



Ardross Primary

An Independent Public School



Principal's Message

Thank you to the Ardross Primary School community for making me so welcome. I have spoken to many parents and other community members and have been impressed at the positive and strong community spirit in this school. I have enjoyed my first couple of weeks and look forward to a very productive first term.

Class numbers are very strong. We had a larger than normal enrolment in the first week putting pressure on numbers and making it almost impossible for any movement between classrooms to occur. To support staff with larger class sizes we are looking to provide extra Education Assistant time in classrooms.

Despite the cooler weather our Year 3 and 4 children are enjoying their swimming lessons. I have been out in the playground at recess and lunch breaks and been very pleased with the numbers of children who are being sun smart despite the cloudy weather. Please continue to remind students to wear their hats. While we like the students to write their names on their hats, please discourage them from writing anything else on the hat.

According to the Bureau of Meteorology cloudy skies are no reason for us to become complacent about using sun protection, even when temperatures are low. Many people think that if it's a cool day they'll be okay. However, UV radiation is not directly related to temperature. We will continue to be proactive in teaching our children to be sun smart.

Ref: <http://www.abc.net.au/science/articles/2012/01/24/3413924.htm>

Many of you will have noticed the OSHClub building has gone. Our excellent Before and After School Care program has moved to an adjacent building. Ms Bishop has plans for developing the vacant space into an outdoor learning area. Shade sails will be installed in the coming weeks.

Thanks to one of the Dads, Alex, for carrying out repairs on some of the tiles in and around the toilets during the holidays. It is wonderful to work with such a supportive community.

The Dry Creek Bed project is nearing completion. This is yet another sustainable and educative garden area where our children can engage in authentic play in a "natural" environment. Our nature play areas continue to be very popular with the children. Thanks to the P&C, and in particular Rebekah and Samantha, who have been scouring the green waste on our local verges to top up our play areas. I am amazed at the level of support from our P&C.



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Wednesday 8 February
Year 3/4 Swimming continues

Monday 13 February
Constitution Centre - Year 2
Swim Trials - AXSHS -
Years 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 14 February
Rooms 10 & 13 Parent
Meeting - 5.00pm

Wednesday 15 February
Cupcakes for Endangered
Animals - Dress Up Day

Thursday 16 February
Shogi Summer Tournament
Whole School Photo
Room 6 Parent Meeting -
5.00pm
Room 16 Parent Meeting -
6.30pm

Friday 17 February
Shogi Summer Tournament

Monday 20 February
Swim Trials - AXSHS -
Years 4, 5 & 6
Room 9 Parent Meeting -
5.00pm

Tuesday 21 February
Assembly - Room 10

Wednesday 22 February
Room 2 Parent Meeting

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I hope everyone has had a terrific start to the year.

**Trevor Phoebe
Principal**



PAYMENT OF CHARGES IN ADVANCE

Parents who wish to pay one lump sum at the beginning of the year to cover the base fees charged for incursions, excursions and sport activities may do this now. For new parents the charge will be the full amount as approved by the School Board for 2017 contributions and charges and listed in the School Information Booklet. The upfront payment is:

- ◆ \$40 for Kindy;
- ◆ \$165 for Pre Primary to Year 2;
- ◆ \$210 for Year 3;
- ◆ \$225 for Year 4, and
- ◆ \$255 for Years 5 and 6.

Parents who are continuing with this option from previous years are able to pay the difference between this year's charge and funds already held in credit from the previous year. Please see the office staff to establish your 2017 upfront payment. The upfront payment does not include Instrumental Music, PEAC, Choir, Camps, Year 6 Dinner/Dance or Leavers' Shirts. These items are invoiced separately as they are extracurricular activities.

You are welcome to call and discuss any concerns you have with payment of school contributions and charges.

Denise Moore
Manager Corporate Services

P&C NEWS

Welcome back to what promises to be another exciting and fun filled year of learning at Ardross Primary School. The year has started strongly already and I'm sure you will all agree the new 'Dry Creek Bed' Nature play area behind Room 13 looks amazing. Thanks so much to Mrs Bishop for her wonderful ideas to bring this area to life. Thanks to the members of the P&C for their contribution of \$6,000 to make this happen.

Canteen

Congratulations to Mrs Dawn Diver who has now taken to role of permanent Canteen Manager. Please drop into the Canteen and say hi to Dawn, who can also assist you with signing up to 'Munch Monitor' the new online ordering system. Its very easy to join up and makes your life easy for ordering lunch - you can even allocate spending money for the kids to use during recess and lunch.

Uniform Shop – Volunteers Needed

A huge thank you to Alison Miller who has spent the last 10 years volunteering her time at the school. Kim Khoo has now taken over the Uniform Shop. Volunteers are needed to help Kim, so if you have a spare hour once a fortnight on a Thursday your time would be appreciated. Open every Thursday in February.

Working Bee – Volunteers Needed

Can you assist with any of the following jobs:

- ◆ painter
- ◆ linoleum layer
- ◆ turf layer.

Please email Samantha@launchpadgroup.com.au or call 0433382208 and we will get this working bee under way before the year progresses.

City of Melville – Animal Totem Tile Grant

In term two our students will be working with local artist Melanie Sharpham to paint tiles of our local native animals. These tiles will be attached to the wall in the undercover area. Thank you to the City of Melville for providing funding of \$2,500 towards this project.

Samantha Hickman
P&C President

MUSIC NEWS

PMI has offered 5 scholarships for students in Year 3. This includes free tuition for 2017, and parents are responsible for instrument hire and text books. If you are interested in having your child considered for this scholarship please contact Ms Mason either in the music room, or email Claire.mason@education.wa.edu.au.

This year Ardross will have both senior and junior choirs. Senior Choir rehearsals will take place from 8.00am on Wednesday mornings and Junior Choir will be during lunchtime on Fridays. If your child wishes to join choir please fill out a member letter available from Ms Mason or the front office.

Lions Club of South Perth are inviting students to join their youth jazz band. Students aged 9 or older who have been playing for over a year are invited to join. Classes are held on Monday afternoons at the Manning Senior Citizens Centre and focus on improvisation skills. Fees are \$50 per term with scholarships available. Contact Phil Hatton on philip.t.hatton@gmail.com or 0417 916 773.



UNIFORM SHOP

9 February 2017 8.30 - 9.15am

16 February 2017 8.30 - 9.15am



**WASPS JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY 2017
Saturday, 11 February 2017**

Place: Just Hockey Shop 2/94 Burswood Road, Burswood.

Time: 11am – 1pm

Website: www.waspshockey.asn.au

See our Website for full details, and to register online from 11 February if you can't come on the day ("click here to Register" on the Home page). Click on "Junior Tab" to get all the info you need about this exciting game and great club!

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