



# Ardross Primary

An Independent Public School



## Principal's Message

Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members. Welcome to this edition of the newsletter. As we race towards the end of Term 3 there has been a lot of activity happening in and around the school. Many classes have been involved in teaching and learning programs that challenge and extend students through in-class work and incursions and excursions. This fortnight has seen visits to the Melville City Library, Dress Up Parade for Book Week, trips to SciTech, astronomy activities and robotics to celebrate Science Week, as well as athletics practice for the upcoming carnival. Along with all of this, students are working hard to improve their literacy and numeracy skills!

### INVITATION FOR FAMILIES TO HOST A JAPANESE STUDENT

Ardross Primary School is hosting a group of 11 and 12 year old Japanese students from Gunma Kokusai Academy (GKA) from Sunday, 16 October – Wednesday, 2 November 2016. GKA is an English immersion school so the students are very good at English and eager to experience life in Australia! The visiting students will stay with a family from the school and participate in regular classes alongside our students. We are looking for families who have a child in Years 4 to 6 to host a student. Hosting an international student offers many unique opportunities, including the chance to learn about another culture and build life-long friendships. The family's responsibilities are to include the student as a member of their family and involve them in their daily routine. Students can share a room with their host student; they do not require their own room. It's also important to know that the company arranging the exchange program, Gold Intercultural Learning (GIL), provide 24 hours a day support to both host families and students. An expression of interest to host a Japanese student can be found on our website. It would be great to receive an early response so that we can host these students. You receive \$400! If you can help or would like more information please contact the program coordinator Jason Hutchinson on 0417 773 846 or email [homestay@goldil.com.au](mailto:homestay@goldil.com.au). Please consider hosting a student, especially if you haven't hosted previously. Expressions of interest can be found on our website.

### STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2017

As amazing as it seems, we are now commencing organisation for the 2017 year. Parents are asked to complete the form provided on previous newsletters and place it in the letterbox in the front office by Friday, 26 August - end of Week 6. (It is not necessary for those students returning to complete the form as it will be assumed that you will be attending in 2017.)

### CLASS LISTS

Staff will soon be involved in developing class lists for 2017. As the school structure is still in draft, and will be right up until the start of 2017, class placements will not be advertised until the office reopens towards the end of January. I have received some parent requests that will be taken into consideration, when placing students in classes, based on educational grounds. Should you have a request, please do not approach classroom teachers, but place your request in writing to the Principal. As per previous years, classes will be formulated according to the following:

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

### BOOK WEEK PARADE

Today we celebrated Book Week, "Australian Stories and Colours" with a dress up and parade of our favourite book characters. Our parade also coincided with Whacky Hair and Bandana Day to raise funds for various school supported charities. It was great to see so many of our staff and students get into the spirit of Book Week. Thank you to the parents who every year come up with very creative and innovative costumes. Thank you also to Miss Brown who coordinated the Book Week Parade and activities even though she was on long service leave, with the help of Mrs Downey and Mrs Maley. Photos are available to view on the school web page.

### MASSED CHOIR

On Friday I will have the pleasure to sit amongst a large audience at Crown Theatre Complex and listen to our Junior Choir, and ten other schools from across the metropolitan area perform. It is an extremely exciting time for our students and an uplifting experience listening to the wonderful voices of the students and watching outstanding performances. Congratulations to Mrs Mason and the junior choir members who have been practicing so hard and will sing beautifully on Friday night.

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**Wednesday 24 August**  
Melville Civic Library -  
Kindy A & B

**Thursday 25 August**  
Melville Civic Library -  
Rooms 4 & 19  
Tennis - Room 19

**Friday 26 August**  
Choir WAGSM Concert -  
Burswood

**Monday 29 August**  
Piney Lakes - Rooms 3 & 20

Tuesday 30 August  
Pre Primary Scitech Incursion

Wednesday 31 August  
Australian Girls Choir  
Assessment

**Thursday 1 September**  
Tennis - Room 19

**Friday 2 September**  
Jump Rope for Heart

**Monday 5 September**  
Piney Lakes - Room 19  
P&C Meeting - 7.30pm

**Tuesday 6 September**  
Assembly - Choir / Music

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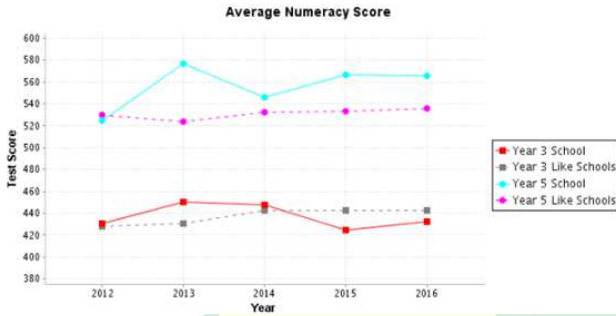
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**NAPLAN RESULTS**

In May this year, national literacy and numeracy tests were administered to students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 throughout Australia. Over one million students from almost 10 000 schools across Australia participated in these national tests. Our results arrived last week and provide information on how our school is performing in Years 3 and 5 compared to State, Australian and "Like Schools" results. Staff will begin to analyse these results and look at improvement strategies for next year. The School Board will also be involved in looking at the data and our strengths and weaknesses. I would like to acknowledge that most of our results continue to be at or above "like schools" which is very pleasing, with our Year 3 students slightly lower in numeracy and reading, while Year 5 students performed exceptionally well especially in numeracy and spelling. Individual student reports will be sent out by Friday. Below are some preliminary graphs outlining our Year 3 and 5 results.

Average Numeracy Score



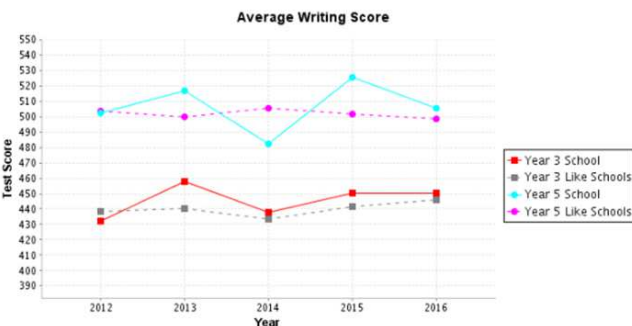
| Year | Y03    |              | Y05    |              |
|------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|
|      | School | Like Schools | School | Like Schools |
| 2012 | 430    | 428          | 525    | 530          |
| 2013 | 450    | 431          | 577    | 524          |
| 2014 | 448    | 443          | 546    | 532          |
| 2015 | 425    | 442          | 567    | 534          |
| 2016 | 433    | 443          | 566    | 536          |

Average Reading Score



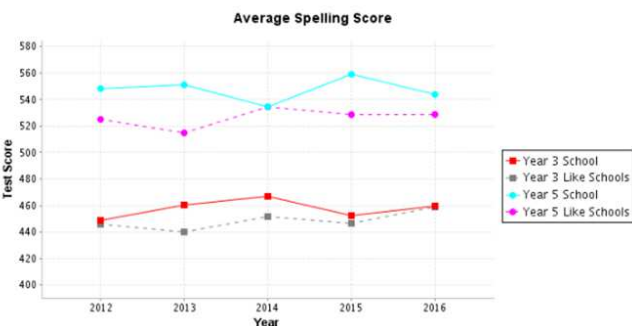
| Year | Y03    |              | Y05    |              |
|------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|
|      | School | Like Schools | School | Like Schools |
| 2012 | 448    | 461          | 535    | 533          |
| 2013 | 462    | 458          | 546    | 529          |
| 2014 | 447    | 463          | 538    | 548          |
| 2015 | 450    | 466          | 559    | 534          |
| 2016 | 448    | 467          | 538    | 539          |

Average Writing Score



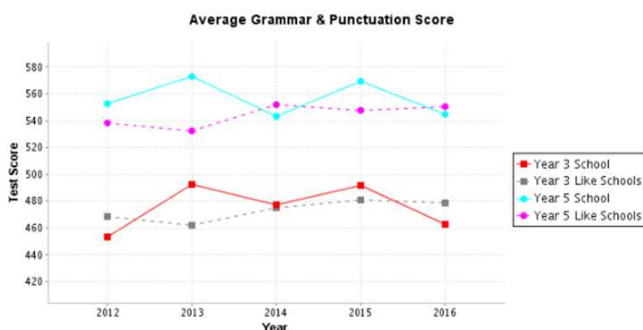
| Year | Y03    |              | Y05    |              |
|------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|
|      | School | Like Schools | School | Like Schools |
| 2012 | 432    | 438          | 503    | 504          |
| 2013 | 458    | 440          | 517    | 500          |
| 2014 | 438    | 434          | 482    | 505          |
| 2015 | 451    | 441          | 526    | 501          |
| 2016 | 450    | 446          | 505    | 498          |

Average Spelling Score



| Year | Y03    |              | Y05    |              |
|------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|
|      | School | Like Schools | School | Like Schools |
| 2012 | 449    | 446          | 548    | 525          |
| 2013 | 461    | 440          | 551    | 515          |
| 2014 | 467    | 452          | 535    | 535          |
| 2015 | 452    | 447          | 559    | 529          |
| 2016 | 460    | 459          | 544    | 529          |

Average Grammar & Punctuation Score



| Year | Y03    |              | Y05    |              |
|------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|
|      | School | Like Schools | School | Like Schools |
| 2012 | 454    | 468          | 553    | 539          |
| 2013 | 493    | 462          | 573    | 533          |
| 2014 | 478    | 475          | 543    | 552          |
| 2015 | 492    | 481          | 570    | 548          |
| 2016 | 463    | 479          | 545    | 551          |

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

All students have been practicing hard with their faction and are gearing up for the faction athletics competition. Jumps and Throws are on Monday morning, 12 September, on the school oval, with the 200m and 400m in the afternoon at Applecross Senior High School oval. The Athletics Carnival is on Friday, 16 September commencing at 9.00am. The events for the day will be posted on the website. Please note that due to the nature of the day, times are approximate and may change. We apologise if this does occur, however the smooth running of the carnival depends on a degree of flexibility. Thanks to Miss Davies, the staff and the Faction Captains for their efforts in the lead up to the carnival. I look forward to seeing many of you on either the Monday or Friday.

### PRESENTATION NIGHT

An early warning to place Thursday, 8 December in your diary for our Graduation / Presentation evening to be held on the school quadrangle. All students from Years 1 to 6 will commence their dance lessons in Term 4 in preparation for this evening.

### PUPIL FREE DAYS - TERM 4

An early reminder that there is also a pupil free day on Monday, 10 October (first day of Term 4). Another day to be approved by the School Board, possibly Monday, 7 November will be communicated after the next board meeting.

**Andrew Holmes**  
Principal

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Faction Athletics Carnival is being held on Monday, 12 and Friday, 16 September. For our carnival to run smoothly we require the assistance of parents. If you are available on the following days, please contact me via email [alison.davies2@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:alison.davies2@education.wa.edu.au). Thank you in advance.

#### Monday 12 September

|                |                  |                     |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Jumps & Throws | 9:00am – 12:20pm | Ardross PS Oval     |
| 200m & 400m    | 1:45pm – 3:00pm  | Applecross SHS Oval |

#### Friday 16 September

|                     |                 |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sprints, Team Games | 8:45am – 2:45pm | Ardross PS Oval |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|

**Ali Davies**  
Physical Education Specialist

### HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

**At this week's assembly the winners were:**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>Room 20</b>    | Joseph Kelly, Sara Mirkarimi, Isabelle Soh.       |
| <b>Room 19</b>    | Albert Ong, Kathryn Raffelt.                      |
| <b>Room 16</b>    | Lewis Ridge, Shradha Shrestha.                    |
| <b>Room 13</b>    | Julia Jung, Luke Kim.                             |
| <b>Room 11/12</b> | Laila Burns, Jeremy Chang.                        |
| <b>Room 10</b>    | Amelia Isaac, Amar Muhammad, Jayella Sambo.       |
| <b>Room 9</b>     | Yoona Kim, Andrew Iskander.                       |
| <b>Room 8</b>     | Kenneth Cheong, Tiana Slivkoff.                   |
| <b>Room 7</b>     | Parmis Delavarpour, Amy Greenwell-Roberts.        |
| <b>Room 6</b>     | Lilli Heavens, Charlotte Patten, Bradman Peacock. |
| <b>Room 5</b>     | Marvellous Adigun, Nathanael Suryana, Mika Yan.   |
| <b>Room 4</b>     | Isabella Etezadi, Quaid Fernando, Rahul Mahajan.  |
| <b>Room 3</b>     | Sonny Aindow, Grace Ainsworth, Cassie Barrett.    |
| <b>Room 2</b>     | Tayha Cole, Guy Hannaford, Heather Stone.         |
| <b>Japanese</b>   | Bryn Fairclough, Morgan Fromant, Daniel Hone.     |



### ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - 16 SEPTEMBER 2016

As part of our commitment to promote reading, we will be holding an Ashton Scholastic Book Fair on Friday, 16 September between the hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm. This year's theme is 'Australia! Story Country'. During the book fair your children can purchase quality material. We urge you to visit the Book Fair. You'll be sharing in the magic of choosing new books and encouraging your children to read. Our school will benefit from sales and obtain extra resources for your children. So join in the fun. Mark the date now on your calendar and help our school enjoy this wonderful event.

**P&C NEWS**

**PARENTS TIP**

eSafety – The ever changing nature of the internet can pose challenges for parents. iParent provides online safety resources targeted to the specific needs of parents and carers. [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au) is an amazing site with the link to 'iParent' which will arm you with many ways to explore technology at home, and find new ways to safeguard yourself and your family.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to the parents & grandparents who volunteered to assist with the book covering. A wonderful catch up with each other while getting the job done so our children can start to use more guided readers. To Rebekah, Sherralee, Charlotte, Vicky, Margaret, Kim, Amanda, Sandra, Ai Mei, Jin Kar - a huge thank you.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to our Art Teacher, Mrs Warren and the students who had their art submitted for display at the WACSSO Conference held at Crown Casino. The students from Year 5 Jayden, Emily, Chelsea, Evelyn, Isabelle, Joia and Josh.



**SCHOOL SPORTS CARNIVAL**

**Friday, 16 September – all families welcome. Wear your faction colours and support the kids on this wonderful day.**

**Lunch Orders** – keep an eye out for the lunch order form coming home for both children and parents. Order forms due in by Friday, 9 September. This year we have something special – pre order your Crust Pizza at a special school rate to be delivered to the oval just in time for lunch. These will be on the order forms coming home along with healthy wraps and salads – both gluten free and vegetarian pizzas available. Don't forget the kids can picnic with their parents on this special day.

**CANTEEN**

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who volunteer to help keep the canteen open as an essential service for our children. If you can spare a few hours on a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday please call or email Leanne to place your name on the volunteer Roster. Email – [ardrosscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:ardrosscanteen@gmail.com) or contact Leanne on 0412 560 770.

**Wednesday Special** - Mexican Day – Nachos – The kids love them!

**Thursday Special** - Chicken Burger or Hot Dog.

**Friday Special** - Chicken Wrap or Home Made Soup.

**Next P&C Meeting**

Monday, 5 September – 7.30pm. It would be great to see you there.

**Samantha Hickman**  
P&C President



**CANTEEN ROSTER**

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>Wed 24 Aug</b> | Dessy Nugrahanto . . . . . 9-1.00pm<br><b>HELP NEEDED</b> . . . . . 9-1.00pm<br>Angela Tooker . . . . . 9-11.00am        |
| <b>Thu 25 Aug</b> | <b>HELP NEEDED</b> . . . . . 9-1.00pm<br><b>HELP NEEDED</b> . . . . . 9-1.00pm   |
| <b>Fri 26 Aug</b> | <b>HELP NEEDED</b> . . . . . 9-1.00pm<br><b>HELP NEEDED</b> . . . . . 9-1.00pm<br><b>HELP NEEDED</b> . . . . . 9-11.00am |
| <b>Wed 31 Aug</b> | <b>HELP NEEDED</b> . . . . . 9-1.00pm<br><b>HELP NEEDED</b> . . . . . 9-1.00pm   |
| <b>Thu 1 Sept</b> | <b>HELP NEEDED</b> . . . . . 9-1.00pm<br><b>HELP NEEDED</b> . . . . . 9-1.00pm   |
| <b>Fri 2 Sept</b> | <b>HELP NEEDED</b> . . . . . 9-1.00pm<br><b>HELP NEEDED</b> . . . . . 9-1.00pm<br>Gloria Fitzgerald . . . . . 9-11.00am  |



**UNIFORM SHOP**  
1 September 2016 9.00 - 9.30am  
15 September 2016 9.00 - 9.30am



### POKEMON GO

It's been great to see people of all ages out enjoying Pokemon Go. Here's a checklist to make sure you're keeping yourself safe while out chasing that Alakazam.

- **Pokemon Go is better and safer with other Pokemon Trainers** - make sure you include an adult if you're heading out! This way you can combine your Poke-strengths and make a strong team, while keeping each other amused and aware.
- **Stick to public places** - even if a Charizard is in someone's backyard or front garden, that's still a private place. Public places are places that we can all visit, private places are not as safe and you shouldn't go. Even in public places, look around and ask yourself 'Do I feel safe here?'.
- **Listen to your early warning signs** - is your body telling you that you're feeling unsafe? Feeling confused, having a sick feeling in your tummy or feeling your heart beat faster might be signs that you're feeling lost or unsafe and you need to go and get help from a safe adult or use your Poke-phone to call someone to help you. It's fun to be excited while playing, but if you start to feel unsafe, then it's time to get help.
- **Stay with your Poke-group and don't join others** - People might say they know where Blastoise is, but that doesn't mean it's ok to follow them away from your group or into a private place. Never get into the car of someone you don't know and feel safe with - even if they are playing Pokemon Go too, even if they know where an Articuno is, even if Ditto is 'just around the corner', it's not ok to leave with people you don't know.

Good luck to all our trainers and play safely.

**Nathan Hoyle**  
Chaplain

### KARDINYA RED SOX BALL CLUB

Kardinya Red Sox Ball Club registrations for tee-ball, baseball and softball are now open for our season starting in October. We are taking players from 4 to 12 Years old. Enquiries to [registrar@kardinyaredsox.org.au](mailto:registrar@kardinyaredsox.org.au).

### ARDROSS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

For more details contact: Cameron Schuster (Secretary) (M) 0417 951 540  
OR register via the website below

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

**DATE:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

**TIME:** 1:00-3:00PM

**VENUE:** All Saints College, Ewing Ave Bull Creek

Grab your friends and come and join in the fun!

MILO in2CRICKET for girls and boys aged 5-7

MILO T20 BLAST for all girls aged 7-12 and boys aged 7-11

RSVP by heading to the [http://www.waca.com.au/south\\_free\\_holiday\\_clinic/](http://www.waca.com.au/south_free_holiday_clinic/)



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### WATERWISE TIP - CARS AND DRIVEWAYS

If you are taking your car to the carwash, choose one that recycles water and uses high pressure cleaning units. If you wash your car at home, park on the lawn and use a bucket, as a running hose wastes up to 20 litres of water a minute. When you need to clean driveways or paving, use a broom. Using a hose or pressure washer is a fast way to waste water and attracts a fine if caught.

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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