Principal’s Message

Welcome back to another term at Ardross Primary School. Whilst first term was short and sharp, being just less than 9 weeks, this term will be stretched out for 11 weeks and I should imagine all will be tired at its end. There will be two public holidays in the term to recharge however, one for ANZAC Day (just gone) and one for WA Day on 1 June 2015.

On Friday, the students, led by their Councillors paid tribute to our fallen soldiers during our ANZAC service. Whilst our school opted for a short service, I think those that were present will agree, that it was indeed very moving and very respectful. The choir’s rendition of ‘The Greens Hills of Albany’ was very stirring and emotive, sending a shiver through most that were present. Some individual soloists were wonderful. All councillors spoke clearly and respectfully, and they and their parents should be very proud of their efforts. Of particular note, was Jasper Fromant’s ode ‘For the Fallen’…They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old……. I think for most, it brought a tear to the eye. Thank you to Mrs Bishop and the School Councillors and to Miss Pateman and the senior choir.

The first Monday of Term 2 was a scheduled School Development Day. On this day, teachers participated in professional learning and planning that aligns to the School and the Department’s strategic planning. Last Monday, we were reviewing our current Business Plan. We were setting the school’s strategic direction for the next three years. (Our current plan expires this year.) Patrick Soh, our School Chairperson, and Bruce Ivers, our Sustainability Officer, were present and provided valuable parent and community perspectives. Whilst it is early days, the planning session was collaborative and productive. We will be sharing our planning with the School Board and P&C as we go along.

Also on the School Development Day, we ran professional learning sessions for teachers on ‘The National Consistent Collection of Disability Data’, The Humanities and Social Sciences area of ‘Civics’ and the new ‘Connect’ communication service. Thank you to the staff for their engagement and thoughtful discussion on this day.

To give you an update on the ceilings: work began on Room 11/12 last Tuesday. It was hoped that the work would begin in the holidays but with the Easter break and limited availability of contractors to complete the work, work was unable to begin until last week. The contractor is confident they will be finished within three weeks. Following that, they will begin work on Room 9’s ceilings. Whilst this is not an ideal situation for student learning, I think you will all agree it is better to be safe than sorry. I thank all affected for their patience and support.

Don’t forget to vote in the Melville City Council’s Robin Hood Project. The school has two submissions written for us by Rebekah Hannaford on behalf of the P&C. Voting closes on 4 May 2015.

1. Pathway to a safer community in Ardross $10k
2. Ardross Nature Based Play area $10k

http://projectrobinhood2015.budgetallocator.com/#ba

We need votes to get our submissions approved.

NAPLAN testing will commence on 12 May 2015 for students in Years 3 and 5. This is a new experience for the Year 3s and quite a foreign concept for both grades. Whilst we have covered the outcomes as part of their normal learning programs in class, we have also given them some exposure to the test genre so they are familiar with the format. We aim to keep the week as stress free as possible. It’s just one test on one day.
Don’t forget to get your table together for the P&C Trivia Night. The teachers have got a couple of tables organised and I suspect there may be some rivalry amongst them. I hope to see you there!

Karen Duncan
Principal

‘Put your heart, mind and soul into even your smallest acts.
This is the secret of success.’
Swami Sivananda

POSITION VACANT
ARDROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C – SECRETARY

The P&C are in need of a parent to volunteer their time for the position of Secretary. The position involves:
• posting meeting notices around school
• taking and distributing the minutes for each meeting
• registering the correspondence in/out.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 11 May - 7.30pm in the Staff Room. All are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We have in the office sample photos for the Choir Group, Computer Captains, Faction Leaders, Literacy Captains, Student Councillors and Environmental Councillors which can be viewed and an order placed if you are interested. There is an upfront cost of $14.00 per photo payable by cash or cheque made out to Classic Studios West.

OSHCLUB NEWS

Welcome to Term 2. We are working on the theme of AUSTRALIA and have lots of great activities around it starting with Wild Life. Parents are welcome to join us for any of the fun activities. For any enquiries, please come and see me.

Val Maiorona
OSHClub Coordinator

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY - 22 MAY 2015

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national community event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It seeks to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. Ardross Primary School will be hosting a healthy breakfast for all students who walk to school. Fruit salad and yoghurt will be served from 8.30am.

The objectives of WSTSD are to:
• encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
• promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
• ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
• help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
• reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
• promote the use of Public Transport.
• reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles and reduce the level of traffic congestion.

INTERSTATE TRIALS - 12 YEARS & UNDER

There are a number of 12 years and under Interstate trials coming up this term. Nominations are still open for students turning 10, 11 or 12 years old in 2015 for Cross Country, Basketball, Football (Soccer), Netball, Rugby League (closes Wednesday, 22 April), Swimming, Tennis and Touch Football. If your child is interested in trialling please visit the School Sport WA website. http://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/.
P&C TRIVIA NIGHT - TICKETS NEARLY SOLD OUT

WHEN:  Friday 15 May 2015 - from 7.00pm @ Tompkins on Swan
COST:  $15 per person – Table of 10
HOW:  Call Samantha on 0433 382 208

- Cash Bar at CLUB MEMBER Prices
- Over $1,500 in prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd trivia winners
- No food available – bring a plate to share for your table
- No ATM facilities – bring your cash to maximize your fun

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2015 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The new ENTERTAINMENT BOOK will be available in early May, and an order form is enclosed with this newsletter. Please use this form to order your book/s, and then place it into the secure mail box in the front office. Payment can be by either cash or credit card and the first 25 orders will receive a bonus sheet of early offers.

At only $65, this book will be a fantastic investment for your social activities, and supports the fundraising effort for our school. It is available in either a hard copy or digital format, and a sample book will be available for viewing in the front office on 12 May 2015.

For any enquiries please contact Tracy Thillainath on 0438 364 236.

MT PLEASANT - AFL AUSKICK

If you are interested in Auskick for your kids or for any further information about Auskick please contact the Mt Pleasant Auskick Coordinators Tim Bell on 0417 937 068 or Calvin Ko on 0418 909 278. Registrations can be made online on www.aflauskick.com.au, choosing the Mt Pleasant Auskick Centre and following the prompts.

REMINDER - UWA RESEARCH STUDY

Researchers at UWA are still looking for parents with children aged between 8 and 16 to participate in their research study. The survey is done over the internet and takes approximately 15 minutes each (parent and child). To participate go to: www.tinyurl.com/SSBParents. For more information please contact Kate Derry on 0411 811 212.

TOILETS AREN'T BINS

It’s surprising how many people use the toilet to flush away cigarette butts, tissues, cotton buds and other rubbish. Apart from the potential to cause problems in the wastewater system, this practice wastes large volumes of water. Place a small bin in your bathroom or next to your toilet so that people have the waterwise option of discarding rubbish.
MDISSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Melville District Interschool Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday, 31 March at HBF Stadium. Our team of talented swimmers put in their best effort and it was such an exciting day with us switching places between first and second for the duration of the carnival. Congratulations for winning the Meritorious Shield!!

I’d like to thank the students for the hard work, training and excellent sportsmanship they have put in this term. Thank you to Mr Hill for his help with training the students and choosing the team. Also, thank you to our amazing parents who have supported us not only on the day but in the lead up to the carnival.

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Congratulations to our Gold medal winners:

- Romy Bridgland – Year 4 Girls
- Kathryn Raffelt - Year 5 Girls
- Lucas Ho – Year 5 Boys
- Lachlan Bridgland - Year 6 Boys
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
Realmark Applecross
mobile: 0439 923 844

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M: 0450 422 224
“Always happy to assist!”

Garden City—Booragoon

For ANZ Booragoon a percentage of a home loan or home sale respectively will be paid to Ardross Primary, please contact the principal for details. Aussie Farmers Direct donate 2% of your total spend back to the school.