



Ardross Primary

An Independent Public School



Principal's Message

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Welcome back to 2018. I hope you were able to make the most of our stunning weather and enjoy the outdoors with your family.

A warm welcome to our new families. Watching 40 Kindergarten students begin their first day of their school journey reminds us of the excitement of learning. Thank you parents for having your Kindergarten child ready for their new adventure. It is a big day not only for the child but also you the parent.

From Pre Primary to Year 6 we also welcomed 42 new students. I have had the opportunity to speak with many of them and know that they are eager to begin their 'new' school and look forward to learning and making new friends.

Welcome to Mr Robert Marshall our new Deputy Principal. Mr Marshall comes to us from Connolly Primary School. Mr Marshall also teaches in Year 4 room 3. Miss Hannah Brown is very excited to take on the role as both physical education teacher and a teaching role in years 4 & 5. Miss Katie Precious is eager to share her early childhood experience to ensure the students in her Pre-Primary / Year 1 class are engaged in a vibrant learning environment.

SPECIALIST AREA

To ensure students have the best possible learning opportunities there have been some changes in classroom structure and specialist provision. Year 1 students specialist areas this year will be: Music, Art, Drama and Physical Education. Year 2 to 6 students will continue to attend Music, Art, Japanese and Physical Education.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies will now take place on Tuesday afternoons. The first assembly will be held in the undercover area on Tuesday, 20 February at 2.15pm.

SCHOOL BOARD

During the last weeks of Term 4 you were given the opportunity to vote for parent and community members for our school board. Thank you to the 228 parents who voted. What an accolade for the school. I would like to congratulate Mr Geoff Cooper, Mrs Angela Tooker, Mr Kelvin Sun and Ms Zoe Atkinson on their appointment on the Ardross Primary School Board.

CLASSROOM MEETINGS

You are invited to attend class information sessions beginning Monday, 12 February. Your child's teacher will notify you of the times.

PARENT AND CITIZEN ASSOCIATION

As a parent, teacher and leader I have over the last 28 years been an active member of Parent and Citizen Associations. This association, especially as a parent, has enabled me to work with others to provide resources for the schools, have an opportunity to learn about things happening in the school and make life long friends. On behalf of the students and staff at Ardross PS I thank Mrs Samantha (Sam) Hickman for the passion and energy she has placed in her role as P&C President over the last two years. Due to her resignation this year we will be seeking a new P&C President to lead us into the future. The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 12 February at 7.15pm in the school staffroom. I look forward to seeing you there and meeting new families who come along.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Thank you to parents who saw an opportunity to collect logs for our nature playground. A true team effort.

STUDENTS RETURNING LATE IN 2018

School commenced for students on Wednesday, 31 January 2018. The student census, where all students are counted to attract funding from the Student Centred Funding Model, will take place on Friday, 16 February 2018. 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 and reason for absence otherwise they will not be included in the census. If your child will not be in attendance by Friday, 16 February, please complete the information slip on the next page and return to reception. It is important that we have copies of airline tickets, which clearly show the return date to Perth. Please provide this information as soon as is possible.

**Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
Principal**

**Newsletter
6 February 2018
Issue 1**

Thursday 8 February
Uniform Shop Open

Monday 12 February
Year 3/4 Swimming cont
Rooms 7 & 8 Parent Meeting -
5.00pm
P&C Meeting - 7.15pm

Tuesday 13 February
Rooms 3 & 5 Parent Meeting -
5.00pm
Rooms 19 & 20 Parent
Meeting - 5.30pm

Wednesday 14 February
Room 1 Parent Meeting -
5.00pm
Year 2 - Constitution Centre
Incursion

Thursday 15 February
Uniform Shop Open
Rooms 4 & 17 Parent Meeting
- 5.00pm

Monday 19 February
Room 13 Parent Meeting -
5.00pm

Tuesday 20 February
Assembly - Room 10 - 2.15pm

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UNIFORM SHOP 2018
 15 February 2018 8.30am - 9.15am
 22 February 2018 8.30am - 9.15am

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Welcome to another new year. For those I'm yet to meet, I'm Nathan Hoyle, the Chaplain at Ardross Primary. This will be my fifth year at Ardross; excitingly, I'm here three days in 2018, so you'll see me on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Let's start the year with a belated 'thanks' to everyone who was able to contribute to either our shoebox donations for Operation Christmas Child in November, or the Christmas Hamper appeal. We spent three weeks packing (and repacking ...) 78 shoeboxes which were sent to Thailand and Madagascar to give special and practical gifts to children in need. And then our school community sent some more Christmas love closer to home, supplying about 60kg of food and essential supplies (trust me, I packed it) to Applecross Anglican Church. This local church partners with St Bart's and FoodBank each Christmas to provide hampers to people in need – a great way for the Ardross Primary School community to use our generosity and support people at a confronting time of the year.

This year I'll be using the newsletter to provide some quick thoughts on wellbeing, starting next newsletter with 'Sleep', something we would all benefit from taking seriously.

In the meantime, feel free to pop in for a chat (my office is next to Room 10) or drop me a line at nathanh@youthcare.org.au. Students can organise to talk to me via the blue 'Chaplain's Box' in reception.

OSHCLUB NEWS

Welcome to our first Term in 2018. We're off to a great start with new family members joining us. Lots of new ideas for activities and fun games outdoors to play and learn. See you at OSHClub and have a great week.

Val Maiorana
Program Coordinator

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STUDENTS RETURNING LATE TO ARDROSS IN 2018
 (Please return to the front office by Friday, 3 February 2018)

My child / children -----

Room _____ **Year Level** _____ **Room** _____ **Year Level** _____

will be returning to Ardross in 2018 by -----

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

Signed _____

Date _____



PERTH GOJU KARATE

Perth Goju Karate teaches karate classes in your local area. A special offer for the school's students - 4 WEEKS FREE beginners karate lessons!

Classes are held after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defense in a fun and safe environment. We also teach classes for teens and adults in the local area at night and they are fantastic for fitness, wellbeing and of course, self-defense.

Classes continue over the school holidays (with a short break over the Christmas period) which makes it perfect for the kids who are looking to try something on the holidays. Karate has many benefits which include confidence, respect, discipline and fitness.

Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial by contacting Sensei Johnny Moran on 0402 830 402.



Keyed Up Music will be teaching keyboard lessons this term on Tuesday after school. Lessons start from \$17.50 for a group lesson. If you are interested please ring Therese on 1300 366 243 or enrol at www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form

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