



Ardross Primary

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Principal's Message

Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members, welcome to another edition of the Ardross Primary School Newsletter. I trust that this newsletter finds you well as we race towards the middle of Term 2. Teachers are currently working hard to collect data on students to complete the reporting process for Semester 1. Students are working hard to ensure that their report is the best it can be! Well done to everyone as we strive to maintain our high academic and social levels!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

In the last edition of the newsletter, I published the results of the Interschool Swimming Carnival. Unfortunately at the time of printing I did not have a verified list of our individual winners. I apologise that this was not available when the original team results were published. **CONGRATULATIONS** to our individual medal winners at the recent Interschool Swimming Carnival:

Gold Kathryn Raffelt **Silver** Lucas Ho and Romy Bridgland **Bronze** Sienna Motton.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Last year the P&C held a Trivia Night that was attended by approximately 170 people and raised a little over \$7,000. Just when I thought the Trivia Night couldn't get any better, Samantha Hickman, Rebekah Hannaford and their group of P&C members organised an event that can only be described as sensational! Parents, teachers, friends and relatives all descended on Tompkins on Swan for a social, fun and fundraising evening. From the moment you walked in through the smoke machine and decorations for Friday, 13 May to the conclusion and announcements of the winners, there was non stop action! What a fantastic night with over 190 tickets sold and \$8,478 raised - SENSATIONAL!! Congratulations to Table 17 for winning the Trivia Night. Together with Sam and Rebekah, A HUGE thank you must go to the various sponsors who donated prizes and services for the night. These were all promoted and displayed on tables and I hope all that Ardross families will do their best to use these businesses in the future to demonstrate our gratitude. What a great job Dave and Wayne did as comperes! We thank you for offering your time to the school and helping to make our night fun and enjoyable. Most of all, THANK YOU to the generosity of the Ardross School Community who dug deep to ensure a successful night. All money raised will assist the P&C to continue to support whole school projects such as the new Adventure Play Area to be constructed in Semester 2, Athletics, SciTech and Reading Eggs memberships and the leasing of iPads and other technologies.

NAPLAN TESTING

Well done to all Year 3 and 5 students who successfully completed the national assessments in Literacy and Numeracy last week. Students in these year levels sat national tests in reading, spelling, punctuation, grammar, writing and mathematics. Our mantra of "No Stress" and "Do Your Best" was evident across the year levels as students and teachers calmly went about completing the tests. Mr Parker coordinated the tests, and all booklets have now been boxed and sent away to be marked. NAPLAN results provide our school and community with information against all other Australian Schools as well as "Like School". The results of the tests will be known around September, with parents receiving individual student reports towards the end of the year. I look forward to analysing our results when they arrive later in the year.

BIKE EDUCATION

During phys-ed lessons, Bike Education will be conducted by AustCycles for Years 4 to 6 commencing on Wednesday, 25 May. All students will have their bike and helmet assessed by a qualified instructor for safety and roadworthiness. Students will then participate in a course to introduce basic, intermediate and experienced bike handling skills. As the weeks progress the program will become more complex, with students being taken out on to the road to learn the skills necessary to be proficient bike users. We would like to thank SGIO for assisting with sponsorship and reducing the cost of this program for our students. The program will conclude with a Safely Ride to School Breakfast on Friday, 1 July - the last day of term.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

On Friday, 6 May students in Years 5 and 6 played interschool sport against Kardinya. In a very enjoyable afternoon of sports, our students displayed great sportsmanship and skill. The results were:

	Ardross	Kardinya		Ardross	Kardinya
Netball A	4 points	32 points	Soccer	5 points	1 points
Netball B	2 points	19 points	AFL	27 points	42 points

DENISE MOORE & JASON FELSTEAD

We would like to welcome Denise Moore, our new Business Manager to the school and hope that she enjoys her new position. Also our gardener, Jason Felstead has returned back to work after a short illness. We are glad to have him back!

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- Wednesday 18 May**
Year 6 Camp returns (5.00pm)
- Thursday 19 May**
Principals' Network Meeting
- Friday 20 May**
Book covering in Environmental Room
- Monday 23 May**
Room 19 - Bat Boxes
- Tuesday 24 May**
Maths Committee Meeting
- Wednesday 25 May**
Low Carbon Schools Meeting
Bike Ed Starts
Choir - Singfest
- Thursday 26 May**
Low Carbon Schools Meeting
- Friday 27 May**
Interschool v Melville (Home)
- Tuesday 31 May**
Japanese Festival Day
Assembly - Room 3
- Wednesday 1 June**
Farmyard on Wheels

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YOGAZOO

Students in Years 1 to 6 have now participated in three 'Yoga and Mindfulness' lessons, as part of our Health and Wellbeing plan for 2016. The benefits of yoga have long been studied but only recently have been introduced to assist in a school setting. Some of the benefits of yoga and mindfulness to support the education of the whole child, thus maximizing the learning process include:

- providing students healthy ways to express and balance their emotions;
- promoting a more relaxed, comfortable state of being – the perfect state for teaching and learning;
- encouraging community engagement and connectedness within the classroom;
- helping to create an atmosphere of confidence, enthusiasm and non-competitiveness where everyone can succeed;
- easing anxiety and tension (such as pre-test or performance jitters);
- enhancing focus, concentration, comprehension and memory;
- supporting social and emotional learning;
- improving posture, assisting students to sit comfortably for long periods;
- enhancing motor skills and balance;
- improving mind/body awareness and connection;
- creating a calm, harmonious and HAPPY classroom;
- improving confidence and self-esteem.

The feedback from both students and staff has been very positive, and I look forward to seeing the results across the school.



THE FATHERING PROJECT

Last term an enthusiastic group of Dads registered Ardross Primary School to be involved in the Fathering Project. The Fathering Project aims to inspire and equip fathers and father figures to engage with their kids. We know that an effective father has a profound impact on the kids. We seek to make better Dads for the benefit of the kids. Our Vision (The Fathering Project) is to ensure every child in Australia has an effective father or father figure. The Fathering Project School Group is formed in your child's school by fathers and father figures who want to be champions in their child's life. The group is aimed at being fun, building interaction and knowledge of fathers and father figures of the school to engage themselves more effectively in the lives of their kids. Last Sunday under the guidance of Champion Dad Geoff Cooper the LADS (Legendary Ardross Dads) walked the Bridges – Mount Henry and Canning Bridge. 35 Dads and kids enjoyed the 6.5km walk to end back at Deep Water Point where they enjoyed a sausage sizzle, kick of the football and climbing trees. For more information on the Fathering Project please don't hesitate to contact Geoff at gcooper@inet.net.au or the fathering Project website at <http://thefatheringproject.org/>.



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS



At this week's assembly the winners were:

Room 20	Joshua Gaza, Shi Wei Liang.
Room 13	Liam Bailey, Ryan Gilmore, Paige Marley.
Room 10	Larissa Anto, Lyla Deeks, Matty Zmitko.
Room 9	Evie Kyle, Nate Osterhage, Zaleah Sambo.
Room 8	Finnean Cooper, Lucas Toh.
Room 7	Zack Ainsworth, Parmis Delavarpour, Mekhi Webster.
Room 6	Tiana Ellery, Charnae Niese.
Room 5	Jodie Chan, Sophia Chen, Amelia Cristobal, Bryn Fairclough.
Room 4	Tanisha Mavunduse, Lachlan Rose, Emily Withers, Isabella Yao.
Room 3	Ginger Narayan, Asha Wearne, William Wu.
Room 2	Matthew Choy, Myles Marley, Jess Ting.
Japanese	Evie Kyle, Sarah Wearne.

P&C NEWS

Trivia Night 2016

Wow what a night, it was fabulous to see 188 Parents, teachers, ex parents and sponsors at the Trivia Night held last Friday. The night was an amazing success building and strengthening the wonderful community relationships that make Ardross Primary School so unique and special. Thanks to all who attended and if you missed out this year, make sure you get in early for next year when it will be bigger and better. Due to generous parent and community sponsorships we were able to raise \$8,478. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

Special thanks go to Rebekah Hannaford, Sherraley Naylor, Charlotte Oliver, Sarah Pounder, Caroline VanRensburg, Wayne Theobald and David Wearne who worked all day during setup and through the evening as well, we could not have done this without you all. Also we can't forget Alexander and Kate Yeomans from WA Photobooth who kindly provided what was by far the most popular 'corner entertainment' of the night. Make sure you book them for your next party they are fabulous.

Congratulations to all the Prize Winners, especially Table 13 'On a Mission without Permission' who took out first place and well done Year 1 Parents, that makes the score even. Teachers - 1 : Parents - 1... bring on next year! Congratulations to Harrison and Amy Greenwell who will both have their day as 'Principal for the Day'. Also a happy Auction Winner, Troy Naylor, has been fitted for his new Daniel Hechter Suit.



Canteen

A huge thank you to Dawn Diver who is currently relieving Leanne Peacock in the Canteen. Dawn is doing a great job and the kids are very excited each day to see what specials are on offer.

Urgent help is also needed as the Canteen cannot function without the assistance of volunteers. Dawn is in **URGENT** need of volunteers for each Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, starting from Wednesday 18 May. If you can spare a few hours to help out, please call Dawn on 0412 411 845.

Nursery

Bruce Ivers is now working full time whilst Jason is away, now more than ever he needs assistance with the nursery. If you can please spare a few hours to assist Bruce with Weeding and Plating it would greatly benefit the school. A special thanks goes out to Room 7 parents, Melissa and Shaun along with Margaret Ruane who have all helped out, your support is wonderful, thank you. We have also had a wonderful member of the community, Wilson Ho, who has donated his time whilst he studies for his certificate in horticulture, Thanks Wilson and good luck with your certificate.

Book Covering Morning Tea

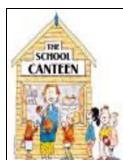
Calling all parents who can spare an hour or two on Friday, 20 May at 9.00am in the Environmental Room. The Literacy Department has many new books for our children and we cannot use them until they are covered. If you can spare some time to enjoy a morning tea and help cover some books we would love to see you on Friday. Everyone welcome.

Carpet Squares

If anyone is able to donate or know where we can access carpet squares, we are in desperate need of some for the children. Winter is coming and the kids have Assembly on Tuesdays and all need a carpet square to sit on. Your assistance would be appreciated so call Samantha 0433 382 208 if you can help.

Please join us at our next P&C Meeting in the Staff Room on Monday, 13 June, 7.30pm.

Samantha Hickman
P&C President



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 18 May	Sahara Bhetwel9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED9-1.00pm
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UNIFORM SHOP
 26 May 2016 9.00 - 9.30am
 9 June 2016 9.00 - 9.30am



CONGRATULATIONS

Lucas Ho (Room 19) and Daniel Chee (Room 20) represented Ardross Primary School at the WA Primary School's Table Tennis Team Competition and both emerged runner-up. Congratulations.



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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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