Greetings to staff, parents and community members and welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for Term 3. It promises to be another busy term, with many teaching and learning opportunities planned.

**TERM THREE PLANNER**
A Term 3 Planner has been downloaded on to our website with the important dates and activities for this term. As you can see, it is reasonably full with all classes from Kindy to Year 7 have a variety of activities planned. Please keep this handy, as there may be occasions when dates are changed due to unforeseen circumstances, or further activities planned or added.

**SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM**
The school continues to undergo minor works to improve the function and aesthetics around the school. Over the holidays work commenced on the Japanese Reflection Garden in front of the library. The entrance to the library had the uneven pavers removed and replaced with concrete, the Kiss and Drive area has had the uneven pavers removed and will be concreted soon, the Pre Primary Room 11/12 had an upgrade to their fence and sand pit and Room 15 have had their uneven pavers replaced also. Hopefully by the end of this week the majority of the works will be complete.

**CONGRATULATIONS**
Congratulations to Tsige Lacey who has been selected to represent Western Australia in the 2013 Bruce Cup Tennis Team. The team will be competing at the National Schools Championship in Brisbane from the 19 - 26 October. Well done Tsige, and good luck!!

**NEW FOSSILS**
Over the holidays we also received our new fossils which were generously donated by the P&C. Students have had fun locating and digging to find the three fossils which are located in different areas of the playground. Below are copies of the fossils that have been buried in our playground.

**SWIMMING LESSONS**
Well done to the Pre Primary to Year 2 students who are nearing the end of their two week swimming program. I attended the lessons on Friday and was extremely proud of their great behaviour and their ability to be organised and change themselves after swimming. This is a great indication of independent skills, and the students carried this off very well. I have previously sent a letter home to parents of the first group of swimming students after initial problems with the transport on the first day, apologising for the lack of seats on the bus. I thank parents for their understanding, after rectifying the situation the next day.

**P&C CULTURAL FUND**
Last year the P&C donated money to the school to allow classes to attend cultural activities. Although staff were initially slow to access this money, I am pleased to see a number of cultural excursions planned this term, in addition to our regular excursions. Coming up students have the opportunity to attend the ballet, theatre, opera and Western Australian Symphony Orchestra performances. Thank you to the P&C for their donation as I am sure that these excursions will provide our students with more valuable learning.

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**P&C - WACSSO TRAINING SESSION**

WACSSO will conduct a training session for current and potential P&C members from the local high school and primary schools. The training will be held in the Applecross SHS staff room at 6.30pm to 9.30pm on Monday 19 August. Entry is from Links Road. A light supper will be served. The training is suitable not only for current membership but potential P&C members and also people involved in voluntary organisations. It covers, for example, office bearer responsibilities, meeting protocol as well as legal issues surrounding P&C’s in particular. Registration is essential. Intending participants should register at the WACSSO website [http://wacsso.wa.edu.au/news/events/events](http://wacsso.wa.edu.au/news/events/events). Scroll down the list to locate the Applecross session and click the “here” link to begin filling out the registration form. It would be great to see members from the Ardross P&C present.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MONITORING STANDARDS IN EDUCATION (WAMSE) - SCIENCE AND S&E**

Students in Years 5 and 7 will be sitting the annual WAMSE tests in Science and Society and the Environment next week. Some students will also be sitting an equating test given by the Department to ensure valid and reliable testing this week. WAMSE tests are marked by the Department and the results allow us to make judgements about our students performance in Science and S&E, similar to the NAPLAN tests in Literacy and Numeracy conducted in Term 2. Parents of students tested will receive a report similar to the NAPLAN style. I look forward to our students doing their best, and analysing the results early in Term 4 together with our Literacy, Numeracy and other data.

**JAPANESE FESTIVAL / STUDENT VISIT**

This Saturday between 1.30pm and 4.00pm a Japanese Festival is being run at Applecross Senior High School. Thirty students from Ardross have been invited to participate in this event, which includes students from all local primary schools. Students will be able to participate in a variety of traditional Japanese activities including Taiko Drumming, Cooking and Kimono wearing. Thank you to Mrs Rego and the Japanese teachers for organising this wonderful event and I know that all students who attend will have a great time. We are also having a visit from 30 Japanese students this Thursday from Takarasuka. They will be participating in our Japanese classes.

**STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2014**

Parents are asked to complete the form below and place it in the letterbox in the front office by Friday, 9 August - end of Week 3. (It is not necessary for those students returning to complete the form as it will be assumed that you will be attending in 2014.) Information regarding the process and criteria for parent requests and class placement will be advertised in newsletters early in Term 4.

I wish all of the Year 6 students a great time in their 3 day camp next week at Hillarys as part of the River Rangers program.

*Andrew Holmes*  
Principal

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**My child / children will be attending**

Signed  
Date  

Please place in the letterbox at the office by Friday, 9 August.

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**P&C NEWS**

I hope you, too, had a fantastic break over the winter holidays. Now that school is back, it is once again very busy with swimming, the next Japanese student exchange, excursions and other interesting projects which seem to happen at our school all the time.

Firstly, I would like to welcome any new families which have joined our school recently. I sincerely hope that you will treasure the time you spend at our school. Those who want to get to meet other parents and also assist the school community should consider volunteering an occasional morning in our canteen. It’s a great way to get to know our community and have fun at the same time!

Some of you may have heard that the P&C was lucky enough to obtain external funds, allowing us to purchase three lots of ‘fossils’. Our junior explorers can now dig in playground sand and find a fake T-Rex head, eggs, a ‘fossilised’ lizard etc. We hope that this external donation will further help to make our school even more fantastic, encouraging students to play and enjoy their time at school.

Also, we are getting very close to deciding what to do with the funds the P&C raised in the last 12 months. If you have any suggestions on what you would like us to spend these funds on, please email me at Cornelia.Major@bhpbilliton.com.

The next P&C meeting is on Monday, 12 August at 7.30pm in the staff room. It would be really fantastic to see you there.

*Corinela Major*  
P&C Vice President

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**CANTEEN NEWS - HELP NEEDED**

There are still some spaces available on the roster for Term 3 that we need help with filling, including the Athletics Carnival on Friday, 21 September. If you can spare some time to volunteer we would greatly appreciate it. Please come and see me, pop into the canteen and place your name on the roster or contact me on 0419 998 259. Your kids would be so excited to see you on Canteen!

*Di Palladino*  
Canteen Manager
HAVE A GO AT BASEBALL
For all kids 8 years and over the Melville Braves Baseball club is holding two “Have a Go at Baseball Days”. These days are also the clubs registration days for the 2013/2014 season.

Please come along to Winnacott Reserve, Winnacott Street, Willagee, on either 3 or 10 August 2013 from 1.00 to 4.00pm. For further information please call Wayne Chase on 0420 820 476.

Johnny Moran Karate teaches karate classes to children and adults in the local area.

A special offer for school students - 4 WEEKS FREE beginners karate lessons!

Classes are held after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defense in a fun and safe environment and for adults to get fit.

Karate has many benefits which include confidence, respect, discipline and fitness. Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial on 0402 830 402.

WATERWISE TIP - FIND 4.5 ‘STAR’ WASHING MACHINES
Washing machines uses around 27% of water in the home. As with dishwashers, try not to operate them with small loads. If you are buying a new machine look for the water Efficiency Label - the more ‘Stars’ the better. Consider buying a 4.5 star rated front loading machine. They generally use less water than top loaders. You can also receive a Waterwise Rebate on approved washing machines. To find out more about the Rebate Program call the Waterwise Infoline on 131039 or visit http://portal.water.wa.gov.au.

NATIONAL ANIMAL RESCUE GROUPS OF AUSTRALIA (NARGA) INC
Have you always wanted to help animal rescuers but don’t know how or just can’t over commit?

Home Checks are for you! Rescue groups all over Australia struggle to be in all the places they would like to be at any one time, and can’t always do home checks and yard checks for potential fosterers or adopters, which most would prefer to do if they had the resources.

If you have an hour or two to spare a week and can help, for any specified length of time, please send us an email to admin@narga.org.au and we can discuss this new program with you. Together we will make a difference! www.narga.org.au

UNIVERSITY OF WA - SURVEY
"PARENTS NEEDED! Researchers at 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 to 11 year old children in Australia to complete an anonymous survey (15 mins for parents, 10 mins for children). The survey is online at: www.tinyurl.com/mychildisspecial.

Kate Derry

FREE GUINEA PIGS
Two guinea pigs (both male) are available for free to a happy home. They come with a cage and play equipment. Telephone 0416 938 088.
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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Monument Street,
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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.