Principal’s Message

P&C MEETING

It was great to start the year with a large number present at the first P&C meeting for 2016. We had around 20 members with a few new faces. The P&C plays an important role in supporting the school community across a variety of areas. Last year the P&C provided funds to the school of $75,000, with some expenditure being on reading books to support our Guided Reading priority, school membership to Scitech, Mathletics and Reading Eggs as well as continued expenditure on outdoor play areas around the school. This year the P&C will be looking to again provide funds to support priorities across the school. Already the P&C have committed to funding the Reading Eggs and Mathletics programs, the new veranda at Room 11/12, furniture for classrooms and an adventure play area near Room 14. I would again like to sincerely thank the wonderful P&C for their tireless efforts to ensure that our staff and students have the best possible facilities to provide exceptional teaching and learning opportunities.

P&C AGM

The next meeting of the P&C is Monday, 14 March. This will be the Annual General Meeting, followed by a quick general meeting. At the AGM all positions on the P&C are vacated and elections held. Current Executive members may stand again for elected positions in 2016, however all positions are spilled. Positions to be filled on the night include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, School Board Representative, Executive, Canteen Committee and Uniform Committee. Should you like to know a bit more about the roles and responsibilities of these positions, please don’t hesitate to contact the current P&C President, Samantha Hickman or School Board Chair, Patrick Soh.

PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS

Nearly all Parent / Teacher meetings have taken place. Parents should have received notification of their meeting time. The purpose of these meetings was to outline to parents the teaching and learning programs planned, together with organisational structures used in the room. Teachers discussed curriculum, behaviour management, homework, communication and other day to day operations of the class. These meetings were not designed to allow time for parent/teacher interviews, however these could be scheduled at a later date. I thank all parents who attended and staff for their preparation for their meetings.

ARDROSS SCHOOL LEADERS

A strength of the upper school program at Ardross is that all Year 6 students are provided with opportunities to develop their leadership skills in authentic ways. Mrs Bishop has been coordinating the election process to ensure that our 52 students in Year 6 have these opportunities. This year we held elections for Student Councillors, Environmental Councillors, Faction Leaders, Literacy Captains and Computer Captains. Student Councillors will be working with Mrs Bishop and provide leadership across the school. Faction Leaders will be working with Miss Davies. Environmental Leaders will be working with the River Rangers Program. Mrs Bishop and Mr Ivers develop and implement sustainability initiatives. Computer Captains will be working with Mr Hill to ensure that our web page and class information is always up to date and the Literacy Leaders will be working with Ms Lawson and Computer Captains. Student Councillors will be working with Mrs Bishop and provide leadership across the school. Faction Leaders will be working with Miss Davies. Environmental Leaders will be working with the River Rangers Program. Mrs Bishop and Mr Ivers develop and implement sustainability initiatives. Computer Captains will be working with Mr Hill to ensure that our web page and class information is always up to date and the Literacy Leaders will be working with Ms Lawson and the junior primary staff to enhance the reading skills and abilities of our junior students. It gives me great pleasure to announce the following students:

Councillors

Faction Captains

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Computer Captains
Sean Kwan, Jason Lynch, Albert Ong, Anna Peryer, Daniel Rinaldi.

Literacy Captains
Alisha Burns, Justin Chan, Bianca-Lillie Clack, Kaylee Fong, Cate Ross Adams.
Environmental Councillors
Aryan Chatrath, Matthew Ch’ng, Oliver Cooper, Logan Ganza, Sarah Giles, Phoebe Gillies, Joshua Kim, Joshua Kelly, Shaun Lua, Nicolas Suryana, Calvin Teo, Leroy Ting, Matthew Winchester, William Winchester.

Students were announced informally at today’s assembly. An official badge presentation will be arranged once all badges are ordered and arrive. All leaders will be bringing home a leadership contract for both students and parents to sign, outlining their formal roles and responsibilities. I look forward to seeing our student leaders provide outstanding leadership across the school.

FOCUS 2016
2016 will be another busy year at Ardross as we continue to implement our teaching and learning programs. Staff are working hard to ensure that we meet our commitments from our Business Plan 2015-17 as endorsed by the School Board.

Priority Focus One
Success For All Students
Ardross Primary strives for all students to become confident, successful learners, creative individuals, socially and environmentally responsible citizens.

Priority Focus Two
High Quality Teaching and Learning
At Ardross Primary the learning environment will be characterised by excellence in teaching. All students will be active and engaged learners in a stimulating and inclusive learning environment.

Priority Focus Three
Collaboration and Partnerships
Ardross Primary School recognises the value that quality partnerships contribute to a successful school. This includes effective relationships between staff, students, parents and the broader community.

Priority Milestone
Milestones
Throughout this Business Plan there are measurable milestones linked to broad outcomes and strategies. Our priority milestone is: High standards of student achievement both academic and social, measured against ‘Like’ schools.

Our focus areas support The Department of Education’s Focus 2016 of “Building a strong public school system where every school is a good school; every teacher is effective; and every student is successful”. Through Focus 2016 school’s objectives include:

• success for all students
• high quality teaching
• effective leadership
• strong governance and support

At Ardross we work closely with the School Board, P&C and community to ensure we work together to meet these objectives.

SWIMMING LESSONS
Swimming lessons for Year 5/6 students commence at Cottesloe Beach next week. It is important that our kids learn to swim in a variety of situations, and the lessons at Cottesloe provide our kids with the basic skills necessary to swim at the beach, which is entirely different than swimming at Melville Aquatic or a backyard pool. I trust that all students enjoy the Cottesloe experience over the next two weeks.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

THE FATHERING PROJECT
We are inviting all fathers and father figures to attend a ‘Meet the Dads’ evening on Thursday, March 3 at 7.30pm in the Ardross PS staffroom. Drinks and nibbles will be provided so come along for an informal gathering to meet the Dads of our school community. Please RSVP on 9364 2771 if you are able to attend (for catering purposes).

Denelle Ellery
HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

At this week's assembly the winners were:

Room 20  Rachel Cheong, Oliver Cooper, Logan Ganza, Sarah Giles, Skye Saunders.
Room 19  Justin Chan, Tia Harken, Shen Kit Hia, Lucas Ho, Anna Peryer.
Room 16  Alison Choi, Reyenne Kew.
Room 11/12 Thomas Crawshaw, Caitlyn Ho.
Room 10  Eli Hickman, Jordan Hooker, Eva Hudson, Miles Pounder, Jayella Sambo.
Room 9  Isabelle Hart, Luca Mazegia.
Room 8  Alexander Budge, Laura Cairns, Sophia Cristobal, Amanda Kwek, Shi Ying Liang, Eva Lupi.
Room 7  Jasmine Ellery, Aaron Mathews, Kiara Prentice.
Room 6  Urvi Banerjee, Lucia Van Rensburg, Dylan Scott.
Room 5  Ben Cunlold, Hayley Kayser, Leah Lim, Aryana Soleimanie, Ruby Squire, Ethan Zhang.
Room 4  Jumiera Tian, Jamie Wright.
Room 3  Louis Christophersen, Jack Fairclough, Greer Hannaford, Elena Lidgard, Law Sharland, Tristan Stone.
Room 2  Mikaela Brown, Emily He, Christopher Withers.

P&C NEWS

WELCOME to all the new families to our wonderful school community. We look forward to meeting you at our ‘New Parent Afternoon Tea’ on Friday, 4 March at 2.15pm in the School Library.

CANTEEN

The Canteen has opened with a wonderful new summer menu on offer each Thursday and Friday. The kids are loving the new ‘Fresh Plain Milk’ with flavoured sipper straws. Available flavours are chocolate, choc mint, banana, strawberry and cookies & cream. They are much healthier than the traditional flavoured milks and yummy too.

Summer Menu Specials

Fried Rice - $4.70
Sushi – 5 Pieces - Teriyaki Chicken or Tuna – $5.50
Or ‘Create your Own’ sandwich, roll or tortilla wrap

Congratulations – “Canteen Great Manners Award”
The following children have been given a lunch time treat as a reward for leading by example with wonderful manners. Congratulations to Jenna Shin – Room 3 and Ziggy Kowalewski – Room 19.

SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY 13 MAY, 2016 – TRIVIA NIGHT AT TOMPKINS ON SWAN

Don’t miss out on this year’s ‘Social Night of Nights’ – numbers are limited. If you can donate or know of someone that can donate any products, vouchers or services it would be greatly appreciated. Please call Rebekah Hannaford 0407 612 812. Tables/tickets on sale from Monday, 14 March 2016.

CLASS PARENT CONTACTS

You will shortly receive an email from your Class Parent Representative. One thing that makes Ardross Primary School special is the community atmosphere, so feel free to recommend or join in any of the social events on offer.

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GUESS THE NUMBER OF EASTER EGGS COMPETITION

After watching a video at school on animals in zoos Sofie, Greer, Catie and Lucia decided that they wanted to help endangered animals. They are running a guess the number of easter eggs contest at recess and lunchtime starting tomorrow till the end of next week. The cost per guess is a gold coin. The money that is raised will go to students in Surebaya in Indonesia who will arrange to plant trees for the orangutans and monkeys.

Samantha Hickman
P&C President
SATURDAY SHOGI - JAPANESE CHESS CLASS
Where: Blue Gum Community Centre
Age: 10 to 18 years old
When: Saturdays (once a month)
Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Cost: Free
Contact: Hisayo Rego - hisayor@gmail.com

REQUEST FOR ART SHIRTS FOR JAPANESE ROOM
Adult size old shirts needed for art activities in Japanese. Please place any donations of old shirts you may have in the box placed in the office. Thank you.

Sensei Hisayo Rego
Japanese Teacher

MUSIC NOTICES

Choir
Please note that choir rehearsal will finish at 4.00pm on Thursdays not 4.15pm as previously advised. Students need to bring a folder each lesson and also need to provide a USB for choir songs. Thank you to everyone who attended our first session, we had a great rehearsal.

Instrument Lessons
Primary Music Institute is offering concert band and instrumental lessons. Group sessions are only $13.50 per child and students can learn flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone or percussion. Band rehearsal is FREE for 2016 and all music students are invited to join. Visit www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au for more information, or contact Ms Mason.

Youth Jazz Band Program
Would your child like to play in a jazz band? The South Perth Lions Youth Jazz Band Program are recruiting. Students aged 9 or older who play any instrument are welcome. Groups are held on Mondays. For more information contact Lorna Robertson on 9332 8675 or lionsband.southperth@gmail.com.

Claire Mason
Music Specialist Teacher

What to do if you ever feel threatened or unsafe on public transport:

- If available ask a Transit Officer or Transperth staff member for help or just stand near them for safety.
- Call 9220 9999 – save this number in your mobile.
- On a bus, speak to the bus driver.
- On a train, push the emergency button to speak to the driver.
- On a train station, push the emergency button on an information kiosk to speak to our Central Monitoring Room.
- On train stations, stay in well-lit areas in view of security cameras.

Other safety tips:

- If possible, have someone come to meet you, or tell friends or family when you expect to be home.
- On train stations, stand back from the yellow line on the edge of the platform. When trains go past they create a powerful draft that can unbalance you.
- Use only the proper access routes when you enter or exit train stations.
- Always stay off train tracks. Walking across them is dangerous and illegal.
A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Kristen Cousins and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school. Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child’s health or development, please contact me via your school office or at my Community Health Base on 9314 0100.

PARENT & FAMILY NETWORK INITIATIVE

Child and Adolescent Community Health (CACH) recently launched the ‘Parent and Family Network’, an exciting new initiative to involve parents and carers in the planning and delivery of services. The Parent and Family Network is an email network for parents and carers with children aged 0 to 18 years in the Perth metro area, to provide ongoing input, ideas and feedback on our services (i.e. child health nurses, school health nurses, speech therapy, physiotherapy). All network members will receive:

- bi-monthly e-bulletins
- invitations to share ideas and feedback on our services (i.e. surveys and focus groups).
- invitations to special network member events

Parents/carers can join by registering directly online at www.health.wa.gov.au/cachnetwork. For further information please email cachconsumernetwork@health.wa.gov.au.

Kristen Cousins
Community Health Nurse

CAN YOU HELP? HOST FAMILIES URGENTLY NEEDED

Applecross SHS will be hosting a visit by Japanese students from 28 March to 6 April this year, and we urgently need your help.

This is a great opportunity to host a Japanese student and share your lifestyle and home while your family experiences another culture. A truly lovely opportunity - particularly if you are studying Japanese. Many families make long term friendships by extending their hospitality.

You don’t need to speak Japanese and you don’t need to do anything special. The Japanese students want to experience a typical Australian lifestyle so you just need to include the student as part of your normal life. Students will attend school during the week and be with you after school and at the weekends. A small stipend will be payable to cover basic costs.

If you are interested - how can you resist? - then please contact Mike Burbridge on 0402 646 687 or at mike.burbridge@gmail.com.au.

SAVE WITH LEVER MIXER TAPS

Single lever mixer taps are also recommended because the lever action mixes hot and cold water and makes it available instantly. This allows you to find the right water temperature quickly and you won’t waste water trying to get the balance right.
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.

Paul Evensen
Associate Director
Realmark Applecross
mobile: 0439 923 844

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