



Ardross Primary

An Independent Public School



Principal's Message

Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members, welcome to the first edition of the Ardross newsletter for 2016. I would especially like to welcome all our new students and families to the Ardross School Community and trust that you find us welcoming and inclusive. The fortnightly newsletter is one of the main forms of communication between the school and home. It provides useful information with regards to current and upcoming events. I know that we are all very busy however **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE NEWSLETTER IS READ EVERY FORTNIGHT.** Today all families will be receiving a hard copy to ensure that it gets home, but from the next edition on Wednesday, 24 February the newsletter will be available online with only those families who have requested a hard copy receiving one. If you have not registered to receive notification by email that the newsletter is available you can go to www.ardrossps.wa.edu.au and register online in the newsletter section. Receiving the newsletter online assists us with our school sustainability initiatives of reducing our reliance on paper. You can now also access our newsletter more conveniently on your smart phone in an easier to read format.

GENERAL STAFFING INFORMATION

The parent information booklet for 2016 is being finalised and will be placed on our website shortly. It provides all relevant information from A to Z regarding school operations. The following is some general staffing information for the commencement of the year.

Principal:	Andrew Holmes
Deputy Principal:	Bob Parker
Deputy Principal:	Catherine Bishop
School Registrar:	Alison Stockman
School Officer – Level 2:	Chips Northcott
School Officers – Level 1:	Tania Logothetis / Gabriella Nicholson
Library Officer:	Lois Bowden
School Gardener:	Jason Felstead
School Cleaners:	Oscar Hernandez (Head Cleaner), Hilda Hernandez / Daniel Paredes
Learning Support Coordinator:	Catherine Riley
Primary Science Project:	Lindsay Macmillan
School Psychologist:	Annette Goldschlager
School Chaplain:	Nathan Hoyle
EALD Teacher:	Gail Lawson
Learning Technologies Coordinator:	Glenn Hill
LOTE Specialist Teacher Japanese:	Hisayo Rego
Physical Education Specialist Teacher:	Alison Davies
Music Specialist Teacher:	Claire Mason
Art Specialist Teacher:	Sue Warren
Environmental Education/ Aboriginal Education:	Cath Bishop
Kindergarten Teachers:	Room 15 - Lee-Anne Downey / Jade Davies
Education Assistants:	Janine Coles / Kathie Esslemont
Pre-Primary Teachers:	Room 16 - Helen Brown / Jade Davies
Education Assistants:	Sian Jackson / Roseanna Dennis
Education Assistants:	Room 11/12 - Diana Cooper / Jade Davies Christina Stivaletta / Janine Coles / Sian Jackson
Junior Primary Education Assistant:	Sandy Heaperman
Special Needs Education Assistants:	Linda Brydon, Judi Edmonds, Sandy Heaperman, Deena Le Page, Carolyn Stephens, Jeanette Edward and Christine Jones.
Year 1 Teacher:	Room 13 - Jackie Loney
Year 1 Teacher:	Room 10 - Denise Harman

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Wednesday 10 February
Rooms 3 & 19 - Local
Government Incursion

Monday 15 February
Swimming Lessons Year 3 & 4
AXSHS Swim - Years 5 & 6
Rooms 11/12 Parent Meeting
P&C Meeting - 7.30pm

Tuesday 16 February
Room 19 Constitution Centre
Incursion
Rooms 3 & 16 Parent
Meetings

Wednesday 17 February
Rooms 2, 5, 7, 8 & 9 Parent
Meetings

Thursday 18 February
Rooms 6 & 19 Young Writers

Monday 22 February
Low Carbon School Student
Workshop
AXSHS Swim - Years 3 & 4

Wednesday 24 February
Whole School & Staff Photos
Room 3 - Constitution Centre
Incursion
Staff Meeting - 3.30pm
School Board Meeting

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Year 1/2 Teacher:	Room 5 - Isabel Mangion-Campbell
Year 2 Teacher:	Room 7 – Fiona Schaper
Year 2/3 Teacher:	Room 8 – Kellie Foote
Year 3 Teacher:	Room 9 – Blythe Maley
Year 4 Teachers:	Room 4 - Karen Treloar / Catherine Riley
Year 4 Teachers:	Room 6 – Denelle Ellery / Bob Parker
Year 3/4 Teacher:	Room 2 – Kate Mathis
Year 5 Teachers:	Room 3 - Glenn Hill / Tamara Moss
Year 5/6 Teachers:	Room 20 - Lindsay Macmillan / Cassee Klaver
Year 6 Teacher:	Room 19 - Auriol Heary

FOCUS 2016

2016 will be another busy year at Ardross as we continue to implement our teaching and learning programs. Staff are working hard to ensure that we meet our Focus Areas from our Business Plan 2015-2017 as endorsed by the School Board.

Focus 1 – Success for all Students – Ardross Primary School strives for all students to become confident, successful learners, creative individuals, socially and environmentally responsible citizens.

Focus 2 - High Quality Teaching and Learning – At Ardross Primary the learning environment will be characterised by excellence in teaching. All students will be active and engaged learners in a stimulating and inclusive learning environment.

Focus 3 – Collaboration and Partnerships – Ardross Primary School recognises the value that quality partnerships contribute to a successful school. This includes effective relationships between staff, students, parents and the broader community.

Priority Milestone – Throughout the Business Plan there are measurable milestones linked to the broader outcomes and strategies. Our priority milestone is **High standards of student achievement, both academic and social, measured against “like” schools.**

Our targets support The Department of Education’s Focus 2016 of **“High Performance – High Care”**. Through Focus 2016 school’s objectives include:

- ◆ **success for all students**
- ◆ **high quality teaching**
- ◆ **effective leadership**
- ◆ **strong governance and support.**

At Ardross we work closely with the School Board, P&C and community to ensure we work together to meet these objectives. In 2017 we will be reviewed by the Department of Education Services, an independent process from the Department of Education, to assess the progress of Ardross against our Business Plan 2015-2017.

PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION SESSIONS

All teachers will be holding Parent Information Sessions early in Term 1. The purpose of these meetings is to outline to parents the teaching and learning programs planned, together with organisational structures used in the room. Teachers will discuss Curriculum, Behaviour Management, Homework, Communication and other day to day operations of the class. These meetings are not designed to allow time for parent/teacher interviews, however these could be scheduled at a later date. Staff have been asked to plan for a 30 minute time and will communicate with you the planned meeting time. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to your child’s learning. Consistent attendance and participation are essential for your child’s social and academic learning. As parents or legal guardians of an enrolled child, you are responsible under the School Education Act 1999 to ensure the attendance of your child at school every day. It is important to assist your child’s achievement and learning by making regular school attendance a priority in your child’s life. The Department of Education’s Student Attendance Policy requires parents/guardians to provide an acceptable explanation to the School Principal for any absence of their children. Principals must authorise all absences. The Act defines health, religious and cultural observances as reasonable cause for a school absence and the absence would be recorded as ‘authorised’ by the Principal. As the parent/guardian you must obtain the Principal’s approval for any planned absence.

When a legitimate note has not been received from the classroom teacher within 3 days the teacher will send home a system generated note outlining the date of the absence and a space for you to provide a reason for the absence. If within three days of sending this note home, a legitimate excuse has not been provided, Mr Parker will send home a letter from administration requesting an explanation.

The Minister for Education, and the Director General have also stated that it is not appropriate for students enrolled to be withdrawn for family holidays during term. Last year we had over 1300 non attendance days due to family holidays! While I can understand that occasionally it may be necessary to travel overseas, families who regularly withdraw their children for holidays during term time do so to the detriment of their child’s learning. Staff are not required to provide work packages and students may find themselves behind in their learning upon return, making it difficult for both the teacher and student. All holidays taken during the term must also be approved by the Principal and will be recorded as unauthorized absence.

I look forward to your ongoing cooperation with attendance.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Hernandez, Mr Paredes and Mr Felstead who ensured that our school was well looked after over the holidays. Staff and students returned to a very clean school with the gardens continuing to thrive.

Have a great fortnight.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

UPFRONT CHARGES IN ADVANCE

Parents who wish to pay one lump sum at the beginning of the year to cover the base fees charged for incursions, excursions and sport activities may do this now. For new parents, the charge will be the full amount as approved by the School Board for 2016 contributions and charges and listed in the School Information Booklet. The upfront payment is:

- ◆ \$40 for Kindy;
- ◆ \$165 for PP-Year 2;
- ◆ \$210 for Year 3;
- ◆ \$225 for Year 4, and
- ◆ \$255 for Years 5 and 6.

Parents who are continuing with this option from previous years are able to pay the difference between this year's charge and funds already held in credit from the previous year. Please see the office staff to establish your 2016 upfront payment. The upfront payment does not include Instrumental Music, PEAC, Choir, Camps, Year 6 Dinner/Dance or Leavers' Shirts. These items are invoiced separately as they are extracurricular activities.

You are welcome to call and discuss any concerns you have with payment of school contributions and charges.

Alison Stockman
Manager Corporate Services

P&C NEWS

Happy New Year from the P&C

Meeting Dates for Term 1

Please join us in the Staff Room on the following dates:

Monday, 15 February – 7.30pm and Monday, 14 March – 7.30pm

Canteen Open Days

The Canteen is open on a Thursday and Friday each week. Check out the new Summer Menu. Plus don't forget the kids can get an icy cold slushie in this heat.

Latest Project

Just completed, the new shade sails over the supernova playground. Next time you are at school, take a look as they look great and make for a safer playground for the kids.

Save the Date

Friday 13 May, 2016 – Trivia Night at Tompkins on Swan.

Class Parent Representatives

Thanks to all the Parents who have nominated to be their Class Parent Representatives for this year. Your input to the school community is invaluable and we thank you very much for nominating for this wonderful role.

Samantha Hickman
P&C President

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Welcome back from Mr Hoyle and good to see plenty of new faces at Ardross Primary School. For those I haven't met, I'm our school Chaplain. A school Chaplain's role is to care for the social, emotional, mental and spiritual wellbeing of students, families and staff within their school. So feel free to drop by my room on Tuesdays and Thursdays to say hi, or send me an email at nathanh@youthcare.org.au.

Students, a reminder that you can always make a time to chat by putting your name in the Chaplain's Box in the front office - just ask our wonderful admin ladies if you can't find the box.

We've already started our BUZ Power Social and Emotional Learning program with one Year 6 class, with another starting this week. My handball game is back at peak form, so expect plenty of recess competition from me.

See you around soon.

Nathan Hoyle,
YouthCARE Chaplain

SCHOOL CHOIR

Students from Years 3 to 6 have been invited to join this year's choir, and have been advised to meet on Thursday at lunchtime in the music room. Choir will be held on Thursday afternoons at 3.15pm starting Week 3. Students will receive a letter outlining further details soon.

Claire Mason
Music Specialist Teacher

SHADE SAILS OVER SUPERNOVA PLAYGROUND



SAND PLAY

Our students love creative sand play but we need some old bowls, pots and pans to add to their sand play equipment. Please send your donations to Room 7.

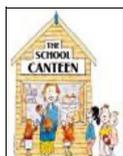
OSHCLUB NEWS

Our new children have settled in quite well and are enjoying their new OSHClub friends. We have some exciting activities this week as children suggest their ideas to me, and we implement them into our program. We have great fun and games and lots of healthy food always.

Just a reminder that as it is Term 1, it's time to Slip, Slop, Slap! Please make sure your child brings a hat to the OSHClub program. We have a policy of "No hat - No outside play". OSHClub provides sun cream. If your child is allergic to a particular type of sun cream please inform us at the program.

We welcome you to join us at any session. Please come and see me for any enquiries.

Val Maiorana
OSHClub Coordinator



CANTEEN ROSTER

Thu 11 Feb	Ai Mei Yap9-1.00pm Liz Grimshaw9-11.15am
Fri 12 Feb	Kim McIsaac9-1.00pm Mel Smith9-1.00pm
Thu 18 Feb	Dessy Nugrahanto9-1.00pm David Burns9-11.15am Claire Greenwell11.15-1.15pm
Fri 19 Feb	Yvonne Lee9-1.00pm Vivienne Cheng9-1.00pm Shona O'Keefe9-11.15am Mel Smith11.15-1.15pm
Thu 25 Feb	Larissa Motton9-1.00pm Dawn Diver9-1.00pm Amy Hunter9-11.15am Jem McGill11.15-1.15pm



UNIFORM SHOP

11 February 2016 9.00 - 9.30am
18 February 2016 9.00 - 9.30am
25 February 2016 9.00 - 9.30am



Coordinated by qualified fitness instructor Jakob Phoebe, a former student of Ardross Primary School, Athletes Edge Fitness aims to provide affordable outdoor group fitness classes for anyone who is interested in releasing their inner athlete. As an active football player, sprinter and long jumper, Jakob has extensive knowledge in well rounded overall fitness and conditioning. He is also vastly experienced in managing injuries and works closely with physiotherapists to do this. Athletes Edge Fitness believes that every individual has the ability to become the best athlete they can be, with the proper training. By eliminating the use of equipment, Athletes Edge Fitness is tailored to suit all fitness levels and all ages* by encouraging the athlete to push their own limits and not those of others. Flyers are available at the office.

Cost: \$10 a session
Location: Ardross Primary School Oval
Sessions:** Wednesday 6.00-6.45, 1800-1845
Friday 6.00-6.45, 1800-1845
Sunday 8.00-8.45, 1600-1645
Email: athletesedgefitness@gmail.com
To Book: www.athletesedgefitness.acuityscheduling.com

* Athletes must be 16 years or over

** For the complete Athletes Edge Fitness experience, it is recommended that clients train 3 days a week, as each day is formatted differently for maximum benefits.

MT HENRY DENTAL CLINIC

The Mt Henry Dental Clinic wishes all patients a happy new year. As all correspondence and appointments are sent to the home address it is important that we have up to date contact details. If any of your details have changed or you have not heard from us for a while please contact the clinic on 9313 0552.

Thank you for your help and best wishes from the staff at Mt Henry Dental Clinic for 2016.

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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Associate Director
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