

## Important Dates:

### Thursday 3 June

Uniform Shop Open  
Buddy Planting

### Friday 4 June

Staff Development Day – **NO STUDENTS**

### Monday 7 June

WA Day – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

### Tuesday 8 June

Assembly – Room 7  
Buddy Planting  
Protective Behaviours Parent Workshop

### Thursday 10 June

Year 5 Planting – Point Walter

### Friday 11 June

Year 3 Planting – Deepwater Point  
Buddy Planting

### Monday 14 June

Year 6 Planting - Myalup

### Tuesday 15 June

Faction Cross Country Carnival

### Thursday 17 June

Uniform Shop Open

### Monday 21 June

Pre Primary to Year 2 Swimming commences  
Years 5 & 6 – STEM Conference

### Tuesday 22 June

Year 5 & 6 – STEM Conference  
P&C Meeting @ 7.00pm

### Monday 28 June

Pre Primary to Year 2 Swimming continues

### Thursday 1 July

Uniform Shop Open

### Friday 2 July

**LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

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## 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.

Students will be getting their hands dirty over the next three weeks, as Ardross PS students undertake our annual buddy planting around the school. Under the supervision of our Sustainability Coordinator, Bruce Ivers, and our gardener, Scott, students will be working to a journey of rejuvenation in our beautiful native garden at the front of the school.

We will also be continuing our school's commitment to environmental citizenship as our older students work with local councils and community groups on revegetation and environmental restoration. Our Year 3s will once again be working with the City of Melville at Deepwater Point, our Year 5s with the Bicton Environmental Action Group at Point Walter, and our Year 6s with the Shire of Harvey at Myalup Beach. Year 4s will again be travelling out to York in early Term 3. These projects are an important part of the Ardross PS educational experience, and of our River Rangers program.

Even the staff are getting down in the mud at Point Walter. As part of this week's Staff Development Day, our staff will be engaging in a Two Knowledges experience with Mandy Bamford (Ecologist) and David Collard (Noongar Educator) learning more about the connections

between traditional knowledge and modern science. They will also be participating in revegetation planting in partnership with the Bicton Environmental Action Group.

Altogether, our school has over 8000 seedlings which we will be planting in support of these initiatives, and has committed over \$19,000 of school and Cadets WA funding to ensure our students are able to continue to engage in these valued and educational experiences.

**Robert Marshall**  
Deputy Principal



[Ardross Primary School](#)

## Honour Certificates



At the Assembly on 11 May the recipients were:

<b>Room 20</b> Celina L, Matthew L, Lincoln O.	<b>Room 8</b> Aria B, Aaron K.
<b>Room 19</b> Jacob B, Lucas C, Thomas H.	<b>Room 7</b> Saxon L, Pan O, Elaine Z.
<b>Room 17</b> Bentley N, Jonathan P.	<b>Room 6</b> Zachary C, Sachin M.
<b>Room 16</b> Maria D, Chloe H.	<b>Room 5</b> Luke H, Haelyn J, Mihaela S, Jayden Y.
<b>Room 15</b> Adler J, Jonah P, Renee P.	<b>Room 4</b> Sophie A, Eric S.
<b>Room 13</b> Yash C, Cayenne K	<b>Room 3</b> Jasmine C, Bruno H.
<b>Room 10</b> Jason C, Amiya H.	

At the Assembly on 25 May the recipients were:

<b>Room 20</b> Kendall B, Jack B, Ariel T.	<b>Room 9</b> Mia C, Bella T, Joey V.
<b>Room 19</b> Arina P, Sam W.	<b>Room 8</b> Santiago L, Amy P.
<b>Room 17</b> Parker C, Daniel D.	<b>Room 7</b> Joshua K, Maksim L.
<b>Room 16</b> Hannah M, Alice R.	<b>Room 6</b> Toby C, Olivia O.
<b>Room 15</b> Sophie C, Jethro G, Acel T.	<b>Room 5</b> Lana C, Samuel D, Layla O.
<b>Room 13</b> Nisa B, Daniel B.	<b>Room 4</b> Kane C, Ailie H, Amelia T.
<b>Room 10</b> Alecia J, Rory O.	<b>Room 3</b> Quilan C, Zoe N.

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## 2021 Cross Country Carnival – Years 1 to 6

This year's Faction Cross-Country Carnival is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 15 June in Week 9. I am excited about the carnival for which the students have been training hard. They have been working hard during training - setting personal goals. Students will come out to the oval five minutes before their race starts to stretch and go over any last questions. We will invite all of the students out on the oval for the Year 6 races to cheer on our senior students. The distances for all of the races are below.

### Approximate Distance for Events

Years 1 to 2 - running  $\cong$  1.1km

Years 3 to 4 - running  $\cong$  1.7km

Years 5 to 6 - running  $\cong$  2km

For our presentations, we will invite all of the students to the undercover area immediately following the Year 6 races. After their names are called, the top four students will come up to stand on the podium and get their pictures taken. Medals will be handed out to our Champions and Runners Up while ribbons will be awarded for third and fourth place takers.

**Please remind your child/ren to wear their faction t-shirt on the day.** Children may also need a change of clothes as it may be wet and muddy. Unless the weather is severe, the event **will** take place.

CROSS COUNTRY 2021			
[All times are approximate]			
<b>9.10am</b>	Year 1 Girls	<b>10.10am</b>	Year 4 Girls
<b>9.15am</b>	Year 1 Boys	<b>10.15am</b>	Year 4 Boys
<b>9.30am</b>	Year 2 Girls	<b>10.30am</b>	Year 5 Girls
<b>9.35am</b>	Year 2 Boys	<b>10.35am</b>	Year 5 Boys
<b>9.50am</b>	Year 3 Girls	<b>11.25am</b>	Year 6 Girls
<b>9.55am</b>	Year 3 Boys	<b>11.30am</b>	Year 6 Boys

**Hannah Mae Brown**  
**Physical Education Specialist**

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## P&C News

Welcome to the season of Makuru. The coldest and wettest time of the year is upon us. We hope you and your family are well and enjoying the cooler days. Have a wonderful long weekend with your family whether it be a great adventure or cosy days inside.

### TERM 2 SUCCESSES

Thank you for supporting the Mothers' Day stall. It was well received by the students with all items sold. We made an unexpected and wonderful profit of \$900.00. Thank you to the volunteers for the day Anna Belton, Justine Penno, Cindy Webster, Skye Hewitt, Mark Peters and Charlotte Oliver who made a cameo appearance by dropping off the Mothers' Day gifts. Also to Minnie who donated 20 plus plants for the stall and were a big hit.

The Fathering Project had their Barefoot Bowls Sundowner on Friday, 14 May at Mt Pleasant Bowling Club. Eleven gentleman attended with Peter Dias taking out the perpetual silver dish trophy. Thank you Matt Snare and Mark Peters for continuing to be active in encouraging the community to come together.

The parents that answered the call out to cover books last week was greatly appreciated. A delightful, social, chatty group managed to cover all the books and are looking forward to the next round of book covering. Thank you to Justine Penno, Annie Naing, Katie Metcalf, Lisa Cutri, Amber Webster, Amy Tsung, Li Ge, Leith Marley, Nicole Bond and Christabel Young.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Classroom Coin Challenge

Start saving your silver and gold coins for our annual classroom coin challenge. The coin challenge will commence on Monday, 14 June and end on Friday 25, June. A prize of a pizza lunch for the greatest total raised will go to a junior class (Kindergarten to Year 2) and a senior class (Years 3 to 6).

### Bogan Bingo is Here!

Are you ready to dress up, rock up & rock out - of course you are!

- What:** Ardross PS P&C Bogan Bingo  
**When:** Friday, 30 July 2021  
**Time:** 7.00pm – 11:30pm  
**Where:** Melville Palmyra Tennis Club - Prinsep Road, Melville  
**Who:** You and your mates  
**Price:** \$30 per person  
**Booking:** [www.trybooking.com/BRVVP](http://www.trybooking.com/BRVVP)  
**BYO:** Food platters, your best bogan get-up and loose change for awesome raffles and games
- What Else:** Drinks available to purchase on the evening. Prizes all night for bogan legends and Bingo winners. Silent and live auctions to help reach our fundraising goals for 2021
- Fundraising Goals:** Upgrade furniture in the school Library, playground maintenance and equipment.

Our next P&C meeting is Tuesday, 22 June at 7:00pm. We encourage the community to attend any of our meetings. You don't need to be a member. See you there.

**Alice Brennan**  
**P&C Co-President**

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## Sustainability Update

The Sustainability Committee has been working hard to ensure the effective use of the funds from the Voluntary Sustainability Initiatives Contribution targeting the school's waste management and lighting replacement plan. After the unfortunate discontinuation of the Green Batch recycling program, our school has brought Suez on board to meet our recycling needs, to ensure our recyclable hard plastics, cans, glass and paper avoids landfill.

As you are hopefully aware our school community continues to collect bread bags and tags for the 'Wonder Recycling Rewards', and 'Containers for Change'. Please keep bringing these in to fight waste and contribute to the school.

The Committee is happy to announce that we have formulated a lighting replacement and upgrade plan to exchange outdated light globes around the school for cost effective, environmentally friendly LED bulbs. We have completed a lighting and energy usage audit and aim to replace the external security floodlights first, followed by the rest of the exterior lights and finally the internal lights. By switching to LEDs we can reduce the school power bill, as well as provide savings in maintenance costs. Recent research also shows that LED lights provide health and safety benefits and achieve better lighting levels which can lead to an improved learning environment for our kids. Win win!

## Sustainability Committee

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## Chaplain News

### HELPING CHILDREN MAKE FRIENDS

Not all children find making friends easy. There is a variety of reasons that some struggle to begin with: having a good friend leave the school, being in a different class to likely friends, having different interests, being more introverted or shy than other classmates or simply 'chance'.

In primary school, most friendships start by playing together, so when you're helping them to make new friends, 'play' - in particular, lunchtime - is often the first context to address.

Here are a few ideas that can help them start the process:

- Breaking down lunch and recess to the basics – 'Who can you sit with? Where do they play? Are you finishing your lunch quickly enough so that you can stay with the others when they leave to play?' Correcting these little transitions - from class to eating to playing to lining up – can increase the amount of lunchtime contact with potential friends.
- Cementing in good play behaviours – try (to the best of your ability!) to understand how the game works and reinforce good etiquette and behaviour. Remember, some children 'play to win' and others 'play to play', but it's always important to make them aware of how others are perceiving their behaviour. Taking turns being 'it', letting everyone have a turn, and compromising over disputes are a few good pointers when they're learning the ropes of a new game.
- Verbalising and practicing social skills – workshop with them how to go about introducing themselves, start conversations, remembering others' interests and good topics, asking to join in and keeping the conversation going after the game.
- Encouraging continuity – if they had a great lunchtime with some new friends, make sure they follow-up on subsequent days, as this helps them establish their part in the group.
- Helping them limit 'attempts' - if they have tried a number of times to initiate play with a particular child, and it's not working, it may be time to help them move on and try

someone else. You can encourage them for trying and explain that the other person might not be ready for the friendship yet and then identify other classmates they may want to start to play with.

Good luck, and my door is always open if you think your child needs a little help making friends,

**Nathan Hoyle**  
Chaplain

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## Protective Behaviours Community Cafe

Have you ever considered what to say in the case of another child showing your child pornography? Often parents don't want to think about dealing with a situation like this. What would you do? Come along to this Protective Education workshop which is a proactive whole community approach to teaching life skills to children. It gives them the language to identify unsafe situations, arms them with tools to seek appropriate assistance or to protect themselves.

We welcome you to come along next Tuesday evening, to this event, hosted by Holly Martin. Click on this link to secure your tickets!

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/safe4kids-teaching-life-skills-to-children-a-parents-guide-tickets-156442057405>



[Safe4Kids Teaching life skills to children - a parent's guide Tickets, Tue 08/06/2021 at 7:00 pm | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/safe4kids-teaching-life-skills-to-children-a-parents-guide-tickets-156442057405)

Eventbrite - Ardross Primary School presents Safe4Kids Teaching life skills to children - a parent's guide - Tuesday, 8 June 2021 at Ardross Primary School Library, Ardross, WA. Find event and ticket information.

[www.eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)

Thanks and hope to see you there!

**Protective Behaviours Team**

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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 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**

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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 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](mailto:perthsouth@mandarinstars.com.au) or call 1800 181 118 for more details.

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Keyed Up Music will be teaching keyboard group lessons 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](http://www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form)