

Important Dates:

Wednesday 13 October

Dance – Year 6

Thursday 14 October

Uniform Shop Open

Ride to School Day

Year 5 – Salsa

Links Road Opening Celebrations

Monday 18 October

Dance – Years 1 to 4

Tuesday 19 October

Assembly – Room 4

P&C Meeting – 7.00pm

Wednesday 20 October

Dance – Year 6

Thursday 21 October

Uniform Shop Open

Year 5 - Salsa

Friday 22 October

Lapathon @ 1.00pm

Monday 25 October

Dance – Years 1 to 4

Tuesday 26 October

Year 1 – Cicerellos

Wednesday 27 October

Dance – Year 6

Thursday 28 October

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Uniform Shop Open

Year 5 – Salsa

Friday 29 October

World Teachers' Day

Monday 1 November

Dance – Years 1 to 4

Tuesday 2 November

Assembly – Room 17

Wednesday 3 November

Dance – Year 6

School Board

Thursday 4 November

Year 5 – Salsa

Monday 8 November

Dance – Years 1 to 4

Tuesday 9 November

Assembly - Lapathon

Principal's Message

MOTIVATE – EDUCATE – CELEBRATE



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Along with Connect, the [Ardross Primary School webpage](#) and Facebook, we aim to keep you informed on what happens on a day to day basis.

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy our celebrations on 17 September. It was an afternoon and evening of celebrating our community and the village that Ardross Primary School is and has been to so many over its 60 years. I must acknowledge the time and thought staff placed into ensuring that student learning shone. Thank you to our dedicated P&C who ensured the day ended in friendship and community.

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

As you all know the City of Melville has been working tirelessly to upgrade Links Road to a 'Safe Street'. To celebrate the official opening of the new street we are having a 'Ride/Walk to School Day' on **Thursday, 14 October** (week one of term 4).

On the day we will provide a free fruit breakfast for people who walk or ride to school as well as, free coffee for the parents! Local Indigenous resident, Aunty Marie will be doing a Welcome to Country to pay respects to the elders past and present and acknowledge the land in which we meet, Wadjuk Noongar land.

We will have a few riding buses hosted by the over 55's cycling group and we will be joined by special guests from the City of Melville, Department of Transport, Applecross Senior High School, Over 55's Cycling and Cycling Without Age.

All festivities will take place in the 'Listening Circle' located in the front native garden of the school:

- 8.20am - fruit and coffee for active travellers
- 8.50am - Welcome to Country
- 9.00am - students head to class

Hope to see you all there!

OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

On Wednesday, 4 November is our open School Board Meeting. We invite you to attend at 7.15pm in the Staff Room.

2022 STUDENT PLACEMENT

As the year comes to an end, I am in the process of structuring the classes for 2022. The placement of students into individual classes can be an emotive issue for parents. In order to ensure that the process is open, equitable and transparent for all, the following criteria will be applied for the placement of all students in classes. Parents who feel they have critical or relevant information pertaining to the placement of their child in 2022 should advise me in writing.

The number and structure of classes required in any particular year is determined by the school's total projected enrolment for the coming year, financial resources and school based decision making on effective resource management.

Guidelines for Student Placement in Classrooms

Individual class placements are ultimately decided by the Principal who works together with all staff to discuss the placement of students in classes. This is based on the teachers' professional judgement of each child taking into consideration social, emotional and academic needs.

Placement Criteria

- Specific needs of the child
- Group homogeneity - the retention of positive relationships and groups
- Maintaining a balance of academic abilities and social emotional needs and abilities
- Maintenance of gender balance (where practicable).

Specific requests, in writing, for class placement for 2022 must be received by 3.10pm on Friday, 19 November 2021.

Can you also let me know if your child/ren will not be attending Ardross PS in 2022 completing the tear off slip on the following page.

Create magic moments with your child/ren, they are truly priceless.



Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
Principal



[Ardross Primary School](#)

Library News



During Week 8 last term, our annual Ashton Scholastic Book Fair was held in the Library. It's always so wonderful to see such excitement on the children's faces as they walk through the Fair and to see so many families purchase new books to satisfy their eager book worms. Your support of the Book Fair each year is greatly appreciated.

We're pleased to say this year we sold \$7,171 worth of books – amazing! Our Library receives 20% in commission from the total of sales which Mrs Jones puts towards securing author visits and other library initiatives which are beneficial to all our students.

A special thankyou to our volunteer helper, Mrs Tania Stenton, who helped ensure the Book Fair ran as smoothly as possible.

Natalie Jones
Library Officer



STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ARDROSS PS IN 2022

My child / children -----

Room _____ Year Level _____ Room _____ Year Level _____

will **not** be returning to Ardross in 2022.

Signed -----

Date -----

Lapathon 2021

This year's major fundraiser, the school Lapathon will take place on **Friday, 22 October** beginning at 1:05pm on the school oval. All students have been given a Lapathon Sponsorship form and are encouraged to collect sponsors for running 30 laps around the oval. When the students collect the sponsorship money and return it to school they will receive a raffle ticket for every \$4 that they raise. The tickets will go into a draw to win one of the major prizes of junior and senior bicycles and a Chromebook computer. Other prizes will also be drawn out at the Lapathon Assembly to be held on Tuesday, 9 November. There are also prizes of a free lunch for the classes that raise the most money.

All parents are welcome to attend the Lapathon and walk a number of laps with the students.

Glenn Hill

P&C News

Warmest greetings to our Ardross community. A new school term has begun and we welcome the Nyoongar season of Kambarang. In the season of Kambarang, flowers burst into abundance and there is a transformation of the landscape. One of the most striking displays of flowers to be seen during this season will be the *moojar*, or Australian Christmas Tree (*Nuytsia floribunda*). The bright orange-yellow flowers serve to signal the heat is on its way. The season brings much transformation and new life.

As you transition into the new school term, we encourage you to be kind to yourselves - to be aware of the emotions, to take notice of the changes in your daily routines and to celebrate little moments of joy.

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Term 3 finished with an absolute fanfare of fun, good company and a wonderful showcase of our talented children. Thank you for showing up and being there for our children and the community. Thanks to Justine Penno, Anna Belton, Cindy Webster and Kelly Siebel for your organisation and help on the night. Thank you to Amber Abdurachman for her amazing face painting skills on the night. We hope you all had an enjoyable evening on the oval.

BUY A BRICK

To celebrate and commemorate Ardross Primary Schools 60th Anniversary the P&C have organised for your family to Buy a Brick. Have a positive and long lasting record of your family. Simply buy a brick! Bricks will be built into the existing veranda on the northern side of the Library. Bricks cost \$25.00 and you can personalise your brick with your family name/s. Forms are available at the front office.

The P&C have a new notice board going up near the Uniform shop. So keep an eye for new notices!

The next P&C meeting is Tuesday, 19 October at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.

Until next time.

Alice Brennan & Anna Belton
P&C Presidents

Sports News

Last term we celebrated our annual Faction Carnival and were once again very lucky with the weather. Two days of events in week 8 allowed us to run a total of 176 events. Thank you so much to all of our volunteers who gave up their day to help us run these events and to cheer on our wonderful students. Thank you also to all of the teachers who worked tirelessly to prepare their students for such an event. Congratulations to **Waylen** for winning the Chant trophy with their wonderful well enunciated cheer.

As with big athletics events, we have a few that stood out in the individual events for their achievements. Our Champions for each year level are below:

	Champion	Runner Up	3rd Place	4th Place
Year 3 Boys	Bentley N	Liam P and Jake T	Nate H & Harlan J	Sachin M
Year 3 Girls	Bitia A	Talise B	Jin Han Y	Isla R
Year 4 Boys	Max L	Jamie R	Edward D	Adam K
Year 4 Girls	Saige D	Isabella L	Ina M	Saina D
Year 5 Boys	Sam W	Tate J	Insung M	Joe H
Year 5 Girls	Estelle S	Heidi P	Sarah S	Neela C
Year 6 Boys	Sehun P	Logan B & Ry H	Hudson S	Izaak B
Year 6 Girls	Paige M	Indi W	Shahra S	Celina L

We also celebrated great sportsmanship throughout the term during our practises and throughout the day. Congratulations to the students below who were chosen by their teachers for their exemplary sportsmanship throughout the athletics season!!

	Good Sports Awards			
	Butler	Lukin	Waylen	Wellard
Junior	Charlotte L	Daniel B	Eliza C	Santiago L
Senior	Elvis H	Heewon K	Eva T-H	Luca St

Finally, with our score tally changing leads throughout the day we have our final faction winners ... **WELLARD!**

Wellard	Waylen	Lukin	Butler
1292	1180	1125	1004

It has been another wonderful athletics season with many students reaching their personal best within class and during the practises. We have started training for Interschool Athletics with the selections for individual events being made off of carnival results and the Passball and Leaderball teams being chosen through trials. Interschool Athletics will take place on Thursday, 28 October at Bateman Primary School.

Have a wonderful Term 4 everyone.

Hannah Brown
PysEd Specialist Teacher

Chaplain News

SORRY! THE LANGUAGE OF APOLOGY

(I know we published this article a few years ago, but I can't help notice how important the language of apology is. Communication and language are usually at the core of conflict or misunderstanding, so let's revisit the 'idea of sorry'.)

Helping children to know when to apologise and how to apologise might be a little trickier than we first thought. It seems that the word 'sorry' translates slightly differently for everyone who says or hears it. In fact, when I help children resolve a conflict that's happened between them at school, we often talk about what 'sorry' means – is it a solution? Or an admission of wrong doing? Or a commitment to working things out together? Or a 'line in the sand' that tells us that what happened is already behind us?

It turns out that it probably means *all* of these in general, but usually only one or two to us individually. Gary Chapman and Jennifer Thomas (*The Five Languages of Apology*) have looked at *what* we are trying to say when we apologise and have distilled the language down to five categories of apology. Now, I hasten to add that it's simply a guide and not a script-book, because every child and every family is wonderfully unique ... but I reckon they have come pretty close to deciphering what we are trying to say when we apologise.

According to Chapman and Thomas, the five languages of apology are:

- expressing regret at what happened
- accepting responsibility for what happened
- making amends for what was done
- genuinely changing themselves and how they behave
- requesting forgiveness from the wronged person/people.

1. **Expressing regret** – Regret is a negative emotional response to a decision or action of our own. It says "I did something that I wish I didn't do." It's different to disappointment, mainly because it's about things we have control over – the weather might be disappointing, but it's out of a child's control, whereas lying or saying something hurtful are linked to regret, as both are actions the child can control. Regret also hints at our values - we have fallen short of who we think we really are.

How do we say it? "I'm sorry" is the norm, but other phrases might include "I wish I hadn't done that" and "That's not who I am; I'm sorry I did that."

Next column, we'll delve into the other four styles of apology.

In harmony,

Nathan Hoyle
Chaplain

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 / children is enrolled you then have the comfort and reassurance of knowing that your child will be cared for in a safe, fun and friendly environment.

We have had a good start to Term 3. For our program this term, we have a Master Chef session, Bunnings incursion - plants and a fashion parade using recycled Coles bags - lots of activities and fun. If you have any questions about booking, please come and see me or call me.

Val Maiorana
Program Coordinator

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 or call 1800 18 1118 for more details.



Keyed Up Music will be teaching keyboard group lessons this term after school. Lessons start at \$18.65 for a group of 4 per lesson. If you are interested in your son/daughter learning an instrument, ring Savanna on 6107 8841 or 0479 171 424 or enrol at www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form



Grasshopper Soccer is running programs at Ardross PS in Term 4!
Grasshopper Soccer is Australia's most participated non-competitive soccer program for children aged 5 - 12 years. Ardross PS program starts after school on Monday, 25 October 2021.

To enrol - www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au/ardross
For more information – 0451 172 877
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