



# Ardross Primary

An Independent Public School



## Principal's Message

Greetings to staff, parents and community members, welcome to this edition of the newsletter. As we race towards the end of 2016 there is still lots to do to prepare our students for 2017! I look forward to a very busy end of the year!

### NEW POSITION

Last week I sent a note home to all families to advise that I have been successful in being merit selected as the new Principal at Forest Crescent Primary School.

*Dear Parents and Community Members*

*This letter is to advise you that I have been successful in being merit selected to a permanent promotional position and therefore will be leaving Ardross Primary at the end of this year. My new school will be Forest Crescent Primary School in Thornlie, a large Level 6 school with 750 students. I am excited at the new challenge and promotion, but also understand the staff investment and community connections I have made at Ardross over the last 10 years makes this a hard decision. Due to a number of processes and timelines still to be finalised by the Department of Education it is not possible for me to say who will be the Principal at Ardross at this stage but I should be able to inform you before the end of the year. I will be working hard with the staff to ensure a smooth end to the year and transition to 2017. I will communicate more information as it comes to hand.*

*Regards  
Andrew Holmes*

### BULLYING MANAGEMENT POLICY/SOCIAL MEDIA

Unfortunately this week I was made aware of some inappropriate content posted on YouTube by some of our students. While the majority of the content was just silly with some poor choices of language, there was a particular video that did amount to Cyber Bullying as it named a student from our school. Mr Hill is extremely disappointed as he has worked tirelessly with all of our students over a number of years to educate our kids on Cyber Safety and the appropriate use of social media. A student and parent information session has been booked for Term 1 next year to address some of these issues. Please find below our policy on this type of behaviour and the way the school will deal with inappropriate use of social media. There is also some further information on Cyber Safety.

"At Ardross Primary School, we are committed to making a safe and caring school environment for students, teachers and community members by developing relationships based on care, mutual respect and open communication.

Bullying, in any form, will not be tolerated at our school.

#### 1. PURPOSE:

- To give all members of the school community a shared understanding of what constitutes bullying and harassment.
- To provide a clear procedure to deal with bullying.
- To maintain a commitment to the school ethos and purpose of providing a safe and caring environment free of bullying and harassment.

#### 2. MEANING OF HARASSMENT AND BULLYING

##### What is harassment?

Harassment is considered to be any unwelcome or unwanted behaviour or conduct which may be anticipated to offend, humiliate or intimidate another person. It often involves ridiculing the characteristics of another person's identity, such as their race, creed, ethnicity, physical features, gender or sexual orientation parenting status or economic status, in order to achieve power over them.

Harassment can include, but is not limited to, the following:

**Physical** - fighting, kicking, punching, hitting, shoving, pinching, abusive gestures, moving in on one's personal space.

**Verbal** - use of words in an insulting and malicious way, teasing, swearing, put downs, spreading rumours, repeated abusive phone calls.

#### Cyber Bullying is: (read in conjunction with Bullying is...)

Bullying that is carried out through an internet service, such as e-mail, chat room, discussion group or instant messaging. It can also include bullying through mobile phone technologies such as SMS and other social networking sites...

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**Wednesday 16 November**  
Year 6 Dance  
Parent Thank You Morning Tea

**Friday 18 November**  
AXSHS Invite Orientation

**Monday 21 November**  
EduDance  
Scitech - Room 3

**Tuesday 22 November**  
Year 5 Dance  
Scitech - Rooms 4 & 6

**Wednesday 23 November**  
Year 6 Dance

**Thursday 24 November**  
Lapathon Movie  
STEAM Elizabeth Quay - Room 4

**Monday 28 November**  
EduDance

**Tuesday 29 November**  
Year 5 Dance  
Assembly - Room 7

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Examples include:

**Verbal** - such as name-calling or spreading rumours.

**Psychological** - such as exclusion or threatening gestures.

**Physical** - such as hitting or kicking.

**Power Imbalance** - by a more powerful individual or group against an individual who is unable to effectively resist.

**Cyber** - teasing, spreading rumours online, sending unwanted messages, defamation."

### CYBER SAFETY - KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

To help keep your child safe when they are online, you can:

- put computers in open spaces within your home
- remind your child that content can be posted instantaneously, the downfall is that they can potentially post something without thinking about the ramifications.
- educate your child about [appropriate online behaviour](#) and the need for respectful communication with other internet users
- keep an eye on what your child is doing online (both in the home and on any mobile devices they may have access to e.g. phones, music devices and tablets)
- set clear rules about what sites and activities they are allowed to access
- install software to limit their use and monitor/restrict the sites they visit
- discuss a plan with your child about how to address any cybersafety issues that may arise (make sure they know you will be supportive if they mention anything and that they will not get in trouble)
- encourage them to find someone they feel safe talking to, such as yourself, a relative, a teacher or a trusted adult.

### Social Media Tips

Social media applications (such as Facebook) are extremely popular with young people and the usage of these sites is only likely to increase. Some tips to help your child stay safe while using social media include:

- make sure they never reveal their home address, phone number, email address and passwords
- review the age suitability for any sites and apps your child joins or installs
- look at who their contacts and followers are - this will help reduce the risk of them encountering inappropriate people and content
- educate yourself on the [issues that children face](#)
- establish an open relationship with your child so they trust you to view their profiles
- reinforce the need for them to keep passwords private and to update them regularly
- ensure your child understands the [implications of posting images and content](#) on the internet.

You may also want to consider creating an account on the social media application your child uses and request to become friends or follow their account. Your child may resist this but it may still be a good idea to open an account to increase your understanding of the site or app they are using.

### SCHOOL BOARD

As per the School Board Constitution, nominations for 2017 vacancies were called for and closed last Friday. There were more nominations than positions, so a vote will be held as per the below criteria. Nominees will be notified in writing and will provide the board with a submission supporting their nomination of no more than 500 words. Once the board has received these submissions, all parents who are eligible to vote will have the opportunity to do so. More information on this process will be provided. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all nominees for nominating to be on the School Board in 2017.

#### 1. APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- 1.1 *The Principal will invite nominations from suitably qualified persons to fill vacancies occurring in the categories referred to in Rule 5.1.*
- 1.2 *Invitations for nomination for parent members must be sought in writing addressed to all parents of children attending the school.*
- 1.3 *Invitations for nomination for staff members must be sought in such manner as the Principal considers appropriate, provided that the same method is used for all members of the staff.*
- 1.4 *Invitations for nominations for parent members must be sought in November of each year.*
- 1.5 *People wishing to nominate must do so within fourteen (14) days of nominations being sought.*
- 1.6 *Where the number of nominees is greater than the vacancies available for a category of member the Principal must conduct elections to fill the vacancies for that category of member.*
- 1.7 *Where a vote is to be conducted each nominee may put forward submissions in favour of his or her nomination, which the Principal must distribute to those entitled to vote for the category for which he or she has nominated, provided that those submissions do not exceed 500 words, together with notice of the election.*
- 1.8 *Those eligible to vote in the category of parent membership positions is each parent whose name and address has been provided to the school under section 16(1)(b)(ii)(I) of the Act or, if neither parent's name and address has been so provided, each person who is responsible for the student.*

1.9 Those eligible to vote in the category of staff membership positions is each person to whom section 235(1) of the Act applies and whose usual place of work is at the school.

1.10 Voting must be conducted within fourteen (14) days of the closing of nominations.

1.11 A person may not vote in respect of more than one category referred to in Rules 5.1(a) and (b).

### LAPATHON

The Lapathon was a huge success with a total of **\$17,749.50** 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. The P&C has funded Reading Eggs and Mathletics, part of the lease for the iPads, membership to Scitech and \$2,000 of new reading books to support guided reading across the school. 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 was last week. Congratulations to Lewis Ridge and Tia Harken who won the major prize of a new bike! Also congratulations to Rooms 13 and 3 - the highest senior and junior fundraisers, who will enjoy a free lunch!

The Lapathon movie has been booked for Thursday, 24 November with a private screening of 'Trolls'. 80 students will be selected and a parent permission note sent home early next week. 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 6 will be invited to a movie at the end of the year to reward their outstanding behaviour. Students who receive 3 pink slips, or 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 invitation to the movies. Unfortunately there are a couple of students who have received two pink slips who may not be receiving an invitation if they receive another slip. Pre Primary to Year 3 will be watching "Moana" while the Year 4 to 6 students will be watching 'Sing'. Invitations and permission slips will be sent home towards the end of term.

### PARENT THANK YOU MORNING TEA

The Parent Thank You Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday, 16 November from 11.00am. Staff and administration have sent invitations to parents that they are aware have helped out. Unfortunately there may be some parents who have not received their invitation. Please take this as a formal invite and inform the office if you would like to attend! The morning tea is a simple way to thank the school community for their outstanding contributions this year. We look forward to seeing many of you here.

### STAFFING 2017

Staffing for 2017 is almost complete. At both the School Board and P&C level, I have outlined the draft school structure for 2017. As I have previously outlined, with the Student Centred Funding Model we have reviewed our current structure and have made minimal changes moving into 2017.

### SCHOOL CLOSING 2016 / OPENING 2017

A reminder that school finishes for students on Thursday, 15 December and staff on Friday, 16 December. The office will officially close at 12 noon on Friday, 16 December. School resumes for teaching staff on Monday, 30 January and students on Wednesday, 1 February. The office will officially re-open on Wednesday, 25 January 2017.



### STUDENT REPORTS

Student end of year formal reports will be sent home Friday, 9 December. I am currently reading through all of the reports, and continue to be proud of the achievements of our wonderful students. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of the staff in finalising the end of year reports. This is a huge workload at this time of the year, and one that needs to be recognised and congratulated! Please read the reports carefully with the information sheet provided and discuss them with your child. Reports have been sent home prior to the end of the year to allow time for you to see your child's classroom teacher should you have any issues or concerns.

### CLASS LISTS 2017

Staff have almost concluded the student placement process for 2017. Student placement is completed by the staff using the following criteria:

- mixed ability classes – spread of IEP / SAER students
- looping – in split years teachers having the same students from a year level again
- behaviour management – class dynamics
- gender balance where possible
- friendship groups – try for at least 3 peer friends.

Due to changes that could occur over the holidays, class lists will not be advertised until Tuesday, 31 January 2017 when they will be placed outside the office from 1.00pm. The Uniform Shop will also be open from 1.00pm.

### GRADUATION / PRESENTATION NIGHT

The Graduation / Presentation Night will be held in the school grounds on Thursday, 8 December. Students need to be seated by 6.15pm as the proceedings will start at 6.30pm. The students are currently learning and practising the dances they will perform for you.

### GIFTED AND TALENTED TESTING FOR STUDENTS ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL 2018

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs applications are now open. These academic, arts and languages programs provide challenging and highly motivating learning opportunities for children with exceptional academic ability and creative talent. Programs are available at 18 select secondary schools including a fully selective academic school, an arts college, an online option and a regional school. The new Fremantle College opening in 2018 will also offer a Gifted and Talented Academic Program for Year 7 students. You can apply for these programs no matter where you live in Western Australia and, once selected, children are guaranteed a place at the school. Students from the country may be eligible to board at City Beach Residential College and receive the Gifted and Talented Boarding Allowance. The Gifted and Talented Selection Unit will be holding information sessions at Gifted and Talented schools regarding the application, selection and placement processes. The full schedule is available on the website at [education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented](http://education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented).

You can visit the website for more information or contact the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit on 9264 4307 or [gtsu@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:gtsu@education.wa.edu.au). All applications must be made online at [education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented](http://education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented).

**Applications will close on Monday, 6 February 2017. Late applications are not accepted.**

### P&C NEWS

#### Lapathon

Thank you to all the families who supported their children during this year's Lapathon. Collectively the school has raised \$17,749.50. The kids had fun, which is the main aim, and much needed funds were raised which will go into making our school facilities even better. We will report back to the parent community on the items which will be funded early next year.

#### Thank You Morning Tea

We look forward to seeing as many of you for a cuppa on Wednesday 16 November, 11am when we are treated to a wonderful morning tea by the teaching staff.

**Samantha Hickman**  
P&C President

#### HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

At this week's assembly the winners were:

<b>Room 20</b>	Eamon Cooper, Jasmine Ellery.
<b>Room 19</b>	B'shaan Thomson.
<b>Room 16</b>	Trent Brown, Shradha Shrestha.
<b>Room 13</b>	Paige Marley, Jerome Tan.
<b>Room 11/12</b>	Sanjana Ashok, Insung Moon.
<b>Room 10</b>	Larissa Anto, Filip Jakanovic, Matty Zmitko.
<b>Room 9</b>	Harrison Ganza, Arif Muhammad, Sarah Wearne.
<b>Room 7</b>	Macey Hehir, Claire Lee.
<b>Room 6</b>	Urvi Banerjee, Daniel Jones.
<b>Room 5</b>	Callum Barrett, Caden Hart, Nathanael Suryana, Mika Yan.
<b>Room 4</b>	Cahil Fitzgerald, Xavia Variyan.
<b>Room 3</b>	Cassie Barrett, Elena Lidgard.
<b>Room 2</b>	Hunter Daddow, Emily He.



#### GET INVOLVED WITH THE 2016 ARDROSS LADS & KIDS CAMPOUT!

Join other dads and father figures with your kids for this inaugural school campout! This is an overnight camp on the school oval with a few fun activities to spend time with your kids and meet some other families at the school. What you'll need to bring:

- A tent or swag (sorry no camper-trailers or caravans!)
- Bedding
- A picnic dinner
- Water bottles
- Torches
- Marshmallows to roast (optional)
- Camp chairs (optional)
- Guitar (optional)

There'll be toilets there (but no showers), a light breakfast provided, and importantly a coffee van on Saturday morning

Cost: \$25 per family

Date: Friday, 2 December, arrive from 4:30pm, ends 8:30am Saturday

Join in this fun social event!

**CANTEEN ROSTER**



<b>Wed 16 Nov</b>	Angela Tooker ..... 9-1.00pm <b>HELP NEEDED</b> ..... 9-1.00pm
<b>Thu 17 Nov</b>	Ai Mei Yap ..... 9-1.00pm <b>HELP NEEDED</b> ..... 9-1.00pm
<b>Fri 18 Nov</b>	Fran B ..... 9-1.00pm <b>HELP NEEDED</b> ..... 9-1.00pm
<b>Wed 23 Nov</b>	Dessy Nugrahanto ..... 9-1.00pm <b>HELP NEEDED</b> ..... 9-1.00pm
<b>Thu 24 Nov</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b> ..... 9-1.00pm <b>HELP NEEDED</b> ..... 9-1.00pm
<b>Fri 25 Nov</b>	Fran B ..... 9-1.00pm <b>HELP NEEDED</b> ..... 9-1.00pm



**UNIFORM SHOP**  
 24 November 2016 8.30 - 9.15am  
 8 December 2016 8.30 - 9.15am

The Uniform Shop urgently require 2 to 3 new volunteers for next year (2017). It is not a big job as it only requires a commitment of about an hour every second Thursday (every Thursday in February) from about 8.30 am. Please contact Kim on 0402 446 810 or Alison on 0407 002 504 if you are interested.

We are well stocked with all items so get in early before the queues in February, and get your new uniforms before the end of Term 4. We are next open 24 November and 8 December if you wish to come and say hi, or place an order and payment with the office staff, and we can deliver the items to your child's room. Thankyou.



**MASTER MIND AUSTRALIA  
 JANUARY PREPARATION PROGRAM  
 OLNA - Study Skills – Essay Writing – Subject Revision & Preparation  
 For all students entering Year 7 – 12 in 2017**

The January Preparation Program aims to prepare students for Term 1 (2017) before the academic year begins. The classes will revise those important components from the 2016 syllabus that are vital for success in the New Year. The program will also preview what students can expect in their courses in 2017. Courses will be conducted at:

**Leeming Senior High School**  
**Wednesday, 18 to Wednesday, 25 January 2017**  
 Early Bird enrolment discount of 10% before Friday, 19 December 2016  
**Dr. Robert Hallam at Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377**  
**www.mastermindaustralia.com.au**



**EARLY MORNING IS BEST**

Water only once on your watering day, ideally early in the morning (plants do not absorb water during darkness), so that gardens are charged with the water they need during the warmest part of the day. During autumn and spring our gardens only need to be watered once a week. With cooler nights, morning dew and low evaporation, your garden will retain the moisture it needs. When rain is forecast or if it has rained, remember to turn off your reticulation. During the cooler winter months, lawns and many European plants are dormant so they need very little water. Usually the rainfall received during our mild winters are enough and any more just tends to promote weed growth.

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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