Principal’s Message
Greetings to staff, parents and community members, welcome to this edition of the newsletter. Well here we are in Term 4 and racing towards the end of the year. It promises to be an action packed term with much to do before we get to the Christmas vacation!!

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING
Last week Miss Heary and myself accompanied Shen Kit Hia, Sydney Hannaford, Ryan Ewington and Aisha Burns to Noosal Senior High School, Melbourne to compete in the national finals of the Future Problem Solving competition. In an amazing effort the Ardross team placed 4th out of 12 teams, narrowly missing the top three and an invite to compete in the International competition in USA. Congratulations on another SENSATIONAL EFFORT from the Ardross students and Miss Heary.

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING NATIONAL AWARD
While at Nationals I was privileged to see Miss Heary presented with a prestigious award, recognising her commitment and involvement in the FPS program. Below is a letter I received prior to the competition.

Dear Mr Holmes,
On behalf of Future Problem Solving Program Australia, I have great pleasure in informing you that one of your staff members, Auril Heary, has been chosen as a recipient of the E. Paul Torrance Coaches’ Award for Contribution to Future Problem Solving in 2016. The late Dr. Torrance was the founder of the Future Problem Solving Program and an internationally renowned academic and teacher in the field of education. FPSA wished to commemorate his life’s work and felt that an annual coach’s award to match that already offered to Australian students was the most appropriate means of doing this. Auril’s nomination was supported by various members of the FPSA Australian Committee, with whom she has worked for a number of years. As you would be aware, Auril’s successes as a coach over the years has been remarkable, and is a testament to her commitment to her students and to FPS as a programme. A feature of her work as a coach has been her readiness to offer her support of the Program in various contexts, including the WA State Committee. She is to be commended for her energy and commitment, and we look forward to her continued involvement in the years to come.

With best wishes and kind regards

Dr Niranjan Casinader
PhD BA(Hons) GDipEd (Melb) MEd (Monash)
National Director

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.

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. All applications must be made online at education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented. Applications will close on Monday 6 February 2017. Late applications are not accepted.

TERM PLANNER
The Term 4 Planner has been placed on the website and a copy previously sent home. Please keep this handy as it outlines the majority of activities and important events happening over the next ten weeks. Parents and caregivers will be advised if there are any changes or deletions as advertised.

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Monday 31 October
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EduDance
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Assembly - Art Blast
ARDROSS ARTS EXHIBITION
Mrs Warren is coordinating the Ardross Primary School Art Blast from Tuesday 1st – Friday 4th November. The Art Blast assembly and exhibition on Tuesday 1st November signals the opening of our annual art exhibition. Ms Mason will be coordinating soloist performances and ensembles over the period of the opening, together with Taiko drumming, while Sensei Rego will be coordinating the Japanese Tea Ceremony to complement the Art Blast program. All students from Kindy to Year 6 have at least one piece of amazing work on display. Parents are welcome to come and view the children’s art work in the Library and Environmental Room during opening hours until Friday, 4 November. Children from Kindy to Year 6 have chosen a piece of art work that they have done this year to put in the exhibit. Thank you Mrs Warren for coordinating this great initiative.

JAPANESE STUDY TOUR
Our nine Japanese Students from Gunma Kokusei Academy arrived at school on Monday, after settling in with their host families. They will be staying with us until Tuesday, 1 November, involving themselves in school life. Again I would like to thank the host families and classroom teachers for accommodating these students. I am sure that both the students and host families will find the program rewarding.

LAPATHON
The annual Lapathon is on this Friday, 21 October from 1.15pm onwards. Over the holidays, students should have been collecting their sponsorship pledges to return together with their sponsorship form to their classroom teacher. All sponsorship money needs to be returned by Friday, 4 November as the P&C are counting and tallying the result. All students will receive a raffle ticket for every $4 they raise, with the major prize being a junior and senior bike, together with dozens of other amazing prizes which Mr Hill has been able to assemble. The Lapathon assembly will take place on Tuesday, 8 November commencing at 2.20pm when the draws will be done. The draw to the movies will also be done during the assembly, with 40 junior and 40 senior students invited to attend a movie at Hoyts Garden City. All participants who ran the Lapathon regardless of the amount of sponsorship will be eligible. The final announcement for the day will be the highest fundraising class who will win a lunch to be decided by themselves. Parents are most welcome to attend the assembly. A huge thankyou to Mr Hill who puts in an enormous amount of time and effort in coordinating the Lapathon every year. Don’t forget to get your money in by Friday, 4 November to be in the running for the many great Lapathon prizes.

GRADE 2 PIANO ESTEDFORD COMPETITION
Congratulations to Isaac Yiu who has placed third in the Grade 2 Piano Estedford last weekend. The competition was a Perth open competition and very competitive. Well done Isaac.

PUPIL FREE DAY - TERM 4
An early reminder that there is a pupil free day on Friday, 11 November (Week 5) as designated by the School Board. This has been advertised at the commencement of the year to all community members via the Parent Information Booklet on our website, which outlines all term dates, school holidays, public holidays and pupil free days for the year. The pupil free day on 11 November allows all teachers to finalize their reporting commitments for Semester 2, allowing the early release of student reports to families. Please place this date in your diary for future reference.

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 sent to the office for a serious breach of the policy, or who are regularly in the behaviour book will not be receiving an invite to the movies. Invitations and permission slips will be sent home towards the end of the term.

Andrew Holmes
Principal
WALK WA - WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Walk WA is a government initiative to encourage people to be more active within their communities. Previously Walk Over October, the aim for this year is to encourage walking everyday and what a great way to kick start your walking routine by walking to school for a free breakfast and yoga lesson!

When: Friday, 28 October
Time: 8.30am
Free: Fruit salad and yoghurt for those who walk and a chance to win some cool prizes
Yoga: 9.15- 9.45 Year 4-6
9.50-10.20 Year 1-3
Bring: A beach towel for your yoga lesson

We all know the benefits of walking but here is a list to remind you:
• Walking is fun;
• Walking gives families and friends a chance to chat;
• Walking improves your mood;
• Walking is an easy way to be active;
• Walking provides an opportunity to be outside and in nature;
• Walking helps reduce congestion around school;

So strap on your walking shoes and come and join the fun! We hope to see you there!

HALLOWEEN DISCO

It’s that spooky time of year where all the ghosts, goblins and witches come out to play! Put your scariest costume on and come and join us at our Halloween Disco! (Dressing up is optional and we would prefer no scary clowns!). We hope to see you there!

Who: Pre-Primary to year 6
When: Friday 28th October
Where: Ardross Primary School Undercover Area
Time: 5-7pm
Cost: $5 per ticket (Tickets available at the door. All money raised goes to our charities)
Treats: You can bring up to $10 spending money for water, popcorn and spooky treats.

BUZ HOPSCOTCH

This term we’re focusing on the BUZ Hopscotch way of solving fights in the playground. Even if we’re trying our best, we still have friendship fights sometimes, so BUZ Hopscotch can help us to solve the fight and keep on enjoying our friends.

There are seven steps in BUZ Hopscotch - here are the first four.

Stop and think: What just happened? How am I feeling right now? It’s OK to be feeling upset or angry - these feelings are normal. It’s not OK to hurt others with our words or actions, so stop and take a few deep breaths to make sure we are taking care of our self and others.

Talk: Say how you feel about what happened. Ask questions if you need more information.

Listen: It’s important to remember that everyone wants to have ‘their say’, so we listen to the other person and hear what they are saying. When we listen, we might pick up some clues about what caused this fight.

Problem: Work out what the real problem is - what caused the fight? Remember, the problem is never the person, the problem is the problem. It may be that there are different ideas for a game, or a misunderstanding, or the rules aren’t clear.

Once we’ve figured out what the problem is, we have a great chance of solving the fight. Keep your eyes out for the next three steps at assembly and in the newsletter.

COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Ardross Primary School will 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. We are collecting gifts for female and male children aged 2 - 14 to wear, to play with, for school, to love or for personal hygiene.

Some items are prohibited - 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 Administration until Week 4.
GO GREEN AND SPRING CLEAN
As part of the Garage Sale Trail Anglicare WA are hosting a ‘spring clean donation drive’ for anyone keen to clean out their wardrobe ahead of spring and summer. They will be collecting donations this Saturday 22 October, from 9am-1pm at St Georges Anglican Church, corner of Kintail Road and MacLennan Road in Applecross.

They are seeking donations of clothing, manchester and textiles in clean, good condition. Any larger items can be collected by calling 6253 3535. All donations will help fund the work Anglicare in Western Australia.

Nathan Hoyle
YouthCARE School Chaplain

BOOKFAIR - THANK YOU
Our bookfair was a wonderfully successful event again this year and I would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and children who purchased books on the day. A special THANK YOU to Mrs Hiller and Mrs Jones who helped on the day to make this a great school event. We sold $5,243.40 worth of books and the library receives 20% of this in cash to purchase new books. What a fantastic effort. Your generosity is very much appreciated. THANK YOU.

Lois Bowden
Library

POSITIVE PARENTING SEMINAR
All parents are welcome. Book these dates and babysitters now. No crèche facilities provided. Excellent opportunity to value add to your parenting skills. No cost involved.

Seminar 1 Power of Positive Parenting
Thursday 17 November 6:00-8:00pm
Seminar 2 Raising Confident, Competent Children
Tuesday 22 November 6:00-8:00pm

More detailed information to be provided. Look for the fliers around the school. Please register with office staff as soon as possible. Limited places available.

ROOM 15/16 BATHROOM RENOVATION
The children, parents and staff in room 15 and 16 would like to thank Alex Yeomans for his very kind donation of his time and effort to tile the bathroom and toilet area in Kindy and Pre-Primary. It looks FANTASTIC. Please feel free to come and have a look, especially if you are planning a renovation at home, you might like to ask Alex for a quote. Below are his contact details. Alex is an Ardross Primary school family.

Thanks also to Alex’s daughter Charlotte for her help in the job. It has dramatically changed the area and we are very grateful for such a big donation of time. Thanks again Alex.

AY TILING SERVICES, Alex Yeomans, Ceramic Tiler, Mob: 0439 373 164 Email: aytservices@hotmail.com.

At this week’s assembly the winners were:

Room 20. Sofie Simpson, Joshua Kelly, Cayden Rez
Room 19. Sydne Hannaford, Aisha Burns, Shen-Kit Hia, Ryan Ewington
Room 16. Alison Choi, Mila Edwards
Room 13. Caitlyn Ho, Samuel Westwood
Room 11/12. Elizabeth Bader, Luke Kim
Room 10. Valeriy Kutluzamanov, Kelly Palmer
Room 9. Sofia Yeomans, Maya Szymanska, Jye Foster
Room 8. Matthew Smith
Room 7. Phoebe Hudson, Vidarsha Jayasinghe
Room 6. 
Room 5. Brooke Birbari, Bryn Fairclough, Thomas He
Room 4. Evan Fasher, Henrique Akabane Cunha Vianna, Jamie Wright
Room 3. Chelsea Ong, Harrison Greenwell-Roberts, Tristan Stone
Room 2. Piya Whittle, Matthew Choy, Erin Park

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS
P&C NEWS
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Book your tickets for this great fun night out. See your Class Rep today as numbers MUST be confirmed prior to Friday, 28 October. It will be the “Night Out” not to be missed, join us to celebrate this great year at Ardross.

THANK YOU so much to Alex Yeomans (School Community Dad) who donated 3 days of his time during the school holidays. Alex kindly retiled the Kindy/Pre Primary Toilets and they look fabulous. What an amazing donation, we are so thankful.

Thank you to Tanya Stenton who repainted the hopscotch ready for the kids to enjoy.

Thank you to Rebekah Hannaford and Alison Miller who co-ordinated the 2016 School Tea Towels. Each child in the school has drawn their own picture, which are now showcased onto a year level tea towel, they look amazing. Thanks to all the families who placed orders, I know you will be happy with them. Thanks to Rebekah and Alison for your time, it would not have been successful without you both.

Canteen
Please check out the wonderful NEW Summer Menu. Great New Sushi is available on Friday’s however, don’t forget that you must order by Thursday.

Next Meeting
Next P&C Meeting – Monday 7 November – 7.30pm. Please join us in the Staff Room.

Samantha Hickman
P&C President

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UNIFORM SHOP
27 October 2016 9.00 - 9.30am
10 November 2016 9.00 - 9.30am
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.

Paul Evensen
Associate Director
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