



# Ardross Primary

An Independent Public School



## Principal's Message

Greetings to staff, parents and community members, welcome to this edition of the newsletter.

### KINDY AND PRE PRIMARY SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday, 21 October 2015 the Kindy and Pre Primary students held a fun sports day. The students in mixed groups moved around a series of ten tabloids. The ten tabloids included beanbag throwing, parachutes, stilts, egg and spoon races and ball activities. With music, lots of parent help and Mr Holmes timekeeping the morning ran smoothly and was lots of fun. After a recess break the students were back on the oval doing a variety of races such as a sprint race, a partner race and then watched their parents doing a 3 legged race. The wonderful morning concluded with a shared family picnic lunch and a sausage sizzle.

### 2015 CHILDREN'S WEEK AWARD CEREMONY

On Wednesday, 28 October 2015 students from Year 4 Room 4 along with Mr Parker, Mr Holmes, Mrs Tanya Stenton, Ms Jin Kar Ong, Mrs Steph Kelly, Mrs Marie Ainsworth, Ms Rebekah Hannaford and Mrs Cornelia Major attended the Children's Week Award Ceremony at the Perth Zoo. Ardross Primary received an award in the Health and Well Being Regional category for our environmental programs. Below is an insert from a statement released by the Minister for Education Mr Peter Collier. It can also be found on the link below.

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Barnett/2015/10/Outstanding-schools,-communities-honoured.aspx>

*Presenting the Department of Education-sponsored Health and Wellbeing Awards, Mr Collier said Ardross Primary School students identified their most pressing concern - environmental degradation - and embarked on an ambitious plan to reduce their carbon footprint.*

*"Students developed a large scale tree growing and planting program and are now growing and planting 9,000 trees each year while learning to make a positive contribution to their community," he said.*

Congratulations to Cornelia Major who nominated the school for the award and herself received a Highly Commended Award for Volunteering and we thank her for her continuing efforts to promote the environmental work we do at Ardross. The school received a certificate, a collection of books for the School Library and \$2000.

### JAPANESE STUDY TOUR

We thank the Ganza, Simpson, Foster, Kirkby, Ewington, Bradley, Jayasinghe, Fasher and Kyle families for hosting our visiting Japanese students from Gunma Kokusei Academy. The students have had a very successful tour experiencing life in Australia and at Ardross Primary. An early farewell assembly due to excursions this week, was held last Friday. We wish the students and their teachers a safe journey home and we look forward to continuing our sister school relationship with the GK Academy.

### INTERSCHOOL SPORTS CARNIVAL

The A Division Interschool Athletics Carnival was held last week on Tuesday, 27 October and Thursday, 29 October. Congratulations to our team of students from years three to six who participated with great sportsmanship and behaviour. Overall results will be published in the next newsletter.

Congratulations to Ky Hehir and Grace Ainsworth who were awarded Year Four Champion boy and girl.



### GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE

Year 3 student Daniel Jones has participated in the Great Cycle Challenge for 2015. He set himself a goal of riding 500kms in the month of October. He finished the challenge last week having ridden 500.2kms. So far Daniel has raised \$2,845.27 by participating in this challenge and money raised goes towards research into childhood cancers. Daniel participated in the challenge in memory of his cousin Luca who passed away from Leukaemia when he was six years old. Congratulations Daniel. We are all proud of your fantastic efforts.



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**Wednesday 4 November**  
Japanese Students Leave  
Year 6 Dance

**Friday 6 November**  
St John - First Aid

**Monday 9 November**  
Edu Dance  
St John - First Aid

**Tuesday 10 November**  
Year 5 Dance  
Zoo Camp - Year 4 Boys

**Wednesday 11 November**  
Year 6 Dance  
Early Childhood 2016 -  
Parent Meeting

**Thursday 12 November**  
Uniform Shop Open  
St John - First Aid

**Friday 13 November**  
Maggie Dent Presentation -  
AXSHS (PM)

**Monday 16 November**  
Edu Dance

**Tuesday 17 November**  
Year 5 Dance  
Kalamunda Village -  
Rooms 10 & 13

**Wednesday 18 November**  
Year 6 Dance

**Thursday 19 November**  
World of Board Games  
Assembly - Room 8

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### MATSURI FESTIVAL

On Sunday, 25 October some students from Ardross Primary participated in a paper plane competition at the Melville City Council Matsuri Festival held at Frederick Baldwin Park in Kardinya. Jai Christophersen, Joel Ellery, Quintin O'Keefe and Samuel Daddow all qualified to participate after competitions held at school and competed against other students from local schools. Other students Sianna Stearnes, Daniel Chee and Emily Cheng competed in a general category with Emily coming second overall with her plane flight of 21 metres. The students had two minutes to make their plane and then had opportunities to fly them. Well done for your participation.

### ARDROSS ARTS EXHIBITION

The Ardross Art Blast was held from 20 to 23 October and was very successful. Art displays of student work, a Japanese tea ceremony and the ensemble and solo musical instrument performances were very well attended and enjoyed by students and families. Mrs Warren would like to thank her group of volunteers who assisted in the set up and pack away for the event. They include Mrs Samantha Hickman, Ms Rebekah Hannaford, Mrs Charlotte Oliver, Mrs Sandra Wong and Mrs Sherralee Naylor. Congratulations also to our Year 6 student councillors who successfully ran the Art Blast Assembly on Tuesday, 20 October.

### ANNUAL OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The annual open board meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4 November commencing at 7.15pm in the school staffroom. During this meeting the Board Chair will present the annual report, which will then be published on our website. All community members are welcome to attend.

### BEHAVIOUR MOVIE

As per our Behaviour Management policy, all students from Pre Primary to Year 6 will be invited to a movie at the end of the year to reward their outstanding behaviour. Students who receive 3 pink slips, or are sent to the office for a serious breach of the policy, or who are regularly in the behaviour book will not be receiving an invitation to the movies. Pre Primary to Year 3 will be watching 'The Good Dinosaur' while the Year 4 to 6 students will be watching 'Alvin and the Chipmunks 4'. Invitations and permission slips will be sent home towards the end of term.

### PUPIL FREE DAY- TERM 4

An early reminder that there is a pupil free day on **Friday, 20 November 2015** (week 6) as designated by the School Board. This was inadvertently left off the term planner, but has been advertised at the commencement of the year to all community members via the Parent Information Booklet on our website, which outlines all term dates, school holidays, public holidays and pupil free days of the year. The pupil free day allows all teachers to finalize their reporting commitments for Semester 2, allowing the early release of student reports to families. Please place this date in your diary for future reference.

### GRADUATION / PRESENTATION NIGHT

This year our Graduation/Presentation evening will be held in the School Grounds on Thursday, 10 December 2015. Students need to be seated by 6.15pm as the proceedings will start at 6.30pm. The students are currently learning and practising the dances they will perform for you. More details will follow in newsletters.

### PARENT THANKYOU MORNING TEA

The Parent Thank You Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday, 2 December from 11.00am. Staff and administration will be sending invitations to parents in the coming week. The morning tea is a simple way to thank the school community for their outstanding contributions this year. We look forward to seeing many of you here to have morning tea on us.

**Fiona Schaper for Andrew Holmes**  
Principal

### SAND COOKING EQUIPMENT

Our sand play equipment has become worn out. Please send in any old pots and pans, plastic plates and bowls and old kitchen equipment that you no longer need that is suitable for sand cooking. Items should be taken to Miss Cooper in Room 11/12 or placed in the plastic trolleys outside the office.

**Diana Cooper**  
Pre Primary Teacher

### P&C NEWS

#### P&C Meetings - Term 4

Monday, 30 November at 7.30pm

Please join us to have your say in what continues to make Ardross Primary School the great school it is.

#### Save the Date - Maggie Dent - Friday, 13 November @ 7.00pm

Maggie Dent is an author, educator, and parenting and resilience specialist with a particular interest in the early years and adolescence. Maggie is a passionate advocate for the healthy, common-sense raising of children in order to strengthen families and communities.

**Venue:** Applecross Senior High School, Performing Arts Centre

**Date:** Friday, 13 November

**Time:** 7.00pm to 9.00pm

**Ticket:** \$25.00

**Bookings:** <http://www.trybooking.com/JFIU>

**Inquiries:** Samantha Hickman at [samantha@launchpadgroup.com.au](mailto:samantha@launchpadgroup.com.au) or 0433 382 208

## P&C News cont...

### School Holiday Swimming Lessons

Last summer, many Ardross families went to swimming lessons together. The kids really had a blast and loved catching up with their friends during the summer holidays.

The lessons are organised through the WA Education Department, and align with the school swimming lessons. They are well run, low cost and fun. Not only do they teach the kids how to swim, but also some beach safety, too. Enrolments close 15 November 2015. If you would like to enrol with other students from Ardross Primary School please refer to the details below:

**Program Name:** January Program 2, 2016 - this program has ten 35 minute lessons  
**Cost:** 2 kids for 2 weeks - total of \$25  
**Location:** Leighton Beach (second preference Cottesloe Beach)  
**Group ID:** **399839** (you **must** use the group number to swim with us!)  
**Link:** <http://www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/swimming/detcms/navigation/vacswim/>

### 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.

### HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

<b>Room 20</b>	Kaylee Fong, Arina Peryer.
<b>Room 16</b>	Elizabeth Bader, Haydn Gibbens, Sam Heavens.
<b>Room 13</b>	Jessica Chen, Cody Richards.
<b>Room 11/12</b>	Izaak Bodur, Matty Zmitko.
<b>Room 10</b>	Kieran Ho, Kaan Ozturk, Mika Yan.
<b>Room 9</b>	Sophia Ferreira, Jarrad Fong, Miraslava Kuzniatsova.
<b>Room 8</b>	Henrique Akabane Cunha Vianna, Oliver Cox.
<b>Room 7</b>	Luiz Akabane Cunha Vianna.
<b>Room 6</b>	Kiera Barwise, Zara Korkmaz.
<b>Room 5</b>	Julian Kroeber, Nicole Mengel, Maja Szymanska.
<b>Room 4</b>	Jayden Cai, Tyler Kirkby, William Wu.
<b>Room 3</b>	Arthur Bradley, Neeve Fasher, Phoebe Gillies.
<b>Japanese</b>	Arif Muhammed, Sofia Yeomans.



### MELVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL - 50TH YEAR REUNION

Who: First year and second year graduates

When: Sunday, 29 November

Time: 2.30pm

Where: Left Bank Bar & Café Courtyard, 15 Riverside Road, East Fremantle.

### VACSWIM HOLIDAY SWIMMING PROGRAMS

Enrolments for December/January programs are now open. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim's school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. This year there has been a small price increase from \$10.00 per enrolment to \$12.50 per enrolment (family enrolment for three or more children living at the same address is now \$34.50). For further information and online enrolment visit [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming).



## CHILDREN'S WEEK AWARD CEREMONY





### OSHCLUB NEWS

We quite often receive feedback about how much your children enjoy and look forward to coming to the program, so I would like to share with you the thoughts from some of the children themselves who attend the program on a regular basis.

*'I like the cereals in the morning, I like playing hand ball with my brother and playing with my new friends and it feels like home'. Keira - Year 3.*

*'OSHClub is great fun, you get to play with your friends and meet new friends'. Jarrod - Year 2.*

*'Everyone in here is very nice'. Imogen - Year 3.*

*'It's FUN'. Luke - Year 3.*

*'I like the food, making toast out of a jaffle maker'. Rachel - Year 4.*

Our aim is to provide your children with a program that is safe, friendly and fun to attend. It's great to see the children feel the same way.

**Val Maiorana**  
Program Coordinator

### ST MICHAEL'S FAMILY CHRISTMAS FETE

**Come and join the fun at this once a year special day!**

**25 Gunbower Road, Mt Pleasant**

**Saturday, 28 November 2015 10.00am – 1.00pm**

Gifts, face-painting, lucky dip, ballooning, toys, yummy cakes, preserves and great international food to eat in or take home; vintage and good clothes; books, DVDs and appearances by the Christmas Angel and Matt Swift – Magician...and much, much more!  
We'd love to see you at your local Christmas fete!



### CANTEEN ROSTER

<b>Wed 4 Nov</b>	HELP NEEDED .....9-1.00pm Sheila Johnston ..... 9-11.00am
<b>Thu 5 Nov</b>	Yvonne Lee .....9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED .....9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED..... 9-11.00am
<b>Fri 6 Nov</b>	Christine Jones.....9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED..... 9-1.00pm Karen Ganza ..... 9-11.00am
<b>Wed 11 Nov</b>	Richard Di Giacamo.....9-1.00pm Larissa Motton .....9-11.00am
<b>Thu 12 Nov</b>	Monica Allen ..... 9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED.....9-11.00am David Burns.....11-1.00pm
<b>Fri 13 Nov</b>	HELP NEEDED .....9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED ..... 9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED .....9-11.00am



### UNIFORM SHOP

12 November 2015 9.00 - 9.30am  
26 November 2015 9.00 - 9.30am

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### WATERWISE TIP - EARLY IN THE MORNING IS BEST

Water only once on your watering day, ideally early in the morning (plants do not absorb water during darkness), so that gardens are charged with the water they need during the warmest part of the day. During autumn and spring our gardens only need to be watered once a week. With cooler nights, morning dew and low evaporation, your garden will retain the moisture it needs. When rain is forecast or if it has rained, remember to turn off your reticulation. During the cooler winter months, lawns and many European plants are dormant so they need very little water. Usually the rainfall received during our mild winters is enough and any more just tends to promote weed growth.

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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Associate Director  
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