Greetings to staff, parents and community members and welcome to this edition of the newsletter. The end of another school year is rapidly drawing to a close, with staff and students working hard to ensure that all of the Australian Curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science and the Humanities is covered, together with the other learning areas. Staff are now commencing the important task of completing Semester Two student reports.

PUPIL FREE DAY
A reminder that Friday, 14 November is a pupil free day. STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS DAY. The School Board ratified this day as our last pupil free day. Staff will be in attendance completing second semester reporting requirements.

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL REVIEW
Last week Ardross Primary School participated in the Independent Review process conducted by the Department of Education Services. 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. Although very thorough, I would like to thank all staff, students and community members who were involved in interviews with the reviewers, Michael Duncan and Kevin Pilkington. A special thank you to Dessy Wulanansari, Masanum Samiran, Sundra Ting, Soledad Rodriguez, Kate Collins, Claire Greenwell, Larisa Motton and Sam Hickman who represented the parent and community body. Independent review findings will be sent to the school for verification of facts within the next two weeks and the full review will be presented to the Minister and Director General of Education. After being signed off by the Minister and Director General the review findings will be published on our Department website. I look forward to reviewing the findings.

JAPANESE STUDY TOUR
The students from Gunma Kokusai Academy left today after just over two weeks at our school. It was a pleasure having the students at our school, and I feel that with the excellent level of English this was a very productive exchange program. Thank you to the staff who had these students in their rooms, to the homestay buddies for your wonderful hospitality, and finally to the homestay families for your warm and caring nature in treating the Japanese students as your own children. Thank you to the Meryicke, Fereday, Rodriguez, Ewington and Nugraha families. There were a couple of tears by both the Japanese and Ardross students on departure. We wish our Japanese students a safe trip home. I have been fortunate to be invited with Jason Hutchinson to visit Gunma in January, together with Skye Ewington and 9 other students from Perth. While in Gunma, I will be presenting to 300 parents and students about the homestay program and Perth.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Last week, Miss Davies took a team of nearly 100 students to Bateman to compete in the “A” division Interschool Athletics Carnival. I was exceptionally pleased and proud of our students. Congratulations to all of our students who not only displayed outstanding sporting ability, but behaved and competed to a standard expected of Ardross students - sensationally! Also to Miss Davies and Ms Henry who trained the teams up before school, at lunchtime and during Friday sport. The final results were:

**OUTRIGHT POINTS**
- Winthrop: 614
- Ardross: 340
- Kardinya: 329
- Melville: 266
- Richmond: 207
- Mt Pleasant: 201

**MERITORIOUS SHIELD**
- Ardross: 482
- Kardinya: 432
- Melville: 400
- Richmond: 357
- Mt Pleasant: 354

Congratulations also to Jade Cairns, Kynan Ganza, Matthew Spence and Nathaniel Spence who received either gold, silver or bronze medals on the day.
CLASS LISTS
Staff will soon be involved in developing class lists for 2015. As the school structure is still in draft, and will be right up until the start of 2015, class placements will not be advertised until the office reopens towards the end of January. I have received some parent requests that have been 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.

LAPATHON
The Lapathon was a huge success with so far a total of around $19,000 counted and banked by the P&C. WHAT AN AWESOME EFFORT! As one of our major fundraisers, this money will go towards funding various projects selected by the school and P&C. Already the P&C has committed to funding Reading Eggs and Mathletics as well as part of the lease for the iPads. The staff and community sincerely thank the P&C for their wonderful contributions. A huge thank you to Mr Hill who coordinates this wonderful event, which has turned into a unique event for the Ardross school community. The Lapathon assembly will be on this Friday at 9.00am where all major prizes will be drawn.

The Lapathon movie has been booked for Friday, 20 November with a private screening of Maya - 'The Bee Movie'. Students will be selected and a parent permission note sent home after the assembly on Friday. Students will be leaving around 12.30pm and returning by 3.10pm.

BEHAVIOUR MOVIE
As per our Behaviour Management policy, all students from Pre Primary to Year 7 will be invited to a movie at the end of the year to reward their outstanding behaviour. Students who receive 3 pink slips, are sent to the office for a serious breach of the policy, or who are regularly in the behaviour book will not be receiving an invite to the movies. Pre Primary to Year 3 will be watching ‘Penguins Madagascar’ while the Year 4 to 7 students will be watching ‘Alexander and the Terrible, No Good, Very Bad Day’. Invitations and permission slips will be sent home towards the end of the term.

BIKE RACKS
A huge thank you to Fred Roberts from Diamond Hire (and husband of our P&C President Claire!!) who came in with three of his workers to develop an area to safely store our bikes on the oval. A paved area has now been completed and is available for students to lock their bikes. We have a few spare concrete slabs that are available to be taken away on a first come first served basis. Please contact the office if you would like them.

YEAR 6 / 7 DINNER DANCE AND GRADUATION
Next Wednesday, 12 November and Thursday, 13 November will see our Year 6 and 7 students attend their annual dinner dance. Due to the change in graduation this year, the dinner dance will also include a graduation ceremony. I look forward to seeing our Year 6 and 7 students graduate and enjoy the dinner dance. A formal school graduation assembly will be held on Tuesday, 9 December commencing at 9.00am with graduating students also recognized at our presentation evening.

IFAP POSTER COMPETITION
Through the art program, Mrs Warren entered students in the IFAP Safety Calendar Competition. There were over 200 posters submitted and Ardross had four students chosen to display their poster in the calendar for 2015. For the second time in a row we also had the winning entry chosen as the cover of the calendar! Congratulations to Caitie Perkins for winning the competition, and also for winning a $1,000 cheque for the school - SENSATIONAL! Congratulations also to Kayla Perkins, Tia Harken and Ariysya Rudy Adrie who were also successful in having their posters published.

PRESENTATION NIGHT
An early warning also to place Thursday, 11 December in your diary for our Presentation evening on the Ardross Primary quad-rangle. All students from Years 1 to 7 have commenced their dance lessons in Term 4 in preparation for this evening.

Have a great week.
Andrew Holmes
Principal

KINDY / PRE PRIMARY SPORTS DAY
On Wednesday, 22 October the Kindergarten and Pre Primary students participated in their annual Sports Day. What a great day it was! The morning started with teams of students rotating around 10 tabloid activities designed to cater for all skill levels of the students. After recess the students participated in lots of races, running, skipping and a friends race.

It was great to see so many parents, grandparents and family members there to support and also to assist us with the running of the activities. Thankyou to all who helped on the day, without you the day would not be possible.

Well done and congratulations to all the students for participating so well. It was very entertaining and great fun to watch the parents’ three legged race. Also well done to all the younger siblings who participated in their special race. Thanks again to all the parent helpers.

Early Childhood Education Staff
P&C NEWS

We have booked a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle for 30 November, and are desperately looking for volunteers who can give just a few hours of their time to assist us. It’s an easy and enjoyable task. If you might be able to assist, please email irinabradley@outlook.com to register your interest.

As a social and educational initiative, several families have decided to enrol their kids into summer holiday swimming lessons using a Group Booking Course, allowing the kids to all have lessons at the same time and location. Based on last year’s experiences, we know that kids truly loved being at the beach and seeing their school friends by mid-January. We would like to extend an invitation to all Ardross families to book the same sessions with us. The swimming course is offered through the Education Department, and provides kids with 10 beach swimming lessons at a total cost of only $10 per child.

Date: 12 to 23 January
Location: Leighton Beach
Group Booking No: 318620 (you must enter this code!)
Website: http://apps.dot.wa.edu.au/wole/welcome.jsp
Enrolment Closes: Monday 24 November

We have now concluded our annual Second Hand Book collection. This year, we were able to provide over 500 ‘new’ books to the school’s library and individual classrooms. I would like to thank all those who have contributed, as it greatly assisted us to provide exciting new resources without incurring large costs.

I would also like to thank all students and their families who contributed to this year’s Lapathon. P&C volunteers are still counting the last few donations, and it looks like we will have another bumper year. As some of you may know, our Lapathon is the only large fundraiser we run in our school, which means that the funds we raise are vital in supporting projects such as the recently funded library upgrade.

Another special ‘thank you’ goes to Debbie Woodman, who has been our Canteen Treasurer for many years. She has been a long term, dedicated volunteer and she will be greatly missed when her youngest child moves to high school next year.

The next P&C meeting is on Monday, 10 November at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

Cornelia Major
P&C Vice President

OSHCLUB NEWS

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Val Maiorana
OSHClub Coordinator

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The Uniform Shop will only be open on 3 more occasions this year. A pre order form for summer uniforms will be sent home with your child so if you would like to take advantage of this and avoid the queues, please have your order into us by the final Uniform Shop open day on 11 December.

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Sarah Dal Molin

WATERWISE TIP - CHECK YOUR METER

Reading your water meter regularly and keeping a simple record of your water use can help you alter your water usage habits to suit your budget. It can also help you detect possible leaks. To investigate for leaks:

- turn off all taps;
- turn off any equipment which uses water (ie. washing machine etc)
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