



Ardross Primary

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Principal's Message

Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members. Welcome to this edition of the newsletter. As we race towards the end of Term 3 there has been a lot of activity happening in and around the school. Many classes have been involved in teaching and learning programs that challenge and extend students through in-class work and incursions and excursions. This fortnight has seen visits to the Melville City Library, Dress Up Parade and a \$5,000 book presentation for Book Week, trips to SciTech, astronomy activities and robotics to celebrate Science Week and our Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off. Along with all of this, students are working hard to improve their literacy and numeracy skills!

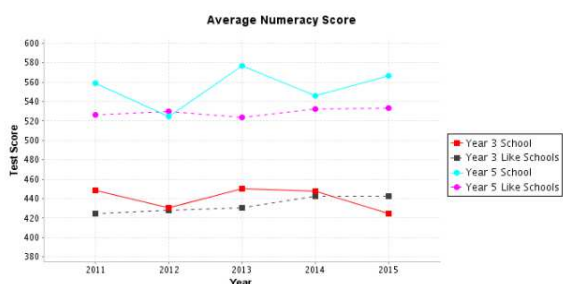
BOOK WEEK PARADE

Today we celebrated Book Week, "Books Light Up Our World" with a dress up and parade of our favourite book characters. It was great to see so many of our staff and students get into the spirit of Book Week. Thank you to the parents who every year come up with very creative and innovative costumes. The Book Week Parade was also significant as Perth Airport and Dymocks presented the school with \$5,000 worth of new books for our library. Fiona Lander, Executive General Manager, Corporate Affairs and Organisation Perth Airport and Nicolette Lenilen, Communications Manager Perth Airport were on hand to see the books and the wonderful parade. Keep your eyes open for the Melville Times as I am sure that an article will be in there next week! Thank you to Mrs Major who, on behalf of the P&C developed and wrote the funding application to Perth Airport, to Mrs Bowden who selected over 500 books to complement our current library books, and Miss Brown who coordinated the Book Week Parade and activities.

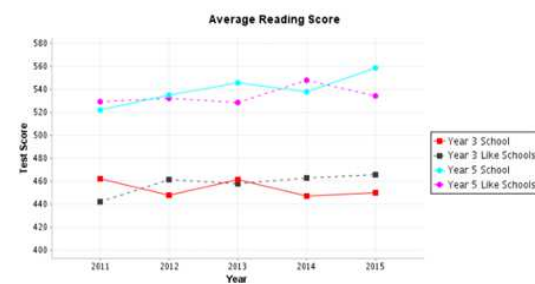
NAPLAN RESULTS

In May this year, national literacy and numeracy tests were administered to students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 throughout Australia. Over one million students from almost 10000 schools across Australia participated in these national tests. Our results arrived last week and provide information on how our school is performing in Years 3 and 5 compared to State, Australian and "Like Schools" results. Staff will begin to analyse these results and look at improvement strategies for next year. The School Board will also be involved in looking at the data and our strengths and weaknesses. I would like to acknowledge that most of our results continue to be at or above "like schools" which is very pleasing, with our Year 3 students slightly lower in numeracy and reading, while Year 5 students performed exceptionally well. Individual student reports will be sent out by Friday. Below are some preliminary graphs outlining our Year 3 and 5 results.

Average Numeracy Score



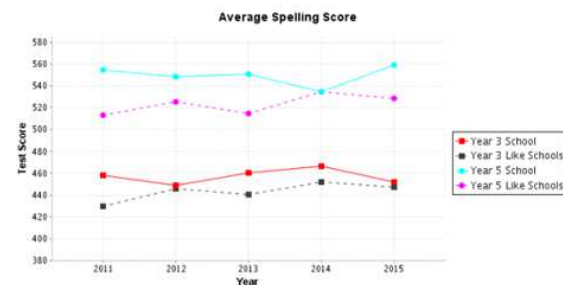
Average Reading Score



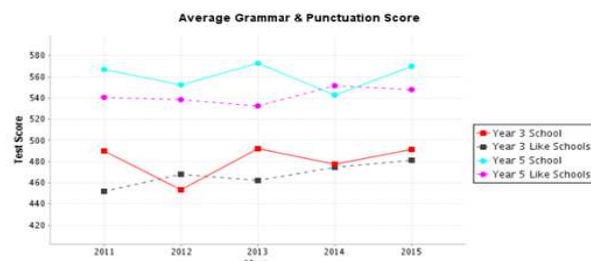
Average Writing Score



Average Spelling Score



Average Grammar & Punctuation Score



Comparative Performance Summary

| | Year 3 | | | Year 5 | | |
|-----------------------|--------|------|------|--------|------|------|
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
| Numeracy | 1.0 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 1.7 |
| Reading | 0.5 | -0.4 | -0.4 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.3 |
| Writing | 0.4 | -0.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 | -0.8 | 0.7 |
| Spelling | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 1.1 |
| Grammar & Punctuation | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |

■ Above Expected - more than one standard deviation above the predicted school mean
■ Expected - within one standard deviation of the predicted school mean
■ Below Expected - more than one standard deviation below the predicted school mean
 If blank, then no data available or number of students is less than 6

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Wednesday 26 August

Tennis - Room 19
Book Week Excursion - Kindy, Years 2 & 3

Friday 28 August

Massed Choir Rehearsal
EduDance - Pre Primary

Monday 31 August

Piney Lakes - Rooms 5 & 9
200m/400m Trials @ AXSHS
Massed Choir Concert

Tuesday 1 September

Scitech - Room 19
Museum / Art Gallery - Rooms 11/12 & 16
Channel 10 Visit

Wednesday 2 September

Tennis - Room 19
Water Corporation Excursion - Rooms 3, 8, 19 & 20
River Ranger Instructor Workshop

Thursday 3 September

Uniform Shop Open

Friday 4 September

EduDance - Pre Primary

Monday 7 September

Shogi Team Competition
200m/400m Trials @ AXSHS

Tuesday 8 September

Assembly - Room 4

Wednesday 9 September

Kindy / Pre Primary Photo Day
Tennis - Room 19
Room 5 - Open Class
School Board - 7.15pm

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CLASS LISTS

Staff will soon be involved in developing class lists for 2016. As the school structure is still in draft, and will be right up until the start of 2016, class placements will not be advertised until the office reopens towards the end of January. I have received some parent requests that will be 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. As per previous years, classes will be formulated according to the following:

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

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2016

As amazing as it seems, we are now commencing organisation for the 2016 year. Parents are asked to complete the form below and place it in the letterbox in the front office by Friday, 28 August - end of Week 6. (It is not necessary for those students returning to complete the form as it will be assumed that you will be attending in 2016.) Information regarding the process and criteria for parent requests and class placement will be advertised in newsletters early in Term 4. Families waiting on acceptance for out of boundary applications and kindergarten placements will be advised within the next fortnight.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

P&C NEWS

School Readers – Covering Morning Tea

\$10,000 worth of much needed readers were purchased for the school by the P&C. Now they need covering so the kids can start to use them. "WE NEED YOUR HELP". Please join us for Morning Tea and to assist with covering the books for just an hour or two on Friday, 28 August from 9.00am in the Environmental Room.

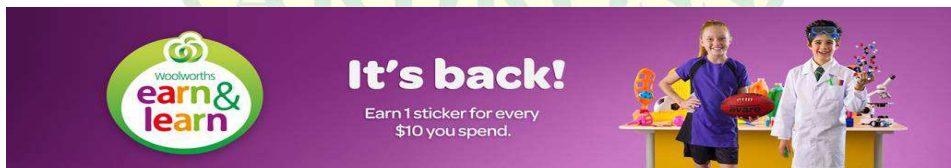
School Athletics Carnival – Friday 18 September

Cake Stall Volunteers Needed

If you can spare some time, during recess and/or lunch to help serve cakes, please call Samantha Hickman 0433382208 or email Samantha@launchpadgroup.com.au. Please note that the cake stall will only be open during recess and lunch, unless sold out (so parent volunteers don't miss their child's events).

Donations of Cakes Needed

If you can please make a cake or slice (Nut FREE) and bring along on the morning of the carnival it would be greatly appreciated.



From Wednesday, 15 July to Tuesday, 8 September when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths earn and learn sticker sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Once completed simply place the sticker sheet in the collection box either in the office at school or at your local Woolworths. We can redeem our Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for our school. Loose stickers and part sticker books are all welcome.

WA STATE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The WA State School Cross Country was held on Friday, 14 August at McGullivary Oval. The Year 4 boys' race included 249 competitors, who raced in the 2km event. Our very own Ky Hehir finished 6th, with an amazing time of 8.08 min, with the winner having a time of 7.49 min. The top 10 competitors make it through to the state squad, who train together and then compete for the top 5 positions in May 2016. From here the top 5 make the state team who will head to Canberra for the National Schools Cross Country Race in August 2016. We would like to congratulate Ky for his outstanding performance and wish him luck in making the WA team to compete next August.

Alison Davies
Physical Education Specialist

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STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ARDROSS IN 2016

My child / children -----

Room ----- Year Level ----- Room ----- Year Level -----

will not be returning to Ardross in 2016.

My child / children will be attending -----

Signed ----- Date -----



BOOK WEEK AT THE CANTEEN

This Week Wednesday, 26 August until Friday, 28 August

There are some very important things you can do to support the canteen and have a little fun, but you may need to ask Mum or Dad for some extra money this week to:

- Purchase a guess in the Jelly Bean Jar/ Monster teeth jar.
- Order your lunch this week and the classroom with the most lunch orders will win a **free** lunch in our "Restaurant". The catch is you must decorate your lunch order bag or Sticky Beak wallet.
- Ask Mum, Dad or a relative to come and help out at the canteen as we really need help!
- On Thursday, 27 August - purchase some interesting specialty snacks at recess. This week only we are selling: Fairy Bread (Gluten Free available), Star Wars Cookies (Egg, Dairy, Nut and Gluten Free), Scooby Dogs, Wizard Sticks and Wizards potion, Apple Slinky Sea Serpents, Fairy Cakes, Tiddlick Jelly.
- Remember every Thursday is allergy friendly – gluten free toasted sandwiches, potato bake, salads or sandwiches. Egg, nut, gluten and dairy free snacks are available.
- Hope to see you at the Canteen window - we will be dressed up!

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE



FREE Concert Band Rehearsal Participation In 2015

- PMI are offering FREE participation in rehearsals in 2015 – so please speak with the PMI team ASAP
- Rehearsals to commence ASAP in term 3 once we receive sufficient student enrolments
- Optional lessons are also held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only \$13.50 per child per small group lesson (3-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Private lessons also available (\$32.50 per child for 30 minutes)
- Instruments indicatively include: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, snare drum
- Equipment to be coordinated by parents

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HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

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|-------------------|--|
| Room 20 | Jamie Burkhill, Nathan Goveas. |
| Room 19 | Rebekah Ho, Nicole Lee, Saam Samani. |
| Room 16 | Valeriy Kutluzamanov, Yu Xian Qiao, Hudson Stearnes. |
| Room 13 | Hanna Beitmanas, Matthew Smith. |
| Room 11/12 | Liam Bailey, Arjun Chatrath, Lyla Deeks. |
| Room 10 | Sophia Chen, Arabella Isaac, Vidarsha Jayasinghe. |
| Room 9 | Tayla Bailey, Ethan Hickman, Tiana Slivkoff, Jumeira Tian. |
| Room 8 | Ezekiel Edwardes, Lucas Gillies, OJ Lazuardi. |
| Room 7 | Isabella Etezadi, Quaid Fernando, Quintin O'Keefe. |
| Room 6 | Ebony McGuigan, Skye Saunders, Dylan Scott. |
| Room 5 | Alexis Ferreira, Harrison Ganza, Chloe Harold. |
| Room 4 | Greer Hannaford, Caryn Lua, Matthew Miles. |
| Room 3 | Emelia Lupi, Christian Price, Isabelle Soh. |
| Japanese | Rishika Arora, Evie Kyle. |
| Art | Rachel Cheong, Samuel Daddow, Ky Hehir, Electra Radford. |



KINDY / PRE PRIMARY PHOTO DAY

Our school photo day is Wednesday, 9 September 2015! Approximately one week prior every student will receive a Kapture Photography order envelope to bring home. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture's website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. Alternatively you can pay by cash or cheque and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day. **If you place your order online please DO NOT return your envelope to school.**

Any parent who forgets or is unable to supply their envelope on the photo day will have five (5) days to complete an order online. Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture. Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

BOOK FAIR - UNDER THE SEA

As part of our commitment to promote reading we will be holding an Ashton Scholastic Book Fair on Friday, 18 September between the hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm. During the Book Fair your children can purchase quality material. We urge you to visit the Book Fair. You'll be sharing in the magic of choosing new books and encouraging your children to read. Our school will benefit from sales and obtain extra resources for your children. So join in the fun. Mark the date now on your calendar and help our school enjoy this wonderful event.

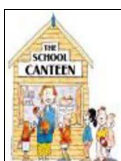
CHALK & PARENT DIRECT TOY CATALOGUE FUNDRAISER

A Christmas toy catalogue and order form has been sent home. Please drop your orders forms to the front office or to Room 16. The closing date is Friday, 18 September 2015.



UNIFORM SHOP

3 September 2015 9.00 - 9.30am
17 September 2015 9.00 - 9.30am



CANTEEN ROSTER

| | | | |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Wed 26 Aug | Angela Tooker9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED9-1.00pm | Wed 2 Sept | Alison Miller9-1.00pm Rebekah Hannaford9-1.00pm |
| Thu 27 Aug | HELP NEEDED9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED9-1.00pm Gloria Fitzgerald9-11.00am | Thu 3 Sept | HELP NEEDED9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED9-1.00pm |
| Fri 28 Aug | Vivienne Cheng9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED9-1.00pm | Fri 4 Sept | Jin Kar Ong9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED9-1.00pm |

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