Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members and welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for Term 2. In what promises to be another great term at Ardross we get started with the National Assessment in Literacy and Numeracy for Years 3, 5 and 7 students in week two, together with interschool sporting competitions in football, soccer and netball and continuing visits to Scitech and Pinelakes. I look forward to catching up with many of you over the next few months.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL SUCCESS**

On the last Tuesday of term, the interschool swimming team travelled to Fremantle Aquatic Centre to compete in the “B” Division Swimming Carnival against Booragoon, Palmyra, Bicton, East Fremantle and Bateman. Since the school swimming carnival the interschool team has been training three times a week before school using the Applecross Senior High School pool. Over the last few years our swimming team has gradually improved through this extra training and last year we were successful in winning the Handicap Shield. This year we went one better and won the Outright Shield for the first time since the trophy has been presented from 1984! However it was the way in which we won as to why this result was very special. As you can see from the results below, we won by 1 point! The closest carnival winning margin that has been recently recorded. Ardross Year 7 girls and Year 7 boys both won the final relays for the afternoon giving us the one point advantage. CONGRATULATIONS to all swimming team members on your outstanding performance and sportsmanship. Also CONGRATULATIONS to our individual winners. I look forward to our swim team working hard next year to defend the title. Thank you also to Miss Davies and Mr Hill for their efforts in training the students before school.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS**

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Gold winners  Kazia Zenke, Colin Harrison
Imogen Pollard, Lachlann Bridgland

Silver winners Charlotte Barron, Jeremy Lansdell

Bronze winner Guillaume Metrot

The NAPLAN materials have all arrived and are being securely stored ready for the testing program to commence next week. All parents with students in Years 3, 5 and 7 would have received an information brochure outlining the NAPLAN program. Language Conventions and Writing will be tested on Tuesday, 14 May, Reading Wednesday 15 May and Numeracy Thursday, 16 May. A catch up testing day is timetabled for Friday, 17 May should any students miss a test on these days. The NAPLAN testing program is an important part of our school year and provides us with a validation of our students outstanding academic achievements. I ask that parents ensure that students arrive at school on time throughout this week and well prepared for these tests. Should there be any concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact either Mr Parker, Mr Holmes or your child’s classroom teacher.

Parents of Year 3, 5 and 7 students will also be receiving a letter from Tomaz Lasic providing further information regarding the Parents and NAPLAN focus groups he is conducting on behalf of Murdoch University. For further information on these focus groups, please contact Tomaz directly.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

At the end of Term 1, Mrs Bishop coordinated the “Two Rivers Walk” as part of the Year 6/7 River Rangers program.

We had an amazing fun day on Wednesday, 17 April. 56 River Rangers went on a Two Rivers Walk called Koodjal Bilya Koorl and we covered over five kilometres. After the Acknowledgement of Country we set off in small groups. We translated Noongar words and identified different birds and tree species. We used our GPS sets to find the way and met guest speakers at parks along the track. They recited poems, sang songs, made jokes, told stories and gave us information about the river and the bush. Here is a picture of us searching for the first of five Treasure Tins. Overall it was great fun but we were very relieved when we finally reached Alfred Cove on the Swan River.

Year 6/7 students looking for a “Lost Treasure Chest”

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APPLECROSS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE
As per requests from the school community, please find an update on the progress of the building program at AXSHS. I would like to thank Ms Lorimer for this extensive update.

Further to my last update at the end of 2012 I am pleased to report that students were able to access the new Design & Technology workshops as well as the photography, technical graphics and planning rooms, for the last two weeks of the school year. The old automotive centre was internally refurbished and completed in time for the start of this school year and it is hoped that further work on refurbishing the exterior of the automotive facility will be undertaken towards the end of the building program. The Department of Education has provided new state-of-the-art machinery to ensure that the workshops are industry standard and capable of delivering a wide range of programs, as well as Certificate Courses. The southern wing is progressing with the roof structural framework and cladding due to be completed by the commencement of Term 2. Once the building is enclosed the work of the trades involved with the interior spaces should escalate. The footings for the gymnasmium, located at the eastern end of the southern wing, have been poured and it is expected that we will see rapid development as the tilt-up construction method progresses. Headway is also being made on the Visual Arts block and the gardener’s compound which are located on the Ardessie Street side of the school site. The foundation work has been completed and the preparation and pouring of the concrete pads is currently underway. Both the Southern Wing and the Visual Arts block are due to be completed and ready for occupation by December. This is later than anticipated but hopefully will work in well with the end of this school year. We are well underway with our planning for the incoming Year 7 students in 2015 with the Schematic Design proposal to refurbish the existing science, library and surrounds for integrating future Year 7 facilities into Applecross SHS being approved by the Department of Education. The Schematic Design promotes a dynamic connection between the new building and refurbished H block. It is anticipated that the facilities will be ready for the beginning of the 2015 school year. Enrolment packages are ready for distribution to the current Year 5 students and we are planning a parent evening for parents of Year 5’s on Monday, 29 July (week 2, Term 3). There have also been some changes made to the selection of students into our Academic Extension Program from 2015. Year 6 parents have already been alerted to this change. If you require further information regarding the application process please contact the Program Manager, Emma Walker. This is certainly a time of progress for Applecross Senior High School. We are excited by the development of our school that already has a wonderful 50+ year history and are eagerly looking forward to the future.

Maureen Lorimer
Principal, Applecross SHS

TERM PLANNER
A Term 2 planner accompanies this edition of the newsletter. Please keep it handy as it contains important communications about upcoming events. Where there is an addition to the advertised Term Planner or changes made, parents will be notified.

Enjoy the term ahead. If you have any queries or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact the appropriate member of staff.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS - YEARS 1 TO 7
All orders for individual and class photos were given to the teachers to distribute to students on Tuesday, 7 May. If there are any problems with your orders please bring them to the office.

We have also received sample photos for the Choir Group, Faction Leaders, Student Councillors and Environmental Councillors which can be viewed in the office 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
The Entertainment Book is now available. At only $65, this book will be a fantastic investment for your social activities, and supports the fundraising effort for our school. There is a sample book located at the front office if you would like to have a look before buying. Enquiries to Tracy Thillainath on 0438 364 236.

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.

From 9 May 2012, if you are shopping at Woolworths, you are able to collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on sticker cards. There will be one sticker for every $10 spent. Once completed, the sticker cards can be placed in the collection box located in the school office.

WATERWISE TIP - TOILETS AREN’T BINS
It’s surprising how many people use the toilet to flush away cigarette butts, tissues, cotton buds and other rubbish. Apart from the potential to cause problems in the wastewater system, this practice wastes large volumes of water. Place a small bin in your bathroom or next to your toilet so that people have the waterwise option of discarding rubbish.

UNIFORM SHOP
9 May 2013  9.00 -  9.30am
23 May 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.
Johnny Moran Karate teaches karate classes to children and adults in the local area. A special offer for the school's 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 includes confidence, respect and fitness. Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial on 0402 830 402.

MELVILLE CITY SOCCER CLUB - ROOBALL
No previous soccer experience required. Fun small sided games. Season starts 11 May 2013 on Saturday mornings.

Come and have some fun, make new friends. Rooball is an excellent game with only 4 - 7 players per team. Kids get the opportunity to learn about soccer while playing and having fun.

For further information and/or registration contact Ruth, Rooball Co-Ordinator at rooball@melvillecityfc.com.au or www.melvillecityfc.com.au

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 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain 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!

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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.