - GLENCOE ROAD

The Children’s Crossing and Road Safety Committee is currently conducting a review of the crossing on Riseley Street near Glencoe Road. All Children’s Crossing will be reviewed by the end of 2013. I encourage all users of this crossing to ensure that they utilise the crossing so that a true picture of the school communities needs can be gathered. On completion of the review, a report will be forwarded to the Children’s Crossing and Road Safety Committee.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mr. Hernandez, Mr Paredes, Mrs Kim and Mr Felstead who ensured that our school was well looked after over the holidays. Staff and students returned to a very clean school with the gardens continuing to thrive. Thank you!

Andrew Holmes

 Principal

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

At yesterday’s assembly the winner’s were:

Room 19 Mia Dal Molin, Julia Hanrahan.
Room 17 Georgia Williams, Vageesha Madadeniya Jayasinghe.
Room 13 Sienna Di Giacamo, Lucas Gillies.
Room 10 Greece Benjamin, Harrison Greenwell Roberts, Xavia Varijyan.
Room 9 Yu Xiang Cai, Isabella Spann.
Room 8 Tyler Nash, Nathaniel Spence.
Room 7 Logan Ganza, Phoebe Gillies, Matthew Spence.
Room 6 Toby Bedford, Isra Naseem, Keirra Wilson.
Room 5 Joel Ellery, Myles Marley, Maddison Matthews.
Room 4 Jessica Spann.
Room 3 Riley Downey, Quinn Maley, JJ Toh.
Room 2 Shayan Bahmani, Abigail Burbridge.
SCHOOL PHOTOS

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LEARN TO PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

Have fun learning to play the Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute or Trumpet with Mr. Stoddard’s music students. Learn how to read music. Express yourself with songs. Perform in groups or as a soloist. Develop your creativity and benefit from the study of music. Half hour lessons are held every week at a cost of $134 per term.

Instruments can be hired on Musicorp’s rental program from Adelaide (1300 858 911) or purchased or hired privately through any music stores in Perth. A maximum of 10 lessons will be offered to all students in a 10 week term. Payment of tuition fees at $134 per term can be by cheque or money order left at the school reception or by internet banking. For more information, contact Miss Pateman at the school, or Michael Stoddart at michaelstoddard@optusnet.com.au.

MELVILLE FREMANTLE CYCLING CLUB CYCLE SKILLS COURSE

On weekends in March 2013, the Melville Fremantle Cycling Club is holding a free 4 week cycle skills course aimed at juniors new to cycling. The goal is to increase personal confidence in bike handling and prepare juniors for riding with other junior cyclists on the road under adult supervision. All cyclists must have their own bike (MTB or Road) and helmet. Both girls and boys are encouraged to participate in the course. Suitable for ages 10 and above. Registration for the event can be completed through the club website www.mfcc.org.au.

RECREATIONAL BALLET CLASSES DANCE ART

Ages 4 to 12 years. Fun and small classes. RSL Hall, 98 Kintail Road, Applecross. Contact Terri 0424 561 355 or 9315 1703.

SOUTHERN LIONS RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATION DAY FOR ALL AGES

WHEN : Saturday, 16 February 2013
TIME: 10.00am to 2.00pm
WHERE: Our clubrooms
Success Sporting Facility
359 Hammond Road, Success

New junior members need to bring proof of age for registration in the form of a birth certificate or passport. Please bring the original and a copy. Payments by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. Please advise if you wish to be removed from the database, otherwise we thank you for your support and look forward to seeing some new faces out on the fields this season. Contact Andrea O’Connor on 0466 384 898.

WATERWISE TIP - FIX A LEAKING TOILET

A leaking toilet can be extremely wasteful, losing up to a litre an hour. If this is left unchecked for a year this will waste approximately 9,000 litres of water. To check your cistern, place a few drops of food colouring in the tank. Without flushing it, look for colouring in the toilet bowl. If it’s getting through, you’ve got a leak, and it’s time to call a plumber. By stopping a leaking toilet you can save approximately 9,000 litres of water a year.

KUMON WINTHROP EDUCATION CENTRE

tel: 08 9313 2587
email: margaret@kumoneducation.com

UNIFORM SHOP

14 February 2013 9.00 - 9.30am
28 February 2013 9.00 - 9.30am
13 March 2013 9.00 - 9.30am

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AW REDS HOCKEY CLUB – REGISTRATION DAY
Saturday, 16 February at Willetton Club Rooms
From 11 am till 2 pm at Trevor Gribble Reserve
Cnr Karel Ave and Parry Ave, Bull Creek (Years 1 - 12)

Sunday, 17 February at Aquinas Club Rooms
From 11 am till 2 pm at Aquinas College Hockey Turf
(Years 1 - 12)

Saturday, 10 March at Willetton Club Rooms
From 11 am till 2 pm at Trevor Gribble Reserve
Cnr Karel Ave and Parry Ave, Bull Creek
(Minkey Years 1 – 4 only)

Postal registrations by 1 March 2013
Experienced and new players welcome, see the website for
more details: http://www.reds.com.au

CALI-DANCE AT APPLECROSS
CALISTHENICS CLUB
Join the fun! Dance, act, march, sing, improve your
flexibility, learn the basic aspects of ballet and much
more. Your first class is free! Starts 9 February.
Contact Claire on 0402 325 686 or email
applecrosscalisthenicsclub@hotmail.com.

REGISTRATION DAY
APPLECROSS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Come down to our fun family day – there’ll be food, drinks,
ice-cream and water slides.
When: Sunday, 17 February
Where: Gairloch Oval
Time: 4.00pm
Bring: Bathers and towel
Who: Everybody welcome....

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an
international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our
exceptional international students arriving in Australia in
July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our
international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden,
Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain will live as a
local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own
spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all
arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at
www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us
toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student
profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Don't forget it's Astrofest this weekend. It's going to be great fun with dozens of telescopes out on the oval!
Date: Saturday, 16 February 2013. 5.30pm-9.30pm
Where: Curtin Stadium, Curtin University
Suitable for: All ages

Have you ever wondered... What is that bright star?!
When can I see Jupiter?
⇒ New online stargazing club
⇒ Fun for the whole family
⇒ Stargazing from home
⇒ With or without telescopes
⇒ Great learning for children
⇒ No astronomy knowledge needed
⇒ Free kids’ activities
⇒ Gift memberships available
⇒ Perfect for children and beginner stargazers

Online memberships: www.stargazersclubwa.com.au
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.

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.