Greetings to staff, parents and community members and welcome to this edition of the newsletter. I have chosen to send out hard copies to all family representatives this week as Mr Hill has advised me that limited families are accessing the newsletter online, or have registered. As our main means of communication between school and home, it is imperative that as many families as possible read the newsletter.

**NEWSLETTER REGISTRATION**

As mentioned above, I am disappointed at the level of community members who are reading the newsletter for important information. Of the 294 family representatives at Ardross only 203 have signed on (70%) to receive the newsletter online and only 132 (45%) actually downloaded the newsletter last fortnight. I urge all parents to read the newsletter, and if you can suggest ways to revamp the newsletter or it does not provide the information you are seeking, I am only too happy to receive feedback. Please log on to http://www.ardrossps.wa.edu.au/ and subscribe to the newsletter. You will then receive a fortnightly reminder that the newsletter has been published. Mr Hill also uses this method to post other important messages on our website for parents to access. I look forward to seeing a “spike” in subscriptions this fortnight.

**YEAR 6 CAMP**

This week, 48 Year 6 students went to the Ern Halliday Camp facility in Hillarys. Students were involved in a variety of activities and excursions whilst on camp, visiting the Marine Discovery Centre and dissecting a fish, planting dune species to reduce erosion at Mullaloo Beach, visiting the Water Recycling Centre, as well as the traditional camp activities of Lost Pilot, Caving and Giant Swing. A highlight was the night walk with Joe Tonga where, using high tech echo locators, we were able to locate and see several micro bats flying around feeding. Congratulations to all students who participated sensationally at camp, working well as a team and enjoying the camp experience. Thank you also to the staff, Mrs Bishop, Ms Riley and Mr Macmillan who were on duty 24/7 while on camp ensuring that everything ran smoothly and Mr Hill who slept over on Monday and Mr Parker who visited on Tuesday.

**STUDENT ABSENCES**

SMS messaging system for student absences has now been operating for over a year. It has proven to be a very reliable method of ensuring that both the school and parents know where students are at all times during the week. Recently the office staff have informed me that some parents / contacts have not responded to the texts, which has then led to the office staff making a phonecall to the contact listed on the messaging system. The response has generally been that there has not been enough time to return the SMS text message. It is an important duty of care process the we have implemented at Ardross to ensure that safety and knowledge of our students' whereabouts during school time. Please respond to the text message you receive within an appropriate timeframe. Your cooperation would be most appreciated.

**KISS AND DRIVE**

The Kiss and Drive continues to be a concern, with students and parents continuing to put themselves at risk by not following several simple rules. Students should get to the Kiss and Drive area straight away and be ready for their pickup. They should wait back from the roadside and approach the car after it has come to a stop. Students should also enter the car from the path side, and not walk around into oncoming traffic. Parents can pull into the Kiss and Drive area, but if their child is not there at that time, must proceed to complete the clockwise lap from Links Road, around Drew Road, back down Enard Place, onto Grimsay Road and the back of the queue. Thank you to all of the students and parents who use the Kiss and Drive area appropriately, following the rules of the zone and not parking in these designated bays.

**INVITATION FOR FAMILIES TO HOST A JAPANESE STUDENT**

Ardross Primary School is hosting a group of 11 and 12 year old Japanese students from Gunma Kokusai Academy (GKA) from Sunday, 19 October – Tuesday, 4 November 2014. GKA is an English immersion school so the students are very good at English and eager to experience life in Australia! The visiting students will stay with a family from the school and participate in regular classes alongside our students. We are looking for families who have a child in years 5 to 7 to host a student. Hosting an international student offers many unique opportunities, including the chance to learn about another culture and build life-long friendships. The family’s responsibilities are to include the student as a member of their family and involve them in their daily routine. Students can share a room with their host student; they do not require their own room. It’s also important to know that the company arranging the exchange program, Gold Intercultural Learning (GIL), provide 24 hours a day support to both host families and students. An expression of interest to host a Japanese student can be found on our website. It would be great to receive an early response so that we can host these students. Please consider hosting a student, especially if you haven’t hosted previously.

**PRESENTATION NIGHT**

An early warning to place Thursday, 11 December in your diary for our Presentation Night.

**PUPIL FREE DAYS - TERM 4**

An early reminder also that there are two pupil free days in Term 4, the first being at the start of the term Monday, 13 October as well as one on Friday, 14 November as designated by the School Board. Please place these dates in your diary for future reference.
MAGNIFICENT GARDEN
The 2014 tree planting project has almost concluded. This year’s planting program has seen around 4500 plants germinated from seed and planted in a variety of locations around our school and indeed the State. With our school garden planting program, we have donated trees to the Friends of Wireless Hill and the Friends of Booragoon Lake. 450 plants were planted at Quellington outside of York and hundreds of plants provided to the Wheatbelt area around Bruce Rock. This is an amazing effort, and I would like to thank Mr Ivers, Mrs Bishop and the Environmental Committee for all of their hard work in ensuring this program continues to grow (pardon the pun!). We are already negotiating with Mr Ivers the program for 2015.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
The Interschool Cross Country Team competed in the annual carnival at Brentwood on Tuesday, 12 August. Well done to all runners who competed and tried their hardest for Ardross. Congratulations to Isaac Ho who came first in the Year 7 Boys event, a wonderful achievement. Thank you to Miss Davies for coordinating training the team before school. The final scores are below.

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SCHOOL HATS
At the recent P&C Meeting a parent raised the issue regarding our school hats in that the neck tie with toggle was often getting caught on play equipment. Please note that parents are welcome to cut this neck tie off. We now have in stock new hats which do not have this problem and stock of old hats will no longer be sold at the Uniform Shop.

Have a great fortnight.  

Andrew Holmes  
Principal

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

**Room 19**  
Joseph Dalais, Nina Kowalewski, Trisha Mathur, Matthew Price.

**Room 17**  
Urvi Banerjee, Joel Ellery, Isabella Lansbury.

**Room 16**  
Zack Ainsworth, Jasmine Ellery.

**Room 13**  
Judah Councillor, Mirasla Kuzniatsova.

**Room 11/12**  
Jayden Lee.

**Room 10**  
Jarrad Fong, Jeff Tyrell, Takara Vivian.

**Room 8**  
Tyler Kirkby, Skye Saunders, Georgia Williams.

**Room 6**  
Anna Peryer, Kathryn Raffelt.

**Room 5**  
Vika Kukarekina, Athan Teo.

**Room 4**  
Briana Nicholson, Joshian Omana, Electra Radford.

**Room 3**  
Ayden Butler, Rayden Miles, Brayden Pounder.

**Room 2**  
Elliot Cull, Kyra Doubell, Quinn Maley, Eleanor Williams.

P&C NEWS
As a P&C, we continually strive to make our school an even more amazing place. We hope that your family has seen the awesome library upgrade which has now been finalised. We are proud to have contributed $20,000 towards this project and we feel that this upgrade makes the library a more inviting, functional and welcoming place for all students, helping to instil the love of learning in students.

Such generous donations by our P&C depend on successful fundraising events. One of our next important fundraisers is a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on 30 November. We will be looking for volunteers for this important event over the next few weeks, and would greatly appreciate if families could mark this day on their calendar.

We would like to encourage all parents and wider family members to become involved in our vibrant school community. There are many opportunities to volunteer, from helping in the canteen whenever you have a few spare hours, to assisting in the Kindy and Pre-Primary classes as well as during excursions. Your children will directly benefit from your involvement in our school, in particular when you assist within their classroom.

One of our long-term, dedicated volunteers Debbie Woodman will be leaving the school community next year when her youngest child moves to high school. We are looking for someone who would like to take over as Canteen Treasurer in 2015. We are seeking someone with a helpful nature, and promise a thorough handover and ongoing support. If you are interested, please contact Debbie by emailing her at woodman@iinet.net.au.

The next P&C meeting is on Monday, 8 September at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. We would love to see you there and look forward to meeting new members.

Cornelia Major  
P&C Vice President

TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT
On 12 July, Nina, Ziggy and Joia Kowalewski competed in the 2014 State Championships for taekwondo. The tournament was held at Beechboro and many clubs competed. All three girls held the State title for their division and have all come home with gold medals. Congratulations!
CANTEEN NEWS

For those children who have received 6 stamps on their Sticky Beak lunch bags for spending more than $5.00 for each order, please come along to the Canteen and collect a free ice cream.

Di Palladino
Canteen Manager

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OSCHCLUB NEWS

We have been exploring our world of different cultures and having lots of fun through activities. We are learning about food, costumes, languages, money and lots of other topics to get to know our friends coming from different parts of the world - which is making it very interesting for our OSHClub kids.

The children are also enjoying fun outdoor activities now that we can enjoy the beautiful warmer weather in the afternoons with plenty of sunshine.

Thank you to all our parents and school staff for your support.

For any enquiries please see me at our OSHClub room. Have a happy week!!

Val Maiorana
Program Coordinator

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

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Wanslea Foster Care Information Session on Saturday, 16 August 2014. The session is held from 12pm till 2pm at Wanslea Cloverdale - 311-313 Abernethy Road, Cloverdale. To register call 9245 2441 or email: support@wanslea.asn.au www.fosternow.com.au or follow Wanslea Foster Care on Facebook.

MELVILLE CITY CHURCH - GAMES

Get excited because Friday Night Games is next on 29 August with a ‘Fairy Tales Gone Crazy’ theme. At FNG we pack two hours full of games, fun and excitement for kids in years 3 to 7. It runs monthly from 6:30 - 8:30pm at Melville City Church. For $5 we provide a light snack, drinks, games and prizes for winning teams. We hope to see you and your friends there!

Information is available at www.melvillecitychurch.org.au.

WATERWISE TIP - GET A WATERWISE HOME ASSESSMENT

A Waterwise plumber can visit your home and look at all the areas where your home uses water, then provide you with practical advice on how to save even more water. To find the Waterwise plumber nearest you simply call the Waterwise Infoline on 131039 or visit our website at www.watercorporation.com.au.
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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