



Ardross Primary

An Independent Public School



Principal's Message

MOTIVATE - EDUCATE - CELEBRATE

A warm welcome return is extended to all members of the Ardross community following the Term 3 holidays. We hope that everyone enjoyed a relaxing holiday break and that batteries are fully charged for another busy term of learning.

Welcome also to Solomon, Jemima and Ivy B; Eason F and Lavaanya R our latest students to enrol. We hope these students and their families find their time at Ardross Primary School to be enjoyable and memorable.

FAREWELL TO MR BOB PARKER

It is with sadness that Mr Parker will be retiring at the end of this year. As educators we wish to make a difference to student's lives and instil a love of learning that goes beyond formal education. Over 18 years at Ardross PS Mr Parker has been an integral part of our school community working tirelessly to ensure the best possible outcomes for everyone. After many years in education we are happy that Mr Parker will now have time to choose his own daily timetable and his planning may encompass a variety of destinations including some of Perth's best golf courses.

STUDENT PLACEMENT 2018

As the year comes to an end I am in the process of structuring the classes for 2018. The placement of students to individual classes can be an emotive issue for parents. In order to ensure that the process is open, equitable and transparent for all, the following criteria will be applied for the placement of all students in classes. Parents who feel they have critical or relevant information pertaining to the placement of their child in 2018 should advise me, in writing.

The number and structure of classes required in any particular year is determined by the school's total projected enrolment for the coming year, financial resources and school based decision making on effective resource management.

Guidelines for student placement in classrooms:

Individual class placements are ultimately decided by the principal who works together with all staff to discuss the placement of students in classes. This is based on the teachers' professional judgement of each child taking into consideration social emotional and academic needs.

Placement Criteria:

- specific needs of the child
- group homogeneity - the retention of positive relationships and groups
- maintaining a balance of academic abilities and social/emotional needs and abilities
- maintenance of gender balance (where practicable).

Specific requests, in writing, for class placement for 2018 must be received at the school by 3.10pm Friday, 10 November 2017 and addressed to the Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Parents and Ardross community members are reminded that our School Development days in Term 4 are - Friday, 24 November and Friday, 15 December.

Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
Principal

LAPATHON 2017

The Lapathon will take place this Friday, 20 October beginning at 1.10pm on the school oval. All parents are welcome to attend and join in the fun. Please help your children to raise sponsors as this is our major fundraising event for the school. All children who raise \$4 receive a raffle ticket in the prize draw for two bicycles and some other fabulous prizes. The junior and senior classes which raise the most money will receive a free lunch. See you on Friday.



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Wednesday 18 October
Year 6 Dance
Kindy/Pre Primary Sports Day

Thursday 19 October
Assembly - Room 4

Friday 20 October
Lapathon

Monday 23 October
EduDance - Years 1 to 4

Tuesday 24 October
Year 5 Dance
Interschool Jumps & Throws
P&C Information Session

Wednesday 25 October
Year 6 Dance

Thursday 26 October
Interschool Athletics

Friday 27 October
Walk to School & YogaZoo

Monday 30 October
EduDance - Years 1 to 4
Art Blast

Tuesday 31 October
Year 5 Dance
Environmental Councillors to
Piney Lakes
Art Blast

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WALK WA

Next Friday, 27 October is Walk WA day at Ardross PS. We are celebrating by offering a free healthy breakfast (fruit salad and yoghurt) to all students who walk or ride to school. To coincide with this event Michelle Renton - Yogazoo instructor, will be teaching yoga to all students from pre primary to year 6 on the school oval. Students will need to bring along a yoga mat or beach towel for their session. So strap on your sneakers and join in the fun for Walk WA!

Denelle Ellery
Health Committee



Please note the following events:

- ◆ Japanese Origami Challenge - entries close on Friday, 3 November.
- ◆ Japanese Kendama Challenge - Thursday/Friday lunch time Week 5.

Any queries to hisayo.rego@education.wa.edu.au.

JAPANESE NEWS

Hisayo Rego
Japanese Teacher

SEEKING DONATIONS - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Ardross Primary School will again be involved in Operation Christmas Child (OCC) this year. OCC fills shoeboxes with small yet meaningful gifts for children in desperate situations, many of who haven't received gifts before. A group of Year 6 students have begun collecting gifts and will be packing the boxes in October.

We are seeking donations of gifts from the school community. We are collecting gifts for female and male children aged 2 to 14 years to wear, to play with, for school, to love or for personal hygiene.

Some items are prohibited to protect children or to comply with overseas government and customs restraints. These include any food or lollies, items that could break or melt, any used or damaged items, items that could scare or harm a child (including any war or pirate related toys) and any gambling related items.

For gift ideas or for more information, check the poster near the administration entrance or head to operationchristmaschild.org.au. Drop off for donations will be in the OCC box in the front office from week 1 in term 4.

Nathan Hoyle
YouthCARE School Chaplain

LOST PROPERTY

Please take a moment to check the lost property box which is located outside the office. While we make every attempt to reunite clothing and other items with their owners, we are unable to do this if there is no name on the article. Children are welcome to check the box for any items they may have misplaced.

We have also found two white watches on the school grounds. If you have lost a watch please come to the front office.



UNIFORM SHOP

26 October 2017 8.30 - 9.15am
9 November 2017 8.30 - 9.15am

OSHCLUB NEWS

We have had some fantastic activities that the children loved and continue providing great fun and peace of mind for you, knowing that your child is in good care. For any enquiries please see me at the OSHClub room. Have a happy week.

Val Maiorana
Program Coordinator

CELEBRATING LEARNING

Taiko Drumming Incursion

On 6 September, Room 7 went down to the undercover area to watch the traditional Japanese Taiko drumming incursion run by Toshi and Anne. Here are some of the thoughts about the Taiko drumming demonstration by three members of our class Daniel P, Nathanael S and Sarah C.

The incursion began with a brief description of the history of Taiko drums then they began playing the drums. Nathanael was surprised how loud the drums were. Sarah also thought the drums were loud but quickly got used to them.

Next, Anne began to play the Japanese bamboo flute. She made the sound by cutting the air she breathed in half and, different to a metal flute, moving her head. We were all told to close our eyes and imagine the sounds of nature she played through her flute.

After the flute, Toshi introduced us to the cymbals. They were loud and he and Anne played a fun game of tennis with the sound. Then they asked Macey to come out and play with them. We all laughed but Macey was very good.

Later they asked the students to come on to the stage and play the various drums. Everyone did really well keeping the rhythm.

Nathanael's favourite part was the flute because it was relaxing and transported him to the Japanese countryside. Sarah's favourite part was when the teachers had to get up and do the drumming. It really made her laugh.



P&C NEWS

IMPORTANT TERM 4 DATES

Lapathon – Friday, 20 October

Parent Talk – Denise Stapleton – Tuesday, 24 October

Parent and Teacher Christmas Sundowner – Saturday, 4 November

P&C Meeting – Monday, 13 November

Lapathon Assembly – Thursday, 16 November

Pupil Free Day – Friday, 24 November

Fathering Project Dad's Camp Out – Friday, 24 November

Presentation Night – Thursday, 7 December

Last day of School – Thursday, 14 December

PARENT SEMINAR - DR DENISE STAPLETON - FUSSY EATERS AND MEALTIME DIFFICULTIES - TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER @ 7.00PM

Refer to the attached flyer. Book your tickets today to this wonderful event for our Parents via www.trybooking.com/322051.

PARENT & TEACHER CHRISTMAS SUNDOWNER - RAFFLES HOTEL PRIVATE ROOM - SATURDAY, 4 NOVEMBER FROM 7.00PM

Tickets are \$25 each and are available from Class Representatives or in the school quadrangle on Friday's at 8.30am and 2.45pm. Your ticket includes canape food throughout the evening and 'old school music to dance the night away.

SENSATIONS - TERM 4 LUNCH ORDER MENU

Please refer to the attached flyer to see the current menu available from Sensations en Ardross.

WIRELESS HILL FARMERS' MARKET - STARTS THIS SUNDAY**Donations needed for our School Cake Stall**

No cream or raw products please. We will have a 'School Fundraising Cake Stall' at the markets on a Sunday, 29 October - **your donations are needed**. Please drop any cakes / slices / biscuits etc to school on Friday, 27 October or for products baked on Saturday please drop to 19A Cunningham St, Ardross – phone Samantha 0433382208.

Samantha Hickman
P&C President



**Wireless Hill
Farmers Market**



Every Sunday 8am - 12 noon
Commencing OCT 8th, 2017

Wireless Hill Park, Telefunken Drive, Ardross

wirelesshillfarmersmarket.com.au

WEST SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Sam Pepe, Managing Director of West School Supplies, would like to pass on his thanks to parents for their support over the past two years. Thank you.



ST GEORGE'S COLLEGE
SPRING FAIR
11AM-4PM SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER
WINE TASTING • MARKET STALLS • BOUNCY CASTLE • LIVE
MUSIC • GREAT FOOD
MOUNTS BAY ROAD, CRAWLEY

FREE EVENT

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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