SCHOOL DRESS CODE
The cooler autumn weather is starting to creep in and we are starting to get enquiries about the winter uniform. The School Board will be reviewing the school dress code at the next meeting on 25 March 2015 so if you have any comments you’d like to make to the Board for consideration, please talk to one of the School Board parent representatives. Patrick Sib was elected Chairperson of the School Board at our last meeting and Kim Fromant was elected as P&C representative on the School Board at the P&C AGM. Either of these two parents plus Tamara Vivian, Nathan Hickman, Heidi Lansdell and Cornelia Major would welcome your comments.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR TEACHERS
In the last newsletter I wrote of Wednesdays as being the day when staff commit to ongoing professional learning after school. Last Wednesday we met in phases: Early Childhood (K-2) and Middle Childhood (3-6). The Early Childhood team looked at the National Quality Standard (NQS). The NQS is a national benchmark for quality in early childhood services. It defines the standards that all service types (including schools) are expected to meet. It identifies 7 quality areas and at the last meeting we looked at the first area: Educational Program and Practice. Following our discussion on the NQS we then looked at the Australian Curriculum writing standards, a school schedule for teaching different writing genres and some teaching targets in writing. The Middle Childhood team looked at writing also, and developed a schedule for the different writing genres and talked about collecting common assessment tasks in writing and moderation of the tasks for grading and consistent teacher judgement purposes. It was a very productive afternoon session.

YEAR 6 ACTIVITIES
There’s been plenty going on at Ardross Primary School in the last two weeks. The student leaders went to The National Young Leaders Day and represented the school well. It’s great to see the Year 6s taking on leadership roles and serving their school community.

I visited the year 6 camp at Point Walter. Located at one of the most picturesque spots on the river, the students had two wonderful days of fun, adventure, team building and pushing their boundaries. It was wonderful to see the students developing their independence away from their parents, forming positive relationships with their peers and ‘testing their limits’ in a safe and regulated environment. The benefits of participating in school camp experiences are enormous and provide lasting positive childhood experiences. Thanks to the teachers for organising this wonderful experience for the students!

Year 6 students also headed off on an excursion to the Bell Tower and Government House on Monday as part of their Humanities and Social Science curriculum studies.

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (HASS)
Also getting some hands-on experiences with HASS studies, have been the Year 3 students as they investigate items from yester-year. Sadly, I could identify some of the items from my childhood but to the Year 3 students, the items evoked many creative suggestions as to their uses in the ‘olden days’. Tomorrow rooms 6, 7, 8 and 9 are off to Tranby House to explore more historical buildings and artefacts.

PINK AND GREEN
Should never be seen? No, I know that’s not how the saying goes but some of the outfits today have certainly seemed to challenge the concept of good fashion sense! Today’s dress-up was to raise funds for breast cancer research and to raise awareness of bio fuels and the need to ensure the longevity of our planet. Whilst all in a good cause, the day was a lot of fun and we thank the teachers, parents and students that supported this day.

YIRRA YAakin
The children also had the joy of watching a Yirra Yaakin performance today called ‘Kep Kaatijin’. The performers told, through acting, the Aboriginal Noongar story of understanding water. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show.

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL
This Friday will be the faction swimming carnival for Years 4 to 6. Having attended some of the trials for the events, I can’t wait to experience the big day. It will be my first Ardross carnival and I can’t wait to see the students endeavour, competitiveness and sportsmanship shine through. This is a fun event and we strongly encourage participation; please remember…‘we are not playing for sheep stations’.

LOCKDOWN PRACTICE
As you were informed in the last newsletter, last Friday we had a ‘lockdown practice’. In lieu of an evacuation, a lockdown occurs when there is an emergency that requires us to keep the children in their classrooms for safety reasons. This practice allowed us to test our processes and identify areas for improvement. All went pretty smoothly and we will now address any shortfalls identified on the day.

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CEILING INSPECTIONS
In light of a recent incident involving a school’s ceiling collapse, as a precaution, we have recently had the ceilings in the Kindergarten and Pre Primary inspected for any maintenance issues.

Less than three weeks to holidays and Easter. Time is flying by. Don’t forget to get your table organised for the trivia night. This should be a great, fun night! Come and beat the teachers!

Karen Duncan
Principal

‘The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched—they must be felt with the heart’
Helen Keller

P&C TRIVIA NIGHT - TICKETS NOW ON SALE
WHEN: Friday 15 May - from 7.00pm
COST: $15 per person – Table of 10
HOW: To book your seat today see your Class Parent
Contact or call Samantha on 0433 382 208
** Tickets are selling FAST **

UNIFORM SHOP
26 March 2015 9.00-9.30am
23 April 2015 9.00-9.30am

WINTER UNIFORM ORDERS
Delivery of orders placed before 9 March 2015 should be within the first few weeks of Term 2. Any late orders will be filled from the limited stock available, if possible.

Please retain the invoice and leave all tags attached, should you wish to exchange sizes. For any enquiries please call Alison Miller on 0407 002 504.

OSHCLUB NEWS
Our children are enjoying their time at OSHClub with lots of fun activities such as egg in a bottle, celery colouring and many other science experiments. We also play many outdoor games.

It’s getting close to school holidays, so please check out Kardinya’s ‘Holiday Program’ and book in early.

Please come and see me if you have any enquiries and have a great week.

Val Maiorana
Coordinator

State Swim East Fremantle
Would like to invite all children at ‘Ardross Primary’ to attend an Introductory Lesson.*

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To book a session that suits you!
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WATERWISE TIP - STOP LEAKS
Check for worn tap washers. A dripping tap might not appear to be wasting much water but it quickly adds up. Repair leaking pipes. A single leak over a long period can waste thousands of litres. Also look out for undetected leaks which can be extremely wasteful and costly. A way to check for leaks is to read the water meter late at night then again early the next morning to see if water was leaking while everyone was asleep.
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