Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members and welcome to the start of the 2013 school year! I trust that you all had a very relaxing holiday and are ready for the year ahead. It was an exceptionally smooth start to the year, with all staff and students returning with an air of excitement, staff last Thursday and students on Monday. The biggest thing that was evident on Monday as I walked around the school was the smiles on the students’ (and staff) faces. It was a pleasure to see, and made me feel confident that 2013 is going to be another outstanding year. It is again a privilege to be the Principal of Ardross Primary and I look forward to meeting and working with you throughout the year.

A full newsletter with term planners and further school information will be distributed next Wednesday, 13 February.

WELCOME
A warm welcome to all of our new students and their families. We had our new kindergarten students commence together with around 20 new students from Pre Primary to Year 7. I trust that you are made to feel welcomed by the Ardross School community and you enjoy your time here. Also to Miss Diana Cooper who is teaching in Year Two and Mrs Gail Lawson who returns as our English as an Additional Language / Dialect (EAL/D) teacher for 2013. I will know our exact numbers by the end of next week’s census day, and we are presently sitting on 448 students from Kindy to Year 7.

Welcome also to our new Canteen Manager, Diane Palladino, who will be working with Mrs Churchill over the coming weeks. Mrs Churchill has stepped down as Manager due to university study commitments, but is still keen to work in the canteen on her non uni days. The Canteen opens on Thursday and will continue to operate on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. The canteen is desperate for new volunteers to assist in 2013 and several forms have been placed around the school to be filled in by willing helpers. More information regarding the canteen and helpers will be in next week’s full newsletter.

OFFICE RENOVATIONS
Over the holidays, the front office underwent significant renovations to make our reception area more practical for all the day to day operations. Although not quite finished, the front office is looking awesome and should be completed with new carpet by next week. I would sincerely like to thank the office staff for working in some trying conditions over the last week as data points, phone lines, cupboards etc were being installed.

NEW DISPLAY CABINET
The front office renovations also included a new display cabinet, where we can display a number of our significant awards and memorabilia.

ARDROSS SCHOOL BANNERS
Towards the end of last year, Mr Alan Mackenzie from the P&C won our school an opportunity to receive a free photo shoot enabling us to produce a school banner. If you visit the front office you will see two wonderful portable banners, which can be used on music excursions or on special occasions around the school. They look great! Thank you Alan and also Mrs Bishop who assisted with the coordination of this project.

I hope that you enjoyed the holidays and had as much fun as me! Andrew Holmes Principal
STUDENT FORMS

A Student Medical Consent form and Media / Internet / Viewing Consent / Local Excursion form are being sent home this week for you to complete for your child/ren from Years 2 to 7. You are only required to complete the forms if your child is not new to the school in 2013.

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen volunteers are urgently needed. Please email ardrosscanteen@gmail.com for details.

UNIFORM SHOP

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ARDROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHERE: Applecross Senior High School tennis courts.
WHEN: Begins Wednesday 13th February, 7:40-8:40am for 8 weeks.
COST: $80 for one child, ($5 discount for siblings).
TO ENROL/MORE INFO: Please call head coach, Tom Moore, on 0434 266 018 or visit www.tennisworld.com.au