Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members and welcome to this edition of the newsletter. Students and teachers are well underway with their teaching and learning programs for this term with amazing work already being completed. I look forward to seeing a solid term’s work as we head to the mid year break!

JAPANESE DAY
Yesterday the students from Room 19 together with Miss Heary and Sensei Rego planned a whole school Japanese Day for those classes wishing to be involved. The day culminated in a Japanese Assembly. Congratulations to the students from Room 19 who planned and coordinated all of the 8 activities - Origami, Taeko Drumming, Food Tasting, Japanese Games, Shogi - Japanese chess, Cosplay - modern Japanese theatre, Manga – Japanese cartoon drawing and Shodo - Japanese Calligraphy. Sensei Rego had a wonderful Japanese program implemented for Year 2 to 7 students and the Japanese Day was a great way to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding program.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY AND HEALTHY BREAKFAST
This Friday, 23 May we will be participating in the National Walk Safely to School Day. Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around, and although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- walking / riding with them the whole way to school;
- if they get the bus, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop;
- if you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes - it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. On arrival at school students will be involved in a free Zumba lesson in the undercover area, with both senior and junior students enjoying separate sessions. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday, 23 May! For any queries please contact the school or see Mrs Harman in Room 10 or Mrs Ellery in Room 9. Thanks to Mrs Harman and Mrs Ellery who coordinate this event as part of our Health and Fitness Program.

MORNING FITNESS - RUN AROUND AUSTRALIA
During morning fitness on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.55am – 9.15am students run around the practice cross country course. Each lap, which is around 500m is marked off on a personal chart by the classroom teacher. At the end of each week, Faction Captains will visit classes to collect total numbers of laps run by each class. The number of laps will be multiplied x 500 to get a total kilometres (KM) run for each class and then divided by the total number of students to give an average for each class. The whole school KM total will go on a chart in the classroom teacher’s front of the office and we will track our progress over the coming weeks.

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A map of Australia has been placed on the wall in front of the office and we will track our progress over the coming weeks.

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NAPLAN TESTING
Well done to all Year 3, 5 and 7 students who successfully completed the national assessments in Literacy and Numeracy last week. Students in these year levels sat national tests in reading, spelling, punctuation, grammar, writing and mathematics. Mr Parker coordinated the tests, and all booklets have now been boxed and sent away to be marked. The results of the tests will be known around September, with parents receiving individual student reports towards the end of the year. I look forward to analysing our results when they arrive later in the year.

P&C FUNDING COMMITMENTS 2014
At the last meeting of the P&C, members voted to approve further expenditure on items for 2014. Already the P&C had committed to funding $25,000 for Marimbas, Art, Robotics, Science, Drama, IT, Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Environmental programs. Further approvals were made for an increase in financial support for the library upgrade, the IPad2 lease and teacher classroom budgets. I would again like to acknowledge and thank the P&C for their enormous contribution to our school. Without their support we would not be able to provide the current level of teaching and learning programs!!

ANNUAL REPORT 2013
The Ardross Primary Annual Report for 2013 has been completed and provided to the School Board for ratification at the meeting tonight, Wednesday, 21 May. All going well the report will be made available on the school website and Schools Online shortly after this date. I would like to thank the Board members for their contribution in reviewing and ratifying the report.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

P&C BOWLING NIGHT
Thank you to everyone who attended our P&C Bowling Night on Friday, 9 May at the Mount Pleasant Bowling Club. The evening kicked off with Happy Hour, a visit from Mr Holmes, the first round of bowling, a little light rain and then an announcement that children weren’t allowed to bowl (the Groundsman at the Club was very protective of his bowling green, and for good reason!). However that didn’t dampen the mood. With glow sticks in hand, cup cake decorating and Kim Khoo twisting balloons into all sorts of shapes, there were plenty of options for the children. A special mention to Morgan Frossos, who politely and respectfully approached Harry (one of the key trainers at the Club) to ask if they could bowl. On seeing Morgan’s mature approach, Harry was only too happy to take Morgan and 7 of her friends through some bowling paces. Well done to Morgan for her initiative and lovely manners.

Food and drinks were consumed and then it was time to draw the door prizes. A huge THANK YOU to Michael Hill Jewellers (Nathan Hickman) who kindly donated 4 stunning bracelets with a total value of $400. Also a huge THANK YOU to Gala Restaurant for their donation of a $100 Dinner Voucher and finally a huge THANK YOU to Bruce at PlayQuip for donating some children’s toys. Thank you also to Samantha Hickman, Marie Ainsworth and Jessica Williams for seeking the prizes, and of course a special thank you to the Mount Pleasant Bowling Club, who welcome new social club members. With many asking when the next social event will be held, discussions have already commenced. Stay tuned for further details!

Larisa Motton

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS
At this week’s assembly the winner’s were:

Room 20 Shayan Bahmani, Taya Miles.
Room 19 Isaac Ho, Afarin Hosseini, Jemma Van Zaanen.
Room 17 Jessica Bates, Dylan Scott, Nicholas Spence.
Room 13 James Hunt, Evie Kyle.
Room 11/12 Mitchell Belton, Sophie McGill.
Room 10 Jonathan Chan, Liam McGuigan, Janica Petanceski.
Room 9 John Azuro, Jamie Snow.
Room 8 George Joannides, Kayla Perkins, Anna-Lais Petanceski.
Room 7 Vageesha Madademiya Jayasinghe, Jana Kotze, Akshay Sivaanujan.
Room 6 Tia Harken, Daniel Rinaldi.
Room 5 Olivia Daley, Emily Drake, Lucas Gillies.
Room 4 Jae Kim, Chloe Theobald, Jianan Zhu.
Room 3 Jasper Fromant, Tyler Nash, Charlize Slipper.
Room 2 Jade Cairns, Jun Kim.

SCHOOL GROUP PHOTOS
We have in the office sample photos for the Choir Group, Computer Captains, Faction Leaders, Literacy Captains, Student Councillors and Environmental Councillors which can be viewed and an order placed if you are interested. There is an upfront cost of $14.00 per photo payable by cash or cheque made out to Classic Studios West.
OSHCLUB NEWS
We have had a great time in OSHClub and our numbers are growing rapidly. Our children are loving their time here, as they get to chill out after a long day at school and enjoy activities of their choice.

Our Autumn activities have been fun to make and it has been exciting to see the outcomes such as Grass Heads.

Please come see me at OSHClub if you have any queries.

Val Maiorana
OSHClub Coordinator

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
The annual National Walk Safely to School Day (when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school) will be held throughout Australia on Friday, 23 May 2014. Our objectives are:

♦ To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with their children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour;
♦ To promote the health benefits of walking;
♦ To help children develop vital road-crossing skills;
♦ To reduce car dependency habits;
♦ To promote the use of public transport;
♦ To reduce the level of air pollution and traffic congestion.

To coincide with this event students will be given stickers and the chance to participate in a morning fitness class! So join us in putting on your walking shoes and enjoying the fresh air while teaching your children how to walk safely to school.

Health Committee

NEW ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Entertainment Books are now available for purchase. There is a sample book in the office for you to look at, along with spare order forms if you require one. This is a major fundraiser, and every purchase contributes funds for our school. Please complete the order form, and place into the post box in the front office. Books will be distributed to your child in their classroom. Any enquiries can be directed to Tracy Thillainath on 0438 364 236.

UNIFORM SHOP
29 May 2014  9.00 - 9.30am
12 June 2014  9.00 - 9.30am

BEDWETTING
A DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon, and Physiotherapist, Margaret O’Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children. For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit the website: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300 135 796 - 12.00pm to 6.00pm.

LeisureFit Melville offers afterschool sports coaching for children aged 5-12 for Multisport, Netball, Soccer and Basketball. Learn skills, play games and make new friends. Monday to Wednesday from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. Call 9364 0808 to enquire further or go to our website at melvillecity.com.au/sports.

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WATERWISE TIP - CASHBACK ON WATERWISE PRODUCTS
Using Waterwise products not only saves water, but money too through the State Government’s Waterwise Rebate Scheme. Rebates are now available for:
♦ swimming pool covers
♦ rain sensors
♦ subsurface irrigation systems
♦ waterwise garden irrigation systems
♦ waterwise garden assessments
♦ flow regulators
♦ greywater re-use systems
♦ washing machines
♦ rainwater tanks
♦ garden bores.

For a copy of the Waterwise Rebate brochure and application form call 131039 or visit http://portal.water.wa.gov.au.
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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