Greetings to staff, parents and community members and welcome to this edition of the newsletter. I trust that you have enjoyed the warmer end to winter! Our waterwise garden is certainly enjoying the weather and continues to blossom!

**ACADEMIC TESTING YEARS 1, 2, 4 AND 6**

Earlier this term, students in Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 participated in our annual academic testing program as per our School Plan. Tests were conducted in mathematics and literacy. A writing task was also undertaken and marked externally and we are still waiting for the results. Below are graphs and a table explaining the results.

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**Mathematics**

The number of Ardross Students with scores from stanine 7, 8 and 9 continues to be above the expected average, while students in the lower stanines 1, 2 and 3 are considerably below the expected average, bottom 25%. There are a large percentage of students in the middle stanines 4, 5 and 6. There is a difference with less males in stanine 6 than females, however there are more males than females in stanine 7. Overall the percentage of males to females across the stanines is fairly even with no discernable differences in the bottom 25% or top 25%.

**Spelling**

The number of Ardross Students with scores from stanine 6, 7, 8 and 9 continues to be considerably above the expected average, especially in the top 10% (stanines 8 and 9) while students in the lower stanines 1, 2 and 3 are considerably below the expected average, bottom 20%.

**Grammar and Punctuation**

The number of Ardross Students with scores from stanine 6 and 7 is considerably above the expected average however not as many students are in the upper 11% (stanines 8 and 9) while students in the lower stanines 1, 2 and 3 are considerably below the expected average, bottom 20%.

These results form part of our Management Information System used to make judgements on our academic progress of students. Staff are happy to share the results with you during a teacher / parent meeting. The NAPLAN test results will be available electronically to schools from next week, and student reports will be available shortly after.

**INCURSION / EXCURSION & SPORT SEMESTER TWO 2014**

Parents have received an Invoice in Semester 2 detailing planned activities and relevant charges. Please attend to payment of the invoice within 14 days at the office. Teachers will require the permission slip, only, to be returned to the classroom prior to an incursion, excursion or sport activity. Parents who have chosen to pay ‘up front’ for charges for the year will have their charges allocated and paid from their credit by the Registrar. From time to time an incursion or excursion may be added to those already planned and invoiced for the semester. Should this happen, parents will receive additional Invoices for these activities. This will definitely happen if your child is part of an interschool sports team, as team members are not known until a few weeks prior to the events. Charges for incursions, excursions and sport activities are compulsory and have been communicated to parents via the school newsletter at the end of last year and are contained in the School Information Booklet.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

As the term progresses and we are coming nearer to the end of the school year, I am being advised of students in Year 6 and 7 who have received notification about their 2015 enrolment at this school. Many of our students achieve placement in gifted and talented programs. So far I have been made aware of the following enrolments. Congratulations to all students. Students can share a room with their host student; they do not require their own room. It’s also important to know that the company providing the exchange program, Gold Intercultural Learning (GIL), provide 24 hours a day support to both host families and students. An expression of interest to host a Japanese student can be found on our website. It would be great to receive an early response so that we can host these students. Please consider hosting a student, especially if you haven’t hosted previously.

APPLECROSS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL - ART


APPLECROSS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL - TENNIS

Ben Tyrrell, Andraz Livk, Danilo Govedarica and Casey Tan.

PERTH MODERN


SHOGI MASTER MISTER HAMSTER COMPETITION

Shogi (Japanese Chess) is a highly sophisticated strategy based board game which is similar to western chess. Shogi was introduced in Ardross Primary School last year and has been very popular since.

Shogi Master Mister Hamster is coming to Ardross PS to take on keen shogi players wanting to challenge him. The first player to beat Mr Hamster wins the prize. Due to Mr Hamster’s busy schedule, he can only play against twelve people in Term 4. In the coming weeks, Sensei will be selecting twelve participants to go against Mr Hamster.

If you would like to be one of the twelve, you must be a very keen shogi player, be fully aware of the rules, have good shogi skills and make an effort to come to the lunch time dojo on Thursdays/Fridays.

SHOGI

Date: Monday, 3 November and Tuesday, 11 November 2014
Time: 3:20 - 4:30pm
Place: Ardross Primary School Japanese Room
Prize: Brand new shogi set or brand new chess set

By entering the Shogi Master competition you agree to the following rules:

• Shogi can be learnt at home by:
  • watching YouTube shogi lessons by HIDETCHI,
  • playing ‘Kakinoki Shogi’ on the iPad
  • playing on the free international shogi dojo website, ‘81 Dojo’

Please let me know if you are interested in participating. Looking forward to seeing you at the lunch time dojo!

Hisayo Rego
Sensei

LAPATHON

The Lapathon is the school’s largest fundraiser for the year and this year will be held on Thursday, 25 September. Children are asked to collect sponsors from family and friends. Sponsors can either pay an amount for the children completing the 30 laps or sponsor the children per lap. After the Lapathon, children collect their sponsorship money and return it to school. For every $4.00 raised they receive a raffle ticket which goes into the draw for a large number of prizes. The major prize is a bike and they also have a chance of winning a ticket to the movies with Mr Holmes. We encourage everyone to participate in the Lapathon. Mr Hill has provided the Sponsorship form with today’s newsletter.

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

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

Room 20 Faith Setiono, Nadya Talissya, Ayumi Yokote.
Room 19 Mirnal Banerjee, Liam Lorrimar, Blair Marley.
Room 17 Evan Fasher, Myles Marley.
Room 16 Joseph Dias, Irina Prijic.
Room 13 Jye Foster, Aiden Theobald, Ovita Wibowo.
Room 11/12 Jack Mitchell, Anson Rez.
Room 10 Quaid Fernando, Arif Muhammad, Rory Tweedie.
Room 9 John Azuro, Cassie Barrett, Harrison Greenwell-Roberts, Sara Mirkarimi.
Room 6 Phoebe Gillies, Miranda Lanskell, Albert Ong.
Room 5 Nick Caruso, Od Lazuardi, Isabella Yao.
Room 4 James Mackenzie, Sol Rodriguez, Dayonta Turner.
Room 3 Tyler Bower, Max Kite, Zakri Korkmaz.
Room 2 Jocelyn Kwok, Ryan Muranda, Anya Ryken-Rapp.
CANTEEN NEWS
This year’s Athletics Carnival is being held on **Friday, 19 September**. The Canteen will have selections for the whole family. Order bags will be available in the office or at the Canteen. Everyone needs to pre-order for the day including Kindy and Pre Primary students by 12 noon **Friday, 12 September**. A full menu and instructions will be available online. Volunteers are also needed for the Carnival day. If you can spare some time to volunteer we would greatly appreciate it.

Also for those children who have received 6 stamps on their Sticky Beak lunch bags for spending more than $5.00 for each order, please come along to the Canteen and collect a free icecream.

**Di Palladino**
Canteen Manager

P&C NEWS
We hope that your family has seen the fantastic library upgrade which has recently been completed. To support this facility, we will shortly be running our annual Second Hand Book Collection, where we encourage parents to donate books your family no longer needs or wants to the school. These will be used for classroom readers as well as in our library. Please watch this space for an upcoming announcement.

One of our long-term, dedicated volunteers Debbie will be leaving the school community next year when her youngest child moves to high school. We are looking for someone who would like to take over as Canteen Treasurer in 2015. We promise a thorough handover and ongoing support. If you are interested, please contact Debbie by email on woodman@iinet.net.au.

The next P&C meeting is on Monday, 8 September at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Cornelia Major**
P&C Vice President

BOOK FAIR GARDEN - CATCH THE READING BUG!
As part of our commitment to promote reading, we will be holding an Ashton Scholastic Book Fair on **Friday, 19 September** between the hours of 8.30am to 3.30pm. 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 on your calendar and help our school by enjoying this wonderful event.

FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Faction Athletics Carnival is fast approaching. Students have been working hard in physical education classes and during junior and senior sport so they are ready for the day. To ensure the carnival days run smoothly, I am in need of some parent helpers for the following days and times:

- **Monday 15 September**
  - 200m & 400m
  - 2:00pm – 3:05pm
  - Applecross SHS Oval

- **Tuesday 16 September**
  - Jumps and Throws
  - 9:00am – 1:00pm (approximate finish)
  - Ardross PS Oval

- **Friday 19 September**
  - Athletics Carnival
  - 9:00am – 3:00pm
  - Ardross PS Oval

**Alison Davies**
Physical Education Specialist

Behaviour Tonics are running the following courses at their rooms in Wembley:

- **1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parent Course**
  - Wed 3, 10 & 17 Sept (2 to 12 yrs) - 7 to 9.30pm
  - Mon 8, 15 & 22 Sept (2 to 5 yrs)  - 7 to 9.30pm
  - Tue 9, 16 & 23 Sept (2 to 12 yrs) - 9.45am to 12pm

- **Engaging Adolescents (11 to 16yo)**
  - 11 & 18 Sept - 6.45 to 9.30pm

- **Parenting Information Session (including 10 take home tips).**
  - 2 hour seminar is designed to improve your knowledge and confidence as a parent.

- **Bullying – Don’t Just Stand There**
  - Protective Behaviours.

Private Consultations available. To enquire/register call 9382 1182 or go to www.behaviourtonics.com.au

WATERWISE TIP - INSTALL A RAIN SENSOR
Installing a waterwise rain sensor unit prevents your automatic reticulation system from watering unnecessarily either during or soon after rain. A Waterwise Rebate is available for rain sensors endorsed under the Smart Approved Watermark Scheme. Call 131039 to find our more about the Rebate Program.

UNIFORM SHOP
4 September 2014  9.00-9.30am
18 September 2014  9.00-9.30am
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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