Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members and welcome to this edition of the Ardross newsletter. Another busy fortnight has passed with many teaching and learning opportunities evidenced around the school, from the chickens hatching in Rooms 11/12 and 16 to swimming lessons and Sculptures by the Sea in Rooms 19 and 20. Our first class assembly was held by Room 10 yesterday and it was great to catch up with many parents of students in Mrs Harman’s class during a brief afternoon tea held in the staffroom. Afternoon teas are held before each class assembly and it is a chance for parents to informally catch up with each other as well as an opportunity to ask me any questions or provide further information. Thank you to Kate Collins and Lanie Khinsoe for coordinating the Room 10 event.

P&C AGM
The P&C AGM was held on Monday evening. It was wonderful to see a few more community members present at the meeting to elect a new committee for 2013. The P&C plays a very important role in our school, not only in providing financial support but also in providing advice to the School Board on a variety of issues such as the Dress Code and Behaviour Management. I would like to formally acknowledge the outstanding efforts of Mr Lee Fromant as P&C President in 2011/2012 and his committee for the outstanding efforts. Due to work commitments Lee has stepped down from the President’s role but is still on the Executive Committee. I would like to acknowledge and thank the new P&C committee for their commitment to our school by volunteering their precious time and energy for 2013. Following the elections held on Monday evening it gives me great pleasure to announce:

P&C President - Alan Mackenzie
Vice President - Cornelia Major
Treasurer - Patrick Soh
Secretary - Allison Kyle

Executive Committee - Jenny Duffield, Jessica Williams, Lee Fromant, Claire Greenwell.

School Board Rep - Jessica Williams.

Canteen Committee - Di Palladino, Debbie Woodman, Boudene Van Der Merwe, (looking for another 2?)

Uniform Committee - Sarah Dal Molin, Alison Miller

Environmental Committee - Doug Cull, Cornelia Major.

The P&C tabled the financial report for 2012 and donated an amazing $49,000 to the school last year with further expenditure planned for 2013, with the highlight being a $35,000 extension to our playground! This also includes the funding for all students from Pre Primary to Year 7 to access Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Scitech gold membership. As a school community we really appreciate the tireless efforts of the P&C.

WELCOME MORNING TEA
Thank you to the parents who attended the Welcome Morning Tea last Wednesday. It was great to meet around a dozen new families to our school and provide a little bit more personalised information about general school practices and procedures. Thank you also to the ‘old’ parents who were in attendance and also provided a scrumptious afternoon tea. I trust that this meeting eased the transition in to a new school and gave you a little more of an insight in to the Ardross School community. Once again welcome to Ardross.

CLASS PARENT CONTACTS
Class Parent Contacts play a vital role in our school by being a communication strategy between the parent body and the classroom teacher. The role of the class parent contact is:

Welcoming - supporting new parents by familiarising them with the school grounds and facilities along with general information on school community groups or activities; eg School Board, P&C, canteen etc.

Communication - In term one Class Parent Contacts organise a parent and child contact list for parents in their class, with permission from each family. Some parents may not wish to be included on this list, and therefore the right of privacy is respected. The class contact list helps to foster new relationships between children and parents in the class each year.

Support for parents - Class Parent Contacts organise a small afternoon tea in the staffroom on the day of their assembly. Invitations are handed to each family to invite parents and grandparents, so they can meet and celebrate the event with the teacher and Principal. Some classes may wish to hold other events such as lunches, picnics or parents nights so that parents have the opportunity to meet other parents in their child’s class. Parent volunteers, with the help of the Class Parent Contact, advise when a family may require support in times of need (illness or bereavement) in the form of meals, child care and transportation.

Support for Teachers - Occasionally assist teachers by gathering helpers who can provide the class with voluntary services such as art/craft etc.

Support for the P&C - Class Parent Contacts can assist the P&C by disseminating information regarding fundraising/school projects etc. If you were a Class Parent Contact in 2012 and wish to continue in this role, please e-mail Jenny Duffield at jenny.duffield@cbre.com.au by Friday 22 March who will coordinate the placement of Class Parent Contacts in 2013. Once we know who will be continuing, a further request may be sought. Kate Collins will be the Class Parent Co-ordinator in 2013.
SCHOOL CROSSINGS

Recently the crossing at Glencoe Road underwent an audit both before school and after school. In the morning there appeared to be a large percentage of primary students (76) who used the crosswalk, however in the afternoon there were very few. There will be a final audit done at this crossing in the near future, and with the cooler weather setting in, I encourage students and parents to walk or ride to school where possible. This will hopefully decrease our traffic issues around the school and be great for the environment. While on crosswalks, I received a report from a concerned parent who witnessed Ardross Primary students crossing Risleley Street near the Glencoe crossing, but not using the crossing. I urge all parents to talk with their children about the importance of using the designated crosswalk. The audit showed around 1200 traffic movements in the hour before and after school making it a very dangerous road for our kids to cross without supervision.

JAPANESE STUDY TOUR

Thank you to the five families who volunteered to host Japanese students at the end of March. It has been one of the rare occasions that I have been able to finalise homestay arrangements early!! Unfortunately there has been a change in arrangements with Gold Interpretive Tours and the Japanese Students will no longer be coming to Ardross. I apologise for any inconvenience caused to the volunteer families and hope that you can assist later in the year when we host a larger group from the Gunmai Academy.

NAPLAN TESTING

Students in Years 3/5 and 7 have really settled in to their study in preparation for the upcoming National assessment in Literacy and Numeracy to be completed from 13 to 17 May (week 2 Term 2). An information leaflet has been sent home to all students who will be sitting the tests. Should you require any further information, please don’t hesitate to contact either Mr Parker or myself.

Have a great week.

Andrew Holmes

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

At yesterday’s assembly the winner’s were:

Room 20 Genevieve Arnold, Billy Chen, Benjamin Ivanoff.
Room 19 Jett Buckner, Hannah Burkhill, Liam Lorrimer, Kazia Zenke.
Room 17 Jack Fairclough.
Room 16 Hunter Daddow, Jeff Tyrell.
Room 13 Rishika Arora, Jack Oliver.
Room 11/12 Harrison Ganza, Ovita Wibowo.
Room 10 Anna-Luis Petanceski, Law Sharland, Emily Withers.
Room 9 Jasmine Ellery, Matthew Miles.
Room 8 Sydney Hannaford, Rayden Miles, Arya Nugrahanto.
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Room 3 Tom Darlington, Kynan Ganza, Donna Javid.
Room 2 Nathan Puckett, Monique Turner.
Japanese Noah Bernaud, Daytona Turner.

INCURSION / EXCURSION & SPORT CHARGES 2012

Contributions

The school is now receiving the voluntary contributions for your children for 2013. The school voluntary contribution is $60.00 per child; P&C voluntary contribution is $40.00 per family and P&C membership is $1.00 per family. These funds contribute to the resources available to your children in our school and your support towards your children’s educational opportunities is greatly appreciated. Parents who have paid their contributions through OfficeMax will have the amount credited during March/April, after payment is made by OfficeMax to the school.

Up Front Charges in Advance

Parents who wish to pay one lump sum at the beginning of the year to cover the base fees charged for excursions, excursions and sport activities may do this now. For new parents the charge will be the full amount as listed in the School Information Booklet, ie Kindy = $35.00; PP-Yr 2 = $155.00; Yr 3-5 = $165.00 and Yrs 6 & 7 = $185.00. For parents who are continuing with this option from previous years and have some credit already available having been carried forward from previous years, the payment for 2013 will be: PP – Yr 2 = $100.00; Yr 3- Yr 5 = $120.00; Yr 6 & 7 = $150.00. Additional charges for Camp, Instrumental Music, Choir, Interschool Sport, Year 7 Dinner / Dance and Leavers’ Shirts will be requested and invoiced separately and are not covered by the up front payment.

You are welcome to call and discuss any concerns you have with payment of school contributions and charges.

Alison Stockman
Registrar

P&C NEWS

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FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Ardross Primary School Faction Swimming Carnival is due to be held on Friday, 22 March 2013 at Melville Aquatic Centre. It will start at 12:15pm and finish at approximately 3:00pm. I urgently need some parent helpers on the day. If you are able to help please contact me on 9364 2771 or alison.davies2@education.wa.edu.au.
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

It is now time to place orders for your children’s winter uniform. Order forms will be sent home with your children this week.

The uniform shop only holds a few extra winter items. To ensure you have everything you want, this order form along with payment needs to be placed in the letter box in the office by 22 March 2013. Please ensure your child’s name, room number and a contact number are on the order form. Cheques are to be made payable to ‘Ardross Primary School P&C’. EFTPOS facilities are available in the office. Please include the EFTPOS receipt with your order form.

Delivery of orders should be within the first few weeks of Term 2. Should you have any queries please contact Sarah Dal Molin on 0404 704 939.

Also please note that we now have girl’s skirts with bike shorts attached in the Uniform Shop. These are at a cost of $20.00.

FOOTY TIPPING

The P&C will be running a footy tipping competition. To participate please go to footytips.com.au and join the Ardross P&C competition. Please send $50.00 to the office in an envelope marked footy tipping.

Each week’s winner will receive $10, as well as overall prizes at the end of the season. For further information please contact Jessica Williams at Jessica.williams@education.wa.edu.au.

OSHCLUB

OSHClub has gotten off to a great start. Our numbers are soaring through the roof so we would like to acknowledge that bookings are essential.

Themes of the week vary but this week we have science week where we focus on different science experiments. Any questions you might have please feel free to see Denise at the OSHClub room between 7-9am and 2.30 - 3.30pm or call on 0409 953 103.

Denise

OSHClub Ardross

ST DAVID’S EASTER EVENT

St David’s Anglican Church corner Bombard and Simpson Streets, is holding an Easter event on Sunday, 24 March between 4.30-6.30pm.

There will be Easter crafts and activities, pony rides and lots of fun. There is a $2 entry fee and hot food will be available to purchase from Yvonne’s Kitchen.

If you have any queries please contact Jessica on 9364 2015.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

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