Greetings to staff, parents and community members and welcome to the last edition of the newsletter for this term. It has been another busy term with many learning and teaching opportunities provided, with students, teachers and community members contributing to another successful term. I would like to thank everyone for their continued commitment to do their best!! Well done on a great semester.

FACTION CROSS COUNTRY

Yesterday students from Years 1 to 7 participated in the annual Cross Country Carnival. It was great to see so many students participate and willing to run so far to support their faction. On the day we had 293 out of 342 students compete being 86% of students. Thank you to Judi Edmunds, Rob Homer and Lindsay Marley who volunteered to be course marshals, Miss Davies who trained the students during PE lessons and Mr Parker for collating the scores. Congratulations to our winning faction and race winners.

CHAMPIONS

**Boys**

1st Joshua Kelly
2nd Jeff Tyrell
3rd Chris Withers
4th Guy Hannaford

**Girls**

1st Laura Cairns
2nd Naomi Daley
3rd Evie Kyle
4th Miraslava Kuzniassova

**Year 2**

1st Joel Ellery
2nd Athan Teo
3rd Myles Marley
4th Cahil Fitzgerald

**Year 3**

1st Ky Hehir
2nd Matthew Miles
3rd Byron McFarland
4th Tyler Kirkby

**Year 4**

1st Calvin Teo
2nd Joseph Kelly
3rd Lucas Ho
4th Arthur Bradley

**Year 5**

1st Euan Kyle
2nd Yu Weng Choong
3rd Tomas Mackenzie
4th Rayden Miles

**Year 6**

1st Matthew Price
2nd Sam Collins
3rd Ben Merrey
4th Kynan Ganza

**Year 7**

1st Isaac Ho
2nd Danilo Govedarica
3rd Andrew Turnbull
4th Ben Tyrell

Place getters 1 to 4 from Year 5 to 7 will represent the school at the Interschool Cross Country to be held at Brentwood on Tuesday, 12 August.

WINNING FACTION

1st Waylen
2nd Wellard
3rd Butler
4th Lukin

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Student reports were sent home on Friday, 27 June. Staff are available for parent - teacher interviews in week 10 to discuss student reports where necessary. Staff will also be available to conduct brief 5-7 minute interviews on Wednesday, 2 July from 3.30-5.00pm. An appointment schedule has been placed outside of all classrooms should you wish to make an appointment. Should more time be needed to discuss your child’s report a follow up meeting can be arranged for early Term 3. I would hope that all parents have a reasonable understanding of the academic and social performance of their child through regular communications with the classroom teacher, and that the Semester 1 report holds no surprises!

SCHOOL STRUCTURE 2015

As an Independent Public School, I now have a greater responsibility for the deployment of staff at our school. It is imperative that I staff the school according to our student numbers and needs. To assist in this planning it is necessary for me to have an accurate picture of the number of students who will be attending Ardross Primary next year. Parents are asked to complete the form on the bottom of the page and place it in the letterbox in the front office by Friday, 1 August - end of Week 3. (It is not necessary for those students returning, or Year 6/7 students to complete the form as it will be assumed that you will be attending either high school or Ardross Primary in 2015.) Information regarding the process and criteria for parent requests and class placement will be advertised in newsletters early in Term 4.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ARDROSS IN 2015

My child / children ___________________________

Room ______ Year Level ______

Room ______ Year Level ______

My child / children will be attending ___________________________

Signed ___________________________ Date ______________

Please place in the letterbox at the office by Friday, 1 August.

Thank you.
DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Parents and community members are reminded that it is in the Education Regulations that dogs are not permitted on school grounds. Exceptions to this would be when the dog is a guide dog or that the pet is involved in class room activities. It is great to see students and parents walking together with their pets to and from school, however once at school, parents are requested to tie their dog up in the appropriate areas, outside of the school boundary. This also applies to small dogs who may be able to be carried. Again your cooperation is most appreciated.

LOST PROPERTY

This term has seen the lost property box overflowing with jumpers and tracksuits. It is disappointing that many of the items of clothing are not labelled and difficult to return to their owners. At the end of the term, all non labelled items will be washed and donated to the P&C second hand uniform supplies. Please ensure that your child’s clothing is clearly labelled. The lost property box is available for parents to claim their child’s missing clothing up until this Friday.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

With the school holidays approaching it is pertinent to remind our school community to be vigilant during this time. We have all worked so hard to ensure that our school looks great and it distresses us all when we see such things as graffiti and vandalism occurring. Luckily it is a rare occurrence, however, with the holidays fast approaching it does give more time and opportunity for this to happen. I ask that we all stay vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to School’s Watch on 1800 177 777 or the Police on 131 444. Mr Felstead, our School Gardener and Mr Hernandez and his cleaners will be present at various times throughout the holidays.

NATURE PLAY PASSPORT

With the holidays approaching we are supporting an initiative from Nature Play WA with the support of the Department of Sport and Recreation. All students will be supplied with a Nature Play WA passport. This passport links to a website which delivers “missions” kids can do whenever they have a bit of free time. The missions are free, age appropriate outdoor activities like, climb a tree, build a cubby or ride your bike, the kind of things most of you did as kids. While the passport missions are designed to be fun, they are also an important tool for boosting development. A bit like hiding veggie, they are a sneaky way to help get them to increase their dose of exercise and free range imaginative play. Where an activity has been offered at school, such as bird spotting or geocaching, the staff can sign off on this activity. We hope that students and parents have fun over the holidays using the passport.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

I have reviewed the late arrival book from Semester 1. I regularly have students who arrive late to school, without an appropriate reason. On many occasions this is seven students or more. Students arriving late are disrupting the entire class when they arrive, with many late arrivals coming in after 9.15am. I will be sending letters home to parents in Term 3 for students who regularly arrive late, seeking an explanation for continued lateness. Where an appropriate reason cannot be given, I will be meeting with those families to try and assist in ensuring that students arrive at school on time. I look forward to an improved effort in arriving to school on time.

STUDENT ABSENCES

I would also like to continue with an emphasis on attendance for Semester 2. Mr Parker has advised me that the current attendance rate is around 94%, which is a great effort! That is 94% of students are attending school above 90% of the time. I would hope that we continue this trend into Term 3 and beyond. This semester I have also signed off on 54 students and their families taking holidays during school time for a total of 388 days. While I appreciate that many of our families are from overseas, and occasionally family issues require overseas travel, I still need to impress the importance of attendance at school at all times. The number of absent days due to overseas travel still remains reasonably high.

RAMADAN

We have a number of students observing the holy month of Ramadan. Among the most important duties for a Muslim is fasting during the Islamic month of Ramadan, which is the ninth of the twelve months in the Islamic lunar calendar. Muslims use a lunar calendar for many of their religious observances. A new month in the lunar calendar is determined by the appearance of a new crescent moon. Ramadan is important for Muslims because it is believed to be the month in which the first verses of the Holy Quran (the divine scripture) were revealed by Allah (God) to Prophet Muhammad (570-632 C.E.). Best wishes to all of our students and families during this important month.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION AFTER SCHOOL

We have a sensational playground with recent extensive additions. As an acknowledgement of the outstanding donations in money and time from the P&C we keep the playground open until 4.00pm for students to play on and parents to socialize. We only have a few simple rules:

- All students must be supervised while on the playground - students who do not have parents present are required to leave the school grounds.
- Students are to play on the playground only, not run around the school verandas, undercover area or gardens. The last 4 square can be used if supervised. Many staff are still working in the afternoon and may be disturbed by students running around the school.

Thank you for your cooperation with supervision.

END OF TERM

A reminder that Term 2 concludes on Friday, 4 July and Term 3 commences for students on Tuesday, 22 July.

Have a great holiday.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

P&C NEWS

We are always striving to make our school even more fantastic, and we regularly run social and fundraising events in order to strengthen our school community and to provide funds for new equipment. One of our P&C members, Jessica Williams, has helped us for many years. Her many roles included serving as P&C President, running fundraisers and other events and representing our P&C on the School Board. On behalf of the P&C, I would like to thank Jessica for her contributions to the school and wish her and her family all the best as they move to England.

If you feel like helping in the Canteen, organising a social event for our school or getting involved in any way, I would encourage you to come along to a P&C meeting to find out how you might be able to join in.

The next P&C meeting is on Monday 11 August at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cornelia Major
P&C Vice President
CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS

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Please come along to the Canteen on Thursday and Friday this week to put your name on the roster for next term as volunteers are needed.

Di Palladino
Canteen Manager

LIFE ED VAN - PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Next Term, from 28 July to 1 August, the Life Education Van will be at Ardross. As part of our School Health Plan, all classes from Kindy to Year 7 will attend and learn about health topics important to their phase of development.

The caravan will be open from 8.55 – 10:00am on Thursday, 31 July for a parent session. This will provide an opportunity for you to find out about the things your children see, do and talk about during their visit to the caravan. You can visit the van at any time during the session. Why not stay for a while after you have dropped your children in the morning?

RIVERSIDE MURAL COMPETITION

BY IVAN & ALIN

Thank you everyone who entered the competition. The correct number was 78 which was guessed by Felicity - Room 19, Jessica - Room 2, Casey, Su-Jyn and Liam - Room 2. We chose the ideas and words from six students and combined them for this caption:

“Biodiversity in an Australian wetland. These native animals and plants show how beautiful the river side can be if we care for it.”

STUDENT UPDATE FORMS

Student Update Forms are being sent home with students for you to peruse and make any corrections that are necessary. The information is held on the school’s administration system and it is important that student records are kept up to date throughout the year. Kindly return the forms to the school office by Friday, 4 July 2014.

RSPCA WA - JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The July school holidays are almost here and RSPCA WA has everything you need to keep the kids entertained and out of your hair for a few hours! We have various themed sessions for ages 4 to 15 including our favourites Be a Volunteer Junior and Be a Vet.

Get your onesie out of the cupboard because it is RSPCA WA Sleepover time! Always wanted to fall asleep to the sounds of an animal shelter? Our fun-filled sleepover is available for 9 to 15 year olds. All sessions have a tour included. Check out our website www.rspcawa.asn.au or call 9209 9325. Members only bookings open 16 June and bookings for the general public open on 23 June. We are always excited to see lots of new and familiar faces but get in fast as bookings are limited!

KIDS WONDERLAND - 12 & 13 JULY

Kids Wonderland is an exciting event on 12 & 13 July under a giant circus big top with unlimited rides, sideshow games, Scitech exhibits, The Lulus Show, Bully Busters Workshops, Laser Tag, umbrella painting and a bunch of roving performers! Tickets are $25.00 for kids and $8.00 for adults. See www.kidswonderland.com.au.

SEED DONATION

Thank you to the Brentwood Deli for their donation of 75 packets of seeds. Jennifer Nguyen from Room 9 and her friends have made a lucky dip for her classmates with the seeds.

WATERWISE TIP - STOP LEAKS

Check for worn tap washers. A dripping tap might not appear to be wasting much water but it quickly adds up. Repair leaking pipes. A single leak over a long period can waste thousands of litres. Also look out for undetected leaks which can be extremely wasteful and costly. A way to check for leaks is to read the water meter late at night then again early the next morning to see if water was leaking while everyone was asleep.

UNIFORM SHOP

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2014

This fundraiser will close at the end of this week, so make sure you place any orders at the front office by Thursday. Thanks to all who have purchased a copy which supports our school. Any enquiries to Tracy on 0438364236.
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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