Greetings to staff, parents and community members and welcome to this edition of the newsletter. In another busy fortnight the staff and students have been ensuring that the final content of the Australian Curriculum in Literacy, Numeracy, Science and the Humanities is completed for the year and students are well prepared to progress to the next year level.

**PALS AWARD RECOGNITION**

Congratulations to Mrs Bishop and the River Rangers who were finalists in the PALS (Partnership, Acceptance, Learning, Sharing) Awards recently held by the Government of Western Australia and the Department of Aboriginal Affairs for our program based on the whole school approach which aims to raise the profile of Aboriginal community members, to promote Noongar language and to follow sustainable ways of “Caring for Country”. We travelled to Parliament House last Friday for the award ceremony where we were awarded the winner in the Environment category. Over 270 schools across the State entered the PALS Awards in 2014. Another amazing effort from the students and staff at Ardross!

**YEAR 6/7 DINNER DANCE AND GRADUATION**

This year with the move of Year 7 students to high school next year and the process of graduating two classes, the annual dinner dance also included a formal graduation ceremony. The Year 6 students held their evening last Wednesday and the Year 7’s last Thursday. All students were great ambassadors for the school when they travelled to Miss Mauds for dinner, and then returned to St Michaels Church Hall for our social dance. All of the students were exceptionally well behaved, and Mr and Mrs Gatley, who have been coordinating the social dance program for 28 years were proud of the students and their dance performance. A HUGE THANKYOU to Sharon Doubell, Kate Collins and the wonderful Year 6/7 parents who assisted with the hall decorations. The hall was amazing and added to the great night.

**SCHOOL BOARD**

The School Board held the annual open meeting last meeting where the Chair, Mark Downey presented the Annual Report. The Annual Report outlined the School Board activities for 2014 and has been placed on the school website for all community members to access. Congratulations also to Tamary Vivian and Nathan Hickman who successfully nominated for the two vacant positions on the Board for 2015. We thank both Tamara and Nathan on nominating for these positions, and the Board looks forward to working with you in 2015.

**CONTRIBUTIONS, FEES AND CHARGES 2015**

The School Board ratified the level of Contributions, Fees and Charges for 2015 and the schedule has been placed on the website as per the School Act Regulations. In 2014 nearly 95% of families paid the voluntary contribution of $60 per student. This is a wonderful effort and allows us to ensure that we offer a variety of unique teaching and learning opportunities. I look forward to the same level of support for 2015.

**PARENT THANK YOU MORNING TEA**

The Parent Thank You Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday, 26 November from 11.00am; Staff and administration have invited parents who have assisted our school this year. Please RSVP to the school by Friday, 21 November if you would like to attend. The morning tea is a simple way to thank the school community for their outstanding contributions this year. I look forward to seeing many of you here to have morning tea on us!

**BACK TO SCHOOL LISTS FOR 2015**

OfficeMax has been selected as the school’s ‘Back to School’ provider of stationery items for students for 2015. We have finalised arrangements for next year and information has been distributed to all students today. Stationery from the lists can be ordered online through the OfficeMax website using the special code for Ardross shown on the lists or purchased direct from their shops in Osborne Park or Willetton.
OfficeMax has now made it possible to add multiple students from the same school to a single order. All orders will be delivered via Australia Post's e-parcel service. An e-mail will be sent to your specified email address when the order is dispatched advising of your Australia Post tracking ID number. All orders provide the school with a 20% rebate in cash to the P&C which is a great way to help with P&C fundraising. Your prepaid parcel will be delivered to your nominated delivery address.

**CLASS LISTS**
Staff will soon be involved in developing class lists for 2015. As the school structure is still in draft, and will be right up until the start of 2015, class placements will not be advertised until the office reopens towards the end of January. I have received some parent requests that have been taken into consideration, when placing students in classes, based on educational grounds. Should you have a request, please do not approach classroom teachers, but place your request in writing to the Principal.

**BEHAVIOUR MOVIE**
As per our Behaviour Management Policy, all students from Pre Primary to Year 7 will be invited to a movie at the end of the year, Thursday, 18 December to reward their outstanding behaviour. Students who receive 3 pink slips, 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 invite to the movies. Pre Primary to Year 3 will be watching ‘Penguins Madagascar’ while the Year 4 to 7 students will be watching ‘Alexander and the Terrible, No Good, Very Bad Day’. Invitations and permission slips will be sent home towards the end of the term.

**STAFFING 2015**
Staffing for 2015 is almost complete. At both the School Board and P&C level, I have outlined the draft school structure for 2015 and the impact of the new Student Centred Funding Model (SCFM). I have made a commitment to fund the school at the current level as close as possible, ensuring that our current programs are not impacted. This will be critically reviewed in 2015 moving into 2016. At present some education assistants do not have a position. We would sincerely like to thank Mrs Morris, Mrs Langenbach and Mrs Hia for their efforts as part of our staff this year. I am sure that we will see some of them back again next year as some positions for special needs assistants become clearer.

**GIFTED AND TALENTED SECONDARY SELECTIVE ENTRANCE PROGRAMS**
Gifted and Talented Academic, Languages and Arts Programs provide a unique and challenging curriculum designed to bring out the best in your child. These elite programs are available at 17 select public secondary schools. Applications are now open for entry into Secondary Selective Entrance Academic, Arts and Languages Programs in Year 7, 2016.

Parent information sessions will be held from October 2014 to February 2015 for parents of children applying for Gifted and Talented Programs for Years 7, 9, 10 and 11 in 2016. All sessions will commence at 6.00pm. Please see parent information sessions for more details.

Applications close on 9 February 2015 for entry into Secondary Selective Entrance Academic, Arts and Languages programs in Years 7, 9, 10 and 11 in 2016. For more information go to det.wa.edu/giftedandtalented.

**PRESENTATION NIGHT**
Please place Thursday, 11 December in your diary for our Presentation Evening on the Ardross Primary quadrangle. All students from Years 1 to 7 have commenced their dance lessons in Term 4 in preparation for this evening. The evening will commence at 6.30pm.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

**HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS**
At this week’s assembly the winner’s were:

- **Room 20**
  - James Dalais, Xaviera Dobson, Jeremy Lansdell.

- **Room 19**
  - Charlotte Barron, Jet Buckner, Yee Hern Kim.

- **Room 17**
  - Ciana Hudson, Benjamin Mitchell.

- **Room 16**
  - Kaan Ozturk, Matthew Smith, Dilawar Shah, Vienna Vivian.

- **Room 13**
  - Joshua Kelly, Evie Kyle.

- **Room 11/12**
  - Sarah Casotti, Jesse He.

- **Room 10**
  - Matthew Choy, Emily He, Nicole Mengel.

- **Room 9**
  - Kaitlyn Ho, Jennifer Nguyen, Thomas Skinner.

- **Room 8**
  - Jenna Shin, Evelyn Stenton.

- **Room 6**
  - Josh Kelly.

- **Room 5**
  - Olivia Daley, Emily Drake, Calvin Fitzgerald, Emily Withers, Isabella Yao.

- **Room 3**

- **Room 2**
  - Jun Kim, Andraz Livk.

- **Japanese**
  - Jessica Bates, Jasmine Ellery, Ji Ho Kim, James Mackenzie, Michelle Ng, JJ Toh.

**BLACK, WHITE & RED DRESS UP DAY**
On Thursday, 27 November we will be holding a ‘Black, White & Red Dress Up Day’. Please bring a gold coin donation to support the Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre who work to protect white tailed and red tailed black cockatoos. These increasingly rare birds have been classified as ‘vulnerable’ and ‘endangered’ due to habitat loss from land clearing and a shortage of nest hollows. We hope you enjoyed the booklet we sent home about the Carnaby Cockatoo revegetation project at Piney Lakes.

**P&C NEWS**
As the P&C, we are continually striving to make our school even more fantastic, and are regularly raising funds to do so. We have booked a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle for 30 November, and would love to see you all there to support our school.

As a social and educational initiative, several families have enrolled their kids into summer holiday swimming lessons using a Group Booking Course, allowing the kids to all have lessons at the same time and location. Based on last year’s experience, we know that kids truly loved being at the beach and seeing their friends. We hope kids will enjoy the experience in a more controlled environment. We will book a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle for 30 November, and would love to see you all there to support our school.

We would also like to thank all students and their families who contributed to this year’s Lapathon. We raised an amazing $20,000 which is the highest amount yet. These generous donations will assist us once more in supporting the school with vital projects.

The next P&C meeting is on Monday, 8 December at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

Cornelia Major
P&C Vice President

Andrew Holmes
Principal
CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL
Ardross Primary School is again involved in supporting others through a Christmas Hamper Appeal. Each class has a collection box and there is a display in the office. Students are asked to provide non-perishable grocery items as per the list. The collection will run until Friday, 12 December. We are supporting a local charity.

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE
To enter into the festive spirit we are running a Christmas Card exchange from 24 November to 12 December (week 7 to 9). A mail box will be located outside the front office and students are invited to send cards to other students and teachers. Delivery days will be Wednesdays and Fridays. The name and room number of the recipient should be marked clearly on each envelope. Please note that there is no pressure to send to all class members. Items such as candy canes or chocolates are not to be included. We are promoting the writing of the cards and we are also a healthy eating school.

Diana Cooper
Teacher - Rom 17

QR CODE
Ardross Primary has its own QR code! A QR code is like a bar-code that you can scan with your iPhone and it will link directly to a website or web page. A few weeks ago a group of River Rangers participated in a workshop at “The Kids Teaching Kids” Conference in Mandurah. They listened to a presentation from Seaciff Primary School in Adelaide and learnt how they are using QR codes in their school. Our first code will link you to a You Tube movie of our students making bat boxes with Joe Tonga. All you need to do is visit the App Store and download a free QR code reader. There are three or four free readers available. Hold your phone over the QR code and follow the App instructions. We hope you enjoy our movie and look forward to presenting our work next year.

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Sarah Dal Molin

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