



Ardross Primary

An Independent Public School



Principal's Message

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May I wish you a wonderful festive season and holiday with your family. I hope you have the opportunity to spend time together and create special memories.

Thank you for your support for our school and all the children within. Children have been immersed in learning that provides them with the opportunity to build on their prior knowledge whilst discovering the new. I look forward to welcoming them back in 2019.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers, education assistants, office staff, cleaners, gardener and leadership team for their professionalism and dedication to the students at Ardross Primary School.

At the end of the school year we often have to say good bye to staff members and wish them the best for their future endeavours. Mrs Lois Bowden, thank you for 32 years at Ardross Primary School. We hope you enjoy your retirement and the many adventures and days with your family. Miss Eva Chung and Ms Sophie Allen, we have been fortunate to have you at our school and hope you enjoy your future endeavours.

Graduation/presentation evening

It was an absolute privilege to be part of the Graduation/Presentation evening last Thursday evening. Our students were proud to showcase the many skills and moves they have learnt through the EduDance program. Congratulations to every student who received an award on the evening. Your hard work and perseverance has resulted in an outstanding year.

Many parents asked for a copy of my speech to the graduating class. I have included it in this newsletter.

School Board

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our School Board Members for their dedication in ensuring the best outcomes for students at Ardross Primary School in 2018. Thank you to Mrs Larisa Motton for her energy and commitment to the school board and the students at Ardross Primary School in 2017 and 2018. Congratulations to our new board members, Mr Nickos Ntoumanis and Mrs Angela Treloar.

Class Structures

Beginning in 2019 students will spend two years with their classmates and potentially their teacher. This is often referred to as 'looping'. Looping provides consistency over a two year period and helps to build stronger relationships and a stronger transition between year levels.

Kindergarten and Year 6 will not be involved in looping. Looping will include - Pre-primary – Year 1, Year 2 – Year 3 and Year 4 – Year 5.

Taking into account the number of enrolments for 2019 the class structures will be as below;

Class	Kindergarten	PP	PP/ Yr1	Year 1	Year 2	Year 2/3	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Number	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2

Parent use of play ground equipment

I receive a lot of positive feedback on how much you value the use of the play area outside Pre-primary after school. This is core to building community spirit and having the opportunity to talk with other parents. As parents please refrain from 'playing' on the children's play equipment. This equipment is specifically designed for children and hence a safety risk for adults to use.

Use of crosswalks when walking to school

Please speak to your children about the necessity to use crosswalks. You may like to take them to a crosswalk and discuss the road rules.

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Wednesday 12 December

Room 10 - International Opera

Thursday 13 December

Movie Day

Last Day for Students

Friday 14 December

Last Day for Staff

2019

Thursday 31 January

Professional Development Day - NO STUDENTS

Friday 1 February

Professional Development Day - NO STUDENTS

Class Lists on Display from 1.00pm

Uniform Shop Open from 1.00pm

Monday 4 February

First Day of Term 1

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Students returning late in 2019

School commences for students on Monday 4th February 2019. The student census, where all students are counted to attract funding from the Student Centred Funding Model, will take place on Friday, 15 February 2019. There are very strict protocols around students we can count and it is important that if students are returning late from the holidays (mainly from overseas) that we have information about the date of return and reason for absence otherwise they will not be included in the census. If your child will not be in attendance by Friday, 15 February, please complete the information slip on the next page and return to reception. It is important that we have copies of airline tickets, which clearly show the return date to Perth. Please provide this information as soon as is possible.

Speech to Graduation Class of 2018

I'd like to warmly welcome everyone this evening. It is my pleasure to say a few words of farewell and congratulations to our Graduating Year 6 Class of 2018. I trust that we have prepared you well for Secondary School and that you will all reach your full potential. We are confident that you are ready for this big transition from the familiar faces and surrounds of Primary School, to the new routines, teachers and classmates of Secondary School.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MRS MIKKELSEN

Being able to focus on positive emotions is more than just smiling. You need to have the ability to be optimistic. In everyone's life there are good days and bad days, things that bring you joy and things that will make you sad or may even be boring! So, I challenge you to focus on the highs and positive aspects of your life.

In times of trouble or challenge be grateful for the most important things in your life – your family, friends, educational opportunities and that we live in such a great country. Enjoyment comes from intellectual stimulation and creativity, so embrace the challenges of the future. It is important in our lives to be able to find activities that take our full engagement.

Engagement in the activities in our lives is important for us to learn, grow and nurture our personal happiness. So be open to all that life offers– try new things and be brave . You might discover a new interest – something you never thought of before which will bring you great joy. Everyone is different and we all find enjoyment in different things whether it's playing an instrument, playing a sport, dancing, art, working on an interesting project or even a hobby. This type of 'flow' of engagement is important to stretch our intelligence, skills and emotional capabilities.

Relationships and social connections are one of the most important aspects of life. Building positive relationships with your parents, siblings, peers, and friends are an important way to spread love and joy. Having strong relationships gives you support in difficult times. So as you move into Secondary School take the opportunity to make new friends. Be kind and respectful of everyone. Sometimes you have to be nice to others, not because they are nice, but because you are. Strong people don't put others down, they lift them up.

Audrey Hepburn once said: You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than what others say about him.

Having purpose and meaning in our life, rather than just the pursuit of pleasure and material wealth, is important to living a life of happiness and fulfilment. The idea is to find ways to connect yourself to something extraordinary and bigger than your own needs. For example, if I were to ask you to research Moira Kelly, Gandhi or the Dalai Lama, you would discover that;

- ◆ Moira Kelly devotes her life to caring and making the lives of children better;
- ◆ Gandhi, is a voice of equality for all and the need for change in the world and;
- ◆ the Dalai Lama as an educational leader and role model of compassion.

So I hope that in the future you look for opportunities to help others and do things without any expectation of something in return. It doesn't have to be something big – even little kindnesses can make someone's life better. A little thought and a little kindness are worth a great deal more than money.

Having goals and ambition in life can help us to achieve things that can give us a sense of accomplishment. In your new school set yourself realistic but challenging goals. Just putting in the effort to achieve those goals will give you a sense of satisfaction, and when you finally achieve them, a sense of pride and fulfilment will be reached. Having accomplishments in life is important to push ourselves so we can thrive and flourish.

In conclusion let me thank each of you for the great life and leadership you have provided to the Ardross Primary school community this year.

You are a talented and compassionate group of young people with a bright future ahead. I truly believe that the world will be a greater place for your hunger to learn new things and the ability to use this knowledge to ensure the world is a better place for not only its people but just importantly the fauna and flora, healthy air and clean water. Our future will be in your hands.

Mum and Dad, enjoy the coming years with your child, be strong, know that it is ok to say NO, always be there to celebrate but more importantly always be there to listen and pick your child up when they fall. You are their rock, they need you

Finally, I would like to share some beautiful words

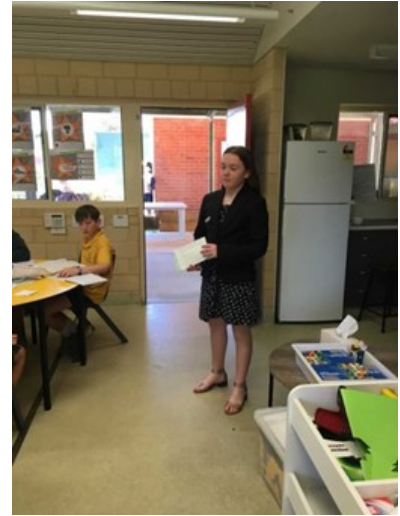
Don't feel sad because you are different from others. Every unique skill and talent has the potential to make you a superstar. Do not forget the one thing that all successful people have in common is that they were different from everyone around them.

Thank you
Mrs Mikkelsen-Taylor



PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY

On Tuesday, 27 November Ardross Primary School had two extra Principals. Having won the job at the School Quiz night Miss Amelia Tooker (Year 6) and Mr Xavier Tooker (Year 4) carried out Principal duties for the day. Their tasks included visiting every classroom to speak with students and view work, doing duty at recess and lunch, conducting a rubbish audit and writing a report and then introducing and thanking Captain Clean Up during his presentation. Both Amelia and Xavier conducted themselves very well in their administration roles.



CAPTAIN CLEAN UP

Captain Clean Up visited Ardross Primary School on Tuesday, 27 November. He was introduced to the school students by Xavier Tooker in his role as Principal for the Day. Captain Clean Up taught us about energy use and how important it is to conserve our non-renewable resources such as coal and use renewable resources such as solar, hydro and wind to provide for our energy needs. James P (Year 6), Phoebe H (Year 4), Caitlyn H (Year 2) and Tunc E (Year 2) assisted Captain Clean Up in delivering his important messages.



PALS AWARDS

Last Thursday, students from Year 5, along with the Environmental Councillors attended the PALS Awards ceremony at Yagan Square. We were presented with the Environment Award for the Trees4Change project, initiated by Mr Ivers and Mrs Bishop and carried out with our Year 5 students this year to take our total of planted trees to over 8000 in the last three years. Congratulations to all the students who have been involved with this initiative and a big thank you to Mr Ivers and Mrs Bishop.



P&C NEWS

Congratulations to Brodie Webster for winning the Eagles Raffle which was held on Wednesday 28th November 2018.

Wishing all our families a safe and wonderful Christmas and we look forward to another fantastic year at Ardross Primary School when we return in 2019.

Marie Ainsworth
P&C President

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Thanks for a great 2019

So, what do I do throughout a year?

I spend a large amount of my time sitting (or walking, or running...) with students and listening to the difficult situations they are facing in their lives. I can't always offer a solution, but I can always listen and hear their story. We talk through their problems, worries and fears and find ways forward.

This is the most rewarding part of a chaplain's role: seeing young people bravely face uncomfortable situations and come through the ordeal stronger and wiser. Sometimes the problems might seem small, but we set new patterns and I hope the problems they face in years to come can be navigated with the same skill and awareness.

Each year I look very forward to spending a decent chunk of time in class with our year 6 students talking about social and emotional skills. This year I ran the BUZ Program individually with all three classes over 8 sessions and as per usual, I was privileged to have some great in-depth conversations about communication, resilience, courage, identity and self-management. As we all saw at our graduation evening, they truly are a remarkable bunch and it was pleasure to learn with them and learn from them.

I'm also passionate about supporting students who find being at school hard for any number of reasons. Perhaps it's a family situation that is weighing on their mind, or relationship difficulties with friends at school, or an overwhelming sense of failure that causes them to disengage from school: whatever the reason, all of our students matter and I'm fortunate to work with a compassionate and creative staff team to find ways to help students belong and succeed.

I also get involved in a number of the community events at Ardross Primary: Operation Christmas Child, the Christmas hamper appeal, Free Coffee Friday, various excursions and supporting classes with different projects throughout the year. And when there is time, I tidy my desk and enjoy a game of handball.

But before I sign off for the year - remember that we all form a community for the children in and around our school, and that means sometimes we are the only people who can protect them. The school holidays can be a isolating and vulnerable time for some families, so please look after yourselves and those around you in the community. And if you're concerned about a child or family and not sure how to help, please seek professional advice from Child Protection or the police.

Have a safe and fantastic holiday, wear sunscreen, drink water and I'll see you in 2019,
"No person is so tall as when they stoop to help a child..."
Until next time.

Nathan Hoyle
Chaplain

OSHCLUB NEWS

Enrolling your child in OSHClub is easy and free. All you need to do is complete an enrolment form online at www.oshclub.com.au where you will have the option of booking as either a permanent or casual user. Once your child is enrolled you then have the comfort and reassurance of knowing that your child/children will be cared for in a safe, fun and friendly environment.

Val Maiorana
Program Coordinator

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STUDENTS RETURNING LATE TO ARDROSS IN 2019
(Please return to the front office by Friday, 8 February 2019)

My child / children _____

Room _____ **Year Level** _____ **Room** _____ **Year Level** _____

will be returning to Ardross in 2019 by _____

Reason (Please provide copies of airline tickets if returning from overseas.)

Signed _____ **Date** _____



UNIFORM SHOP 2019

1 February 2019 1.00pm - 3.00pm
7 February 2019 8.30am - 9.15am



Next Year Keyed Up Music will be teaching after school Keyboard lessons. Lessons start from \$17.55 for a group lesson. If you are interested please ring Therese on 1300 366 243 or enrol at www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form.

Kids!! Have fun learning to speak Mandarin



mandarin stars



fun mandarin for kids

FUN School Holiday Program at Ardross Primary School!

The Mandarin Stars program offers:

- Specialist Mandarin programs for both native and second language learners of Mandarin.
- An engaging program that will inspire a love for learning Chinese.
- An immersion based program that teaches strong listening and speaking skills in Mandarin.
- Language building activities such as role play, Chinese songs, rhymes and games!
- The teaching of Chinese characters, reading, writing and Pin Yin.
- The discovery of Chinese history, culture, festivals, Calligraphy, Tai Chi and even Kung Fu!

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th & 8th January 2019

9.30am to 11.30am (\$239 per course)

5-day PinYin program for Year 1 to 6

5-day SuperSTARS Mandarin program for K-Y6

12.00pm to 2.30pm (\$45 per session)

Immersion-based Mandarin Workshop each day

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