



Ardross Primary

An Independent Public School



Principal's Message

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Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter. As I walk around the school and visit classrooms it is always uplifting to interact with students. When I ask students 'what are you learning today' they confidently explain 'what' and importantly 'why' they are learning.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY?

On Friday night, our Parents and Citizens Association along with The Fathering Project organised our inaugural 'Welcome Sundowner'. Approximately 250 children and adults enjoyed being with friends, family and having a sausage in a bun. Music, stunning weather and an overall feeling of happiness enhanced this event. Thank you to Mr Ivers who managed to turn off the reticulation very quickly!

We also invited new parents to the school to join the class P&C representatives for morning tea. This was held on Monday morning on the veranda outside the library.

I felt this quote by Fegan and Bowes (2004) reinforced the importance of why 'community' is such a priority at Ardross Primary School:

"What matters is not what size a community is, or what connections exist between members, but how people perceive their relationship to the community. If families perceive their local area as a community of which they are a part, despite distance from neighbours or lack of facilities, then they will behave as if it is a community. This perception will lead to behaviour that has benefits for the families and the children within it." (p.144)



PARENTING

Parenting can be very rewarding but it also comes with many challenges. The Triple P Program is an outstanding initiative providing invaluable strategies for parents. I encourage you to attend a seminar.

Want to make family life easier – and happier? Triple P's Power of Positive Parenting seminar can help you understand why kids act the way they do, and how your reactions and words can make a big difference.

Our 90-minute seminar is free for all WA parents and carers, and packed with ideas to help you give your children the best start in life, and get more enjoyment out of being a parent. Book your free place now at <http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa>.

KISS AND DRIVE

We remind all parents and people in our school community that traffic is a significant issue at Ardross PS. We ask all of you to be vigilant and have the safety of our families at the forefront of your mind when dropping off and picking up your child. Please do not use the staff carpark as a pick up or drop off point. Please don't park on our neighbours' verges or in their driveways as this creates great upset.

CONNECT COMMUNICATION

In 2019 teachers will be using the CONNECT platform extensively as their main route of communication. Each parent has their own login details so they can access Connect. Please contact the school office if you haven't yet received these details. Each class will have their own Connect page and there will be regular notices from teachers to let you know what is happening in the classroom. We are all learning how to use Connect and would appreciate constructive feedback as staff become more familiar with the way it works. Connect is a Department of Education platform.

Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
Principal



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Issue 2

Wednesday 27 February
Ghost in a Suitcase -
Rooms 19 & 20
Board Meeting - 7.15pm

Thursday 28 February
Uniform Shop Open
Rooms 10 & 13 - Parent
Meeting

Monday 4 March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 5 March
Year 5/6 Swimming Lessons
commence
Community Café

Monday 11 March
Year 5/6 Swimming continues
P&C AGM - 7.15pm

Tuesday 12 March
Assembly - Room 10

Thursday 14 March
Uniform Shop Open

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HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS



At the assembly held today the winners were:

Room 20	River-Jean F, Evie K, George S.	Room 7	Sophie M, Joshua M, Daniel P, Lucas T.
Room 19	Wonsik J, Sarah W.	Room 6	Alison C, Daniel S.
Room 16	Chase D, Elaine Z.	Room 5	Jyana T, Brodie W, Lucas Y.
Room 15	Jiwoo K, Hunter N, Amy P, Luke W.	Room 4	Jimmy M, Chloe M, Zoe N.
Room 13	Liam G, Carly Y.	Room 3	Sam H, Eva H, Lincoln O, Mia S.
Room 10	Owen D, Marcie S, Justan Y.	Room 2	Caden H, Amar M.
Room 9	Daisy L, Jayden Y.	Japanese	Elizabeth B, Roger C.
Room 8	Lara K, Matthew F.		

AND WE ARE OFF!!

During our class Physical Education time, the Year 3 to 6 students have been practising netball and exploring the different skills needed to succeed in a game. Our Pre-Primary to Year 2 students have been working on their passing, communication, locomotor skills, and balance through different fun games and relays. Please make a note of what day your child has sport as some students have been coming to school without their water bottles and proper sports shoes. We vary between the undercover area, the quadrangle, the oval and the playground so runners or tennis shoes are the dress code for Physical Education.



For my Year 4 to 6 students and families, I would like to apologise for the date errors on the swimming note last week. The correct date for the Faction Swimming Carnival is 2 April 2019. This is the Tuesday of week 9. The correct date for the Inter-School Carnival is 9 April. This is the Tuesday of week 10. There is an updated note in the Connect Library with the changes highlighted! All students will bring a note home with additional information and asking for permission to attend the carnival at a later time.

We started the swimming trials for the Year 4 students today and it was great to see so many of them giving the 50 meters a go! The trials are on Monday mornings, during school time, between 9:30am - 11:00am.

We are also looking forward to the return of our swimming practise. I will be supervising and running the trainings at Applecross Senior High School Pool between 7:40am and 8:20am on Wednesday and Friday mornings. If you are dropping your students off and would like to stay, you are more than welcome. If your student is planning on coming to these sessions, please pack them an extra little snack so they can be ready and re-fuelled for their school day!

It has been a great start to the year and I cannot wait to see where this term takes us!

Hannah Brown
PhysEd Specialist Teacher

THE APPLECROSS SHS - ACADEMIC EXTENSION PROGRAM

For many years the Applecross SHS Academic Extension Program has been catering very well for the needs of academically talented students, grouping them with like-minded students and teaching them specialised skills that provides the foundations for success in Years 11, 12 and beyond.

The goal of the Applecross SHS extension programs is to be both challenging and inspirational, in the four core areas of Maths, Science, English and the Humanities.

Our extension programs effectively cater for the intellectual and affective needs of talented students. The program develops student's skills and abilities within an environment which provides challenge and allows students to work with peers who share similar interests, aspirations and abilities. We work with students in three distinct ways:

- **Acceleration** - through covering the curriculum at a faster rate to allow time to investigate integrated activities and delve deeper into concepts.
- **Enrichment** - exposing students to a higher level of content and concepts, offering students opportunities to expand their skills and knowledge.
- **Technology** - advanced use of ICT and critical literacy. Early preparation for upper school is a feature of Year 10 Academic Extension studies.

The most recent data from our longitudinal studies continues to clearly demonstrate the value adding our AE programs deliver.

- Students who were in three or more AE classes in Year 10 2016, achieved an average ATAR in 2018 of **95.7**.
- In 2018 five of these students achieved an ATAR of 99+, with an additional 25 students achieving an ATAR of 95+.

We will be conducting Academic Testing for the 2019 intake on 28 May 2019, and further information will be sent to your school during Term 2. We urge all interested parties to apply for the testing rounds.

Wishing all members of the school community a safe and happy 2019.

Paul Currie
Deputy Principal, Applecross SHS

P&C NEWS

THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL WELCOME SUNDOWNER

What a fun and relaxing way to kick off the start of 2019. Thank you for coming along and making the Sundowner such a success. From dancing with scarves, playing cricket and soccer, catching up with friends and making new ones, to birthdays, to games, nature play, raffle winners and even a surprise sprinkler!! The band 'Imitations' had a great time and particularly loved all the scarf dancers. I would also like to thank Woolworths for supplying the meat and buns, the Ardross Fathering Project for setting up and manning the BBQ, Scutti's, Indian Summer, Jooj, Playquip and Celebrations in Ardross all donated raffle prizes and to all the P&C members for running errands. A great evening and we look forward to doing it again soon.

P&C AGM - MONDAY 11 MARCH 2018 - 7.15PM

The next P&C meeting will be our AGM. All positions will become vacant with nominations taken. We look forward to seeing you there.

COFFEE CLUB GARDEN CITY

Coffee Club continue to support Ardross Primary school by donating back 10% of any full price food and drink. Simply ask that your receipt be placed in the Ardross Primary school tin.

Alice Brennan
Vice President



2019 STUDENT LEADERSHIP

STUDENT COUNCILLOR	ARTS CAPTAIN	ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCILLOR
Ari E	Amelia C	Sophia C
Evie K	Takara V	Mira K
Heather S	River-Jean F	Wonsik J
Sarah W	Charitha V	Isaac Y
Thabie M	Ovita W	George S
Nicole M	Bardia B	Aiden T
Arif M	Yoona K	Joseph G
Ella N		Elijah L
Naomi Y		
Nate O		
Chloe H		
Miraslava K		

COMPUTER CAPTAIN	LITERACY CAPTAIN
Matthew C	Tiana E
Andrew I	Sofia Y
Isobel W	Maja S
Erin P	
Jake K	
Julian K	

FACTION LEADERS				
	Butler	Lukin	Waylen	Wellard
Captain	Jye F	Liam M	Ido R	Chris W
Vice Captain	Rory T	Izack B	Guy H	Vaughn N
Captain	Gabby W	Laura C	Amanda K	Emily H
Vice Captain	Lacy T	Ella M	Ava H	Mirai I



UNIFORM SHOP 2019

28 February 2019 8.30am - 9.15am
14 March 2019 8.30am - 9.15am

OSHCLUB NEWS

Enrolling your child in OSHClub is easy and free. All you need to do is complete an enrolment form online at www.oshclub.com.au where you will have the option of booking as either a permanent or casual user. Once your child is enrolled you then have the comfort and reassurance of knowing that your child/children will be cared for in a safe, fun and friendly environment.

Val Maiorana
Program Coordinator



Keyed Up Music will be running keyboard lessons this year at Ardross Primary School. Prices start at \$17.55 per lesson. To enrol go to www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form or for more information please contact Therese 1300 366 243.

Kids!! Have fun learning to speak Mandarin



mandarin stars



fun mandarin for kids

FUN School Holiday Program at Ardross Primary School!

The Mandarin Stars program offers:

- Specialist Mandarin programs for both native and second language learners of Mandarin.
- An engaging program that will inspire a love for learning Chinese.
- An immersion based program that teaches strong listening and speaking skills in Mandarin.
- Language building activities such as role play, Chinese songs, rhymes and games!
- The teaching of Chinese characters, reading, writing and Pin Yin.
- The discovery of Chinese history, culture, festivals, Calligraphy, Tai Chi and even Kung Fu!

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th & 8th January 2019

9.30am to 11.30am (\$239 per course)

5-day PinYin program for Year 1 to 6

5-day SuperSTARS Mandarin program for K-Y6

12.00pm to 2.30pm (\$45 per session)

Immersion-based Mandarin Workshop each day

To book or to find out more details, please email rachael@mandarinstars.com.au

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