



Ardross Primary

An Independent Public School



Principal's Message

Greetings to staff, parents and community members, welcome to this edition of the newsletter. With just over two weeks until the end of term it promises to be a frantic conclusion to 2016. There is still lots to finish off and lots to do to prepare our students for 2017! I look forward to racing towards a very busy end of the year!

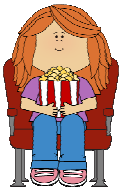
NEW PRINCIPAL

In the last newsletter I advised all families that I was successful in being merit selected as the new Principal at Forest Crescent Primary School and after just over 10 years at Ardross would be leaving at the end of the year. I can assure parents that this was a hard decision. As a promotional position I am looking forward to the next challenging phase of my career! Since being advised of my selection I have been working with Regional Office and Patrick Soh (School Board Chair) to ensure the continuity of leadership at Ardross. It gives me great pleasure to advise the school community that Mr Trevor Phoebe will be the new Principal for the start of 2017. Mr Phoebe comes across from Rostrata after completing Relieving Principal positions at Rostrata, Hilton and Nedlands over recent years. Together with the administration team, I will be working with Mr Phoebe to ensure a thorough handover and smooth transition into 2017. During Term 2 2017 the position will be advertised and a selection process will be undertaken to appoint a substantive Principal to the position. I am sure that the school community joins with me to wish Mr Phoebe all the best at Ardross Primary School – welcome Trevor!

STUDENTS RETURNING LATE IN 2017

School commences for students on Wednesday, 1 February 2017. The student census, where all students are counted to attract funding from the Student Centred Funding Model will take place on Friday, 10 February. There are very strict protocols around students we can count and it is important that if students are returning late from the holidays (mainly from overseas) that we have information about the date of return otherwise they will not be included in census. If your child will not be in attendance by Friday, 10 February, please complete the information slip below. It is important that we have copies of airline tickets which clearly show the return date to Perth. Please provide this information to the front office by Friday, 9 December.

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 are sent to the office for a serious breach of the policy, or who are regularly in the behaviour book will not be receiving an invitation to the movies. Pre Primary to Year 3 will be watching "Moana" which is rated PG while the Year 4 to 6 students will be watching 'Sing' also rated PG. Invitations and permission slips will be sent home next week. Thank you to the wonderful P&C who provide the funds for the Behaviour Movie.

YEAR 6 DINNER DANCE AND GRADUATION

Wednesday, 30 November will see our Year 6 students attend their annual dinner dance with dinner at Miss Mauds in town, followed by dancing at St Michaels Church Hall, Mount Pleasant. I look forward to seeing our Year 6 students enjoy the dinner dance. A formal school graduation will be held on the Presentation Night on Thursday, 8 December commencing at 6.30pm.

PRESENTATION EVENING

A reminder that the Presentation Evening begins at 6.30pm SHARP on Thursday, 8 December, on the Ardross School Quadrangle. Parents and students are to be seated by 6.15pm. This evening is the culmination and celebration of another outstanding year of education at Ardross Primary School. Students have been practising extremely hard, with Years 1 to 4 completing amazing EduDances, Year 5 - Salsa and the Year 6 students ballroom dancing. All students are required to attend. Parents are requested to advise their child's classroom teacher if they will not be present at this event due to leaving school early. The evening will conclude around 8.00pm. Parents are requested not to take their children early once their item is finished, as it is important as a school community that we acknowledge the Year 6 students at the conclusion of the evening.

YEAR 6 SUPPER

A reminder also that Year 6 students, their parents and siblings are invited back to the undercover area at the conclusion of the evening for a celebratory farewell supper provided by the Year 5 students and the P&C. This will be our final function to farewell the Year 6 students from the Ardross school community, apart from the final countdown on the last day of school. I would like to thank Tamara Vivian and the Year 5 parents for assisting with this wonderful tradition and look forward to seeing the Year 6 students and their extended families after the presentation evening.

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Wednesday 30 November

AXSHS Orientation
Year 6 Dance
Year 6 Dinner / Dance

Thursday 1 December

Josie Boyle - Rooms 5, 10 & 13

Friday 2 December

Fathering Project 'Camp Out'

Monday 5 December

EduDance
Rooms 3 - Garden City

Tuesday 6 December

Year 5 Dance
Assembly - Water Wise

Wednesday 7 December

Year 6 Dance
Staff Thank You Morning Tea
School Board - 6.15pm

Thursday 8 December

Presentation Night

Friday 9 December

Reports sent home

Tuesday 12 December

Kindy Christmas Concert
Assembly - Staff

Thursday 15 December

Kindy Christmas Concert
Behaviour Management
Movie
Last Day for Students

Friday 16 December

Last Day for Staff

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SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board will hold its final meeting for 2016 next Wednesday. I would like to thank the Board members for their outstanding efforts this year under the guidance of the Chair, Patrick Soh. I would like to acknowledge the contributions of all Board members. Your service to our school has been invaluable. I would also like to congratulate and welcome Angela Treloar and Larisa Motton who have been successful in winning a position on the Board for 2017.

STUDENT REPORTS

Student end of year formal reports will be sent home Friday, 9 December. I am currently reading through all of the reports, and continue to be proud of the achievements of our wonderful students. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of the staff in finalising the end of year reports. This is a huge workload at this time of the year, and one that needs to be recognised and congratulated! Please read the reports carefully with the information sheet provided and discuss them with your child. Reports have been sent home prior to the end of the year to allow time for you to see your child's classroom teacher should you have any issues or concerns.

CLASS LISTS 2017

Staff have almost concluded the student placement process for 2017. Student placement is completed by the staff using the following criteria:

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

Due to changes that could occur over the holidays, class lists will not be advertised until Tuesday, 31 January 2017 when they will be placed outside the office from 1.00pm. The Uniform Shop will also be open from 1.00pm.

**Andrew Holmes
Principal**



STUDENTS RETURNING LATE TO ARDROSS IN 2017
 (Please return to the front office by Friday, 9 December 2016)

My child / children -----

Room _____ Year Level _____ Room _____ Year Level _____

will be returning to Ardross in 2017 by -----.

Reason (Please provide copies of airline tickets if returning from overseas.)

Signed _____ Date _____

P&C NEWS

Recent Donations

Thanks to all the parents for their contribution toward this year's Lapathon. The P&C have already pledged to donate the following:

- \$6,000 toward a new Natureplay area behind Room 13. This project looks like being completed in January ready for the new year.
- \$2,000 toward a new PA and Speaker System for the school to use in many areas ie. in the undercover area for assembly and class performances as well as on the school oval and quadrangle.

Last Day of School

Thursday, 15 December is the last day of school, as is tradition on this day the Year 6 students will be presented and farewelled with the hat throw at 3.10pm. It's a great day for parents to join in, if they can, to celebrate another wonderful year at Ardross. Please note on this day the school will close its gates immediately – there will be **NO AFTER SCHOOL PLAY** therefore your co-operation is appreciated.

Farewell Mr Holmes

It's both a sad and joyous occasion that we must farewell our Principal, Mr Andrew Holmes as he moves on to a new role. We would like to thank Mr Holmes for his dedication and passion for Ardross Primary School over the past 10 years. We have all seen the school grow from strength to strength, and this is due to the great leadership Mr Holmes has given our teaching staff, students and parents alike.

Thanks Andy, we will miss you, however we are also very excited for you and the challenges which lie ahead.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

To all the families of our wonderful community here at Ardross, may we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and joyous New Year. We look forward to seeing you back at the greatest primary school in the state in 2017.

Samantha Hickman
P&C President



CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Ardross Primary School is again involved in supporting others through a Christmas Hamper Appeal. Each class has a collection box and there is a display in the front office. Students are asked to provide non-perishable grocery items as per the list. The collection will run until Friday, 9 December. We are again supporting St Bartholomew's House.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

To enter into the festive spirit we are running a Christmas Card exchange from 28 November to 9 December (weeks 8 and 9). A mailbox will be located outside the front office and students are invited to send cards to other students and teachers. Delivery days will be Wednesdays and Fridays. The name and room number of the recipient should be marked clearly on each envelope. Please note that there is no pressure to send to all class members. Items such as candy canes or chocolates are not to be included. We are promoting the writing of the cards and we are also a healthy eating school.

Diana Cooper
Teacher - Room 11/12

LAD'S (LEGENDARY ARDROSS DADS) & KIDS CAMP OUT

Come and join the fun of our inaugural Dads and Kids Camp out. You will need to bring along:

- A tent or swag (sorry no camper-trailers or caravans!)
- Bedding, Toiletries and Clothes
- A picnic dinner
- Water bottles
- Torches
- Marshmallows to roast (optional)
- Camp chairs (optional)
- Guitar (optional)

The toilets will be open (no showers), a light breakfast provided, and importantly a coffee van on Saturday morning.

When: Friday, 2 December
Where: Ardross Primary School Oval
Time: 4.30pm to 8.30am (Saturday morning)
Register: Make sure your register when you arrive
 \$25 per family - payable on the night
 All participants will be issued with a wristband which must be worn at all times.

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, 30 November** and direct all queries to Geoff Cooper - gcooper@iinet.net.au.

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

At this week's assembly the winners were:

Room 20	Arthur Bradley, Phoebe Gillies.
Room 19	Sophie Miller.
Room 16	Reyenne Kew, Peiling Liu.
Room 11/12	Mahlia Christopherson, Jacob Soh.
Room 10	Eli Hickman, Miles Pounder.
Room 9	Mirai Inoue, Joshua Kelly.
Room 8	Cameron Brown, Sarah Casotti, Joseph Dias, Eva Lupi, Sophie McGill.
Room 7	Zac Ting, Mekhi Webster.
Room 6	Urvi Banerjee, NJ Caruso, Athan Teo.
Room 5	Jesse He, Aryana Soleimanie, May Spink, Katie Wright.
Room 4	Ciana Hudson, Jack Oliver.
Room 3	Jayden Cai, Aidan Foley.
Room 2	Ryan Carpenter, Ari Elias, Camila Rodriguez.
Japanese	Zoe Cahoon, Evan Fasher, Addison Foster, Jason Lynch, Brock Ridgway.



USED TOY COLLECTION - DECLUTTER BEFORE SUMMER

Kindy and Pre-Primary students portion of their school time on play-based learning. This means that there is a fair bit of wear and tear, and toys need to be regularly replaced. Therefore, if your children have outgrown any toys which are still in good condition, you could consider donating them to the school. This would mean that you can de-clutter your kids' cupboards in time for Christmas AND do a good deed for our school!

In particular, we are looking for:

- Any Lego or Duplo
- Dress up clothes (especially pirates, princes and princesses, construction workers, doctors, police officers etc)
- Sand toys, including shovels, buckets, sieves etc
- K'nex, Mobilo and similar construction toys
- Puzzles for 3 to 6 year olds.

You can donate any of these items to the school's early childhood program. Please drop them off throughout the year in Miss Brown's classroom, Room 16. Helen Brown will distribute the toys between all Early Childhood teachers.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 30 Nov	Angela Tooker 9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED 9-1.00pm
Thu 1 Dec	Vivienne Cheng 9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED 9-1.00pm
Fri 2 Dec	Fran B 9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED 9-1.00pm
Wed 7 Dec	Dessy Nugrahanto 9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED 9-1.00pm
Thu 8 Dec	Ai Mei Yap 9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED 9-1.00pm
Fri 9 Dec	Fran B 9-1.00pm HELP NEEDED 9-1.00pm
14/15/16 Dec	CANTEEN CLOSED FOR CLEANING



UNIFORM SHOP

1 December 2016 8.30 - 9.15am
15 December 2016 8.30 - 9.15am

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