Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members and welcome to this edition of the newsletter. The term is now well and truly underway, with all students now returning to school after celebrating Chinese New Year last Friday and the Year 6 and 7 students completing swimming lessons at Cottesloe Beach.

**P&C MEETING**

It was great to start the year with a large number present at the first P&C meeting for 2014. We had around 25 members with a few new faces. The P&C plays an important role in supporting the school community across a variety of areas. Last year the P&C provided funds to the school of $117,000, with the main expenditure being on the playground infrastructure. This year the P&C will be looking to again provide funds to support priorities across the school. Already the P&C have committed to funding the Reading Eggs and Mathletics programs, the new veranda at Room 15, the behaviour management movie and the purchase of tablets in 2014. I would again like to sincerely thank the wonderful P&C for their tireless efforts.

**P&C AGM**

The next meeting of the P&C is on Monday, 10 March. This will be the Annual General Meeting, followed by a quick general meeting. At the AGM all positions on the P&C are vacated and elections held. Unfortunately the current President, Mr Alan Mackenzie has had a change in work circumstances and will not be standing for re-election, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alan for his outstanding leadership of the P&C in 2013. Current Executive members may stand again for elected positions in 2014, however all positions are spilled. Positions to be filled on the night include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, School Board Representative, Executive, Canteen Committee and Uniform Committee. Should you like to know a bit more about the roles and responsibilities of these positions, please don’t hesitate to contact the current Executive - Alan Mackenzie, Cornelia Major, Patrick Soh or Allison Kyle.

**PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS**

All parents should have received notification of parent/teacher meetings taking place this week. The purpose of these meetings is to outline to parents the teaching and learning programs planned, together with organisational structures used in the room. Teachers will discuss curriculum, behaviour management, homework, communication and other day to day operations of the class. These meetings are not designed to allow time for parent/teacher interviews, however these could be scheduled at a later date. Staff have been asked to plan for a 30 minute meeting time. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend. I will be asking staff to provide a list of attendees to me so I can see if the meetings are well attended.

**ARDROSS SCHOOL LEADERS**

A strength of the upper school program at Ardross has been that all Year 7 students are provided with opportunities to develop their leadership skills in authentic ways. This year we also have Year 6 students who will be graduating, and therefore will be provided with opportunities to also develop their leadership skills. Mrs Bishop has been coordinating the election process to ensure that our 100 students in Years 6 and 7 have these opportunities. This year we held elections for Student Councillors, Environmental Councillors, Faction Leaders, Literacy Captains and Technology Captains. Student Councillors will be working with Mrs Bishop and provide leadership across the school. Faction Leaders will be working with Miss Davies. Environmental Leaders will be working with the River Rangers Program. Mrs Bishop and Mr Ivers develop and implement sustainability initiatives, the Computer Captains will be working with Mr Hill to ensure that our web page and class information is always up to date and the Literacy Leaders will be working with Ms Riley and the junior primary staff to enhance the reading skills and abilities of our junior students. It gives me great pleasure to announce the following students.

**COUNCILLORS**

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**Year 6**

- Lana Jordan, Liam Carpenter,
- Skye Ewington, Su-Jyn Hia, Max Kite,
- Emmeline Lazzardli, Matthew Price,
- Sofia Rudy Adrie, Charlize Slipper,
- Jessica Spann, Casey Tay and Naomi Yao.

**Year 7**

- Noah Bernaud, Felicity Brown,
- James Dalais, Esmee Geyer-Maverick,
- Isaac Ho, Ye Hern Kim, Clio Meyricke,
- Michelle Ng, Evelyn Ong, Ethan Severin,
- Lachlan Smyth and Abbey Woodman.

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**FACTION CAPTAINS**

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**Captains**

- *Wellard*
  - Yr 6: Daniel Skinner
  - Yr 7: Aimon Shareef
  - Yr 6: Sam Collins
  - Yr 7: Ben Tyrell
  - Lukin: Yr 6: Michael Hardie
  - Lukin: Yr 7: Andrew Turnbull
  - Butler: Yr 6: Guillaume Metrot
  - Butler: Yr 7: Danilo Govedarica

**Vice Captains**

- *Wellard*
  - Yr 6: Brandon Wong
  - Yr 7: Blair Marley
  - Yr 6: Andraz Livk
  - Yr 7: Tom Darlington
  - Lukin: Yr 6: Toby Landsell
  - Lukin: Yr 7: Jeremy Landsdell
  - Butler: Yr 6: Quinn Maley
  - Butler: Yr 7: Shayan Bahmani

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**NEWSLETTER**

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SCHOOL FEES & VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2014

Parents will receive an Invoice in Semesters 1 and 2 detailing planned activities and relevant charges for each Semester. Please attend to payment of these Invoices within 14 days at the office. 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.

Contributions

The school is now receiving the voluntary contributions for your children for 2014. 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. 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 may now pay one lump sum to cover the base fees charged for incursions, excursions and sport activities. The charge will be Kindy = $35; PP-Yr 2 = $165; Yr 3 = $185; Yr 4 = $210; Yrs 5-7 = $240. Additional charges for Camp, Instrumental Music, Choir, Interschool Sport, Year 6 and 7 Dinner /Dance, Year 6 and 7 Leavers’ Shirts and other non curricula activities, will be invoiced separately and are not covered by the up front payment.

Alison Stockman
Registrar

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COMPUTER CAPTAINS

Year 6

Year 7

LITERACY CAPTAINS

Year 6
Kyra Doubell, Joel Chee, Erik Feldwick, Danielle Mackey, Ripley Parke, Korina Wibowo, Faith Wong.

Year 7
Rachel Lee, Cameron Nguyen, Tristan Noor, Ning Wong, Ayumi Yokote.

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCILLORS

Year 6

Year 7
Tyler Butler, Samuel Collings, Joseph Dalais, Elias Holthouse, Ji Ho Kim, Liam Lorrimar, Jesse McCarron, Taya Miles, Zali Nash, Esha Thakur, Monique Turner, Steven Widjaja, Lisa Zhou.

Students were announced informally at yesterday’s assembly. An official badge presentation will be arranged once all badges are ordered and arrive. All Year 6 and 7 leaders will be bringing home a leadership contract for both students and parents to sign, outlining their formal roles and responsibilities. I look forward to seeing our student leaders provide outstanding leadership across the school.

IMPROVED STUDENT ATTENDANCE, ENGAGEMENT AND BEHAVIOUR

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Director General of Education, Ms Sharyn O’Neill has outlined the Department’s priority areas for 2014 in a document “Focus 2014”. I provided a copy to P&C members on Monday night. Although our attendance patterns have now settled down, I would like to reiterate that the Department is focusing on improving attendance by all schools “ensuring positive attendance careers are established and maintained by students from day one in Kindergarten”. It is important that all students attend school regularly and arrive on time. Teachers and administration will be focusing on this as a priority this term. I would like to thank all parents who ensure that their child is at school on time and ready to start the day!

Have a great fortnight.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

P&C NEWS

I would like to welcome all new families to this wonderful school. You can get involved in our school by volunteering at our P&C, helping in the canteen, the uniform shop, running a sausage sizzle or simply attending P&C meetings and providing input. Please come along to the next meeting on Monday, 10 March 2014.

We are also seeking a new P&C Executive Committee, in particular, we will be seeking a new P&C President. If you have ever thought about taking on this role and have questions about it please feel free to call me on 0435 098 458.

Our after school care, OshClub are seeking donations of second hand toys and costumes that your kids may have outgrown. Donations can be given directly to OshClub.

Cornelia Major
P&C Vice President

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OSHCLUB NEWS
A great start to the year, seeing our prep kids make the transition to year 1, was exciting and frightening at the same time, BUT...they ALL SURVIVED!! All our children have a sense of maturity as they have stepped up to their new grades, and are adjusting well.

We have new food ideas on our menu and are always aiming for healthy options such as organic and gluten free...our food is always a big hit with our kids.

Most importantly we are having lots of fun & getting great ideas from our children to entertain them as well as implementing our programs such as Chill Out Time. We have a new staff member, Dan, who plays his guitar for the kids and they love listening to the music and singing.

In the weeks to come we have a big project planned for all kids to join in and have fun making a huge Pinata as well as lots of other fun activities running over the course of Term 1. You are always welcome to bring along your child to check out the fun and then enrol online.

Smiles from the OshClub Team

Johnny Moran Karate teaches karate classes to children and adults in the local area. A special offer for school students - 4 WEEKS FREE beginners karate lessons!

Classes are held in the area after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defence in a fun and safe environment and for adults to get fit. Karate has many benefits which include confidence, respect, discipline and fitness. Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial on 0402 830 402.

REDS HOCKEY
Willetton Reds Hockey Club is a strong advocate for active girls and boys. Our coaching programs include the involvement of both current and ex Olympic hockey players. We have dedicated parents and young seniors giving their time to coach and provide kids with an enjoyable and safe sporting environment.

Registration for our Junior program can be made online at www.reds.com.au. Minkey registration (PP to Year 4) is on Saturday, 22 March at Trevor Gribble Reserve from 11-2pm. For more information, please visit www.reds.com.au or email president@reds.com.au or minkey@reds.com.au

APPLECROSS PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES 2014
The start of Religious Education classes for students not attending Catholic schools is on Wednesday, 19 February at 3.45pm. Classes are available for Years 1 to 6 and the Sacraments are held in Year 3 (First Reconciliation), Year 4 (First Communion) and Year 6 (Confirmation). Students must attend at least one full year of instruction prior to the Sacrament year and complete the full year of instruction in the year they receive the Sacrament. Students who enrol late may not be able to receive the Sacrament that year.

If you would like to know more about these classes please contact Colleen Geldenhuys on 9364 1120 (Tues and Wed). The Sacrament dates for 2014 are Reconciliation - 25 June 2014, First Holy Communion - 3 August 2014 and Confirmation - 14 November 2014.

Do you have room for a foster child?
If you make room in your heart and home for a foster child, you’ll change their life forever. You’ll give them a chance to be safe and nurtured, as every child deserves to be. We need people like you.

Unable to foster but looking to get involved?
As a Wanslea Foster Friend you can support foster families in your area by providing baby-sitting, meals, house duties, transport, mentoring, tutoring or donating clothing, toys or money. We also need your help to find more foster carers to meet the growing demand.

For more information, come to a Foster Care Information Session on Saturday, March 15 from 12-2 at Wanslea Cloverdale, 311-313 Abernethy Road Cloverdale.

Point Walter Concert 2014 - FREE EVENT
Children’s entertainment, fireworks and more! Entertainment includes:
- Tod Johnston with Peace Love and All That Stuff
- The Murphy Brothers
- Zap Circus “Atomic Glow” Show
- The Wadumbah Dance Group

Date: Sunday, 2 March 2014
Time: 4.30pm to 8.30pm
Venue: Point Walter Foreshore. Free shuttle buses from the public parking area on Burke Drive, Attadale Foreshore.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
Applecross Anglican Church is looking to appoint a new Office Administrator. This is a part time position (0.5 FTE) with flexible hours. Full details and a Position Description is available from Reverend Andrew Williams on telephone 0433 499 306 or email at andrew.williams@applecross.perth.anglican.org.

COOGEE BASKETBALL CLUB
The Coogee Basketball Club started out as a junior basketball club in 1986 and over the years it has grown into a very successful club wielding many premierships and talented players. We promote skills development, leading by example, fair play and respect, discipline and fitness. Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial on 0402 830 402.

For more information please contact Heidi Lansdell - Registrar on mobile: 0434189788 or email: heidi.lansdell@gmail.com.
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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