Principal’s Message

Greetings to staff, parents and community members and welcome to this edition of the newsletter. Last night at the P&C meeting, members were discussing the importance of communication across the school and that the major means of communicating important dates and activities is through the school newsletter. Therefore it is imperative that as many families as possible read the newsletter to keep up to date with events happening in the school community. Presently of the 265 families at Ardross, 220 are registered to receive the newsletter electronically. Of those approximately 150 families are accessing the newsletter regularly. This equates to around 56% of families reading the newsletter on a fortnightly basis which means many families are not keeping informed. More individual communication happens between classroom teachers and their student’s families, either by a class or teacher / parent e-mail or the Connect Program.

NEWSLETTER REGISTRATION

As mentioned above, I am disappointed at the level of community members who are reading the newsletter for important information. 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.

MICHAEL KLIM VISIT

Last week we were very fortunate to have a visit from Michael Klim and Joanne, a Dairy Farmer from Margaret River as part of Healthy Bones Week. Michael spoke to students about the importance of healthy eating, with a special emphasis on dairy products, vitamin D and weight bearing exercise for healthy bone development. He also showed the students an inspirational video and talked about his amazing swimming career, where he held the World Record for Butterfly for 6 years and won 6 Olympic Medals, 2 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze. After the assembly Year 5 and 6 students were lucky enough to have morning tea with Michael and Joanne, with dairy products donated. After morning tea with the students, Michael spent morning tea talking with the staff. It was a most memorable day.

INTERSCCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Last week our students travelled to Brentwood to compete in the B Division Cross Country Carnival achieving great success. In a very tight completion we came third overall, and on handicap points won the Meritorious Shield! Congratulations to Miss Davies and the Cross Country team who trained hard before the event to compete at their best. The results are below.

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Our individual medal winners were:

- **Gold** Ky Hehir - Year 4 Boys
- **Silver** Romy Bridgland - Year 4 Girls
- **Silver** Joseph Kelly - Year 5 Boys

YEAR 5 CAMP

This week, 44 Year 5 students went to the Em 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 and planting dune species to reduce erosion at Mullaloo Beach. They also participated in traditional camp activities such as the Giant Swing, Flying Fox and Team Building. 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, Miss Pateman and Mr Hill, who were on duty 24/7 while on camp ensuring that everything ran smoothly. Also to Mrs Le Page, Mr Hoyle and Mr Macmillan who were present either on Tuesday or Wednesday.

STUDENT ABSENCES

SMS messaging system for student absences has now been operating for a couple of years and 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
phone call 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 that we have implemented at Ardross to ensure the 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.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

The school as part of our Civics and Citizenship Curriculum support several charities throughout the year. This year we have also committed to supporting the Heart Foundation by participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program and having a Jump Off Day on Wednesday, 19 August. This program requires some sponsorship, and instructions on how to complete an online donation can be found in the Sponsorship Form sent home today, together with using the traditional sponsorship form. Although we would like to raise as much as we can for the Heart Foundation, we will also be asking for sponsorship towards the end of term for our annual Lap-a-thon which will be held on Friday, 23 October, Week 2 Term 4. We realise that we are asking for two sponsorships this year, both reasonably close together and we ask that you support both events as much as possible.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

This year we are celebrating Book Week with visits to the Melville City Library to hear authors talk about their books as well as having a Book Week Parade to celebrate “Books Light Up Our World”. Come dressed as your favourite book character on Tuesday, 25 August for the parade at 9am in the quadrangle. Bring the book with your character to school if you have it. You will receive a raffle ticket for dressing up and be in the running to win one of 6 x $20 Dymocks book vouchers. We will also be having a presentation from Perth Airport and Dymocks, recognising their $5,000 donation to our library for books.

INCURSION / EXCURSION & SPORT - SEMESTER TWO 2015

Parents will shortly receive an Invoice in Semester 2 detailing planned activities and relevant charges. Please attend to payment of the invoice within 14 days at the office. Teachers will require the permission slip, only, to be returned to the classroom prior to an incursion, excursion or sports activity. Parents who have chosen to pay ‘up front’ for charges for the year will have their charges allocated and paid from their credit by the Registrar. From time to time an incursion or excursion may be added to those already planned and invoiced for the semester. Should this happen, parents will receive additional Invoices for these activities. This will definitely happen if your child is part of an interschool sports team, as team members are not known until a few weeks prior to the events. Charges for incursions, excursions and sports activities are compulsory and have been communicated to parents via the school newsletter at the end of last year and are contained in the School Information Booklet.

STUDENT SUPERVISION IN THE PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL

One of the distinctive characteristics of Ardross is our amazing playgrounds, which allow students to be creative in their play. The P&C have over many years provided funds to provide these facilities, and as such, we allow students to play on the playground until we lock the gates at 4pm. To ensure that all duty of care requirements are met, there are several rules that apply to students who are playing on the playground at this time. Please read the below rules carefully and come and see me if you wish to discuss them further. Your cooperation to ensure that these happen is most appreciated.

♦ Students must be supervised by their parents at all times. Parents are not to supervise their child’s friends unless previous arrangements for a play date have been made.
♦ Students are to play on the playground or in the undercover area only. No running throughout the school or oval.
♦ Students are to observe the school rules when playing on the playground – ie. down the slide only.
♦ No playing with sticks, or throwing honkey nuts or stones.
♦ The Nature Play Area is Out Of Bounds after school.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2016

As amazing as it seems, we are now commencing organisation for the 2016 year. Parents are asked to complete the form below and place it in the letterbox in the front office by Friday, 21 August - end of Week 5. (It is not necessary for those students returning to complete the form as it will be assumed that you will be attending in 2016.) Information regarding the process and criteria for parent requests and class placement will be advertised in newsletters early in Term 4. Families waiting on acceptance for out of boundary applications and kindergarten placements will be advised within the next fortnight.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ARDROSS IN 2016

My child / children ____________________________________________________________

Room ___ Year Level ___ Room ___ Year Level ___

will not be returning to Ardross in 2016.

My child / children will be attending ____________________________________________

Signed __________________________ Date ____________________
Thankyou to all the parents who assisted in the Sausage Sizzle last weekend, especially Rebekah Hannaford as co-ordinator. The fundraiser raised just over $2,100.

MICHAEL KLIM VISIT - HEALTHY BONES WEEK
POLICE VISIT - KINDY A

On Thursday, 6 August Senior Constable Paul Crawshaw brought a police car to Kindy and talked to us about his job with the water police. We all got to sit in the police car, spoke over the police radio and Mrs Downey wore a police life vest that was inflated. We learnt so much. Kindy A children would like to thank Senior Constable Crawshaw for visiting us.
MASSED CHOIR AUDITIONS

On Saturday, 25 July two students, Hannah Toole and Olivia Fereday, represented Ardross Primary at the Massed Choir Festival Compere and Soloist auditions.

Students from all of the different schools were very good at their roles and the judges have said it was extremely difficult to choose. Olivia has been awarded a soloist part in the concert, which will be held in week 7 of this term. Hannah was very close and was called back but unfortunately the two students chosen were exceptionally good at public speaking. Thank you and well done to both for representing our school and giving it their best.

Lynda Pateman
Music Teacher

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USED TOY COLLECTION

Kindy and Pre-Primary students spend a portion of their school time on play-based learning. This means that there is a fair bit of wear and tear, and toys need to be regularly replaced. Therefore, if your children have outgrown any toys which are still in good condition, you could consider donating them to the school. In particular, we are looking for:

- any Lego or Duplo
- dress up clothes (especially pirates, princes and princesses, construction workers, doctors, police officers etc)
- sand toys, including shovels, buckets, sieves etc
- K’nex, Mobilo and similar construction toys
- puzzles for 3 to 6 year olds.

You can donate any of these items to the school’s early childhood program. Please drop them off throughout the year in Miss Brown’s classroom, Room 16. Helen will distribute the toys between all Early Childhood teachers.
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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