Greetings to staff, parents and community members and welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for Term 4.

**TERM PLANNER**
The Term 4 Planner has been placed on the website and a copy sent home. Please keep this handy as it outlines the majority of activities and important events happening over the next nine weeks.

**JAPANESE STUDY TOUR**
Our seven Japanese Students from Gunma Kokusei Academy arrived at school on Monday, after settling in with their host families. They will be staying with us until Tuesday, 5 November, involving themselves in school life. Again I would like to thank the host families and classroom teachers for accommodating these students. I am sure that both the students and host families will find the program rewarding.

**WALK OVER OCTOBER**
To help celebrate the Walk Over October initiative, and promote a healthy lifestyle, we will be participating in a Walk to School Day this Friday, 25 October. All students are encouraged to either walk, scooter or cycle to school. If you live further from the school, parents are requested to park at Garden City and walk down Links Road. All students who walk to school will receive a raffle ticket for some healthy prizes. A whole school Zumba session will be held at 9am in front of the office. I look forward to seeing as many parents, students and staff walking to school on Friday. Thank you to Mrs Harman for coordinating this event.

**LAPATHON**
The annual Lapathon was run last term. Over the holidays, students should have been collecting their sponsorship pledges to return the money, together with their sponsorship form to their classroom teacher. All sponsorship money needs to be returned by this **Friday, 25 October** as the P&C are counting and tallying the result. All students will receive a raffle ticket for every $4 they raise, with the major prize being a junior and senior bike, together with dozens of other amazing prizes which Mr Hill has been able to assemble. The Lapathon Assembly will take place on Friday, 1 November commencing at 2.20pm when the draws will be done. The draw to the movies will also be done during the assembly, with 45 junior and 45 senior students invited to attend a movie at Hoyts Garden City. All participants who ran the Lapathon regardless of the amount of sponsorship will be eligible. The final announcement for the day will be the highest fundraising class who will win a lunch to be decided by themselves. Parents are most welcome to attend the assembly. A huge thankyou to Mr Hill who puts in an enormous amount of time and effort in coordinating the Lapathon every year. **Don't forget to get your money in by Friday, 19 October to be in the running for the many great Lapathon prizes.**

**ANNUAL OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**
The annual open Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 November commencing at 7.15pm in the school staffroom. During this meeting the Board Chair will present the annual report, which will then be published on our website. All community members are welcome to attend.

**SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY**
The Ardross School Board will have two parent vacancies for the 2014/2015 school year. This is due to retiring members, Frank Zenke and Digby Claydon not renominating. As per the Constitution the Board is now calling for any school/community representatives to nominate. The role of the School Board is:

(a) To take part in -
- establishing and reviewing from time to time the school’s objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
- the planning of financial arrangements necessary to fund those objectives, priorities and directions;
- evaluating the school’s performance in achieving them; and
- formulating codes of conduct for students at the school.

(b) To promote the school in the community.

(c) To determine, in consultation with students, their parents and staff of the school, a dress code for students when they are attending or representing the school.

(d) To consult with the Principal on:
- any general policy concerning the use in school activities of prayers, songs and materials based on religious, spiritual or moral values;
- the implementation of special religious education.

(e) To approve:
- any charge or contribution;
- the costs to be paid for participation in an extra cost optional component of the school’s educational program;
- the items that are to be supplied to a student for the student’s personal use in the school’s educational program;
- any agreement or arrangement for advertising or sponsorship entered into by the Principal.

Nominations need to be completed and returned to the principal by Friday, 8 November. A nomination slip can be found at the end of this newsletter. If there are more than two nominations, an election process will take place, as per School Board Policy. The successful candidate will commence in 2014.
NAPLAN REPORTS
All students in Years 3, 5 and 7 received their NAPLAN reports last Friday. Parents are asked to review the student reports and discuss any issues or concerns with the classroom teacher.

Once again our student achievement was sensational and was at or above compared to “like schools” with the following average NAPLAN scores achieved, showing the difference between our school and all Australian Schools:

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All student achievement results across the school are currently being analysed to develop priorities for 2014 which will be presented to the School Board for ratification.

IFAP POSTER COMPETITION
Through the art program, Mrs Warren entered Year 4 students in the IFAP Safety Calendar Competition. There were over 235 posters submitted and Ardross had five students chosen to display their poster in the calendar for 2014. For the first time we also had the winning entry chosen as the cover of the calendar. Congratulations to Michelle Brown for winning the competition, and also for winning a $1,000 cheque for the school - SENSATIONAL! Congratulations also to Mika Saunders, Hannah Toole, Nathan Goveas and Briana Nicholson who were also successful in having their posters published.

Mrs Warren does an amazing job as our art specialist, with students from Years 1 to 7 being exposed to a variety of art experiences throughout the year. Over 100 students’ work has been chosen to be on display at the annual Art Blast exhibition currently running at the Fremantle Town Hall. The exhibition is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am - 7pm.

PRESENTATION NIGHT
An early warning to place Thursday, 12 December in your diary for our Graduation / Presentation evening at Applecross Senior High School Gymnasium. All students from Years 1 to 7 will commence their dance lessons in Term 4 in preparation for this evening.

PUPIL FREE DAYS - TERM 4
An early reminder also that there are two pupil free days in Term 4, the first being at the start of the term on Monday, 14 October as well as one on Monday, 11 November as designated by the School Board. Please place these dates in your diary for future reference.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

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

Room 19 Joshua Nicholson, Holly Williams.
Room 17 John Azuro, Regan Somerville.
Room 16 Ari Elias, Miraslava Kuzniatsova.
Room 13 Oliver Cox, Jesse-Lee Stack.
Room 11/12 Matthew Choy, Avni Thakur, Aiden Theobald.
Room 10 Romy Bridgland, Cahill Fitzgerald, Daisy Khinsoe.
Room 9 Jana Kotze, William Wu.
Room 8 Sydney Hannaford, Boris Nazar.
Room 6 Jasper Fromant, Connor Major.
Room 5 Quaid Fernando, Suri Kim, Brooklyn Williams.
Room 4 Zak Zuideveld.
Room 3 Riley Downey, Andraz Livk, Aoife McCarthy.
Room 2 Tristan Noor, Matthew Whittome, Ella Schaefer-Zaicz.

Japanese Kynan Ganza, Tsigé Lacey.

P&C NEWS
A HUGE thank you to all the students, parents, family and friends who have supported our Lapathon. It is our single biggest fundraiser each year, and allows us to fund amazing purchases which benefit all our kids each year. Money is still trickling in, but so far it looks like it’s going to be another record year for our school. I also want to thank the parent volunteers who are assisting Patrick Soh in counting the Lapathon money as it comes in.

We also have an upcoming fundraising event at Bunnings on 24 November. We require parents to assist for three-hour shifts behind the barbecue. This is a really easy and very enjoyable activity. If you could possibly assist on the day, please email Cornelia.Major@bhpbilliton.com

The next P&C meeting is in the staff room at 7.30pm on Monday, 18 November 2013. It is a great opportunity to meet some new people and assist in making a difference to our kids schooling. I would love to see you all there.

Cornelia Major
P&C Vice President

UNIFORM SHOP
31 October 2013  9.00 - 9.30am
14 November 2013  9.00- 9.30am

BOOKFAIR THANKYOU
Our bookfair was a wonderfully successful event, despite the weather, and I would like to thank all the parents and children who purchased books on the day. A special thank you goes to Mrs Sturrock who helped me make this a great school event.

We sold $3,310 worth of books and the library receives 20% of this in cash to purchase new books. What a fantastic effort! Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Liz Bahar
Library
**Canteen Roster**

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**Canteen News**

Volunteers are **DESPERATELY** needed for next term. Please pop into the canteen and place your name on the roster.

We also now have slushies available at lunch time at a cost of $1.50 each.

*Di Palladino*
*Canteen Manager*

**Attempt at World Record**

On 23 November, 2013 I am going to attempt to break the world record for 'longest time held in an abdominal plank by a female'. I am doing this in aid of 'The Smith Family Charity' which is a children's charity helping disadvantaged Australian children to get the most out of their education, so they can create a better futures for themselves. If you would like to donate to this amazing cause please follow the link: [http://fundraiseforthesmithfamily.gofundraise.com.au/page/philsplank](http://fundraiseforthesmithfamily.gofundraise.com.au/page/philsplank) or see me for more details. Your support is much appreciated.

*Philippa Christophersen*
*(Mum of Louis - Room 10 and Jai - Room 13)*

**Parenting Survey**

PARENTS NEEDED! Researchers at the University of Western Australia are still recruiting for their survey on parenting. We are looking for parents of 8-11 year old children in Australia to complete an anonymous survey (15 mins for parents and 10 mins for children). The survey is online at: [www.tinyurl.com/mychildisspecial](http://www.tinyurl.com/mychildisspecial). Thank you to all who have already contributed.

**Waterwise Tip - Cars and Driveways**

If you are taking your car to the carwash, choose one that recycles water and uses high pressure cleaning units. If you wash your car at home, park on the lawn and use a bucket, as a running hose wastes up to 20 litres of water a minute. When you need to clean driveways or paving, use a broom. Using a hose or pressure washer is a fast way to waste water and attracts a fine if caught.

**Junior Cycling Time Trial Event**

How fast can you ride your bike? We want you to test yourself “against the clock” in a junior Time Trial event that will be held in North Coogee on Saturday 26 October from 4.30pm. This new event is open to all students on all types of bikes. No doubt there may be bragging rights amongst your mates on who was fastest, but at the end of the day you’re really only testing yourself. Food and drinks available in CY O’Connor Park afterwards. At $5 entry, the question should be …“How fast can I ride my bike?”. Registration is through [www.visionary.org.au](http://www.visionary.org.au) or by contacting Mic on 0403 930 499.

**Orange Grove Primary School 90th Anniversary Celebrations**

When: 2 November, 2013
Where: Orange Grove Primary School
Boyle Lane, Orange Grove
From: 10.00am to 3.00pm

The day will be celebrated by showcasing our school choirs, guitar ensemble, tree planting and a variety of stalls. A sausage sizzle and afternoon tea will be available. All past and present staff and community members are invited along to help us celebrate this wonderful occasion. For further information contact Diane McHugh on 9459 3601 or diane.mchugh@education.wa.edu.au.

**School Board Nomination**

I __________________________ wish to nominate for the vacant Ardross Primary School Board position.

The term of this position is for two (2) years and commences in Term 1, 2014.

I have read and understood the roles and responsibilities of this position, as advertised in the school newsletter.

Signed __________________________
Dated __________________________
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.

**Paul Evensen**
Associate Director
Realmark Applecross
mobile: 0439 923 844

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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.