Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members and welcome to the final edition of the newsletter for 2014. After another outstanding year of education, supported by enthusiastic students, dedicated staff and sensational parents/caregivers, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your wonderful contributions to our school community. Our whole school results across all learning areas and social domains continue to be above “like” schools, and the warm and caring atmosphere of the school has been fed back to me many times from visitors to Ardross throughout the year.

PRESENTATION EVENING

We were blessed with sensational weather last Thursday for our presentation evening and the students didn’t let us down with their amazing performances. The feedback from parents has been great, with everyone agreeing that having the evening in the school quadrangle was better than being in a hall. Thank you to Sean from All Things Theatre for the lighting and sound and our dance teachers Colleen Osborne - EduDance, Simon Fryda-Danza Loca and Derek & Pam Gatley - Ballroom Dancing. I have copied a few lines from the Principal’s Address to thank our tireless workers one last time!

“To the Uniform Shop volunteers - Sarah Dal Molin, Alison Miller, Irina Bradley and Kim Khoo, thank you for being open and ensuring that our students have access to school uniforms all year round.

To the Canteen - Di Palladino, Stephanie Gillies and parent volunteers, thank you for your healthy food choices and providing snacks and lunches on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. The canteen are always looking for volunteers, so if you have a few hours to spare in 2015, don’t forget to see Di.

P&C members - Claire Greenwell - President, a big thanks. Cornelia Major, Vice President, Allison Kyle, Secretary and Patrick Soh, Treasurer and the P&C Executive - thank you. The P&C have contributed around $90,000 to support student learning this year, an amazing effort and one for which we are all truly appreciative.

Mrs Kate Collins as the Parent Liaison Coordinator. Thank you for your tireless work in coordinating your amazing crew of Class Parent Contacts. This program is one that truly sets us apart from other schools. The work that you and your reps do, often unnoticed by many ensures that all parents are supported, especially in crisis times. Greeting new parents, arranging meals when needed and coordinating students pick up and drop offs are just a couple of the important roles you play.

The School Board, Mark Downey, Bruce Willett, Heidi Lansdell, Patrick Soh, Bob Parker, Isabel Campbell, Wendy Cocks, Kate Mathis and Alison Stockman for your invaluable support as we have transitioned from the School Council to School Board over the last three years. A special acknowledgement to Mark Downey who has been on the School Council and Board for 8 years, 5 years as Chairman. This is a wonderful achievement and shows your dedication and commitment to our school and community. Also Bruce Willett who after 5 years on the School Council and Board is also retiring. Again Bruce’s contribution to our school and community has been highly valued and most appreciated.

To the many parent helpers who have assisted in so many ways assisting with classes, excursions, fundraising activities, special events such as carnivals, craft activities, covering books and generally supporting the school ethos - thank you. No matter how big or small your contribution was it strengthened the partnership between the school, teachers and you. I hope that the assistance and support you gave was as rewarding for you as it was for us. This is a true strength of Ardross and I look forward to your continued involvement in 2015.

Finally to all of the book award winners, and citizenship winners, congratulations on being rewarded for your hard work and positive attitude to learning. It is a pleasure to have so many wonderful students prepared to do their best at Ardross. The teachers have a hard job every year trying to decide on the recipients of these awards as so many of you could receive an award.

Finally, goodbye & good luck to families that are leaving us as your kids are now progressing to high school. Many of you have had a long and successful relationship with Ardross Primary School.”

Mr Hill has also compiled a Celebrations Video 2014, celebrating our wonderful; achievements this year. You can view the video on our website at http://www.ardrossps.wa.edu.au/. Thank you Mr Hill.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR / START FOR 2015

The last day for students attending Ardross Primary this year is Thursday, 18 December. Staff finish at 11.35am on Friday, 19 December. The office will be closed from this time. In an emergency, Regional Office can be contacted on 9336 9563. The front office will reopen from Tuesday, 27 January at 9.00am. Staff return to school on Thursday, 29 January, with students commencing school on Monday, 2 February.

BEHAVIOUR MOVIE

As per our Behaviour Management Policy, all students from Pre Primary to Year 7 have been invited to a movie on Thursday, 18 December to reward their outstanding behaviour. We will be walking to Hoyts Garden City at 11.45am and returning by 2.30pm. Pre Primary to Year 3 will be watching “Penguins of Madagascar” while Years 4 to 7 students will be watching ‘Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day”. Invitations and permission slips have been sent home. I look forward to taking around 350 students to the movies!! Thank you again to our P&C who have provided the funds to support this program.

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COMMUNITY SURVEY

Earlier this term a Community Survey was conducted to ascertain community views on several aspects of our school. As well as a National Survey component the survey asked for feedback on Academic, Values and Culture, Behaviour Management, Teaching and Learning, Communication and Leadership, Community, Curriculum and Extra Curriculum, Tradition and Reputation. An initial analysis has been provided to the School Board, and a full analysis will be conducted early in Term 1 to address areas identified. I would like to thank the 73 respondents for their feedback and the 43 that didn't quite complete the survey. The initial analysis shows:

- **Academic**: 76% either agree or strongly agree that we achieve high academic standards. Only 5% disagree that we achieve high academic standards.

- **Values and Culture**: 86% either agree or strongly agree that we promote positive Values and Culture. Only 3% disagree that we promote positive Values and Culture.

- **Behaviour Management**: 77% either agree or strongly agree that we have good Behaviour Management strategies. 12% disagree that we have good Behaviour Management strategies.

- **Teaching and Learning**: 81% either agree or strongly agree that we provide a good Teaching and Learning Program. 4% disagree that we provide a good Teaching and Learning Program.

- **Communication and Leadership**: 85% either agree or strongly agree that we have good Communication and Leadership. 5% disagree that we have good Communication and Leadership.

- **Community**: 86% either agree or strongly agree that we have good Community Relationships. 5% disagree that we have good Community Relationships.

- **Curriculum and Extra Curricular**: 73% either agree or strongly agree that we provide a good Curriculum and Extra Curriculum activities. 7% disagree that we provide a good Curriculum and Extra Curriculum activities.

- **Tradition and Reputation**: 85% either agree or strongly agree that we have developed good Traditions and a good Reputation. 2% disagree that we have developed good Traditions and a good Reputation.

[ NB: SA - Strongly Agree, A - Agree, U - Unable to Comment, D - Disagree, SD - Strongly Disagree]

CLASS LISTS 2015

Class lists will be displayed on the Deputy Principal's windows on Friday, 30 January 2015 from 1.00pm. The Uniform Shop will also be open from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

Have a great Christmas and holiday period. Stay safe and I look forward to working with you again next year.

Andrew Holmes
Principal
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
The Uniform Shop will be open every Thursday in February and then every second Thursday thereafter. We also need another volunteer to help in the Uniform Shop next year. Please ring Alison on 0407 002 504 if you are interested.

STUCK ON YOU LABELS
P&C FUNDRAISER
It’s booklist time of the year again! Yes, that time of the year where we need to buy lots of stationery, school uniforms, water bottles and all the other things which need to be labelled. Why not support our school and make sure that your child can keep track of practically everything?

Our P&C has an ongoing fundraiser set up with www.stuckonyou.com.au. Simply order online, and mention Ardross Primary School in the appropriate field. Please remember that this fundraiser is ongoing and is a great way to support our school.

Ardross Primary School P&C

MASTER MIND AUSTRALIA – ACADEMIC PATHWAYS
JANUARY TRANSITION PROGRAM
Study Skills – Essay Writing – Subject Revision
For all students from Years 6 – 7 (2015)
This revision program aims to prepare students for Term 1 (2015) before the academic year begins. The program will include courses in Study Skills, Writing and Mathematics Skills. Course will be conducted at:

All Saints’ College - Monday, 19 January till Saturday, 24 January 2015
Early Bird enrolment discount of 10% before Friday, 20 December, 2014
Dr Robert Hallam at Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377
www.mastermindaustralia.com.au

OSHCLUB NEWS
We are fast approaching the end of year break and our children are winding down. My lovely assistant, Radha, will be leaving us next year as she is moving house, so we wish Radha all the best at her new OSHClub centre. We also wish Catie and Kayla Perkins all the best as they too are leaving us to go overseas to live.

The children are asking for a Christmas party, so we will have one this week as there are lots of reasons to celebrate.

Just a reminder that our holiday program will begin on 5 January 2015. Get online and book in at the Kardinya holiday program where most of our children go to and I will definitely be there to have lots of fun with them. Have a safe and happy festive season with your family. Merry Christmas.

Val Maiorana
OSHClub Coordinator

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.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL
Thank you to everyone who supported our appeal. Our Chaplain, Mr Hoyle delivered two car loads of boxes to St David’s Church earlier this morning. Your generosity and consideration of others is greatly appreciated.

Miss Diana Cooper
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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