

Important Dates:

Wednesday 17 February

Years 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons cont

Thursday 18 February

Uniform Shop Open

Monday 22 February

Years 5 & 6 Swimming commences

Thursday 25 February

Uniform Shop Open

Monday 1 March

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday 2 March

Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons cont.

Principal's Message

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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.

The start to the school year was impacted due to the one week lock down. Thank you for your support during this time. I know a lot of children, parents and staff were excited and packed to start on the Monday. It was also a little different for the children, especially Kindergarten, to be welcomed to school by an educator wearing a mask. It was nice for them to see all the smiles this morning.

I am excited to share with you our updated [Ardross Primary School Webpage](#). It is designed to provide you with information you can access at any time. The headers include; Our school, Our Community, Parent Information, Our Staff, News and Contact us. The home page includes a message from myself and other information relevant to the day. Please remember to scroll down.

KISS & DRIVE

Your child's safety is a priority. Concerns have been raised by the school community surrounding drop-off and pick-up of students. To help ensure the safety of our students during these times, our school would like to remind parents of the following:

- The Kiss & Drive area on Drumfern Street is a **NO PARKING ZONE** between 8.00am - 9.00am and 3.00pm - 4.00pm every school day. Parents are not to park and leave their vehicles during these times.
- When using the Kiss & Drive, we ask parents to be considerate of other families and **ALWAYS** move as far forward in the area as possible.
- Opposite to the Kiss & Drive is a **NO STANDING ZONE** between 8.00am - 9.00am, and 3.00pm - 4.00pm every school day. Parents should **NOT** stop in this area and wait for students to cross the road.

These are clearly sign-posted and failing to follow these instructions can carry penalties under the City of Melville Bylaws. More importantly, these are in place to help ensure student safety.

This area is the only designated drop-off and pick-up point for our school. All other areas are marked parking bays.

The Kiss & Drive is supervised by staff each afternoon until 3.30pm. Students waiting for collection should go to the Kiss & Drive area. Students should **NOT** be waiting for collection on Links Road, Grimsay Road or Ardessie Street.

A FUNDRAISING EVENT TO HELP OUR WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES AFFECTED BY BUSH FIRES

On Monday, 22 February from 1.30pm – 3.00pm students will be involved in a fundraising event to support our Western Australian families impacted by the terrible fires. The classes will have the opportunity to create their own fundraising venture. I ask that you support this by providing your child with some coins to be able to partake. The ability to be able to help others and share what you can spare helps to boost our own happiness as well as those around us. All funds raised will be donated to The [Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund](#). Thank you for your support.

NEVER STOP READING

Reading is a fundamental skill your child will use for the rest of their life – so why stop when they're just getting started?

Sharing stories and reading aloud with your child strengthens their skills in reading, writing and comprehension. It builds their confidence and sense of security. It creates those special moments with your child that you cherish. That's why you should **Never Stop Reading!**

[Recent research by literacy expert Dr Margaret Merga](#) found that over half of parents stop reading aloud with their children once they begin to start reading for themselves. This happens even though children enjoy it well beyond their early years of schooling.

Reading aloud with your child throughout their primary school years has significant, positive effects on their learning and reading skills. Listening to your child as you read together also builds their social skills and confidence as they engage with you, and the quality time that you spend with them raises their mood and sense of wellbeing.

Not only that, your child will simply enjoy reading to you, and having you read to them. They won't ever forget the special moments they had reading and sharing stories with you – and you won't either. Give your child the best start for a life of learning and discovery. **Never Stop Reading!** Go to <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/never-stop-reading> for a range of resources

Happy reading!

Enjoy the days with your children, they are truly priceless.



Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
Principal



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A Message From Ali Chesterfield – Deputy Principal, Student Services

Hello - most importantly, I would like to say a very big thank you to all of the staff, students and families for such a warm welcome to Ardross Primary School. It really is a beautiful school and I am very excited about working here.

I have recently moved back to Perth with my family, two young daughters (3years old and 1year old) and husband, who is also a school teacher. We were living in Fitzroy Crossing and both worked at Fitzroy Valley District High School for a number of years.

I began my teaching career in New South Wales, where I am originally from, before moving over to Western Australia in 2011. I have since worked in different schools in varied roles, from classroom teacher, Student Services Coordinator and Deputy Principal.

I am very passionate about education, especially making sure each student's learning needs are valued and catered for. I enjoy working as part of team and look forward to working with the students and their families to ensure this happens.

If you see me around, please introduce yourself to me. I look forward to meeting you all.

Ali Chesterfield

P&C News

A very warm welcome to all our new families and those of you returning for another wonderful year. I hope you all had a restful and re-energising time over the summer holidays, and have had a great start to the school term.

At this time of year, the P&C is looking to confirm all the new class parent representatives for the year ahead. We are so grateful to those parents who step up and agree to be a point of contact for their class group. It is an invaluable role and a huge benefit to the rest of the parents in the class.

All parents will be asked to confirm and provide a selection of contact details that you are happy to be shared amongst your class group. It is important to know that 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, birthdays and the occasional shout for help when needed.

During the year, we have occasions where we need assistance in tasks such as baking, sports event marshalling, book covering, and so also ask that you step forward to assist in volunteer pools for these tasks. We have found that this enables us to ask smaller, more focussed groups for support when required. We then spread the load and no one has to do too much.

Our P&C will be planning social dates, fund-raising events and financial goals for the year ahead - these will be communicated to the school community via email, newsletter entries and via Facebook, so watch this space!

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY, 8 MARCH 2021 7.15 TO 8.30PM

If you would like to understand more about how the school runs and add your thoughts or concerns to the discussion, get involved or lend a helping hand, please come along to one of our monthly meetings.

Our next meeting will be held in the Staff Room (accessible via Links Road), and we would love you to come and join us. We are so fortunate to have an involved P&C and school community at Ardross PS and we truly value your input.

Rachel Crawshaw
P&C Secretary

Chaplain's Corner

AND WE'RE BACK ...

Welcome to 2021. For those I'm yet to meet, I'm Nathan, the Chaplain at Ardross Primary School. I have been a part of the school for seven 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 School 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.

I'm looking forward to another stunning year at Ardross Primary School and meeting plenty of new faces over the next few weeks.

Stay well.

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.

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

Saturday morning classes for children aged 1 to 12 years are held in the Senior Block. To enrol for a free trial class, please contact perthsouth@mandarinstars.com.au or call 1800 181 118 for more details.



Keyed Up Music will be teaching keyboard group lessons this term after school. Lessons start from \$18.65 for a group of 4 lessons. If you are interested in your son/daughter learning an instrument, ring Savanna on 1300 366 243 or enrol at www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form
