



# Ardross Primary

An Independent Public School



## Principal's Message

Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members and welcome to this, the second last edition of the school newsletter for 2015! An old cliché - where did the time go? It feels amazing that we are at the end of the year, with just over two weeks of school to go. Staff and students have completed most of their work for the term and are revising and "winding up" (as much as we wind up at Ardross!!). It has been another truly outstanding year at our school, and I will highlight many of our achievements next week at the Presentation Evening. I will also be thanking many members of the school community who have contributed to our successes this year.

### PRESENTATION EVENING

A reminder that the Presentation Evening begins at 6.30pm SHARP on Thursday, 10 December, on the Ardross School Quadrangle. Parents and students are to be seated by 6.15pm. This evening is the culmination and celebration of another outstanding year of education at Ardross Primary School. Students have been practising extremely hard, with Years 1 to 4 completing amazing EduDances, Year 5 - Salsa and the Year 6 students ballroom dancing. All students are required to attend. Parents are requested to advise their child's classroom teacher if they will not be present at this event due to leaving school early. The evening will conclude around 8.00pm. Parents are requested not to take their children early once their item is finished, as it is important as a school community that we acknowledge the Year 6 students at the conclusion of the evening.

### YEAR 6 SUPPER

A reminder also that Year 6 students, their parents and siblings are invited back to the undercover area at the conclusion of the evening for a celebratory farewell supper provided by the Year 5 students and the P&C. This will be our final function to farewell the Year 6 students from the Ardross school community, apart from the final countdown on the last day of school. I would like to thank Irina Bradley and the Year 5 parents for assisting with this wonderful tradition and look forward to seeing the Year 6 students and their extended families after the presentation evening.

### PARENT THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who will attend the Parent Thank You Morning Tea tomorrow. The morning tea is a small token of appreciation from the staff and it will be great to see another large crowd. This is indicative of the support our school receives from you as parents. No matter how big or small your contribution was to our school, it is highly valued by staff, students and the school community - THANK YOU! Thank you to Mrs Schaper for coordinating the Parent Morning Tea and the staff for providing sensational eats!! The staff look forward to the Staff Thank You Morning Tea, which is being provided next Wednesday by parents. Again I feel that this is a great way for the parents to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the staff over the year. Thank you to Samantha Hickman and the class contacts for coordinating the staff morning tea and I am sure that we will enjoy the wonderful food.

### STAFFING 2016

Staffing for 2016 is almost complete. At both the School Board and P&C level, I have outlined the draft school structure for 2016. As I have previously outlined, with the new Student Centred Funding Model we have reviewed our current structure and have made some changes moving into 2016. At present staff who will be leaving Ardross are Miss Pateman who has won a full time music position at the new school in Harrisdale, Mrs Lawrance who has retired, Miss Praed who is also moving to Harrisdale after winning an Education Assistant position, Mrs Hia, Mrs Morris and Mrs Jones. We would sincerely like to thank them for their efforts as part of our staff this year. I am sure that we will see some of the Assistants back again next year, as some positions for Special Needs Assistants become clearer.

### 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. Unfortunately there are a couple of students who have received two pink slips who may not be receiving an invitation if they receive another slip. 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.

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### Wednesday 2 December

Thankyou Morning Tea for Parents  
AXSHS - Year 7 Orientation  
Basketball Clinic in PE

### Thursday 3 December

Year 6 Dance  
Basketball Clinic in PE  
Senior Choir to St John of God

### Friday 4 December

Lapathon Movie  
Basketball Clinic in PE

### Monday 7 December

EduDance

### Tuesday 8 December

Year 5 Dance  
Ensemble at Mt Pleasant

### Wednesday 9 December

Year 6 Dance  
Thankyou Morning Tea for Staff  
Room 5 - Open Class  
School Board

### Thursday 10 December

Uniform Shop open  
Presentation Night

### Friday 11 December

Reports sent home

### Tuesday 15 December

Kindy B Concert  
Choir Christmas Assembly

### Wednesday 16 December

Choir to Retirement Village

### Thursday 17 December

Kindy A Concert  
Movie Day  
Last day for Students  
Countdown - 2.50pm

### Friday 18 December

Last day for Staff

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## SCHOOL CLOSING 2015 / OPENING 2016

A reminder that school finishes for students on Thursday, 17 December and staff on Friday, 18 December. The office will officially close at 12 noon on Friday, 18 December. School resumes for teaching staff on Thursday, 28 January and students on Monday, 1 February. The office will officially re-open on Wednesday, 27 January 2016.

## SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board will hold its final meeting for 2015 next Wednesday. I would like to thank the Board members for their outstanding efforts this year under the guidance of the Chair, Patrick Soh. I would like to acknowledge the contributions of all Board members. Your service to our school has been invaluable. I would also like to congratulate and welcome Allison Kyle who has been successful in winning a position on the Board for 2016, and also to Patrick Soh who was successful in renominating for another two years. I look forward to working with the Board again in 2016.

## STUDENT REPORTS

Student end of year formal reports will be sent home Friday, 11 December. I am currently reading through all of the reports, and continue to be proud of the achievements of our wonderful students. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of the staff in finalising the end of year reports. This is a huge workload at this time of the year, and one that needs to be recognised and congratulated! Please read the reports carefully with the information sheet provided and discuss them with your child. Reports have been sent home prior to the end of the year to allow time for you to see your child's classroom teacher should you have any issues or concerns.

## CLASS LISTS 2016

Staff have almost concluded the student placement process for 2016. Student placement is completed by the staff using the following criteria:

- ☐ mixed ability classes – spread of IEP / SAER students.
- ☐ looping – in split years teachers having the same students from a year level again.
- ☐ behaviour management – class dynamics.
- ☐ gender balance where possible.
- ☐ friendship groups – try for at least 3 peer friends.

Due to changes that could occur over the holidays, class lists will not be advertised until Friday, 29 January 2016 when they will be placed outside the office from 1.00pm. The Uniform Shop will also be open from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

## 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, 2017. Parent information sessions will be held from October 2015 to February 2016 for parents of children applying for Gifted and Talented Programs for Years 7, 9, 10 and 11 in 2017. All sessions will commence at 6.00pm. Please see parent information sessions for more details. Applications close on 8 February 2016 for entry into Secondary Selective Entrance Academic, Arts and Languages programs in Years 7, 9, 10 and 11 in 2017.

For more information go to [def.wa.edu/giftedandtalented](http://def.wa.edu/giftedandtalented).

**Andrew Holmes**  
Principal

## P&C NEWS

### Uniform Shop

Please note that the summer uniform order list will be coming home very shortly. We encourage you to hand this form back in as soon as possible so your order can be filled. The Uniform Shop will be open on Friday, 29 January 2016 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. You may notice a slight increase to a few items. This has been unavoidable due to supplier increase in cost. We thank you for your understanding.

We apologise for many of the stock items currently being unavailable, however they will be in stock and available for the return to Term 1, 2016. The new drawstring library bags will not be available until mid year, however the new satchel bag is in stock ready for the new year.

### 2016 Class Parent Contacts

At Ardross Primary School we pride ourselves on our wonderful community spirit. A vital communication and support role is the one of Class Parent Contact. If you are interested in being a Class Parent Contact for 2016, It would be appreciated if you can email:- [Samantha@launchpadgroup.com.au](mailto:Samantha@launchpadgroup.com.au) to express your interest.

### Staff Thank You Morning Tea & Lunch

Wednesday 9 December – DONATIONS PLEASE. As a 'Thank You' to all our wonderful Teaching Staff we ask the parents to donate a plate of goodies for the teachers to enjoy throughout the day. If you can please drop your plates to the Staff Room on the morning of Wednesday 9 December. Thank You

**Samantha Hickman**  
P&C President

### HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

At this week's assembly the winners were:

<b>Room 20</b>	Jing Cai.
<b>Room 19</b>	Ayden Butler, Charlotte Greaney, Danielle Greaney, Zakri Korkmaz.
<b>Room 16</b>	Ryan Fasher.
<b>Room 13</b>	Andrej Ceranic, Vienna Vivian.
<b>Room 11/12</b>	Eli Hickman, Jordan Hooker, Paige Marley, Hanna Zhu.
<b>Room 10</b>	Arabella Isaac, Marcus Motton, Kelly Patten.
<b>Room 9</b>	Charnae Niese, Charlotte Patten, Sarah Wearne.
<b>Room 8</b>	Tayha Cole, Samuel Frossos, Jack Oliver, Tamika Rego, Elijah Smith.
<b>Room 7</b>	Rahul Mahajan, Sienna Motton, Isabella Yao.
<b>Room 6</b>	Tess Duforg.
<b>Room 5</b>	Hunter Daddow, Jye Foster, Naomi Yokote.
<b>Room 4</b>	Daniel Chee, Jennifer Nguyen, Chelsea Ong.
<b>Room 3</b>	Eamon Cooper, Oliver Cooper, Jasmine Ellery.
<b>Japanese</b>	Henrique Akabane Cunha Vianna, Jing Cai, Mika Saunders.
<b>Music</b>	Evie Kyle, Erin Park.
<b>P/E</b>	James Hunt.



### OSHCLUB NEWS

We had such good feedback from our last newsletter, that I thought this time I would share our funniest moments with our children at OSHClub:

"Wouldn't it be nice to have a job so that you can do nothing and get paid for doing nothing?  
( thinking...thinking...thinking...) "Oh OSHClub" - Rishika - Year 3

"We're the GUARDS of the playground " !! " Boys...!! Keep quiet, behave yourselves"  
" No MORE SILLINESS" - Elizabeth Pre Primary & Amelia - Year 3. (Are they imitating us?) - Staff

"I'd love to work at OSHClub, all you have to do is walk around and eat food!" - Cassie - Year 4  
( "Thank you Cassie") - Staff

**Val Maiorana**  
OSHClub Coordinator



### USED TOY COLLECTION - DECLUTTER BEFORE SUMMER!

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. This would mean that you can de-clutter your kids' cupboards in time for Christmas AND do a good deed for our 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 to Miss Brown's classroom, Room 16. Helen Brown will distribute the toys between all Early Childhood teachers.





### CANTEEN ROSTER

<b>Wed 2 Dec</b>	Alison Miller ..... 9-1.00pm Dessy Nugrahanto ..... 9-11.00am
<b>Thu 3 Dec</b>	Kim MacIsaac ..... 9-1.00pm David Burns ..... 9-11.00am
<b>Fri 4 Dec</b>	Bianca Hunt ..... 9-1.00pm <b>HELP NEEDED.</b> ..... 9-1.00pm Gloria Talebi ..... 9-11.00am
<b>Wed 9 Dec</b>	Marie Ainsworth ..... 9-1.00pm Dawn Diver ..... 9-11.00am Diana Putri ..... 11-1.00pm
<b>Thu 10 Dec</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b> ..... 9-1.00pm <b>HELP NEEDED</b> ..... 9-1.00pm Claire Greenwell ..... 9-11.00am
<b>Fri 11 Dec</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED.</b> ..... 9-1.00pm <b>HELP NEEDED</b> ..... 9-1.00pm Diana Putri ..... 11-1.00pm
<b>Wed 16 Dec</b> <b>Thu 17 Dec</b>	<b>NO CANTEEN</b>



### UNIFORM SHOP

10 December 2015 9.00 - 9.30am

**2016**

29 January 2016 1.00 - 3.00pm

### LIONS CLUB OF BOORAGOON - PEACE POSTER CONCERT

Congratulations to Sydney Hannaford who was chosen as the winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest for Booragoon. Her poster was also chosen as the State winner and has been forwarded to the national level judging. Sydney will be presented with a Certificate of Achievement and \$100 is being donated to the school. Well done!



### SOUTHERN CRICKET HOLIDAY PROGRAM (commencing 7 December)

Safe, Fun, Community based Indoor and Outdoor Sport Based Activities! The SC Holiday Program has been created to primarily increase and promote the healthy lifestyle within our local and wider community's children and adolescents in a safe and fun environment. SC Holiday Program will be running from Southern Cricket and the Leeming Recreation Centre.

Our staff are experienced Southern Cricket Professional Coaches, so your child will receive the best guidance to also help improve their sporting skills and help develop body movement patterns and muscle imbalances.

#### All Day Multi-Activity (6-12 years):

Full Day: 9am – 4pm - May include ball sports such as Basketball, Handball, Dodgeball, Softball, Netball, Soccer, Football and Touch Rugby

**Cricket Skills (6-12 years):** Session runs 9am – 12pm

**Advanced Hitting (12-17 years):** 2 Hour session starting at 2pm

**Call** 9310 26709 or **Visit** our website for more information <http://southerncricket.net/classes/school-holiday-program/>



### WATERWISE TIP - POOL COVERS

Using a pool cover not only keeps your pool warmer and cleaner but it cuts the evaporation rate between swims. With more than your entire pool's volume of water being lost every year through evaporation, you can save water and money by regularly using a pool cover. With 85,000 swimming pools in the Perth metropolitan area, topping up pools to compensate for evaporation uses more than 4 billion litres of water every year! By keeping your pool cleaner, pool covers can also reduce the need to backwash your filter, which can waste water at a significant rate. A Waterwise Rebate is available for swimming pool covers with the Smart Approved Watermark and an 8 year warranty.

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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