



Ardross Primary

An Independent Public School



Principal's Message

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Welcome back to the start of another exciting year!

I hope everyone has had a fantastic holiday and has settled back into the first week of Term 1. It gives me great pleasure to welcome all our new families and hope that your experiences with Ardross Primary School are positive.

To our new families and to all of you returning to school, I hope this year is a great one for you and your families. Between 8.30 and 9am I will be moving around the school talking to students and parents. Please come up and say hello. We will continue 'Community Cafes' at least once a term. This is a great opportunity to gather as a community and discuss issues relevant to the education of all students.

The entrance to any environment is very important. We are proud to unveil our new entrance signage on Links Road. It has been chosen to highlight the vital role environment plays in our school. Over a period of weeks the metal will become rust like and blend in with the environmental foliage and natural colours of the earth.

PUBLIC SCHOOL REVIEW

We are currently in the process of presenting our Public School Review. We will be visited by the School Review team tomorrow. Students, staff and our School Board Chairperson will have the opportunity to share our journey and verify the documentation presented

All Western Australian public schools are reviewed every three years by the Department of Education's Public School Accountability directorate. A review gives assurance to the local community, the Minister for Education and Training and the Director General that a school is operating effectively and delivering high quality education to its students. The review acknowledges the achievements of the school and gives feedback to support the Principal and staff with their improvement planning.

The Principal provides the review team with a self-assessment of the school's performance based on evidence gathered by the Principal and staff. Information validated by the review team is considered before and during the school visit. This forms the basis for the school review report. The report is provided to the Principal, the Chair of the School Board/Council and the Regional Executive Director.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Just a reminder that dogs are NOT allowed on our school site unless they are a registered therapy or guide dog. Please don't tie dogs to the surrounding fences and leave them unattended or carry them within the school grounds. We thank you for your cooperation on this matter. As outlined by the Department of Education 'Dogs should not be on school grounds unless part of a school organised event. This includes dogs owned by school staff'.

There is no "safe" dog. Small dogs account for more than half of serious attacks on children. Friendly dogs are still a risk around children. Family pets account for 40% of attacks.

KISS AND DRIVE

We remind all parents and people in our school community that traffic is a significant issue at Ardross Primary School. We ask all of you to be vigilant and have the safety of our families at the forefront of your mind when dropping off and picking up your child. Please do not use the staff carpark as a pick up or drop off point. Please don't park on our neighbour's verges or in their driveways as this creates great upset.

CONNECT COMMUNICATION

In 2019 teachers will be using the CONNECT platform extensively as their main route of communication. Each parent has their own login details so they can access Connect. Please contact the school office if you haven't yet received these details. Each class will have their own Connect page and there will be regular notices from teachers to let you know what is happening in the classroom. We are all learning how to use Connect and would appreciate constructive feedback as staff become more familiar with the way it works. Connect is a Department of Education platform. Please find additional information attached to the newsletter.

Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
Principal

Newsletter
12 February 2019
Issue 1

Wednesday 13 February
School Review

Thursday 14 February
Uniform Shop Open

Thursday 21 February
Uniform Shop Open

Friday 22 February
P&C Sundowner

Monday 25 February
Morning Tea for New Parents

Tuesday 26 February
Assembly

Wednesday 27 February
Ghost in a Suitcase -
Rooms 19 & 20

Thursday 28 February
Uniform Shop Open

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P&C NEWS

THANK YOU TO MARIE AINSWORTH

Marie Ainsworth has stepped down from the role of President as her son Zac has started at Aquinas College this year. On behalf of the P&C I would like to THANK Marie for her loyalty, organisation and enthusiasm as President. Our positions on the P&C are voluntary and at all times Marie gave 100% to make sure our children and Ardross Primary School flourished. She also connected our school to an array of excellent community groups and businesses to enhance fundraising efforts as well as everyday teaching and learning. Thank you Marie. We will miss you greatly and wish Zac a wonderful time at Aquinas as well as Grace, Mark and yourself in your endeavours for 2019.

P&C SUNDOWNER

Catch up with old friends and make some new ones at the P&C Sundowner on **Friday, 22 February 5.00 to 7.30pm** held on the oval. There will be a FREE sausage sizzle and live entertainment. Everyone welcome.

P&C AGM - MONDAY 11 MARCH 2018

The next P&C meeting will be our AGM. All positions will become vacant with nominations taken. We look forward to seeing you there.

WOOLWORTHS & COFFEE CLUB - GARDEN CITY

Woolworths kindly supported Ardross Primary School in 2018 including food vouchers, fruit boxes for sports day, antipasto platters for school events and many more. Pop in and support us by supporting them.

Coffee Club continue to support Ardross Primary School by donating back 10% of any full price food and drink. Simply ask that your receipt be placed in the Ardross Primary School tin.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2019.

Alice Brennan
Vice President

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Welcome to another new year. For those I'm yet to meet, I'm Nathan, the Chaplain at Ardross Primary. I have been a part of the school for five years and you can find me at school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

As a Chaplain, I support the students and families of Ardross Primary in a number of ways. I chat with students who are needing emotional support for problems they are facing at school or at home, I provide resources for parents and teachers to support students, and I help resolve social problems between friends and classmates.

You're always welcome to drop in for a chat. My office is next to Room 10, and if the door is open, just pop in – no need to make an appointment. And you can always drop me a line at nathan.hoyle@youthcare.org.au. Students can organise to talk to me via the blue 'Chaplain's Box' in reception.

Enjoy week 2.

Nathan Hoyle
Chaplain



UNIFORM SHOP 2019

14 February 2019 8.30am - 9.15am
21 February 2019 8.30am - 9.15am
28 February 2019 8.30am - 9.15am

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

THANK YOU TO CHOICE FLOORING - BOORAGOON

We would like to thank Choice Flooring, Booragoon for providing carpet squares and off-cuts to use at school this year. They kindly donated 30 plus carpet squares and a number of off-cuts to use at assembly.

Mrs Mangion-Campbell



Keyed Up Music will be running keyboard lessons this year at Ardross Primary School. Prices start at \$17.55 per lesson. To enrol go to www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form.or for more information please contact Therese 1300 366 243

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

To book or to find out more details, please email rachael@mandarinstars.com.au

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Paul Evensen
Associate Director
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