

## Important Dates:

### Monday 2 February

First Day of Term

### Thursday 5 February

Uniform Shop Open @ 8.30am

### Wednesday 11 February

New Families' Morning Tea @ 8.15am

### Thursday 12 February

Uniform Shop Open @ 8.30am

### Friday 13 February

P&C Playdate & Raffle

### Monday 16 February

Class Meetings – Room 5 & 8 @ 3.30pm

Class Meeting – Room 6 @ 4.00pm

### Tuesday 17 February

Class Meeting – Room 15 @ 3.30pm

Class Meeting – Room 7 @ 4.00pm

P&C Meeting & AGM

### Tuesday 18 February

Class Meetings – Room 3, 9, 17 & 18 @ 3.30pm

Class Meetings – Room 10, 19 & 20 @ 4.00pm

### Thursday 19 February

Uniform Shop Open @ 8.30am

Class Meetings – Rooms 2, 4, 13 & 16 @

3.30pm

### Monday 23 February

Swimming Lessons – Pre Primary to Year 4 commence

### Tuesday 24 February

Class Meeting – Kindy A @ 3.30pm

### Thursday 26 February

Uniform Shop Open @ 8.30am

Class Meeting – Kindy B @ 3.30pm

### Monday 2 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

### Tuesday 3 March

Swimming Lessons – Pre Primary to Year 4 continue

### Thursday 5 March

Uniform Shop Open @ 8.30am

### Monday 9 March

NAPLAN commences

### Tuesday 10 March

Assembly – Rooms 19 & 20 @ 2.20pm

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## Principal's Message

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Welcome to the 2026 school year! As we are in the season of **Bunuru**, we are experiencing the familiar hot easterly conditions and, if we are lucky, the welcome relief of a cool afternoon sea breeze. We certainly felt the intensity of Bunuru on the first day back, as students returned full of energy and excitement.

As I step into the Principal role this semester and into some very big shoes, I would like to reassure our community that we will continue the wonderful work already underway at Ardross Primary School, with the ongoing support of our School Board, P&C and wider community.

I hope you enjoyed a relaxing and memorable holiday with your children, family and friends. Thank you for ensuring your children arrived at school ready for the year ahead. It was a wonderful and positive start to the term, and a joy to see so many smiling faces as students reconnected with friends, met their new teachers and enthusiastically began their learning journey for 2026.

I would also like to thank our teachers, education assistants and Deputy Principals for the fantastic way they have welcomed students to the school and classrooms and helped them feel safe, settled and ready to learn.

At Ardross Primary School, we take great pride in our dedicated and caring staff, whose commitment to our students and families continues to make our school such a supportive and welcoming place. A very warm welcome to all our new families who joined the Ardross Primary School community. Mrs Logothetis and Mrs Nicholson have been extremely busy supporting new families and enrolling students, and we sincerely thank them for the care and efficiency they have shown during this busy start to the year.

### **STAFF UPDATES**

We are continuing to welcome new members to our Ardross family, and we are pleased to warmly welcome the following new staff:

- Ms Lisa Karaki - Room 16.
- Ms Charde Sparks - Room 10, filling in for Mrs Sandy Counsel while she is on medical leave
- Ms Michelle Ip - Room 2
- Mrs Sian Nelson – Physical Education.

I do hope you will join me in warmly welcoming and supporting them as they become part of our Ardross Primary School community.

There has also been a change in roles for some of our teaching staff. To support my transition into the Principal position, Luke Schulze and Lisa Calder have stepped into my previous Deputy Principal role. They have both hit the ground running and have already done a marvellous job supporting our students, staff and families.

### **WELCOME TO THE ARDROSS COMMUNITY MORNING TEA FOR NEW FAMILIES**

We are having a welcome morning tea to provide an opportunity for our new families to make connections and build relationships. Ardross is a truly special community, and I am sure the new families will soon experience how supportive and kind our school community is. Here are the details of the event:

- Date - Wednesday, 11 February 2026
- Time - from 8.15am
- Location - Library

### **YEAR 6 STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

Our Year 6 student leaders have made a wonderful start to the year and have already stepped confidently into their leadership roles. It has been fantastic to see the way they are modelling our school values, supporting younger students and taking responsibility with pride and enthusiasm.

Leadership contracts have gone home. These outline the expectations and responsibilities of our student leaders for the year. We encourage parents and carers to take the time to read through the contract with their child, discuss the expectations together, and return the signed agreement to school.

We are very proud of the way our Year 6 leaders have embraced this opportunity and look forward to seeing their leadership grow throughout the year.

### **THANK YOU**

A big **Thank You** to the families who looked after our lovely chickens over the school holidays. There were some hot days but thanks to these families, our chickens were well looked after.

### **REMINDERS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

#### **Kiss and Drive**

Thank you to the families who have been following the Kiss and Drive expectations since the start of the term. Pick-up times have been running very smoothly, and we appreciate everyone's cooperation. As a reminder, parking is not permitted in the Kiss and Drive zone during the key morning and afternoon times. If your child is not ready when you arrive, please continue around the loop and return, so that other families can move through and collect their children safely and efficiently.

## **Entry into the School in the Mornings**

To help our mornings and afternoons run smoothly, we kindly ask families to please avoid entering the school through the front office to drop off or collect children before and after school. This is one of the busiest times for our school officers, and using the other school entrances helps reduce congestion and ensures the office can support visitors and enquiries more efficiently.

We kindly ask that families use one of the other three school entrances to drop off their children. The staff car park entrance is strictly out of bounds for parents and students. We had a near-miss last week when a younger sibling ran into the school through the staff car park gates and was almost struck by a vehicle. This highlights the importance of always keeping this area clear. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us keep all members of our community safe.

If you need to make a payment or speak with the office, we ask that you first drop your children off and then return to the front office.

## **Locked Gates**

The Senior block gates, Pre Primary and the gates closest to OSH will be locked from 9.00am - 2.50pm for security reasons. It will be unlocked at 2.50pm to facilitate pick up.

## **NEWS FROM APPLECROSS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

As part of our Core wellbeing program, Applecross SHS strives to run a range of parent information evenings on wellbeing related themes that link to the content being taught in our Core program. We are very excited to kick the year off with our first evening, presented by Justin Robinson, who has run several parent information evenings for Applecross over recent years. This first presentation for 2026 is titled '*Raising Kids Who Worry Well*', and will be held on Tuesday, 24 February, 5:30pm in the Applecross SHS Performing Arts Centre. It is a free event, however, due to seating constraints we do require attendees to book a ticket in advance. The link to book is below.

### ***Raising Kids Who Worry Well - a parent evening for calm, courage and connection.***

*Every child worries. The aim isn't to switch it off, but to help them worry well rather than worry wild. In this upbeat, practical parent session you'll learn a shared language that supports what students are learning at school. We'll walk through the W.O.R.R.Y. WELL Framework - Welcome the Worry, Open the Conversation, Reflect and Recognise, Regulate Together, Yes to Action - with everyday scripts you can use tonight.*

*Why it matters: children who learn to worry well get better at sitting with discomfort, naming feelings, choosing helpful actions, and asking for support. That shows up as steadier nerves before tests and performances, clearer problem-solving with friends, and a stronger sense of "I can handle this".*

*Why parents love it: you gain a simple playbook for tricky moments, earlier and more open chats with your child, fewer blow-ups, and confidence about when to handle things at home, and when to escalate for extra help. You'll leave with do-it-today tools, a fridge-friendly summary, and renewed hope that small steps build brave.*

### **Presenter Bio**

*Justin Robinson (B.Ed., M.Ed. (Leadership), CiPP, altMBA) is the co-founder of The Wellbeing Distillery, supporting hundreds of schools across Australia and internationally to embed evidence-informed wellbeing into education. Formerly the founding Director of the Institute of Positive Education at Geelong Grammar School and co-author of My Manifesto, he is recognised for his warmth, deep listening, and practical wisdom in helping individuals and communities to thrive. Justin is an Honorary Fellow at the University of Melbourne and a leading voice in the global positive education movement.*

**Date** - Tuesday 24 February 2026, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**Location** - Applecross Senior High School - Performing Arts Centre -Links Road, ARDROSS WA 6153

## Booking Link

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1508706>

Have a great term!



**Letchme Paul**  
**Principal**  
**[Ardross Primary School](#)**

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## Art News

I'm excited to be teaching Art this year! If you'd like to discuss your child's creative development, I'm happy to chat. I also support students who need art portfolios for external applications — please get in touch if this is relevant for your family.

For students who love art and want to extend themselves, here are some current opportunities:

### COMPETITIONS

- **The Young Archie Portrait Competition** - Create a portrait of someone special in your life. Entries close **2 March 2026 @ 5.00pm**. [www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/art/prizes/young-archie/enter/](http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/art/prizes/young-archie/enter/)
- **Spencil Art Prize (Ages 0-13)** - entries close **4 March 2026**  
<https://spencil-art-prize.us.launchpad6.com/2026>  
<https://spencil-art-prize.us.launchpad6.com/2026/terms>

### WORKSHOPS

- **HOME Program – Doll Making with Aunty Geri** - The Wetlands Centre Cockburn  
Saturdays, 7-28 March | **10.00am - 12.00pm** | 4-week program (\$10 per week)  
<https://events.humanitix.com/home-dollmaking-t1>
- **Art Club – City of Melville**  
Mondays **3:45-5:00pm** | 9 Feb-30 Mar 2026 | \$100 per term  
<https://www.melvillecity.com.au/things-to-do/events/whats-on/art-club-with-clare-wohlnick>

Please reach out if you'd like more information. I'm looking forward to a creative year ahead.

**Mrs Rowan Zuideveld**  
**Art Specialist Teacher**

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## P&C News

### Important dates

- 10 - 13 February – raffle tickets for sale before school
- 13 February – Welcome Playdate on the Oval, Raffle Draw
- 17 February – P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) and GM, 7.00pm school Staff Room

Welcome to the 2026 school year. We look forward to meeting you and hearing about your summer break. Ardross Primary School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) aim to connect our school community and help improve school resources and facilities.

Our priorities are:

- Bring together our families, teachers, staff and students as a school community.
- Fundraise and coordinate volunteers for various initiatives to support our students and their school environment.
- Collaborate with our school to align our funds raised to benefit our school community.

### **CONNECT WITH US VIA ARDROSS PRIMARY P&C'S WHATSAPP COMMUNITY**

This year, we are excited to launch our WhatsApp Community. This will enable us to share our messages centrally in the Announcements section, whilst still providing the classroom chats for you to connect with your classes.

Links to join the P&C WhatsApp Community were sent via Compass to all parents and guardians of enrolled students. If you did not receive this, please contact the school front office for assistance. In order to ensure our community group stays safe and secure, please click on both links to fill out the contact form. A parent representative for each class will ensure this info matches members of the community.

Thank you to our Parent Class Representative volunteers, your welcoming enthusiasm is integral to our P&C's success.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Welcome Playdate and Raffle – this Friday after the bell**

Come and say hello, meet friends and enjoy a sunny afternoon on the school oval from 3:10pm this Friday. Come and buy your tickets to enter our raffle! With three fantastic prizes on offer to kick start the school year:

- VIP Car Park Bay for Semester 1 – skip the drop-off and pick-up traffic and cruise on into your very own Reserved Parking Bay in the staff carpark (behind Room 2). Save yourself from the stress and rush for all of term 1 and term 2, with this amazing prize;
- Kindy – Year 3 Prize Hamper; and
- Year 4 – Year 6 Prize Hamper – both full of amazing goodies sure to please the kids! Come and check them out before school.

Tickets are \$5 each, you can buy with cash or card from our friendly volunteers on the quadrangle every morning before school this week (8:30am – 9:00am). The raffle will be drawn at the Welcome Playdate, on the school oval, at 3:30pm. You do not need to be present for the prize draw, but we encourage you to come along.

#### **P&C Annual General Meeting – 17 February**

Are you interested in joining our committee? Please join us for our P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday, 17 February at 7.00pm in the school Staff Room.

Everybody is welcome to join, please register your attendance via email: [hello@ardrosspandc.com.au](mailto:hello@ardrosspandc.com.au) We will send you a copy of the agenda and descriptions of our committee roles for you to consider for nomination.

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursdays, 8.30am to 9.00am every week in February.

You can place an online order anytime and it will be delivered to your child's class room every Thursday during the school term (be sure to include their full name and room number in the comment box on the online payment page). <https://ardrosspandc.square.site/uniforms>

Our second-hand items are available in-store only, with proceeds going towards P&C initiatives for our school students and community.

### **BUILDING FUND – TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS**

The Ardross Primary School P&C operates a building fund to finance the construction, renovation, and maintenance of school buildings and facilities. This year, our school has indicated their desire for a bigger stage in the undercover area, for increasing class sizes.

The Ardross Primary School P&C Building Fund has current Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. To make a tax-deductible donation to the Ardross Primary School Building fund, please contact us via the link: <https://ardrosspandc.square.site/building-fund>

### **USEFUL LINKS**

Lunch orders: <https://school-lunch.lunchboxhub.com.au/>

Online uniform shop: <https://ardrosspandc.square.site/uniforms>

Join class WhatsApp groups for 2026: <https://tinyurl.com/ArdrossPCWhatsApp>

### **HOW TO CONTACT THE P&C DADS' SQUAD**

Website: <https://ardrosspandc.square.site/>

Email: [hello@ardrosspandc.com.au](mailto:hello@ardrosspandc.com.au)

Dads Squad WhatsApp group: <https://ardrosspandc.square.site/dads-group>

**Ardross PS P&C Team**

**Ardross P&C** [hello@ardrosspandc.com.au](mailto:hello@ardrosspandc.com.au)

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## **MELVILLE SHS – APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2027 GIFTED & TALENTED, SPECIALIST & SCHOOL BASED PROGRAMS CLOSE SOON!**

Melville Senior High School offers a range of Specialist and School-based Programs, as well as a highly regarded Academic Gifted and Talented Program. Applications for the **Department of Education Gifted and Talented Program** close on **Friday, 6 February 2026**, with applications for **Specialist and School-based Programs** closing on **13 March 2026**.

Apply for our Gifted and Talented Program today at: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented>

Online applications for our Specialist and School Based programs can be made via our School Website at: <https://melville.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Specialist-and-School-Based-Programs-Application-Form.pdf>

To learn more about the opportunities available at Melville SHS, book into a School Tour today via visiting: <https://melville.wa.edu.au/>

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## **OSHClub News**

Enrolling your child in OSHClub is easy and free. All you need to do is complete an enrolment form online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) where you will have the option of booking as either a permanent or casual user. Once your child / children are enrolled you then have the comfort and reassurance of knowing that your child will be cared for in a safe, fun and friendly environment.



## Learn music at Ardross Primary School!

- Keyboard starting from \$22.55 for a group lesson.
- Held after school.

Enrol now for lessons!

[www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form](http://www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form)

0479 171 424

[enquiry@keyedupmusic.com.au](mailto:enquiry@keyedupmusic.com.au)



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## After School & Saturday Mandarin Club

Mandarin Stars provides immensely enjoyable Mandarin Language classes for children.

After-school Mandarin Club is available in the Library on **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** from **3.15pm to 4.15pm** and **4.15pm to 5.15pm (Kindy to Year 6)**. **Saturday morning classes** for children ages 1-12 years are held in the Senior Block. To enrol or to book for a free trial class, please contact [perthsouth@mandarinstars.com.au](mailto:perthsouth@mandarinstars.com.au) or call 1800 18 1118 for more details.

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