Greetings to staff, parents and community members and 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!!

SURVEYING THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY - PARENT SURVEY
As part of our accountability requirements all schools are required to conduct a two yearly school survey. Feedback from our community is a vital part of our planning and validation process for the school. It allows us to review our progress, achievements and planned activities against your expectations, and provides a quantitative assessment of how we are meeting the needs of our students. While this is a voluntary process, we do encourage you to respond to ensure that we have enough data to make informed decisions. To help us benefit from your ideas and feedback, we ask that you complete the survey by Tuesday, 4 November. We thank you in advance for providing this information to us. Please follow the link and complete the survey. All surveys are anonymous.

http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/hGAxqbMK/LogIn

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL REVIEW
This week we commenced the Independent Review process conducted by the Department of Education Services as we are in our third year of Independent Public School status. The purpose of the independent review is to assure the Minister for Education, the Director General and the school community that the school has met its commitments as outlined in the Delivery and Performance Agreement and associated Business Plan. This is done through a verification of the school’s performance in the self review it has conducted against these documents. The reviewers spent Monday morning with the Administration team and Patrick Soh from the School Board, together with Learning Area Coordinators across the school looking at our performance in utilising financial resources, program delivery, compliance, governance and student achievement. Next Wednesday and Thursday (29/30 October) the reviewers will return to spend two days in our school conducting classroom visits, speaking with parent and community members, staff, P&C, School Board and students to better assess our school performance. I am presently finalising a timetable and will ensure that a broad range of personnel meet with the reviewers. I would like to thank the Learning Area Coordinators and Patrick Soh for their input into the first day and look forward to the upcoming review.

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING
Last week Miss Heary and Mrs Bishop accompanied Osian Robertson, Jocelyn Kwok, Kynan Ganza and Su-Jyn Hia to Melbourne to compete in the national finals of the Future Problem Solving competition. In an amazing effort the Ardross team placed 5th (out of 16 teams) and narrowly missed out on winning a place to the International finals in the United States. Congratulations to the students and Miss Heary on such a great performance.

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 nine weeks.

JAPANESE STUDY TOUR
Our five 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, 5 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 was run last term. Over the holidays, students should have been collecting their sponsorship pledges to return the money, together with their sponsorship form to their classroom teacher. All sponsorship money needs to be returned by this Friday, 24 October 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 Friday, 7 November commencing at 2.20pm when the draws will be done. The draw to the 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 thankyou 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, 24 October 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, 5 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 2015/2016 school year. This is due to retiring members, Mark Downey and Bruce Willett not renominating. 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, 7 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 2015.

PUPIL FREE DAY - TERM 4

An early reminder that there is a pupil free day on Friday, 14 November as designated by the School Board. Please place this date in your diary for future reference.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

An early warning also to 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.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

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 goes to Ms Langenbach who helped me make this a great school event.

We sold $4,390.00 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
Library

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

At this week’s assembly the winner’s were:

- Room 20: James Dalais, Cameron Nguyen, Ning Wong.
- Room 19: Kynan Ganza, Osian Robertson.
- Room 17: Miki Caporn, Zara Korkmaz, Bradman Peacock, Jess Ting.
- Room 16: Livinia Nugrahanto.
- Room 13: Sophia Ferreira, Jake Kwan.
- Room 11/12: Macey Hehir, Aryana Soleimanie.
- Room 10: Ethan Hickman, Madison Naylor.
- Room 9: Law Sharland, Sofie Simpson.
- Room 8: Greer Hannaford, Inyoung Moon.
- Room 7: Jana Kotze, Mieke Kotze.
- Room 6: Aryan Chatrath, Josh Johnston, Isabelle Soh.
- Room 5: Lucas Gillies, Jack Oliver, Camila Rodriguez.
- Room 4: Jake Bishop, Olivia Fereday.
- Room 3: Guillaume Metrot, Rayden Miles.
- Room 2: Liam Carpenter, Su-Jyn Hia, Rosie Kelly, Jocelyn Kwok.

“WeWATERS FOR THE THIRD WORLD” DISCO

When: Thursday, 23 October 2014 - Week 2 of Term 4
Where: Ardross Undercover Area
Time: Kindy to Year 3 - 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Years 4 to 7 - 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Cost: $5.00 per ticket

Tickets will be available at the door. Water and popcorn will be on sale for $1 each.

For 950 million people clear, clean drinking water is not available. The funds we raise will help with drinking water quality in third world countries.

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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, 2015.

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

Signed_____________________________________

Dated______________________________________
ARDROSS HELPS NATIVE WILDLIFE
During the school holidays Connor and Catie Major were invited to represent Ardross Primary at the Piney Lakes Native Animal Day. Catie and Connor handed over seven large habitat boxes that had been constructed at school by students during T&E lessons. Native Ark is an animal rescue organisation based at Bibra Lake. The boxes we donated will be used to house injured animals that are being cared for before they are released into their natural habitats.

Later this term (Thursday, 27 November) the Student Councillors are arranging a "red, black and white" dress up day to raise money for black cockatoo rehabilitation. This idea has come from our Bird Watching Group through the Student Suggestion Box. Gold coin donations will be sent to Kaarakin Cockatoo Conservation Centre.

Environmental Councillors
WALK OVER OCTOBER
Thank you to everyone who participated in our walk to school day yesterday. It was a huge success and lots of children enjoyed a healthy breakfast on arrival.

OSHCLUB NEWS
Welcome to Term 4. We have many fun activities coming up during Spring such as growing our very own flowers, cooking activities like making sushi and many more outdoor games as we have new equipment for our children to use.

We also have fun science experiments scheduled that the children have suggested. Looking forward to having lots and lots of fun this term.

If you would like to book your child into OSHClub please see me with any questions.

Val Maiorana
OSHClub Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Josh Johnston who won 3rd place in the National Irish Dancing Competitions in Canberra for his age group (9 years).

WATERWISE TIP - DRINKING WATER AND 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 or 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.

JMK Karate. Fun. Wellbeing
Johnny Moran Karate teaches karate classes to children and adults in the local area.
A special offer for the school’s students - 4 WEEKS FREE beginners karate lessons!

Classes are held in the area after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defense in a fun and safe environment and for adults to get fit.

Karate has many benefits which include confidence, respect, discipline and fitness. Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial on 0402 830 402.

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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  
Associate Director  
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