Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members and welcome to this edition of the Ardross newsletter. Please read the following information carefully as it outlines the opening times of the school over the Easter break. It is disappointing that the front office is receiving more phone calls than I would expect with regards to school days over the Easter period, when this information has been clearly communicated in the Parent Information Booklet 2013 on Page 9.

**The school will be closed on Good Friday 29 March, Easter Monday 1 April and Easter Tuesday 2 April.** It is important that parents/caregivers subscribe to our newsletter to receive the most recent up to date communications.

### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS / TERM DATES

The Parent Information Booklet also contained the school holidays for 2013 together with the School Development days where the school is not open for pupils.

**Term Dates (Students) 2013**

Term 1: Monday, 4 February / Friday, 19 April
Term 2: Tuesday, 7 May / Friday, 5 July
Term 3: Tuesday, 23 July / Friday, 27 September
Term 4: Tuesday, 15 October / Thursday, 19 December

**2013 School Development Days**  
(students do not attend)

Thursday, 31 January / Friday 1 February
Monday, 6 May
Monday, 22 July
Monday, 14 October
Friday, 20 December

Plus one other day in Term 4 to be advised - the School Board have approved Monday 11 November (Week 5) as a School Development Day where staff will be finalising end of year reporting requirements.

### PARENTAL RESPONSES TO NAPLAN

Tomaz Lasic from Murdoch University is researching what parents think about NAPLAN. He is interested to hear from the parents at our school. Parents can complete a short, anonymous questionnaire at parentsandnaplan.net to express their views. Tomaz is also inviting 9-12 parents whose children are doing NAPLAN this year for a conversation about it. The conversations will take place in late May, a week or two after NAPLAN. This is a unique attempt in Australia to hear the voices of parents. You can check the details and express your interest at parentsandnaplan.net. If you would like to find out more, you can call Tomaz on 9360 2593, email him at t.lasic@murdoch.edu.au or visit parentsandnaplan.net.

### CONGRATULATIONS MISS HEARY

Miss Heary has been successful in winning a scholarship to the US Space and Rocket Centre in the US.

**Dear Auriol,**

**Congratulations! You have been selected to attend the 2013 Honeywell Educators @ Space Academy (HE@SA) program at the U.S. Space & Rocket Centre (USSRC) in Huntsville, Alabama. We are thrilled to have you participate in this exciting educational program from Friday, June 21 through Thursday, June 27, 2013. Get ready for a week of action-packed activities and memorable social interaction with teachers from all over the world! HE@SA is a professional development program designed for teachers who want to learn new and innovative techniques to inspire and educate their students about science and math. This summer, approximately 280 teachers will participate as the HE@SA’s Class of 2013, becoming part of an impressive network of more than 1,765 graduates from 52 countries & territories and 50 U.S. states that have participated since 2004.**

Well done Miss Heary, and also thank you to our new P&C President, Alan Mackenzie who supported Miss Heary’s application as an employee of Honeywell Hometown Solutions. We look forward to hearing about Miss Heary's attendance at the Space and Rocket Centre upon her return.

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Friday we held our Faction Swimming Carnival at the Melville Aquatic Centre. Congratulations to Miss Davies who coordinated a wonderful event that included both the competitive side of swimming and opportunities for whole school participation in novelty events. Congratulations also to the students who participated in the true Ardross Spirit - Do your best!! Thank you to the staff for your organisation and the parent helpers who assisted on the day with judging and ribbon presentations - Lynda Downey, Sharon Doubell, Sarah Dal Molin, Rowena Barron, Kate Collins and Heidi Lansdell. A special thank you to the three Applecross High School students, Lizzie, Ashleigh and Megan for their assistance.

**Final results were:**

- **Year 4 Boys**
  - Lachlan Bridgland  First
  - Josh Ong  Second
  - Jamie Burkhill  Third

- **Year 5 Boys**
  - Guillaume Metrot  First
  - Michael Hardie  Second
  - Luke Miller  Third

- **Year 6 Boys**
  - Isaac Ho  First
  - Jeremy Lansdell  Second
  - Ben Tyrrell  Third

- **Year 4 Girls**
  - Hannah Toole
  - Mika Saunders
  - Michelle Brown

- **Year 5 Girls**
  - Imogen Pollard
  - Kyra Dobbell
  - Jessica Spann

- **Year 6 Girls**
  - Charlotte Barron
  - Jemma Van Zaanen
  - Nina Kowalewski

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**Wed 27 March**
- Marine Discovery Centre - Room 11/12

**Fri 29 March**
- Good Friday

**Mon 1 April**
- Easter Monday

**Tue 2 April**
- Easter Tuesday - SCHOOL CLOSED

**Wed 3 April**
- Swimming - Years 3 to 5 AXSHS - Year Talk

**Fri 5 April**
- Interschool Swim Practice - AXSHS

**Mon 8 April**
- Interschool Swim Practice - AXSHS

**Tue 9 April**
- Assembly - Room 5

**Wed 10 April**
- Interschool Swim Practice - AXSHS

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Year 7 Boys  
Colin Harrison  First  Kazia Zenke 
Edric Kwok  Second  Hannah Burkhill 
Ben Ivanoff  Third  Su-En Hia 
Peter Deng

WINNING FACTION

Butler  279  
Waylen  307.5  
Lukin  332.5  
Wellard  338

Miss Davies has sent home notes for all swimmers in the interschool carnival team which is on Tuesday 16 April.

NAPLAN 2013
The annual NAPLAN testing will be in week 2 of Term 2 - 13 to 17 May. All students in Years 3, 5 and 7 are required to sit the assessments. A Parent Information brochure has been sent out to all parents of students in these year levels. Should you have any queries with the NAPLAN program please don’t hesitate to contact either Mr Parker or myself.

Have a great week.

Andrew Holmes  
Principal

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

Room 20  Rachel Lee, Elden Rusli.
Room 19  Su-en Hia, Afarin Hosseini, Mikho Yu.
Room 17  Greg Burbridge, Regan Somerville.
Room 16  Aria Elias, Sophia Ferreira.
Room 13  Oliver Cox, Morgan Naylor.
Room 11/12  Jye Foster, Ethan Hickman, Naomi Yoko.
Room 10  Romy Bridgland, Harry Collins, Morgan Fromant.
Room 9  Shi Wei Liang, Arissya Rudy Adrie.
Room 8  Katie Tyrrell, Ziggy Kowalewski.
Room 7  Jason Lynch, Leroy Ting, Georgia Willett.
Room 5  Miki Caporn, Jonathan Chan, Sienna Motton.
Room 3  Harrison Brown, Elias Holthouse, Sofia Rudy Adrie.
Room 2  Noah Bernaud, Juliette Keeffe, Hayley Mengel.
Japanese  Caitie Perkins, Ethan Severin.

P&C NEWS
I would like to formally welcome our new P&C President, Alan Mackenzie (who previously served as our Treasurer), our new Treasurer, Patrick Soh and new Secretary, Allison Kyle. It is fantastic to see that our school has so many parents who are willing to lend a hand to support our kids. I also would like to thank Lee Fromant who volunteered as our President for two years, and Claire Greenwell, who has been our secretary for many years.

As a P&C, we are always keen to find ways to make our school more fantastic, and would like to invite all interested parents and other family members to become involved. The next P&C meeting is Monday, 8 April 2013 at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, have fun and help make a difference to our kids’ schooling. It would be really lovely to see you there.

Cornelia Major  
Vice President

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)
• Knex, Mobilo or similar construction toys
• puzzles for 3 to 6 year olds

You can donate any of these 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 among all Early Childhood teachers.

Cornelia Major  
Vice President, P&C

UNIFORM SHOP
28 March 2013  9.00 - 9.30am
11 April 2013  9.00 - 9.30am

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thu 28 Mar  Boudene van der Merwe………………...9-1.00pm
Kellie Wedge…………………………9-1.00pm
Carolyn Cheng  ……………………...9-11.15am

Fri 29 Mar  GOOD FRIDAY

Mon 1 Apr  EASTER MONDAY

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LEARN TO PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
YEARS 3 TO 7
Year 3 to 7 students: have fun learning to play the Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute or Trumpet with Mr Stoddard’s music students. Learn how to read music. Express yourself with songs. Perform in groups or as a soloist. Develop your creativity and benefit from the study of music. Half hour lessons are held every week at a cost of $134 per term.

Instruments can be purchased or hired privately through any music stores in Perth. A maximum of 10 lessons will be offered to all students in a 10 week term. Payment of tuition fees at $134 per term can be by cheque or money order left at school reception or by internet banking. For more information, contact Miss Pateman at school, or Michael Stoddart at michael-stoddard@optusnet.com.au.

Tennis Coaching – Pop Tennis
Melville Tennis Centre provides Tennis lessons for all ages and abilities.
For all enquiries and bookings call Glen on 0433 340 646 or visit www.poptennis.com.au

Behaviour Tonics are running the following courses at their rooms in Wembley:
1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parent Course
8, 10 & 15 April, 7 to 9.30pm (2 to 5 years)
14, 16 & 21 May, 7 to 9.30pm (2 to 12 years)
22 & 29 May & 5 June, 7 to 9.30pm (2 to 5 years)

Growing Your Kids Socially (3 to 7 years)
Thurs 13 & 20 June, 7 to 9pm.

Bullying – Don’t Just Stand There
Tue 11 June (7 to 9.30pm)

Protective Behaviours
Mon 17 & 24 June, 7 to 9.30pm

Engaging Adolescents (11 to 16 years)
12, 19 & 26 June, 7 to 9.30pm


HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink - Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

OSHCLUB NEWS

This week we have been making lots of Easter art and craft and explaining the different ideas we have about Easter. Please remember to book your child in as our numbers are increasing and we can’t rely on having availability every day. I can be contacted at www.oshclub.com.au or on 0409 953 103. Have a wonderful break and a Happy Easter.

Denise
OSHClub

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NORTH COTTESLOE PRIMARY SCHOOL
IS TURNING 100!
Celebrate our Centenary with us.
If you’re an old student, teacher or parent you’re invited to our Centenary “High Tea” Birthday Party.

We are also looking for people who might be willing to share their memories and memorabilia of school life in an oral history project to be conducted in March this year. Please let us know if you would like to be a part of that.

Date: Saturday,13 April
Time: 3.00pm – 5.30pm
Where: North Cottesloe Primary School, 100 Eric St, Cottesloe.

Please register your interest in attending by emailing centenary@northcott100.com.au or call 93847733.

BUBBLE DOME APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSES
BOOK NOW!
Learn the latest in Minecraft on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop these holidays. We are running three different exciting Minecraft courses these April holidays: Minecraft, Minecraft Tekkit and Ultra Minecraft Mods & java as well as Lego Engineering and Technology.
Tel: 1800 115 562. Email: Australia@bubbledome.co. Book online: www.bubbledome.com.
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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.