Principal’s Message

Greetings to staff, parents and community members and welcome to this edition of the newsletter. As you may be aware, the Department of Education has required all staff to clear long service leave entitlements accrued before February 2014 before the end of this year. Many staff at Ardross have been attempting to reduce this leave liability over the last 2 years as required. Mr Parker will be on leave for fourth term. Room 4 parents have been advised of this. An expression of interest for the Relieving Deputy position was completed and I am pleased to announce that Mrs Ellery will be Relieving Deputy Principal on Monday and Tuesday, while teaching in Room 4 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, while Ms Riley will be Relieving Deputy Principal on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, while continuing her teaching in Room 6 on Mondays and her Learning Support Coordinator role on Tuesdays. Congratulations to both Denelle and Cathy. I am now in the process of appointing a teacher for Monday and Tuesdays to work with Mrs Ellery in Room 4.

PARENT NATIONAL SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY 2016

Feedback from our community is a vital part of our planning and validation process for the school. It allows us to review our progress, achievements and planned activities against your expectations, and provides a quantitative assessment of how we are meeting the needs of our students. While this is a voluntary process, we do encourage you to respond to ensure that we have enough data to make informed decisions. The survey can only be completed once per family. If you have more than one student attending Ardross, please choose the year level of the student where you feel you can provide the most information. We would appreciate that you attempt to answer all questions and minimise the use of N/A. If you are not quite clear, please give us your perceptions of how you rate the question ie - in pre primary you may not have been exposed to the whole school behaviour management policy? To help us benefit from your ideas and feedback, we ask that you complete the survey by Friday 23 September. We thank you in advance for providing this information to us. The link to the survey will be available on our website https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/ZeS6nzYY.

WA EDUCATION AWARDS - PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD

Vote now for your favourite teacher, principal or support staff member and give them a chance to win $1,000. As part of the 2016 WA Education Awards, we’re asking students and parents to tell us who makes a difference in their public school. The staff member who receives the most votes will be awarded the People’s Choice Award at the WA Education Awards 2016 presentation event on Monday, 28 November. All school staff who receive a vote will be acknowledged in The West Australian on World Teachers’ Day on Friday, 28 October. Vote now at thenewsletter.com.au/competitions. Voting closes 5.00pm Friday 23 September 2016.

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING

Congratulations to Ms Heary, Sydney Hannonford, Aisha Burns, Ryan Ewington and Shen Kit Hia who have reached the National Finals of the Future Problem Solving Competition to be held in Melbourne between 13-16 October. The FPS program is a national program catering for extension and challenge in a team competition. With just over 100 teams entered in the junior division from around Australia, to again have a team qualify for the national final is a remarkable achievement. Qualifying in the top 2 at national finals guarantees an invite to the international finals in the USA in 2017! Thank you also to our wonderful P&C who have provided assistance to each of our competitors, allowing them to travel to Melbourne at short notice. Good luck Ms Heary and the team!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

All students have been practicing hard with their faction and are ready to go for next week’s competition. Congratulations to the Faction Captains and Vice Captains who have ensured that practice has run smoothly and all students are actively involved in the faction carnival. 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.

STUDENT SUPERVISION IN THE PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL

One of the distinctive characteristics of Ardross is our amazing playgrounds, which allow students to be creative in their play. The P&C have over many years provided funds to provide these facilities, and as such, we allow students to play on the playground until we lock the gates at 4.00pm. To ensure that all duty of care requirements are met, there are several rules that apply to students who are playing on the playground at this time. Please read the rules below carefully and come and see me if you wish to discuss them further. Your cooperation to ensure that these happen is most appreciated.

♦ Students must be supervised by their parents at all times. Parents are not to supervise their child’s friends unless previous arrangements for a play date have been made.
♦ Students are to play on the playground only, not run around the school verandas or gardens. The last 4 squares can be used if supervised. Many staff are still working in the afternoon and may be disturbed by students running around the school.
♦ Students are to observe the school rules when playing on the playground – ie. down the slide only.
♦ No playing with sticks, or throwing hotkey nuts or stones.
♦ The Nature Play Area is Out Of Bounds after school.

Students who do not follow these simple rules may be asked to leave the playground. Thank you for your cooperation with supervision.

JAPANESE STUDY TOUR

Our school is seeking a few more families with a son in Years 4, 5 or 6 to host a Japanese boy from October 16 to November 2016. We currently have 7 Japanese students coming to Ardross however a school has just pulled out of the program and Gold Intercultural Learning are desperately trying to place several male students. The students are visiting from GKA which is an English immersion school so the students are very good at English and eager to experience life in Australia! The visiting students will participate in regular classes alongside their host student. Hosting is easy and rewarding, students fit in with your routine and they can share a room. You receive $400 to assist in the homestay program. 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

LAPATHON

The Lapathon is the school’s largest fundraiser for the year and this year will be held next term on Friday, 21 October (Week 2). Sponsorship forms will be sent home on Friday, 23 September (last day of Term 3) and children are asked to collect sponsorship from family and friends. Sponsors can either pay an amount for the child completing the 30 laps or sponsor the child per lap. Please ensure that all students stay safe when collecting sponsors, ie. the school does not encourage doorknocking for sponsors. After the Lapathon, children collect their sponsorship money and return it to school. For every $4.00 raised they receive a raffle ticket which goes into the draw for a large number of prizes. The major prize is a bike and they also have a chance of winning a ticket to the movies with Mr Holmes. We encourage everyone to participate in the Lapathon. Parents are more than welcome to come and participate in the Lapathon too, Mr Hill does an amazing job coordinating the event. THANK YOU MR HILL.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

While I appreciate the need to walk dogs for exercise, and it is especially easy during pick up and drop off time, parents are reminded that under current legislation, dogs are not permitted onto the school grounds. Please ensure that your dog is on a leash and tied up outside the school grounds if you are coming in to pick up your child. We would also appreciate that all pet indiscretions are picked up! A doggy bag station can be found on the east side of the oval.

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

For our carnival to run smoothly we require the assistance of parents. If you are available please contact me via email alison.davies2@education.wa.edu.au. Thank you in advance.

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Ali Davies
Physical Education Specialist
Sports Carnival - Friday, 16 September
All families welcome. Wear your faction colours and support the kids on this wonderful day.

Cake Stall – WE NEED YOUR HELP
Your donations of cakes, muffins, slices and any goodies (NUT FREE) would be greatly appreciated. All donations can be dropped off to the environmental room the morning of sports carnival. Thanks to the team of parents who have volunteered their time so we can hold the stall for the children and families.

Lunch Orders
The sports day lunch order form has been sent home for both children and parents to order their lunch on sports day. 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. We also have healthy wraps and salads – both gluten free and vegan pizzas also available. Don’t forget the kids can picnic with the parents on this special day.

Tea Towels
The limited edition tea towel design will be made up of self-portraits drawn by all our children and staff. The pictures and names will be arranged into four commemorative designs and will be screen printed in green onto premium quality white cotton tea towels (50x70cm). There will be one each for the combined year groups of Kindy & Pre-Primary, Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6.

The children are thrilled to see their own artwork in print and they make a lasting memento and meaningfully gift for parents, relatives and special friends. The tea towels look amazing and are easy to post and make a great reminder of your child’s early years. There is a sample tea towel hanging on the P&C board just outside the office in the quadrangle area.

It is only $15 for one limited edition tea towel OR SAVE by ordering 3 for $40. Don’t forget to order a few extras for family members, Christmas presents and your keepsake box. Tea towels can be ordered by completing the form which will be sent home and returning with payment to the front office.

Thank you for your continued support. Final orders are due before Friday, 23 September. If you have any queries please call Rebekah Hannaford on 040 761 2812 or Alison Miller on 0407 002 504.

Congratulations – Future Problem Solving
Congratulations to Auriol Heary and her Year 6 students for making it through to the Future Problem Solving Australian Finals in Melbourne. We are very proud and wish you all the very best.

P&C “Mathematics Problem Solving Strategies” Group Classes
Wednesday’s October 12, 19, 26 & November 2, 9, 16.
Year 4 Students class – 3.30pm to 4.30pm / Year 6 Students class – 4.45pm to 5.45pm.
Just $15 per student for materials. Enrolment forms will be send home to all Year 4 and 6 students.

Next P&C Meeting
Monday 12 September – 7.30pm. It would be great to see you there.

Samantha Hickman
P&C President
STUDENT COUNCILLORS ASSEMBLY - 30 AUGUST 2016

At last week’s assembly some of the announcements made which we would like to mention in the newsletter include:

♦ We are proud of the students and parents from Rooms 7 and 8 who went down to our ‘Adopt a Spot’ at Deep Water Point. They planted 600 Knotted Club Rushes, very quickly and impressed the City of Melville workers and many community members with their active citizenship and care for the environment.

♦ Also thankyou for the students from Rooms 5, 9, 10 and 13 who planted shrubs in Al Richardson Reserve. It is our second ‘Adopt a Spot’ location and looks much better without the weeds and with the new plants we have added. Thanks to Mr Ivers, Mr Felstead and the Melville Senior High School work experience team. The Room 19 buddies who helped each group were amazing role models.

♦ Congratulations to Mrs Mason, the teachers who assisted her and all the school Choir members who sang at Burswood on Friday, 26 August. It was an amazing concert and showcased the quality music program we have at Ardross.

♦ The Book Week and Crazy Hair Parade donations and stalls raised a lot of money for charities. $200 will go the Cancer Council, $200 will go towards our World Vision Child sponsorship, $81.10 will go to Lynx preservation and $21.385 will go towards Amur Leopard Preservation and an amazing $331.35 will go to the Sunrise Children’s Orphanage.

Many children in Cambodia don’t have clean water or food. The money we raised will give the Sunrise Children’s Orphanage these much needed items:

• a water filter - $30
• food for one hungry child for one month - $50
• a bicycle for a child who lives more than 5 kilometres from school - $100
• a micro loan for a local family to start up a small business - $150.

On behalf of the children at Sunrise Cambodia we would like to thank you for supporting our fund raiser by buying our cakes. We raised $331.35 which will make a huge difference to others.

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

At this week’s assembly the winners were:

| Room 20 | Bronte Daddow, Neeve Fasher, Sofie Simpson. |
| Room 19 | Ziggy Kowalewski, Boris Nazar, William Winchester. |
| Room 16 | Tate Jahn, Luca Stoyanov. |
| Room 13 | David Dragoi, Hudson Stearnes. |
| Room 11/12 | Sanjana Ashok, Oliver Young. |
| Room 10 | Eli Hickman, Tristan Herbertson. |
| Room 9 | Evie Kyle, Jye Foster, Ovita Wibowo. |
| Room 8 | Laura Cairns, Shi Ying Liang. |
| Room 7 | Zack Ainsworth, Sasha Buckner, Annie Hunter. |
| Room 6 | Charlotte Patten. |
| Room 5 | Sophia Chen, Amelia Cristobal, Keiran Morar, Anson Rez. |
| Room 3 | Caryn Lua, Yair Raichel. |

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 years theme is ‘Australian 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.
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
The summer uniform order forms will be sent home this week, and will be due back by Friday, 16 September with payment so we can place a large order over the holidays, to be delivered to your child’s classroom early in Term 4. Some items such as the school dresses and polo shirts can take up to 8 weeks to process. We will have most items available in the shop, but the early order will ensure that there won’t be long delays should we run out towards the end of the year. So get in early and order next year’s uniforms now. If you have any queries please contact Alison Miller on 0407 002 504.

WATERWISE TIP - STOP LEAKS
Check for worn tap washers. A dripping tap might not appear to be wasting much water but it quickly adds up. Repair leaking pipes. A single leak over a long period can waste thousands of litres. Also look out for undetected leaks which can be extremely wasteful and costly. A way to check for leaks is to read the water meter late at night then again early in the morning to see if water was leaking while everyone was asleep.
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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Have you thought about selling your home?
Contact your local Ardross specialist for a no obligation, honest appraisal of your home. I will donate $500 to the Ardross Primary School P&C for every successful property sale referred to me by the parents & friends of Ardross Primary School.

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