



Ardross Primary

An Independent Public School



Newsletter

A Message from the Principal

Hello and welcome to the start of the 2015 school year at Ardross Primary School. I trust that your child/children are now settled into their classrooms and are enjoying being back with their school friends and meeting new ones. Class teachers report a smooth start to the year, with children settling into new routines well. Only a few tears to be seen and most of them were from parents! Welcome to our new students and families!

CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP - TERM 1

Mr Holmes has been recognised for his good work as Ardross' Principal and has been offered the acting Principal position at Campbell Primary School, a Level 6 school with over 800 students. He spoke to me of his angst at leaving Ardross Primary School, albeit temporary at present, but was looking forward to the challenge and opportunity to work in a promotional position in a larger, complex school environment.

I feel I am extremely fortunate to be offered the acting Principal position here at Ardross Primary school in Mr Holmes' absence. I will do my best to lead the school in an effective and positive way, ensuring your child/children and their learning are at the centre of all that we do at Ardross Primary School. I have been made to feel very welcome thus far by the staff, students and the parents. I look forward to a productive term at Ardross Primary School. I hope to get to know you all and your child/children.

For those curious to learn a little more about the new Principal - a little background career information. My substantive position is Principal, Medina Primary School. I have been Principal at Medina since 2009 (acting) and 2010 (substantively). In Semester 2, 2014 I was acting Principal at Koorana PS in Warnbro. Prior to my principalship, I was deputy at Medina PS and Gwynne Park PS. I have also worked in Central Office in the Standards and Moderation Directorate, at WestOne Services as a Project Manager for K-12 Curriculum Resources and at Regional Office as a Curriculum Improvement Officer. I have worked in education for 32 years. I am still passionate about improving outcomes for children-educational and holistic. I'm excited to be working with your child/children at Ardross PS.

NEWSLETTER ONLINE

For those new to the school, Ardross prides itself on its sustainability initiatives. In keeping with care of the environment, Ardross distributes its fortnightly newsletter via email or online at: www.ardrossps.wa.edu.au. Please ensure you have registered to receive the newsletter via email or that you access and read the newsletter online. I believe 'hard copies' are available at the front office, on request. It's important you keep up-to-date with what's happening in the school via your school newsletter.



BEST WISHES FROM ARDROSS

During the holidays one of our staff members and her family were involved in a horrific car accident. Our prayers and wishes for a speedy and full recovery go out to Hisayo Rego (Sensei-Japanese Teacher), her husband, Frederick, and children, Tamika and Felix. We hope to have you all well and back on board at Ardross Primary School soon.

COMMUNICATION VIA 'CONNECT'

Last year a few parents indicated through the school survey that they would like better communication between teacher and parent, especially those of you that are working full time. I have looked into a Department of Education initiative called 'Connect'. Basically, **Connect** is a secure internet service that will allow teachers to provide teaching and learning activities in their child's classroom directly to the parents. Participation in **Connect** is entirely optional for parents. If you would like to take part you will require internet access and a computer. No additional software is required. The Department of Education will issue you with a unique user name and password which will provide you with access to Connect.

Initially, **Connect** will allow Mr Hill and Miss Pateman to provide general class information to you about the teaching and learning activities that their class are undertaking. In the future, the service may be further developed to allow more flexible communication between parents and teachers as well as providing personalised information about your child's learning activities and progress.

At the moment, we are beginning the trial of **Connect** in Mr Hill and Miss Pateman's Year 5 class. They will be trialling the service to see how well it works to improve parent/teacher communication. By trialling, we will be able to identify strengths and weaknesses of the service. If it serves our purpose well, then we hope to roll this out to other classes over the year.

Some teachers do currently have an email communication system. We hope this **Connect** service may provide a uniform service across the school.

GENERAL STAFFING INFORMATION

Principal: Karen Duncan

Deputy Principals: Bob Parker and Cath Bishop

School Registrar: Alison Stockman

School Officers: Chips Northcott, Tania Logothetis, Gabriella Nicholson

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Monday 2 February
Start of Term 1 2015

Tuesday 3 February
Constitutional Centre
Incursion - Rms 3, 19 & 20

Wed 4 February
Constitutional Centre
Incursion - Rooms 5 & 9

Monday 9 February
Start Smart - Years 1 to 6
Constitutional Centre
Incursion - Rms 3, 19 & 20

Tuesday 10 February
Start Smart - Years 1 to 6

Wed 11 February
Room 5 Parent Meeting

Monday 16 February
Constitutional Centre
Incursion - Rms 3, 19 & 20
Year 6 - AXSHS Pool
P&C Meeting - 7.30pm

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Library Officer: Lois Bowden

School Gardener: Jason Felstead

School Cleaners: Oscar Hernandez (Head Cleaner), Hilda Hernandez, Daniel Paredes

Learning Support Coordinator: Cath Riley

Science Coordinator: Lindsay Macmillan

Occupational Health and Safety: Bob Parker

School Psychologist: Annette Goldschlager (Tuesdays)

EALD Teacher: Gail Lawson

Learning Technologies Coordinator: Glenn Hill

LOTE Specialist Teacher (Japanese): Hisayo Rego

Phys Ed Specialist Teacher: Alison Davies

Music Specialist Teacher: Lynda Pateman

Art Specialist Teacher: Sue Warren

Environmental & Aboriginal Education: Cath Bishop

Sustainability Officer: Bruce Ivers

CLASS STRUCTURE 2015

Kindergarten: Lee-Anne Downey and Jade Ryland

Kindy Education Assistants: Janine Coles & Kathie Esselmont

Pre-Primary Room 11/12: Diana Cooper & Alison Forzatti

PP Room 11/12 Education Assistants: Kylee Praed & Janine Coles

Pre-Primary Room 16: Helen Brown & Alison Forzatti

PP Room 16 Education Assistants: Roseanna Dennis & Sian Jackson

Junior Primary Education Assistant: Sandy Heaperman

Year 1 Room 10: Denise Harman

Year 1 Room 13: Jackie Loney

Year 2 Room 5: Isabel Mangion-Campbell & Gail Lawson

Year 2/3 Room 9: Denelle Ellery & Blythe Maley

Year 3 Room 8: Kellie Foote

Year 3 Room 7: Fiona Schaper

Year 3 / 4 Room 6: Karen Treloar & Cath Riley

Year 4 Room 4: Cath Bishop & Bob Parker

Year 5 Room 3: Glenn Hill & Lynda Pateman

Year 5 / 6 Room 20: Lindsay Macmillan & Kate Mathis

Year 6 Room 19: Auriol Heary

Special Needs Assistants: Linda Brydon, Judi Edmonds, Sandy Heaperman, Deena Le Page & Carolyn Stephens

FOCUS 2015

Ardross PS continues to be committed to the priorities as stated in their 2014 Strategic Planning:

Outcome 1: *To maintain high standards of student achievement, focussing on literacy, numeracy and science.*

Outcome 2: *To deliver learning experiences that are outcomes focused and responsive to student need.*

Outcome 3: *To provide a safe, caring and inclusive school community*

Outcome 4: *To create 'Thinking Classrooms' based on the work by Frangenheim, Herbert and Alford.*

I intend also to work with teachers to develop a cycle of professional in-class observations and feedback so we can work to always be improving our instructional practice.

Thank you all for your warm welcome.

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'"

Karen Duncan
Principal



UNIFORM SHOP

5 February 2015	9.00-9.30am
12 February 2015	9.00-9.30am

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop will be open every Thursday in February and then every second Thursday thereafter.

YOUR CLASS NEEDS YOU - CLASS PARENT CONTACT

Each class needs 2 enthusiastic parents to volunteer as the "Class Parent Contacts".

This role does not take a lot of time, however is a very important one, as it serves as the main communication tool for each class. Our school can be proud of its community based ethos and the class parent contacts are a main driving part of this.

The main responsibilities of the role are:

- collate the Class lists with email and phone contacts
- send communication as it comes to hand to your specific class parent list
- co-ordinate fun class catch ups and family assistance where needed
- collate a table of 10 for the "P & C Trivia Night" for your class.

If you would like to place your name on the list please email your name, your email & phone contact, your child's name and class number to:- Samantha@launchpadgroup.com.au.

Samantha Hickman
Parent Liaison Coordinator

**** SAVE THE DATE ****

WHAT: P&C TRIVIA NIGHT
WHERE: Tompkins on Swan
WHEN: Friday 15 May, 2015 – from 7pm
HOW: Book a Table of 10 or Join Your Class Table - Tickets from your class parent contact will be available from Week 7 – Monday 16 March
WHO: All Parents, Teachers & anyone interested in a great fun social night



CANTEEN ROSTER

Thu 5 Feb	Jesse Nugrahanto9-1.00pm Aimai Yap9-1.00pm
Fri 6 Feb	HELP NEEDED



WATERWISE TIP - INSTALL A BORE

In the warmer months up to 70% of all household water is used on the garden. Installing a garden bore will give you huge savings on your scheme water use and you may even be eligible for a Waterwise Rebate. If used responsibly and located in an area away from the ocean, river systems and wetlands, bores can be an environmentally friendly way to keep your garden healthy. To find out if a bore is suitable for your area and to see if you are eligible for a rebate call 131039.



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 in the area 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 on 0402 830 402 to take advantage of this 4 week trial.



INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Piano, keyboard and violin lessons are available from a well qualified and experience teacher. Please contact Sue Varley on 9329 9391 for any inquiries.

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