Greetings to staff, 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!

NEW PLAYGROUND
On Saturday the P&C held a busy bee to install our new playground equipment. It was an amazing effort by the many helpers who turned up at the school to assist in laying limestone retaining walls, carting sand and keeping the food coming! A HUGE THANK YOU to one of our parents Fred Roberts who through his company Diamond Hire completed much of the ground works prior to Saturday and then supplied the equipment and expertise to complete the job. Your assistance was invaluable. A HUGE THANKYOU also to our P&C Vice President Cornelia Major who over the last couple of years has worked with her company BHP Billiton in the employee gift matching scheme who has raised well in excess of $40,000 to support the playground development. Also to the many parent helpers who turned up on the day and assisted — THANK YOU! (Paddy and Gillian Tyrell, Frank Zenge, Doug Cull, Simon and Irma Bradley - new parents to our school this term, Bruce Willet, Alan Mackenzie, David Burns, Ken Ho, Jeff and Cornelia Major, Ben Fereday, Brad and Dahlia Beitmanas. We also had a number of donations of food - Margot Whittington, Alison Miller, Claire Greenwell, Jenny Duffield, Allison Kyle, Chandra Dharmasena, Patrick Soh, Mas Anum Samiran, Sarah Dal Molin and Kim Williams. I am sure that I have missed some parents who we didn’t get names, so to you also THANKYOU. Assistance like this demonstrates the enormous community support Ardross Primary School has. I would like to say that the playground was extremely well utilized today, and will continue to be used for many years to come.

The new playground being used on Monday.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY AND HEALTHY BREAKFAST
This Friday, 24 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 make sure you get a raffle ticket from one of the student councillors. This entitles you to a healthy breakfast consisting of pancakes, fruit juice and fresh fruit. You will also go in a raffle draw for a prize. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday, 24 May! Any queries contact the school or see Mrs Harman in Room 10.

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.

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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.

NAPLAN STUDY
As you may have noticed in our newsletters and notes, Tomaz Lasic (Murdoch University) is researching parents’ views on NAPLAN. He is interested in what parents think of it and how (much) does it matter or change things for parents and their children. With NAPLAN fresh in our minds this week, it’s a great opportunity to express your views in confidence. Tomaz is collecting this data to complete his PhD. Sadly, he has received very few responses from parents at Ardross PS so far.

You can get involved in two ways:
• by coming to a public conversation with other Ardross PS parents on Monday, 27 May at 7.00pm at the school; OR
• by arranging a private meeting or a phone call with Tomaz at a time and place that suits you. If you would like to help out, please contact Tomaz at t.lasic@murdoch.edu.au or call 9360 2593 or 0415 638 744 and tell him which option you prefer.

Sincere thanks on behalf of Tomaz and our school, as part of an ongoing relationship with Murdoch University.

ANNUAL REPORT 2012
The Ardross Primary Annual Report for 2012 has been completed and provided to the School Board for ratification at the next meeting on Wednesday, 29 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.

BIKE EDUCATION
Students in Years 5-7 will be commencing a six week Bicycle Education course conducted by experienced AustCycle educators next Wednesday, 29 May. The six week course has been subsidised through an RAC grant to promote safe cycling habits and is a wonderful opportunity for our senior students to learn about road rules and safe cycling. The course will conclude in week nine with a ‘Safely Ride to School Day. Healthy Breakfast and bike maintenance course conducted with the assistance of the City of Melville. There will be more information following, but I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the RAC and City of Melville for their support of this initiative.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

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

Please drop them off throughout the year to Miss Brown’s classroom (Room 16) and they will be distributed amongst the Early Childhood teachers.

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS
At yesterday’s assembly the winner’s were:
Room 20 Benjamin Moncrieff, Ethan Severin, Maddy Turner.
Room 19 Stella Brown, Trisha Mathur, Leo Zhang.
Room 17 Lars Divitini, Caitie Perkins.
Room 13 Lilli Heavens, Quintin O’Keefe, Sherina Wang.
Room 10 Jaslyn Fong, Cayden Rez, Pya Whittle.
Room 9 Daniel Chee, Joia Kowalewski, Inyoung Moon, William Wu.
Room 8 Shen-Kit Hia, Alyssa Puckett, Hannah Toole.
Room 7 Arthur Bradley, Kathryn Raffelt, Lucy Snow, Isabelle Soh.
Room 6 Lachlan Bridgland, Kar-Sing Heng, Briana Nicholson.
Room 5 Tayla Bailey, Ezekiel Edwardes, Ciana Hudson, Amy Ivanoff.
Room 4 Tyler Bower, Sophie Watson.
Room 3 Sofia Casotti, James Dalais, Nina Kowalewski.
Room 2 Edward Harvey, Evelyn Ong, Aimon Shareef.

P&C NEWS
Firstly a HUGE thank you to all those dedicated Mums and Dads who gave up part of their Saturday to come along and install the new playground. An equally massive ‘thank you’ to those parents who brought food and drinks.

I would like to remind all parents that many important services in our school are provided by parent volunteers. One of these is the Uniform Shop, which is run by several Mums who also juggle busy households and jobs. Please continue to be supportive of our hardworking volunteers, and be patient if you encounter any delays.

If you would ever like to contribute to the school community in any way, please talk to any member of the P&C or email me at Cornelia.Major@bhpbilliton.com, as we love to hear from anyone who wants to join our vibrant volunteering community.

Many parents and kids will tell you that they have been fortunate to have had a great teacher while at Ardross Primary School. I would encourage all parents to log on to www.adaymadebetter.com.au to nominate a primary school teacher who makes a difference. Nominated teachers will go in the running to win $1,000 of classroom supplies and an iPad for their classroom.

Please continue collecting Woolworth Earn & Learn stickers, and drop them off in the school’s collection box, located in the office. All stickers will go towards buying more resources for our school.

Now that we have finished the new playground, it’s time to start dreaming and planning of what we can do in the next year. If you have any ideas, small or large, of what you’d like the P&C to build, buy, sponsor or organise, please drop me an email. We are starting the process of prioritising what the P&C will work on in the coming year, and would like to hear as many suggestions as possible.

The next P&C meeting is in the staff room at 7.30pm on Monday, 10 June 2013. I would love to see you all there.

Cornelia Major
P&C Vice President
**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Hot Milo is now available at the canteen during recess and lunch at a cost of $1.00 per cup. On Mondays we are also selling hash browns during recess for $1.00.

A **volunteer** is needed in the canteen on **Friday, 21 June** from 9.00am - 1.00pm. If anyone can help please contact me on 0419 998 259.

**Di Palladino**

**Canteen Manager**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS - YEARS 1 TO 7**

We have in the office sample photos for the Choir Group, Faction Leaders, 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.

**2013 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

There are still 23 entertainment books available for sale. Priced at only $65 each, these books are great value, and support the fundraising for Ardross Primary School. A sample book and order forms are available from the front office. Any inquiries to Tracy Thillainath on 0438 364 236.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

- **23 May 2013**
  - 9.00 - 9.30am
- **6 June 2013**
  - 9.00 - 9.30am

**LOST & FOUND**

A man's gold wedding band has been found on the school oval in the sand. There is an inscription which states 'JEL 12.06.05'. If this ring belongs to you or someone you know please collect it from the front office.

**WATERWISE TIP - WATER THE GARDEN NOT THE ROAD**

Ensure that your reticulation is watering the garden and not the road, driveway or pavement. Not only does your garden not get watered, thousands of litres of water are wasted. Remember to check your system regularly and replace worn nozzles or broken seals. Installing a tap timer will help you control the amount of water you apply to your lawn or garden, so no water is wasted unnecessarily. Remember in summer any more than 15 minutes watering goes below the roots and is wasted.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

Ardross Primary School will be participating in the Woolworths Promotion - Earn & Learn which allows us to accumulate sticker cards to be used towards purchasing learning resources for the school.

If you are shopping at Woolworths, you are able to collect stickers from the checkout operator. There will be one sticker for every $10 spent. The completed sticker cards can be placed in the collection box located in the school office.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - PARENTS NEEDED**

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating how parenting influences children’s beliefs about themselves, and how this changes as children grow up. We are looking for parents of 8-11 year old children in Australia to complete an anonymous survey (15 mins for parents, 10 mins for children). Participants will go into the draw to win one of ten $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myer or Woolworths. For more information please contact Dr Jeneva Ohan on 6488 6928. To participate go to http://tinyurl.com/mychildisspecial.
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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**Aussie Farmers Direct**

Aussie Farmers Direct delivers 100% Australian fresh milk, bread, eggs, meat and much, much more to over 100,000 Australian homes.  
*It's easy and hassle free fundraising*  
Shop with Aussie Farmers Direct and they donate 2% of your total spend back to our school.

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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.**