

Principal's Message

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Welcome back to the start of another exciting year!

When talking to you and your children it was evident that there were a lot of exciting adventures enjoyed during the holiday break. It was especially heart-warming to hear that your child/ren were happy to be back at school and meet up with their friends and start another year.

I would especially like to welcome all our new families. I have had the opportunity to personally meet with most of you prior to your children starting. Please know the whole school community is here to make your time at Ardross PS the best it can possibly be.

Every morning between 8.30am and 9:00am I will be moving around the school talking to students and parents. Please come up and say hello. We will continue 'Community Cafes' in 2020. These will cover topics that enable you to be engaged in 'What is happening..' and for us to gather as a community to discuss issues relevant to the education of all students.

The entrance to any environment is very important. We are proud to display our new logo signage as you enter the administration area. See below to understand what lies behind our logo.



Inspiration: Australian Natives, Higher Order Thinking and Young Energy

- The spiral element represents 'thought' and higher order thinking
- The intertwining of the lines are about working together as a team, moving together from a simple thought to a bigger idea
- There's a feeling of the lines moving inside the circle, then branching out beyond the solid base. This signifies the journey and growth of a student as they enter, grow and then leave the school community for the wider world.
- The stem and the leaves of all Australian flora are the inspiration used to represent the support network that gives Ardross PS its strength.
- The base of the logo – 'the nest' represents both the strong and solid foundations, as well as the soft and flexible support of the school community. This element of the logo represents the teachers, parents and families who all help to hold this structure in place.

INVITATION TO ATTEND OUR FIRST P&C MEETING IN OUR NEWLY FURNISHED LIBRARY

I invite you along to our first P&C Meeting on Monday 17th February at 7.15 in our school library. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet our P&C team and also join the energy of a team of parents who are working to provide resources to enhance your children's learning. See you there.

2020 COMMUNITY HANDBOOKS for both Kindergarten and Yr 1-6 are now available on Connect for you to read. Some new or revised items are:

• Mobile Phone in School Policy

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose. It is important to note that it is not a requirement at Ardross Primary School for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Ardross Primary School recognises that an increasing number of parents/carers who for safety, security and/or emergency purposes wish to provide their children with mobile phones. This policy details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted at Ardross Primary School (full policy can be found on Connect).

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Thursday 13 February
Uniform Shop Open

**Monday 17 February to
Friday 28 February**
Year 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons

Thursday 20 February
Uniform Shop Open

Friday 21 February
Harmony Day

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2020 Community Handbook Revised Items Cont...

- **Dogs on School Grounds**

Dogs, on a leash, are permitted on the school grounds at drop-off and pick-up time.

Dogs are not permitted on school site during school time – 8.50am to 3.10pm. This includes sports events and special days. Please do not encourage interaction with other children. If the dog is unruly and a risk to community members, you will be required to remove the dog from the school.

KISS AND DRIVE

We remind all parents and people in our school community that traffic is a significant issue at Ardross PS. We ask all of you to be vigilant and have the safety of our families at the forefront of your mind when dropping off and picking up your child. Please do not use the staff carparks as a pick up or drop off point. Please don't park on our neighbour's verges or in their driveways as this creates great upset.

CONNECT COMMUNICATION

In 2020 teachers will be using the CONNECT platform extensively as their main route of communication. Each parent has their own login details so they can access Connect. Please contact the school office if you haven't yet received these details. Each class will have their own Connect page and there will be regular notices from teachers to let you know what is happening in the classroom.



Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
Principal

P&C NEWS

Welcome to all of our new families and those of you returning for another wonderful school year. The P&C hit the ground running at the start of the year as we attempt to confirm all the new class parent representatives for the year and populate the class contact lists. Thank you to all of the parents who have stepped up this year and agreed to be a focal communication point for your class group – this is an invaluable role that we are so lucky to have in our school community.

Once again you will be asked to confirm and provide a selection of contact details that you are happy to be shared amongst your class group. These lists are not to be used for any solicitation of business or circulated outside of your class group. We hope you find them useful in organising holiday catch ups, playdates, birthday and the occasional shout for help or support when needed.

As part of our capture of information, we also ask that you select a volunteer pool group to commit to throughout the year. We have found that this enables us to ask smaller more focussed groups for support on the occasions we need it and when we spread the load and everyone steps up just once we're all doing our bit for the community.

P&C GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY, 7.15 – 8.30PM

If you would like to understand more about how the school runs behind the scenes, add your thoughts or concerns to the discussions, get involved or lend a helping hand, please join us for a P&C general meeting.

As a special one off, our next meeting will be held in the Library as part of the unveiling of the new library furniture funded by our P&C and also include a tour of the computer room to see the enhancements made possible by ongoing P&C funding. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

ADVANCED NOTICE - SENSATIONS LUNCH ORDERS

The gorgeous proprietor of Sensations Café, Claire is getting married later this month and will be taking some well deserved time away from work. Her café staff will also be catering and attending Claire's wedding, which will be held down south. As a result, Claire will be closing Sensations Café for one week and consequently, we will be unable to offer school lunches between Friday 28th February and Friday 6th March. We hope you understand and wish Claire, her family a friends and fantastic celebration.

Normal school lunches provided by Sensations Cafe will resume again on Monday 9th March 2020.

Charlotte Oliver
P&C President

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

AND WE'RE BACK...

Welcome to 2020. For those I'm yet to meet, I'm Nathan, the chaplain at Ardross Primary. I have been a part of the school for six years and you can find me at school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

As a chaplain, I support the students and families of Ardross Primary in a number of ways. I chat with students who are needing emotional support for problems they are facing at school or at home, I provide resources for parents and teachers to support students, and I help resolve social problems between friends and classmates. Plus, I play a mean game of handball.

You're always welcome to drop in for a chat. My office is next to room 10, and if the door is open, just pop in – no need to make an appointment. And you can always drop me a line at nathan.hoyle@youthcare.org.au. Students can organise to talk to me via the yellow 'chaplain's box' in reception.

HAMPERS

Thanks again to everyone who was able to contribute to our Christmas hamper collection at the end of last year. We loaded up a car full of donations, which were taken to a community centre and packaged into hampers by one of the churches and given to those in need. It's always a privilege to see how generous we are at Ardross Primary, so thanks.

50 FOR THE FIRES

What on earth can we do to help those affected by bushfires on Australia's east, all the way over here in Ardross? We can do something, and something always counts. Some of our students are organising fundraising via SchoolAid this week, so keep an eye on your Connect notices for details.

And if families want to donate directly to different agencies, perhaps think about the Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund, Salvation Army Disaster Appeal, or the NSW Rural Fire Service who have dedicated bank accounts to the families of their staff affected while fighting fires. The generosity of our country to those in need has been a beautiful thing indeed.

I've also attached a great resource to the newsletter email – it's a quick and simple guide for carers and parents to support their children around media coverage of disasters.

Enjoy week 2!

Nathan Hoyle
Chaplain

FROM THE SPORTS SHED

Tennis Excellence will be offering a before school tennis club for pupils on Tuesday mornings, starting in Week 2! Tennis Excellence has been operating at Blue Gum Park and Melville-Palmyra Tennis Clubs for over 10 years, providing expert coaching for young tennis players.

We are delighted to offer our professional tennis coaching services for students at Ardross Primary School. Your kids can learn the game and continue to develop skills that will allow them to play tennis at any age, anywhere in the world.

Start date: Tuesday 11/02/2020
Ages: Year 1 – Year 6
Time: 7.30am-8.30am
Location: Applecross Senior High School tennis courts
Duration: 8 weeks for Term 1 (weeks 2-9)
Price: \$100
Enrol: www.tennisexcellence.com.au/course-enrolments/blue-gum/school-programs/

Supported by the AXSHS Special Tennis Programme!

Please note: children will be supervised at all times by qualified tennis coaches who all hold Working With Children Cards and Police Clearance Certificates. Children will be escorted by the coaches back to Ardross Primary School by 8.45am. All equipment will be provided.

SCHOOL STAFFING 2020

ROOM	YEAR LEVEL	TEACHER / S
Room 20	Year 6	Glenn Hill [Mon, Tue , Wed, Fri] / Tony Mirabella [Thu]
Room 19	Year 6	Auriol Heary [Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri] / Robert Marshall [Tue]
Room 16	Pre Primary / Year 1	Helen Brown
Room 15	Pre Primary	Jackie Loney
Room 13	Year 1	Isabel Mangion- Campbell
Room 12	Kindy A	Sandy Counsel
	Kindy B	Lee-Anne Downey
Room 10	Year 1 / 2	Denise Harman
Room 9	Year 2	Diana Cooper [Mon – Thu] / Sandy Counsel [Fri]
Room 8	Year 4	Kate Mathis
Room 7	Year 4	Lindsay Macmillan
Room 6	Year 3	Blythe Maley
Room 5	Year 2	Kellie Foote / Denelle Ellery [Tue – PM]
Room 4	Year 3	Fiona Schaper
Room 3	Year 5 / 6	Cathy Riley [Mon, Tue, Fri] / Denelle Ellery [Wed / Thu]
Room 2	Year 5	Karen Treloar [Tue – Fri] / Denelle Ellery [Mon]
	Teacher Assistants	Janine Coles, Roseanna Dennis, Sian Jackson, Kathie Esselmont, Christina Chapman, Vicki Alosi (J/P), Cat Keys
	Special Needs Assistants	Jeanette Edward, Kylie Wright, Jenny Scott, Rhys Crosswell, Christine Jones, Sophie Allen, Misty-Lee K
	HOTS Teacher	Auriol Heary [Tue]
	Art	Sue Warren [Wed / Thu / Fri]
	Phys Ed	Hannah Brown [Wed / Thu / Fri]
	Music	Claire Mason [Wed / Thu / Fri]
	LOTE	Hisayo Rego [Wed / Thu / Fri]
	EAL / D	Cathy Riley [Wed - 0.2] / Yah-Lee Chee
	HOTS	Auriol Heary
	DTLT	Glenn Hill [Thu - 0.2]
	PP DOTT	Lee-Anne Downey / Sandy Counsel
	Principal	Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
	Deputy Principal	Tony Mirabella
	Deputy Principal	Robert Marshall
	Chaplain	Nathan Hoyle [Tue / Wed / Fri]
	Psychologist	Annette Goldschlager
	Library Officer	Natalie Jones [Tue / Wed / Thu]
	Manager Corporate Services	Denise Moore
	School Officers	Tania Logothetis Gabby Nicholson (Mon-Tue)
	School Gardener	Stan Hooper
	School Cleaners	Oscar Hernandez (Head Cleaner), Hilda Hernandez, Rita Devi

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 where you will have the option of booking as either a permanent or casual user. Once your child is enrolled you then have the comfort and reassurance of knowing that your child/children will be cared for in a safe, fun and friendly environment.

Val Maiorana
Program Coordinator



UNIFORM SHOP2019

13 February 2020 8.30am - 9.15am
20 February 2020 8.30am - 9.15am
27 February 2020 8.30am - 9.15am

mandarin stars



fun mandarin for kids

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 and Thursday from 3.15pm - 4.05pm and 4.10pm to 5.00pm (Kindy to Year 6).

Saturday morning classes for children age 1 to 12 years are held in the Senior Block. To enrol or to book for a free trial class, please contact perthsouth@mandarinstars.com.au or call 1800 18 1118 for more details.

CALL NOW FOR A **FREE TRIAL**
0451 172 877

Grasshopper
SOCCER

grasshoppersoccer.com.au

perth@grasshoppersoccer.com.au

Soccer fun for girls and boys aged 2 to 12, starting from 19th October, 2019.

Sessions include:

Mite-E Soccer (2-3yo)
Pint Size Soccer (4-5yo)
Into to Micro (5-6yo)
Micro (6-8yo)
Micro Plus (8-12yo)

Sessions are held at various venues South and North of the River.

Call 0451 172 877 or email perth@grasshoppersoccer.com.au for more information or to book your place.



Learn Keyboard at ...
Ardross Primary School!

- ◆ Prices are per lesson and start from \$17.55 for a group of 4
- ◆ Held after school
- ◆ Enrol online at ...

www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment_form



Phone: 1300 366 243

Email: enquiry@keyedupmusic.com.au

Web: www.keyedupmusic.com.au



AMPJFC
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**Join us at AMPJFC
for Season 2020**

Registrations are open!!

AUSKICK

Saturdays 11-12pm PP-Year 1 | 11-12:30 Year 2
@ Gairloch Oval

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Sundays Year 3 - 6
Home and Away with Home Ground @ Gairloch Oval

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Saturdays Year 7 - 9 | Sundays Year 10 - 12
Home and Away with Home Ground @ Shirley Strickland

Register now: ampjfcclub.com.au/registration

Queries to: ajfchawks@gmail.com

AUSKICK Open Day
Saturday 14 March | Time: TBC

PP-Year 2 Welcome!

Ardross Primary School would like to thank our sponsors for their support of the school. We encourage all parents to use their services where feasible.



Thankyou to Woolworths Garden City for their ongoing support

