Greetings to staff, parents and community members and welcome to this edition of the newsletter. The consistent rainfall over the last month has been welcomed by our Waterwise garden, especially at the front of the school where the new plantings are beginning to be established. This spring I am sure that the garden will be at its best with colour, and a great demonstration of our environmental initiatives.

P&C DONATIONS
At Monday’s meeting of the P&C, members present voted on the spending wish list. I would like to sincerely thank the P&C for their continued support of the learning and teaching programs which directly benefit all students at Ardross. The following items will be funded in 2013/14 by the P&C:

- Mathletics & Reading Eggs
- Behaviour Management Movie
- Lego Club Resources
- Kindy Kitchen Upgrade
- Classroom Set of IPads / Tablets
- Harmony / Reflection Area
- Library Upgrade
- New Bike Rack Area
- Culture Fund
- Presentation Night

This is a significant investment in our school to the value of around $50,000. THANK YOU P&C!

SMS TEXT - STUDENT ABSENCES
The SMS messaging system for student absences has now been operating for nearly a year. It has proven to be a very reliable method of ensuring that both the school and parents know where students are at all times during the week. Recently the office staff have informed me that some parents / contacts have not responded to the texts, which has then led to the office staff making a phonecall to the contact listed on the messaging system. The response has generally been that there has not been enough time to return the SMS text message. It is an important Duty of Care process we have implemented at Ardross to ensure that safety and knowledge of our students’ whereabouts during school time. Please respond to the text message you receive within an appropriate timeframe. Your cooperation would be most appreciated.

KISS AND DRIVE
The Kiss and Drive upgrade has now been completed and looks fantastic. It will make pick up and drop off time safer for all concerned. Thank you to all of the parents who use the Kiss and Drive area appropriately, following the rules of the zone and not parking in these designated bays. Remember that if your child is not at Kiss and Drive when you arrive, then you complete the loop around the block and join the back of the line.

YEAR 6 CAMP
Last week, 68 Year 6 students went to the Ern Halliday Camp facility inHillarys. Although the weather forecast for the three days was not looking good, the students were extremely lucky and managed to escape most of the rain. Students were involved in a variety of activities and excursions whilst on camp, visiting the Marine Discovery Centre and dissecting a fish, planting dune species to reduce erosion at Mullaloo Beach, visiting the Water Recycling Centre, as well as the traditional camp activities of Orienteering, Lost Pilot, Caving and Giant Swing. Congratulations to all students who participated sensationally at camp, working well as a team and enjoying the camp experience. Thank you also to the staff, Mrs Bishop, Ms Riley, Mr Macmillan, Mrs Edmonds and Mrs Le Page who were on duty 24/7 while on camp ensuring that everything ran smoothly.

YEAR 5 AVONDALE / PINGELLY EXCURSION
Tomorrow our Year 5 students have an all day excursion travelling to the country to complete a variety of activities at Avondale Research Station near Beverley and then on to Ridgefield Farm near Pingelly. Students will be taking the last plantings from our nursery program this year to plant in the wheatbelt, assisting in the salinity problem. Mr Ivers, together with Mrs Bishop, Ms Treloar, Mr Pelstead and myself will be escorting the students. I look forward to a very busy and productive excursion.

INVITATION FOR FAMILIES TO HOST A JAPANESE STUDENT
Ardross Primary School is hosting a group of 11 and 12 year old Japanese students from Gunma Kokusai Academy (GKA) from Friday, 18 October – Tuesday, 5 November. GKA is an English immersion school so the students are very good at English and eager to experience life in Australia! The visiting students will stay with a family from the school and participate in regular classes alongside our students. We are looking for families who have a child in years 4 - 7 to host a student. Hosting an international student offers many unique opportunities, including the chance to learn about another culture and build life-long friendships. The family’s responsibilities are to include the student as a member of their family and involve them in their daily routine. Students can share a room with their host student; they do not require their own room. It’s also important to know that the company arranging the exchange program, Gold Intercultural Learning (GIL), provide 24 hours a day support to both host families and students. An expression of interest to host a Japanese student can be found on our website. It would be great to receive an early response so that we can host these students. Please consider hosting a student, especially if you haven’t hosted previously.

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CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Our Interschool Cross Country team has been training very hard since our faction carnival last term. This Friday they compete at Brentwood Primary School, around the cross country course at Blue Gum Lake. Good luck to all of our competitors.

APPLECROSS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
Ms Maureen Lorimer has been Principal of Applecross Senior High for the past seven years. Throughout this time, Ardross Primary School has developed a very strong working relationship with both the staff and students of the high school. Last week, Ms Lorimer announced that she would be retiring at the end of this term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Lorimer for her willingness to work with the primary school and wish her all the best in her future endeavours. Mr Draper will be Relieving Principal in Term 4 and Ms Campbell in Term 1 next year, before the position is advertised.

Have a great week.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

AMAZING SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE
The long awaited Grand Final of the Ardross Talent Quest was held in the Music Room on Thursday, 8 August. An appreciative audience of 70 students and teachers enthusiastically applauded each contestant. William came first, playing with amazing skill and memory on the piano. Genevieve came second, singing beautifully and playing the ukulele. The well coordinated “Cup Song” group, Olivia, Keirra, Isra and Chloe came third. The two runners-up were Kaitlyn, the balloon folder and Cayden, the joker. Thank you to the 93 contestants who participated in the contest, to Hannah who came up with the idea and to all the Student Councillors who had the challenging role of judging and providing feedback comments to our many talented student performers.

Cath Bishop
Deputy Principal

COOKING EQUIPMENT FOR SAND PLAY
The children are really enjoying the clean sand under the new climbing equipment. To extend their creative play we are collecting items suitable for sand cooking. When you are next cleaning out your kitchen cupboards please think of us and donate your old saucepans, plastic bowls and containers to our sand play equipment. Please place the items in the box outside the front office.

SENSATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY MURAL
Last Year, Kazia Zenke came up with a great River Rangers OPTS idea. She suggested that we celebrate and publicise all the amazing sustainable actions that Ardross students do. Kazia’s plan was to paint a big colourful mural for the back wall of the Science-Enviro Room, which could be seen from the oval and Ardessie Street. The Year 5 students from Miss Treloar’s class contributed beautiful artistic designs and then early this year, many different classes painted 8 large posters with Mrs Warren and Mrs Bishop. The process took nearly 12 months. Finally the finished work was sent to Bulldog Graphics who have printed the designs onto metal panels and attached them to the wall. They look absolutely fantastic. Thanks to Kazia for her excellent idea and to everyone who contributed to the designs.

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS
At yesterday’s assembly the winner’s were:
Room 20 Andrew Turnbull, Jayden van der Merwe.
Room 19 Alyssa McGuire, Michelle Ng, Ben Tyrell, Holly Williams.
Room 17 Grace Ainsworth, Ebony McGuigan.
Room 16 Ryan Carpenter, Jayden Phung.
Room 13 Rishika Aurora, Isabella Lansbury.
Room 11/12 Laura Cairns, Emily He.
Room 10 Law Sharland, Xavia Varioyan.
Room 9 Caryn Lu, Matthew Miles.
Room 8 Luisa Keeffe, Rayden Miles.
Room 7 Jason Lynch, Matthew Spence.
Room 6 Michelle Brown, Ayden Butler, In Joon Park.
Room 5 Myles Marley, Madison Naylor, Emilee Wilson.
Room 4 Joel Chee, Kyra Doubell, Alin Ibrahim.
Room 3 Sofia Casotti, Michael Hardie.
Room 2 Edward Harvey, Monique Turner.
Japanese Shen Kit Hia, Tayha Wedge.

CANTEEN NEWS
Just a reminder that the Athletics Carnival is on Friday, 20 September. Like last year the Canteen has selections available for the whole family. Order bags will be available in the office or at the Canteen. Everyone needs to pre-order for the day including Kindy and Pre Primary students. A full menu and instructions will be attached to the next newsletter.

Di Palladino
Canteen Manager
A sincere 'thank you' to all the parents and staff members at Ardross PS for helping with and participating in the study on parental responses to NAPLAN. I have managed to hear the voices of over 20 parents either individually or in a group at your school. In the coming months, I will conduct a brief follow up with those who have agreed to it. Over the past term, your time and effort were a gift to me. Your insights have not only helped me as a researcher but also as a fellow parent, to make sense of NAPLAN. While I mostly talked to parents about NAPLAN, I did however notice what a great place Ardross PS is to educate children and make our community stronger and healthier. You have a treasure in your hands!

Tomaz Lasic
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AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL SPECIALIST PROGRAM

SELECTION TRIALS 2013

To register for the trial please register online by 21 August, 2013 via our website at: www.cometbaycollege.wa.edu.au/other programas/. Registrations submitted/received after this date cannot be accepted.

When: Thursday, 29 and Friday, 30 August 2013. After registration, you will be contacted regarding the time and which day to attend.

Where: Comet Bay College, 2 Allatoona Ave, Secret Harbour.

Bring: A photocopy of the most recent school report (no originals) football boots, shorts, socks and running shoes. Football guernseys will be provided.

For further information please contact Program Coordinator, Steve Thomson on 9553 8100 or visit our website at: cometbaycollege@wa.edu.au.
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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.
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