Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members and welcome to this edition of the newsletter. We are now well and truly into our teaching and learning programs for 2014. You only have to look at the upcoming events to see the many learning opportunities our students will be involved in over the next couple of weeks. It is always a very busy and vibrant place to be around!

CANTEEN
The school canteen provides our students and families with low cost, healthy food on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. The canteen is operated by the P&C and employs a Canteen Manager, Mrs Di Palladino and a part-time assistant, Mrs Stephanie Gillies who do an outstanding job. The canteen relies heavily on parent help to provide a quality service and the cheapest possible cost. The canteen is not operated as a fundraiser, or to raise funds for the P&C, however the P&C Constitution stipulates that the canteen cannot run at a loss. As happens every year, several families who were regular helpers at the canteen have now left the school as their children have also gone on to high school. The canteen is in desperate need of more volunteers and a note was sent out last week outlining the role of canteen helpers and a response form. If you would like more information please pop down to the canteen or phone Di on 0419886259. We would really appreciate your help, even for one session a term.

YEAR 6 / 7 TRANSITION
This is the last year where we will have Year 7 students at Ardross. As such we will be graduating 101 Year 6 and Year 7 students this year. This has meant extra planning and coordination to prepare two groups of students for high school in 2015. We continue to prepare our students as usual with the curriculum content, however there are many more programs and activities that we need to plan differently, to ensure that both groups of students and their families receive the appropriate transition. Already we have elected our Student Leaders, with all Year 6 and 7 students being provided with authentic leadership opportunities. All Year 6 and 7 students will shortly be receiving their Graduation shirts, with Year 6 and 7 students being differentiated by different colours. Year 6 and 7 Student Councillors will be attending the Young Leaders’ Day next week, and the Year 7 students are currently on a two day camp experience, with Year 6 students to be offered a camp later in the year. Mr Gatley has been booked for a Year 6 and 7 Social Dance program in Term 4 and there will be two Dinner Dances and Graduations in November. We will also be working alongside all of the high schools to ensure that all students can access their orientation days no matter where their high school is located. Should parents of Year 6 and 7 students have any queries or concerns about the transition to high school, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher, or myself.

The P&C AGM will be held next Monday evening, 10 March commencing at 7.30pm. The P&C plays a very important role in our school, not only in providing financial support but also in providing advice to the School Board on a variety of issues such as the Dress Code and Behaviour Management. I would like to formally acknowledge the outstanding efforts of Mr Alan Mackenzie as P&C President in 2013 and his committee for their outstanding efforts. Due to work commitments Alan has stepped down from the President’s role. Elections for the committee roles will be held, and information for the various positions has been advertised and is also available from the front office. I would like to thank the P&C committee in advance for their commitment to our school by volunteering their precious time and energy for 2014. Following the elections to be held on Monday 10 March I will announce the new committee in the next newsletter.

NAPLAN TESTING
Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 have really settled in to their study in preparation for the upcoming National assessment in Literacy and Numeracy to be completed from 12 to 16 May (week 2 Term 2). An information leaflet will be sent home to all students who will be sitting the tests. Should you require any further information, please don’t hesitate to contact either Mr Parker or myself.

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has advised that the My School website will be updated today (Wednesday, 5 March). This means that 2013 NAPLAN data and 2012 school finance data will be public from this date. The My Schools Website compares Ardross Primary School with schools around Australia with a similar socio economic index. The My School website is another assessment tool that we can use to compare our results. You can click on the hyper link to be taken to the website, and should you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

ROOM 6 ASSEMBLY
Well done to Mrs Mathis and the students from Room 6 who ran the first student assembly for 2014. The assembly demonstrated why all the students in Room 6, and indeed Ardross Primary School were special, and a number of role plays were conducted to illustrate the strategies of positive self talk when decision or situations didn’t go as planned. It highlighted resiliency, and the fact that we don’t always get what we were hoping for, or that we can’t always win, but as long as we have done our best we can be happy within ourselves. The Assembly, “Why I Am Happy To Be Me” was very apt.
LIBRARY UPGRADE
As a priority this year the school is funding an upgrade to the library. Mrs Bowden has worked in the library for a considerable time and does an outstanding job, however there has not been an upgrade as long as she has been in the library. The carpet was replaced this week and looks great. We have received quotes for new shelving and semi block out blinds, as well as new computer furniture and library office desks. This work should be completed for the start of Term 2.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO
Well done to all of the students from Kindergarten to Year 7 for being so well organised at last week’s whole school photo shoot. Again this year we assembled the whole school and had the photo completed within 30 minutes!! I am hoping that the whole school photo will be printed soon so that I can display it in the front office. A special thank you and well done to a group of students who had to tolerate an ant nest that was found in the middle of the group, even after it was thoroughly searched!!

Have a great fortnight.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

P&C NEWS
By now the school year has certainly leaped off to a flying start, and it’s wonderful to see all the exciting activities which are happening at our school from circus skill workshops to after-school skateboarding lessons and swimming lessons.

Many of the activities at our school rely on parent support. Volunteering at the school is a really great way to meet other parents and help our community at the same time. So if you have a few hours to spare, please let us know. In particular, we are looking for new members to join our canteen volunteers. Furthermore, we are looking for new members to join our P&C team for 2014, so if you are interested please come along to the next P&C meeting on Monday, 10 March 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Cornelia Major
P&C Vice President

SCHOOL PHOTOS - YEARS 1 TO 7
Class, individual and family photos will be taken on Wednesday, 19 March. It is important that all students from Years 1 to 7 come in the appropriate school uniform being yellow school polo shirt and green short/skort. Students will not be permitted to wear their faction shirt as it is not a sport day. Your cooperation with appropriate uniform is most appreciated.

If you are interested in purchasing any photos please return the completed envelope (which will be sent home this week) on 19 March and give it to the teacher. Please do not hand in your envelopes to the front office.

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

Room 20  Shayan Bahmani, Jeremy Cheng, Taya Miles.
Room 19  Kynan Ganza, Esmee Geyer Mavrick, Ben Tyrell.
Room 17  Tayla Bailey, Morgan Fromant.
Room 16  Finn Cooper, Annie Hunter.
Room 13  Sophia Ferreira, Harrison Ganza.
Room 11/12  Bryn Fairclough, Amy Greenwell-Roberts.
Room 10  Alexis Ferreira, Madison Naylor, Chris Withers.
Room 9  Kaitlyn Ho, Cayden Rez.
Room 8  Matthew Miles, Evelyn Stenton.
Room 7  Jack Fairclough, Lucy Snow.
Room 6  Addison Foster, Shaun Lua.
Room 5  Od Lazuardi, Charlotte Patten, Sherina Wang.
Room 4  Cody Mackey, Mika Saunders.
Room 3  Kyle Mackey, Sophie Mirkarimi.
Room 2  Michael Hardie, Tobias Lansdell, Ripley Parke.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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|            | Jin Kar Ong…………………..9-1.00pm  
|            |Ai Mei Yap…………………..9-11.15am  |
| Fri 7 Mar  | Stephanie Kelly……………….9-1.00pm  
|            | Karen Ganza …………………..9-11.15am  
|            | HELP NEEDED…………………..11.15-1.15pm  |
| Mon 10 Mar | Amanda Merrey………………..9-1.00pm  
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| Thu 13 Mar | Rowena Barron…………………9-1.00pm  
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| Fri 14 Mar | Claire Greenwell……………..9-1.00pm  
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| Mon 17 Mar | Alison Miller………………….9-1.00pm  
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| Thu 20 Mar | Monica Allen…………………..9-1.00pm  
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UNIFORM SHOP

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WATERWISE TIP - TAKING SHOWERS
Long hot showers not only waste water but heaps of energy too. Showers account for 36% of all water used inside the home, so an easy way to save is to keep your showers short. A 10 Minute shower each day in a conventional 12 litres a minute shower uses approximately 43,000 litres of water each year. A 7 minute shower would save approximately 30,000 litres of water each year. If you swap to a water efficient ‘3 star’ 9 litre a minute shower, the saving would increase to approximately 20,000 litres a year.

ASTROFEST 2014 - FREE FAMILY EVENT
This astronomy festival of epic proportions will be an engaging celebration of Australian science. As well as optical and radio telescopes observing throughout the day and night, Astrofest will feature a myriad of interesting, engaging and exciting indoor and outdoor activities for the whole family. You can also take a look through some of WA’s biggest telescopes. Bring an early supper and make yourself comfortable in the picnic area.

This event includes:
• Model of the Square Kilometre Array telescope
• Scitech Space Domes and Science Shows
• Solar System walk, and radio astronomy
• Guest speakers
• Info stalls and hands-on activities
• Astrophotography

Date: Saturday, 8 March 2014 - 5:30 to 9:30pm.
Location: Curtin Stadium & Edinburgh Oval, Curtin University, Bentley.

TUTORING FOR CHILDREN
Intensive NAPLAN Exam Preparation - 10 Sessions
For Years 3, 5, 7 - $320.00 Year 9 – $375.00
Session Timings: 4pm to 6 pm (Mon to Fri)
Location: Jupiter Centre - 2/144, Canna Dr, Canning Vale
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FLOURISH
This is a support group for people who have a physical disability, disorder or chronic illness, or who have family members affected, or who work in the area of disability. The group will meet to form small supportive communities and be a place of encouragement, support and education. Meetings will be held on the second Saturday of the month starting on 8 March from 9.30 - 11.00am at Mt Pleasant Baptist Church, 497 Marmion Street, Booragoon. Telephone - 9329 1777.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Finland, Norway and Denmark will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Join the Friends of the WA Museum for fun events, behind the scenes tours and the chance to meet some of our very talented scientists, researchers and curators. Check out our webpage at http://museum.wa.gov.au/about/friends/friends-events or email friends@museum.wa.gov.au and become a Friend today!
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