Principal’s Message

 CROSS COUNTRY

Last week our students travelled to Brentwood to compete in the B Division Cross Country Carnival achieving great success. In a very tight competition we came first by 3 points!! This is the first time that we have won the Interschool Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations to Miss Davies and the Cross Country team who trained hard before the event to compete at their best. The results are below.

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Congratulations also to our individual medal winners – Ky Hehir – Year 5 Boys Gold Medal, Kathryn Raffelt – Year 6 Girls Silver Medal and Joseph Kelly Year 6 Boys Bronze Medal. Also to the Year 6 Boys who won their age division overall. A GREAT TEAM EFFORT!!

INVITATION FOR FAMILIES TO HOST A JAPANESE STUDENT

Ardross Primary School is hosting a group of 11 and 12 year old Japanese students from Gunma Kokusai Academy (GKA) from Sunday, 16 October – Wednesday, 2 November 2016. GKA is an English immersion school so the students are very good at English and eager to experience life in Australia! The visiting students will stay with a family from the school and participate in regular classes alongside our students. We are looking for families who have a child in years 4 to 6 to host a student. Hosting an international student offers many unique opportunities, including the chance to learn about another culture and build life-long friendships. The family’s responsibilities are to include the student as a member of their family and involve them in their daily routine. Students can share a room with their host student; they do not require their own room. It’s also important to know that the company arranging the exchange program, Gold Intercultural Learning (GIL), provide 24 hours a day support to both host families and students. An expression of interest to host a Japanese student can be found on our website. It would be great to receive an early response so that we can host these students. Please consider hosting a student, especially if you haven’t hosted previously.

YEAR 5 CAMP

This week, 41 Year 5 students went to the Enn Halliday Camp facility in Hillarys. Students were involved in a variety of activities and excursions whilst on camp, visiting the Marine Discovery Centre and dissecting a fish and planting dune species to reduce erosion at Mullaloo Beach. They also participated in traditional camp activities such as the Giant Swing, Flying Fox and Team Building. Congratulations to all students who participated sensationally at camp, working well as a team and enjoying the camp experience. Thank you also to the staff, under the guidance of Mrs Bishop and Mr Hill, who were on duty 24/7 while on camp ensuring that everything ran smoothly.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

This week we are celebrating Book Week from Monday, 15 August until Friday, 26 August with visits to the Melville City Library and having visiting authors come to Ardross to hear them talk about their books. We will be holding a special Book Week Assembly hosted by Room 6 and the Literacy Captains on Tuesday, 23 August and also having a Book Week Parade to celebrate “Australia – Story Country”. Come dressed as your favourite book character on Tuesday, 23 August for the parade at 9am in the quadrangle. Bring the book with your character to school if you have it. You will receive a raffle ticket for dressing up and be in the running to win one of 6 x $20 Dymocks book vouchers. Mrs Bishop will also be holding whacky hair day and bandana day on Tuesday, 23 August for a gold coin donation for our cancer charities so students can come with whacky hair or a bandana and be involved in the parade.
CLASS LISTS
Staff will soon be involved in developing class lists for 2017. As the school structure is still in draft, and will be right up until the start of 2017, class placements will not be advertised until the office reopens towards the end of January. I have received some parent requests that will be taken into consideration when placing students in classes, based on educational grounds. Should you have a request, please do not approach classroom teachers, but place your request in writing to the Principal. As per previous years, classes will be formulated according to the following:

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

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2017
As amazing as it seems, we are now commencing organisation for the 2017 year. Parents are asked to complete the form below and place it in the letterbox in the front office by Friday, 19 August - end of Week 5. (It is not necessary for those students returning to complete the form as it will be assumed that you will be attending in 2017.) Information regarding the process and criteria for parent requests and class placement will be advertised in newsletters early in Term 4. Families waiting on acceptance for out of boundary applications and kindergarten placements will be advised within the next fortnight.

Andrew Holmes
Principal

P&C NEWS
THANK YOU to City of Melville - Immigration Mapping Day
On Tuesday, 21 June 2017 we held our Immigration Mapping Day. The Year 6 students from Room 19 surveyed the families of Ardross to find out where they had immigrated from and the different challenges they faced when moving to another country. They prepared various dishes from different cultures for all the students, parents and teachers to sample at lunch time. Our Years 4, 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to listen to parents who shared their experiences of immigrating to Australia, the positive experiences and the challenges they faced. Thank you to the City of Melville for providing the funding for the day and thank you to our various parent helpers who helped supervise the cooking. Our guest speakers really made the day informative for the children, so a huge Thank You goes to Mala Chatrath, Kim MacIsaac and Soledad Naveyra for sharing their experiences with the students.

Canteen
‘Mac & Cheese is BACK!’
For all the children who loved the ‘Mac & Cheese’ good news, its back on the menu.

Wednesday Is Mexican Day
The Canteen is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – so why not let the kids order their lunch and make your life easier in the morning rush.

Book Covering Morning
More readers for the children have arrived. Volunteers are needed on Thursday, 18 August from 9.00am in the Environmental Room. Join us for a catch up, cuppa, and a chat as we work together to get the readers covered for the kids.

Next P&C Meeting
Monday 5 September at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.
**YOGAZOO - KIDS YOGA CLASSES**

**Toddler / Parent Yoga**
Friday, 5 August at 9.15am - St Stephen’s Hall, Applecross. Toddler class only or drop the toddler off and mum’s do yoga in the room next door.

**Yoga Bugs (5-8 Years)**
Saturday, 6 August - Brentwood Primary School - 3 to 4.00pm.

**Yoga Butterflies (9-12 Years)**
Saturday, 6 August - Brentwood Primary School - 4 to 5.00pm.

Michelle also runs adults yoga classes if anyone is interested please send her an email. Bookings/enquiries to Michelle at yogazoo@iinet.net.au.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

This fundraiser has now closed. Thank you to everyone who purchased a book which supports our school. If anyone wishes to purchase a copy, digital versions can still be ordered via the payment link, and book versions can be ordered direct from the Entertainment office in Osborne Park. Please call Tracy with any inquiries on 0438 364 236.
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.

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