Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members and welcome to this edition of the school newsletter. As we approach the end of November, the Christmas period is rapidly approaching. Staff and students are busily revising all of their work completed this year, ready to take a well earned holiday before returning in 2014.

ANOTHER AWARD RECOGNITION
Congratulations to Mrs Bishop and the River Rangers who were finalists in the PALS (Partnership, Acceptance, Learning, Sharing) awards recently held by the Government of Western Australia and the Department of Aboriginal Affairs for our program “Two Rivers Walk – Koodjali Bilya Koori”. We travelled to Parliament House last Friday for the awards ceremony where we were awarded the “Runner Up” award in the Environment category. Over 270 schools across the State entered the PALS Awards in 2013. Another amazing effort from the students and staff at Ardross!!

PRESENTATION / GRADUATION
A reminder that the Graduation and Presentation evening begins at 6.00pm SHARP on Thursday, 12 December, in the Applecross Senior High School Gym. Parents and students to be seated by 5.45pm. This evening is the culmination and celebration of another outstanding year of education at Ardross Primary School. Students have been practicing extremely hard with Years 1 to 4 completing amazing EduDances, Year 5 - Zumba, Year 6 - Salsa and the Primary School. Students have been practicing another outstanding year of education at Ardross. Students have been practicing another outstanding year of education at Ardross. Students have been practicing another outstanding year of education at Ardross. Students have been practicing another outstanding year of education at Ardross. Students have been practicing another outstanding year of education at Ardross. Students have been practicing another outstanding year of education at Ardross. Students have been practicing another outstanding year of education at Ardross. Students have been practicing another outstanding year of education at Ardross. Students have been practicing another outstanding year of education at Ardross.

YEAR 7 DINNER DANCE
The Year 7 students were great ambassadors for the school when we travelled to Miss Mauds for dinner last Thursday evening and then returned to St Davids Church Hall for our social dance. All of the students were exceptionally well behaved, and Mr and Mrs Gatley, who have been coordinating the social dance program for 27 years were proud of the students and their dance performance. A HUGE THANKYOU to Kerri and Frank Zenke and the Year 7 parents who assisted with the hall decorations. The hall was amazing and added to the great night.

CONGRATULATIONS TSIGE
Congratulations to Tsige Lacey in Year 7 who has been chosen to represent WA in the upcoming Optus 12’s Australian Team Championships to be held in Melbourne from the 6-8 December. Tsige is also one of 10 tennis stars to be awarded a Wildcard entry in the 12’s Australian Championships to be held after the team events. Tsige has also represented WA as part of the Bruce Cup Team in October. Good luck Tsige.
SCHOOL BOARD
The School Board held the annual open meeting last Wednesday where the Chair, Mark Downey presented the Annual Report. The Annual Report outlined the School Board activities for 2013 and has been placed on the school website for all community members to access. Congratulations also to Heidi Lansdell and Patrick Soh who successfully nominated for the two vacant positions on the Board for 2014. We thank both Heidi and Patrick on nominating for these positions, and the Board looks forward to working with you in 2014.

CONTRIBUTIONS, FEES AND CHARGES 2014
The School Board ratified the level of Contributions, Fees and Charges for 2014 and the schedule has been placed on the website as per the School Act Regulations. In 2013 nearly 95% of families paid the voluntary contribution of $60 per student. This is a wonderful effort, and allows us to ensure that we offer a variety of unique teaching and learning opportunities.

PARENT THANK YOU MORNING TEA
The Parent Thank You Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday, 4 December from 11am. Staff and administration will be inviting parents who have assisted our school this year. Please RSVP to the school by Friday, 29 November if you would like to attend. The morning tea is a simple way to thank the school community for their outstanding contributions this year. I look forward to seeing many of you here to have morning tea on us!!

BACK TO SCHOOL LISTS FOR 2014
OfficeMax has been selected as the school’s ‘Back to School’ provider of stationery items for students for 2014. We have nearly finalised arrangements for next year and information will be distributed to all students in the next week. Stationery from the lists can be ordered online through the OfficeMax website using the special code for Ardross shown on the lists or purchased direct from their shops in Osborne Park or Willetton. All orders provide the school with a 20% rebate in cash to the P&C which is a great way to help with P&C fundraising. Your prepaid parcel will be delivered to your nominated delivery address. Orders placed prior to 31 December this year will go into a statewide drawer for the chance to win one of 30 Visa gift card vouchers valued at $500.00.

GIFTED AND TALENTED SECONDARY SELECTIVE ENTRANCE PROGRAMS
Gifted and Talented Academic, Languages and Arts Programs provide a unique and challenging curriculum designed to bring out the best in your child. These elite programs are available at 17 select public secondary schools. Applications for Gifted and Talented Programs are open until 12 noon on Monday, 10 February 2014. For more information go to det.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented

PREMIER’S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2013/14
Information regarding the Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge, in support of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA has been sent home with each family today. The Challenge is open to all children from birth to Year 10 and runs from 2 December to 31 January 2014. More information can be found at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.au

Andrew Holmes
Principal

P&C NEWS
On 24 November we have organised a sausage sizzle at Bunnings to raise funds for equipment. Please come along and support the fundraiser.

We continue to collect second hand books to replenish our library and our classroom bookshelves. If you haven’t done so already, now is the perfect time to de-clutter the house just before the summer holidays. We are looking for picture books, first readers, easy readers, and all books (fiction as well as non-fiction) for 3 to 12 year olds. Your donations can be dropped off in the front office.

Lastly, the next P&C meeting is at 7.30pm on 9 December. It is the last meeting for the year, and will be a very relaxed and social occasion. It’s a perfect opportunity to come along for the first time and meet other enthusiastic parents and learn more about how we jointly make a difference to our kids’ education. We would really love to see you there.

Cornelia Major
P&C Vice President

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS
At yesterday’s assembly the winner’s were:

Room 20
Kathleen Lazzurdi, Caira Lua.

Room 19
Ikhoon Choe, Quinn Fernando, Colin Harrison.

Room 17
Gracie, Ainsworth, Sofie Simpson.

Room 16
Judah Councillor, Hunter Daddow.

Room 13
Brock Ridgway, Jumirea Tien.

Room 11/12
Ethan Hickman, Anna Robbie.

Room 10
Greece Benjamin, Cayden Rez, Athan Teo.

Room 9
Emily Cheng, Mieke Kotze.

Room 8
Aisha Burns, Elaine Fong, Arya Nugrhaanto, Electra Radfod, Ziggy Kowalewski.

Room 6
Ayden Butler, Jake Harris, Zakri Korkmaz.

Room 5
Nandita Ashok, Jonathan Chan, Kotaro Kato.

Room 4
Korina Wibowo.

Room 3
Quinn Maley, Jesse McCarron, Oisian Robertson.

Room 2
Sam Collings, Phoebe Goldrick, Clio Meyricke.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL
Ardross Primary School is again involved in supporting others through a Christmas Hamper Appeal. Each class has a collection box and there is a display in the Office. Students are asked to provide non-perishable grocery items as per the recommended list. The collection will run until Friday, 6 December. We are supporting St Bartholomew’s House in Perth.

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE
To enter into the Festive Spirit we are running a Christmas Card exchange from 25 November to 13 December (week 7 to week 9). A mail box will be located outside Room 11 and students are invited to send cards to other students and teachers. Delivery days will be Wednesdays and Fridays. The name and room number of the recipient should be marked clearly on each envelope. Please note that there is no pressure to send to all class members. Items such as candy canes or chocolates are not to be included. We are promoting the writing of the cards and we are also a healthy eating school.

Diana Cooper
Teacher - Room 17
Canteen Roster

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Canteen News

Volunteers are desperately needed for Thursdays or Fridays so if you have some time please pop into the Canteen and put your name down for the last few weeks of this year.

Gluten free products are now available every day the Canteen is open. We have potato bake at $4.00 and also gluten free nuggets and salad at $5.00.

Please make a note that the last day of Canteen for this year will be Friday, 13 December.

Di Palladino
Canteen Manager

UNIFORM SHOP

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Uniform Shop News

We are looking for at least one volunteer in the uniform shop who could help us out every fortnight. The shop is open from 9-9.30am on alternate Thursdays. We would like someone to commence with us from next year but if you are able to help this term that would be great. If you are able to commit your time on a regular basis, please contact me on 0404 704 939.

Sarah Dal Molin

Toys Needed

Kindy and Pre-Primary students spend a portion of their school time on play-based learning. This means that there is a fair bit of wear and tear, and toys need to be regularly replaced. Therefore, if your children have outgrown any toys which are still in good condition, you could consider donating them to the school. In particular, we are looking for:

- any Lego and Duplo
- dress up clothes (especially pirates, princes and princesses, construction workers, doctors, police officers)
- sand toys, including shovels, buckets, sieves etc
- K'nex, Mobilo or similar construction toys
- puzzles for 3 to 6 year olds.

You can donate any of those items for the school’s early childhood program. Please drop them off throughout the year in Miss Brown’s classroom (Room 16). Helen Brown will distribute the donations amongst all Early Childhood teachers.

Cornelia Major
Vice President, P&C

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 February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico 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 scceaustralia@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!

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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.
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.