Greetings to staff, parents and community members, welcome to this edition of the newsletter. Well here we are in Term 4 and racing towards the end of the year. It promises to be an action packed term with much to do before we get to the Christmas vacation!!

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING
Last week Miss Heary and Miss Pateman accompanied Mika Saunders, Felix Rego, Yu Weng Choong and Joshua Ong to Brisbane to compete in the national finals of the Future Problem Solving competition. In an amazing effort the Ardross team placed 5th out of 14 teams, narrowly missing the top three and an invite to compete in the International competition in USA. Congratulations on another SENSATIONAL EFFORT from the Ardross students and Miss Heary.

TERM PLANNER
The Term 4 Planner has been placed on the website and a copy previously sent home. Please keep this handy as it outlines the majority of activities and important events happening over the next ten weeks. Parents and caregivers will be advised if there are any changes or deletions as advertised.

ARDROSS ARTS EXHIBITION
Mrs Warren is coordinating the Ardross Primary School Art Blast from 20 to 23 October. Today we held our Art Blast assembly and exhibition opening from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. Miss Pateman coordinated the choir to present two songs at the assembly as well as soloist performances over the period of the opening and Mrs Rego coordinated the Japanese Tea Ceremony to compliment the Art Blast program. All students from Kindy to Year 6 have at least one piece of amazing work on display. Parents are welcome to come and view the children’s art work in the Library and Environmental Room during school hours until Friday, 23 October. Children from Kindy to Year 6 have chosen a piece of art work that they have done this year to put in the exhibit. Thank you Mrs Warren for coordinating this great initiative.

JAPANESE STUDY TOUR
Our nine Japanese Students from Gunma Kokusei Academy arrived at school on Monday, after settling in with their host families. They will be staying with us until Wednesday, 4 November, involving themselves in school life. Again I would like to thank the host families and classroom teachers for accommodating these students. I am sure that both the students and host families will find the program rewarding.

LAPATHON
The annual Lapathon is on this Friday, 23 October from 1.15pm onwards. Over the holidays, students should have been collecting their sponsorship pledges to return together with their sponsorship form to their classroom teacher. All sponsorship money needs to be returned by Friday, 6 November as the P&C are counting and tallying the result. All students will receive a raffle ticket for every $4 they raise, with the major prize being a junior and senior bike, together with dozens of other amazing prizes which Mr Hill has been able to assemble. The Lapathon assembly will take place on Tuesday, 27 November commencing at 2.20pm when the draws will be done. The draw to the movies will also be done during the assembly, with 40 junior and 40 senior students invited to attend a movie at Hoyts Garden City. All participants who ran the Lapathon regardless of the amount of sponsorship will be eligible. The final announcement for the day will be the highest fundraising class who will win a lunch to be decided by themselves. Parents are most welcome to attend the assembly. A huge thank you to Mr Hill who puts in an enormous amount of time and effort in coordinating the Lapathon every year. Don’t forget to get your money in by Friday, 6 November to be in the running for the many great Lapathon prizes.

ANNUAL OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
The annual open Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4 November commencing at 7.15pm in the school staffroom. During this meeting the Board Chair will present the annual report, which will then be published on our website. All community members are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY
The Ardross School Board will have two parent vacancies for the 2016/2017 school year. As per the Constitution the Board is now calling for any school/community representatives to nominate. The role of the School Board is:

(a) To take part in -
- establishing and reviewing from time to time the school’s objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
- the planning of financial arrangements necessary to fund those objectives, priorities and directions;
- evaluating the school’s performance in achieving them; and
- formulating codes of conduct for students at the school.
(b) To promote the school in the community.
(c) To determine, in consultation with students, their parents and staff of the school, a dress code for students when they are attending or representing the school.
(d) To consult with the Principal on:
   • any general policy concerning the use in school activities of prayers, songs and materials based on religious, spiritual or moral values;
   • the implementation of special religious education.
(e) To approve:
   • any charge or contribution;
   • the costs to be paid for participation in an extra cost optional component of the school’s educational program;
   • the items that are to be supplied to a student for the student’s personal use in the school’s educational program;
   • any agreement or arrangement for advertising or sponsorship entered into by the Principal.

Nominations need to be completed and returned to the front office by Friday, 20 November. A nomination slip can be found at the end of this newsletter. If there are more than two nominations, an election process will take place, as per School Board Policy. The successful candidates will commence in 2016.

PUPIL FREE DAY - TERM 4
An early reminder that there is a pupil free day on Friday, 20 November (Week 6) as designated by the School Board. This was inadvertently left off the term planner, but has been advertised at the commencement of the year to all community members via the Parent Information Booklet on our website, which outlines all term dates, school holidays, public holidays and pupil free days for the year. The pupil free day on 20 November allows all teachers to finalize their reporting commitments for Semester 2, allowing the early release of student reports to families. Please place this date in your diary for future reference.

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 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 ‘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 the term.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

P&C NEWS

P&C Meetings - Term 4
Monday, 26 October at 7.30pm
Monday, 30 November at 7.30pm
Please join us to have your say in what continues to make Ardross Primary School the great school it is.

Save the Date - Maggie Dent - Friday, 13 November @ 7.00pm
Maggie Dent is an author, educator, and parenting and resilience specialist with a particular interest in the early years and adolescence. Maggie is a passionate advocate for the healthy, common-sense raising of children in order to strengthen families and communities. We are very lucky to have a night with Maggie for the parents of the Ardross Primary School community.

Venue: Applecross Senior High School, Performing Arts Centre
Date: Friday, 13 November
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Ticket: $25.00
Bookings: http://www.trybooking.com/JFIU
Inquiries: Samantha Hickman at samantha@launchpadgroup.com.au or 0433 382 208

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION
I __________________________________________ wish to nominate for the vacant Ardross Primary School Board position.

The term of this position is for two (2) years and commences in Term 1, 2016.

I have read and understood the roles and responsibilities of this position, as advertised in the school newsletter.

Signed: __________________________________________
Dated: __________________________________________
School Holiday Swimming Lessons
Last summer, many Ardross families went to swimming lessons together. The kids really had a blast and loved catching up with their friends during the summer holidays.

The lessons are organised through the WA Education Department, and align with the school swimming lessons. They are well run, low cost and fun. Not only do they teach the kids how to swim, but also some beach safety, too. If you would like to enrol with other students from Ardross Primary School please refer to the details below:

Program Name: January Program 2, 2016 - this program has ten 35 minute lessons
Cost: 2 kids for 2 weeks - total of $25
Location: Leighton Beach (second preference Cottesloe Beach)
Group ID: 399839 (you must use the group number to swim with us!)

Used Toy Collection
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. 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 in Miss Brown’s classroom, Room 16. Helen will distribute the toys between all Early Childhood teachers.

MELVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL - 50TH YEAR REUNION
Who: First year and second year graduates
When: Sunday, 29 November
Time: 2.30pm
Where: Left Bank Bar & Café Courtyard, 15 Riverside Road, East Fremantle.

KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Congratulations to Lucas Ho who has been selected to represent Australia in the upcoming 6th International Karate-Do Goju Kai Association Asian Pacific Championships. The tournament is being held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 25 November to 1 December. We wish Lucas all the best for the tournament.

PIANO RECITAL AWARD
Matthew Choy (Year 2 Room 5) came first in the West Australian Teachers Association (WAMTA) in the Grade 2 section of music at the end of last term. Congratulations.

Lynda Pateman
Music Teacher

WALK OVER OCTOBER
A big thank you to everyone who participated in our Walk Over October challenge last Friday. The morning was very successful with many students and their families walking or riding to school. We would like to thank Limes Fresh for providing us with a delicious, healthy fruit salad and yoghurt breakfast. Congratulations to our raffle prize winners! We look forward to taking the challenge again next year.

Health Committee
## ART BLAST ART AWARDS

| Room 20 | Tia Harken, Bishann Thomson. |
| Room 19 | Jake Bishop, Catherine Cheng. |
| Room 16 | Seraphina Ong, William Wang. |
| Room 13 | Sarah Casotti, Ha Chi Hoang. |
| Room 11/12 | Larissa Anto, Ruby Squire. |
| Room 10 | Eva Lupi, Jasmine Soh. |
| Room 9 | Mirai Inoue, Jarrad Fong. |
| Room 8 | Imogen Uppal-Betts, Piya Whittle. |
| Room 7 | Mikayla Caporn, Xavia Variyan. |
| Room 6 | Rachel Cheong, Inyoung Moon. |
| Room 5 | Amanda Kwek, Takara Vivian. |
| Room 4 | Joia Kowalewski, Elena Lidgard. |
| Room 3 | Joshua Cook, Sydney Hannaford. |
SAND COOKING EQUIPMENT

Our sand play equipment has become worn out. Please send in any old pots and pans, plastic plates and bowls and old kitchen equipment that you no longer need that is suitable for sand cooking. Items should be taken to Miss Cooper in Room 11/12 or placed in the plastic trolleys outside the office.

Diana Cooper
Pre Primary Teacher

BOOKFAIR THANKYOU

Our bookfair was a wonderfully successful event and I would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and children who purchased books on the day. A special THANKYOU to Mrs Bahar and Mrs Scott who ran this year’s bookfair in my absence. We sold $3,344.50 worth of books and the library receives 20% of this in cash to purchase new books. What a fantastic effort - your generosity is very much appreciated.

Lois Bowden
Librarian

OSHCLUB NEWS

Just a reminder that it is Term 4 and it’s time to “SLIP”, “SLOP”, “SLAP”! Please make sure your child brings a hat to the OSHClub program. OSHClub has a “No hat - No outside play” policy. We provide sunscreen. If your child is allergic to a particular type of sunscreen please inform our staff or myself at the program.

I’d like to share some of the children’s thoughts who attend the program on a regular basis:

“Everyone is different, some people like to play inside, some people like to play outside, that’s what OSHClub is all about...!!” - Jerome, Prep

Rory: You're using your kid voice aren't you??
Staff/Dini: What do you mean?
Rory: I know… I know… because I use my kid voice on my little brother all the time...!!

CANTEEN ROSTER

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UNIFORM SHOP

29 October 2015  9.00 - 9.30am
12 November 2015 9.00 - 9.30am

WATERWISE TIP - DRINKING WATER & RINSING HABITS

In summer we all enjoy a cool glass of water. Instead of running the tap until it’s nice and cold, keep a jug of water in the fridge. You’ll save around 5 litres of water each time you have a drink. Don’t let water run while carrying out tasks such as rinsing dishes of washing fruit and vegetables. A tap running strongly can waste up to 20 litres of water a minute. Use the plug in the sink instead.
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
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