Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members and welcome to this edition of the newsletter. This week we celebrate Harmony Week. With over 54 different nationalities represented at Ardross, it is a great opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the contributions of all community members in making Ardross such a wonderful community. Mr Hill's Room 3 assembly highlighted the message that “Everyone Belongs” at Ardross, and I am continually impressed with the interactions on a daily basis of students, parents and staff. Well done!

2014 STUDENT FREE DAYS
The Department of Education has gazetted seven Student Free Days for 2014. Ardross Primary School has the following days as Student Free:
- Thursday, 30 and Friday 31 January (start of Term 1),
- Monday, 28 and Tuesday 29 April (start of Term 2),
- Monday, 21 July (start of Term 3),
- Monday, 13 October (start of Term 4), and
- Friday, 19 December (end of the year).

The School Board will also be looking at a Student Free Day in late October, possibly Monday, 27 October as a reporting day for staff. The student Free Day taken on Tuesday, 29 April is a cluster day where Applecross, Mount Pleasant, Booragoon, Winthrop and Brentwood staff will be involved in a conference together to learn more about the implementation of the Australian Curriculum.

P&C AGM
The P&C AGM was held on Monday, 10 March. It was wonderful to see a few more community members present at the meeting to elect a new committee for 2014. 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 Alan Mackenzie as P&C President in 2013 and his committee for the outstanding efforts. Due to work commitments Alan has stepped down from the President’s role, 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 2014. Following the elections held on Monday evening it gives me great pleasure to announce:

P&C President - Claire Greenwell
Vice President - Cornelia Major
Treasurer - Patrick Soh
Secretary - Allison Kyle

There are also a number of sub committees elected and I thank all members who volunteered this year.

The P&C tabled the financial report for 2013 and donated an amazing $118,000 to the school last year with further expenditure planned for 2014! As a school community we really appreciate the tireless efforts of the P&C.

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 1 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 where possible. Invitations are handed to each family to invite parents and grandparents, so they can meet and celebrate the event with the Principal. Some classes may wish to hold other events such as lunches, picnics or parent 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.

I would like to thank all Class Parent Contacts who have nominated for the role this year, and especially Kate Collins who will be the Class Parent Liaison Coordinator in 2014. A quick meeting will be held in the staffroom this Thursday at 2.40pm for those who can attend to say thank you and answer any questions you may have about the role.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION - 1 APRIL 2014
I have been advised that staff have been directed by their unions to participate in strike action on Tuesday, 1 April. At present my understanding is that the action will take place in the morning. I expect that a number of staff will follow their unions’ directive and participate in the stop work action, however I would like to advise the school community that should this action go ahead the school will still be open. Students will be supervised but a normal school program will not be operating. As I receive more information about the intended Stop Work meeting I will inform the community.

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NAPLAN TESTING

Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 have really settled into their study in preparation for the upcoming national assessment in Literacy and Numeracy to be completed from 12 to 16 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.

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL - YEARS 4 to 7

The Ardross Primary School Faction Swimming Carnival is due to be held on Monday, 24 March 2014 at Melville Aquatic Centre. It will start at 12:15pm and finish at approximately 3:00pm. I look forward to seeing all of the students participate to the best of their ability. Thank you to Miss Davies who has coordinated the events for the day. I also look forward to catching up with many parent spectators at the event.

CANTEEN

The school canteen provides our students and families with low cost, healthy food on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. The canteen is operated by the P&C and employs a Canteen Manager, Mrs Di Palladino and a part-time assistant, Mrs Stephanie Gillies who do an outstanding job. The canteen relies heavily on parent help to provide a quality service and the cheapest possible cost. The canteen is not operated as a fundraiser, or to raise funds for the P&C, however the P&C Constitution stipulates that the canteen cannot run at a loss. As happens every year, several families who were regular helpers at the canteen have now left the school as their children have gone on to high school. The canteen is in desperate need of more volunteers. If you would like more information please pop down to the canteen or phone Di on 0419 998 259. We would really appreciate your help, even for one session a term.

One of the great services we offer is the Canteen which relies on having a few parent volunteers assisting every week. If you have a few hours to spare once per term please see our Canteen Manager, Di Palladino.

We also proudly support many school initiatives each year: we pay for software subscriptions, buy new musical instruments and playground pieces, donate electronic whiteboards, upgrade classroom IT equipment and so on. In order for us to continue supporting the school we run the occasional fundraiser. At the moment, we desperately require a volunteer to coordinate a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in May. If you think you might be able to take on this role, please email me at Cornelia.Major@gmail.com.

Please come along to the next P&C meeting on Monday, 7 April 2014 at 7.30pm.

Cornelia Major
P&C Vice President
CANTEEN ROSTER

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OSHCLUB NEWS

Our children are enjoying a good start to the day with a healthy breakfast. We offer a huge variety of cereals, toast, honey and jams and a Milo drink. For the afternoon there are our home made icypoles, pastas and cakes... deliciousssss ... along with big platters of fruit. We feel it's important that our children have a good meal after a long day at school, and they love it.

This term, children have been settling into their new year level and we have seen lots of changes in their physical and mental growth. Which means their questions in life are bigger than their shoes!!!

Our activities have been planned according to their creative development, with lots of fun in mind. We will be discussing Easter towards the end of Term 1, and having lots of activities around this time.

You're welcome to come in and check out our OshClub and get more information. Just ask for Val. Have a great day

Val Maiorana
OshClub Coordinator

IMMUNISATION - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Immunisation programs in our community are designed to keep everyone well and safe, especially those people who are most at risk, such as babies.

Parents or legal guardians who do not immunise their child should note the following. In the case of a Measles or Pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak, Western Australian schools are required by the Department of Health, to exclude students who have not received the appropriate number of vaccinations.

Please make sure your school-aged child is fully immunised and that you have provided a copy of the ACIR immunisation record to the school.

Did you know that as parents you can ring the National registry or go to the web site to check out your child's immunisation status? All you need is your Medicare number. Phone 1800 653 809 or access the web site: www.humanservices.gov.au or email acir@humanservices.gov.au.

UNIFORM SHOP

20 March 2014 9.00 - 9.30am
3 April 2014 9.00 - 9.30am

WIN AN IPAD AIR FOR THE SCHOOL AND YOU

The WEBB Property Easter Competition is a 'creativity' based competition and children are encouraged to use a variety of mediums to decorate the Easter basket. The competition is being offered to primary school aged children in the local area. All entries must be received by WEBB Property or the school office by Friday, 4 April 2014 and the winner will be announced on 7 April 2014.

WATERWISE TIP - BRUSHING YOUR TEETH

There is no need to leave the tap running while you brush. It uses up to 20 litres of water a minute. Simply wet your toothbrush before you begin and use a glass of water to rinse your mouth. Running water while brushing your teeth for two minutes each day uses approximately 14,000 litres a year. Using a cup (250ml) of water while brushing your teeth uses approximately 180 litres a year. This means you will save 14,000 litres a year.
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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