Principal’s Message

Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members, welcome to the second last edition of the newsletter for Term 1. It has been another outstanding term of learning opportunities with so many in class and out of class activities happening around the school. Well done to everyone!

COMMENCEMENT - TERM 2

Parents and community members are reminded that the start of Term 2 for students is on WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL. STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND ON MONDAY (ANZAC DAY) OR TUESDAY. On Tuesday, 26 April staff from our local schools, Applecross, Brentwood, Mt Pleasant and Booragoon will be participating in a network day around the Western Australian Curriculum. Specialist teaching staff will be working with the same schools and Applecross Senior High School staff in their areas of physical education, Japanese, Art and Music.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students from Years 4 to 6 who participated in the Faction Swimming Carnival last Thursday. Due to the availability restrictions at Melville Aquatic, we went to a new venue, Beatty Park. As usual the carnival ran smoothly, with all students competing their best, gaining faction points in individual races and team games. Thank you to Miss Davies for coordinating the carnival, the staff for training and assisting on the day, the parent helpers as place judges and ribbon presenters and the many parent spectators. Congratulations also to the individual winners and the winning faction - Waylen.

FACTION POINTS

Waylen - 313  Butler - 283.5
Wellard - 260  Lukin - 175.5

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

Girls
Year 4
Gold: Sienna Motton
Silver: Kaitlyn Ho
Bronze: Zoë Cahaon

Year 5
Gold: Romy Bridgland
Silver: Rachel Cheong
Bronze: Ebony McGuigan

Year 6
Gold: Kathryn Raffelt
Silver: Neeve Fasher
Bronze: Jasmine Ellery

Boys
Year 4
Gold: Joel Ellery
Silver: Christian Grant
Bronze: Evan Fasher / Jack Oliver / Athan Theo

Year 5
Gold: Tristan Stone
Silver: Louis Christophersen
Bronze: Oliver Kelly

Year 6
Gold: Lucas Ho
Silver: Shen Kit Hia
Bronze: Ziggy Kowalewski

The interschool swimming team was selected based on performance at the carnival. Already they have commenced training in preparation for the interschool carnival on Tuesday, 5 April at Challenge Stadium. Congratulations to all students who made the team and good luck for the carnival.

NAPLAN TESTING

Students in Years 3 and 5 have really settled into their study in preparation for the upcoming national assessment in Literacy and Numeracy to be completed from 16 to 20 May (week 3 Term 2). An information leaflet has been sent home to all students who will be sitting the tests. Should you require any further information, please don’t hesitate to contact either your classroom teacher, Mr Parker or myself.

SCHOOL PLAN 2016

The School Plan 2016 will be ratified by the School Board soon and placed on our website. It outlines many of the key learning and teaching programs as well as monitoring and assessments implemented throughout the year. Should you wish to discuss any of the contents within the School Plan, please don’t hesitate to contact me or an Ardross School Board Member.

ANZAC SERVICE

The ANZAC Remembrance Service will be held on the last day of Term Friday, 8 April commencing at 2.30pm. Although ANZAC Day is on 25 April it is important that we recognise and honour those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live as we do today in the Ardross school community. The choir will also perform. Students or parents who are currently serving will be able to wear their uniform ie. cubs and scouts during the service. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend.
P&C AGM

The P&C AGM was held on Monday, 14 March. It was wonderful to see a few more community members present at the meeting to elect a new committee for 2016. The P&C plays a very important role in our school, not only in providing financial support but also in providing advice to the School Board on a variety of issues such as the Dress Code and Behaviour Management. I would like to acknowledge and thank the new P&C committee for their commitment to our school by volunteering their precious time and energy for 2016. Following the elections held on Monday evening it gives me great pleasure to announce:

- **P&C President** - Samantha Hickman
- **Treasurer** - Naomi Edwards
- **Vice President** - Rebekah Hannaford
- **Secretary** - Angela Tooker

- **Board** – Kim Fromant
- **Uniform Shop** – Alison Miller, Irina Bradley, Kim Khoo, Leith Marley
- **Canteen** – Leanne Peacock, Claire Greenwell, Gloria Fitzgerald, Steph Kelly
- **Executive Committee** - Claire Greenwell, Steph Kelly, Irina Bradley, Aoibhin Tweedie
- **Sustainability** – Kelvin Sun.

There are also a number of sub committees elected and I thank all members who volunteered this year.

The P&C tabled the financial report for 2015 and donated an amazing $72,000 to the school last year with further expenditure planned for 2016! As a school community we really appreciate the tireless efforts of the P&C.

AFTER SCHOOL PLAY

It is always great to see so many parents and children mingling, talking and socialising on an afternoon in the school playground area. This is a unique part of our school and is available due to the amazing efforts of our school P&C who have spent considerable funds over a long period of time to ensure we have a high quality playground. There are however some rules that apply to the playground after school and I will continue to monitor the students carefully to ensure that these rules are followed.

- Students must be supervised by a parent or caregiver while on the playground. Parents are requested to supervise their child only and not be responsible for supervising another parents child unless previously arranged with the Principal.
- The Nature Playground and general school grounds are out of bounds after school. Students can play on the playground, in the undercover area or the last 4 square grid on the quadrangle.
- The gates close at 4pm so parents and children need to leave at this time. If the cleaners are running late, the playground still needs to be cleared by 4.00pm.
- The normal school rules apply – no running up the slide, keep our hands and feet to ourselves, no playing with sticks or honkey nuts etc.

I look forward to your continued cooperation with after school play.

Andrew Holmes  
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS - YEARS 1 TO 6

Photo Hendriks will be here on Thursday, 24 March to take individual and class photos for students in Years 1 to 6. Envelopes were handed out to all students last week. All students need to provide their order envelopes to the photographer on photo day with the correct payment. Photos can also be ordered online. Any cheques should be made out to ‘Photo Hendriks’ as detailed on the back of the pre paid photo envelope.

Please ensure that all students are in full school uniform. Students who are Faction Leaders will need to bring their Faction shirts to school for their photo but should wear their normal correct school uniform for other photos.

OSHCLUB NEWS

As it is Term 1 with lots of sunshine outside please make sure your child brings a hat to the OSHClub Program. OSHClub has a ‘No hat - No outside play’ policy. We provide sun cream. If your child is allergic to a particular type of suncream please inform me. Enjoy your Easter break with your family and make it a safe one.

Val Maiorana  
Program Coordinator
Help Needed
Do you know someone who can spare a few hours a week? Do you know someone who loves to garden? A grandparent, a neighbour or maybe yourself? We need your help – Bruce Ivers, who heads up our sustainability program with Mrs Cath Bishop, is growing thousands of trees for the Yarloop replacement program. Our children are involved with the planting, caring and growing of these trees and will eventually relocate them to Yarloop. Bruce needs assistance in the school nursery as it’s a huge job. If you can help please call Bruce on 0408 855 656 or email bruce@crossburn.com.au.

Hot Cross Buns
Thanks to all the families who ordered hot cross buns. They will be delivered home on Tuesday, 22 March with the kids. The money raised will go toward upgrading our canteen ordering system to an online system, hopefully launching in Term 2.

Happy Easter
Don’t forget NO SCHOOL this Friday (Good Friday) and we return to school on Wednesday, 30 March. Enjoy your Easter and have a safe and fun time with your families.

Trivia Night - Friday, 13 May @ 7.00pm
These are the hottest tickets in town. So don’t delay, many tables already sold out, see you Class Representative to secure your ticket as this amazing fun night will sell out. If you would like to support the school and donate in any way to the night, goods or Vouchers, please call Rebekah Hannaford on 0407 612 812.

Class Play Dates / Catch Ups
Many Class Representatives have organised play dates or catch ups. Thanks to the Class Representatives for doing such a great job - enjoy your social time.

Canteen Good Manners Award
Congratulations to the following children on beautiful manners - enjoy your lunchtime treat.

- Ben Cunnold
- Asha Wearne
- Bronte Daddow
- Jerome Tan
- Marvellous Adigun

Samantha Hickman
P&C President
THANKYOU FOR DONATION TO NATURE PLAY AREA

Below is an excerpt from a letter sent to Mr. Graeme Laing of Cortland who donated some giant ropes to be used in the Nature Play Area:

‘On behalf of all the students at Ardross thankyou very much for the giant ropes that you donated to our Nature Play Area. We have been balancing and playing follow the leader on them. It is great fun inventing games and making cubbies with our friends. We really appreciate the help that grown-ups give us to make our play times exciting.’

Emily He
Year 3, Room 2

FIRE & FEATHERS DRESS UP DAY

Thankyou to all those students who dressed up for Fire & Feathers Dress Up Day. We raised $410 for Karakim to help with the black cockatoos that are being rehabilitated after the fires during Christmas 2015.
CANTEEN ROSTER

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WATERWISE GARDENS

- Keep planted areas sense and consolidated, and group plants according to their water requirements. Sparse scattered plants are more difficult to water efficiently than those in defined areas.
- Make use of windbreaks, pergolas, screens, lattice, shadecloth and vines to shelter the house, outdoor living areas and plants.
- Maximise the use of non-planting treatments such as paving and mulches whilst at the same time being aware of the risk of creating hot spots due to large areas of unshaded paving.
- Regularly check your irrigation system is working correctly and when replacing broken sprinklers, always replace like with like.

EAST FREMANTLE SHARKS - APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

Open to Primary School Aged boys & girls
Date: Monday, 11 April
Venue: East Fremantle Oval
Time: 9.00am to 1.00pm
Cost: $90
Places are limited so please ensure you enrol before Monday, 4 April. Register online at www.effc.com.au. You will need to bring - football gear, drink bottle, hat and sunscreen. For further information please contact EFFC on 9339 5533 or admin@effc.com.au.

Run by Jakob Phoebe, a former student of Ardross Primary School, Athletes Edge Fitness aims to provide affordable outdoor group fitness classes for anyone who is interested in releasing their inner athlete. As an active football player, sprinter and long jumper, Jakob Phoebe has extensive knowledge in well rounded overall fitness and conditioning. He is also vastly experienced in managing injuries and works closely with physiotherapists to do this.

Athletes Edge Fitness believes that every individual has the ability to become the best athlete they can be, with the proper training. By eliminating the use of equipment, Athletes Edge Fitness is tailored to suit all fitness levels and all ages* by encouraging the athlete to push their own limits and not those of others. Flyers are available at the office.

Cost: FREE from 27 March to 1 April
Location: Ardross Primary School Oval
Sessions**: Wednesday 600-645am, 1800-1845pm
        Friday 600-645am, 1800-1845pm
        Sunday 800-845am, 1600-1645pm
Email: athletesedgefitness@gmail.com
To Book: www.athletesedgefitness.acuityscheduling.com. * Athletes must be 16 years or over
** For the complete Athletes Edge Fitness experience, it is recommended that clients train 3 days a week, as each day is formatted differently for maximum benefits.
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.