

Important Dates:

Thursday 4 December

Dance – Years 1 to 4

Year 6 Graduation @ 5.00pm

Thursday 11 December

Uniform Shop Open @ 8.30am

End of Year Celebration @ 5.30pm

Sunday 14 December

Ardross Dads' Squad Christmas Party

Wednesday 17 December

Reports sent home

Tuesday 18 December

PBS Reward Movie

Last Day of Term 4

Friday 19 December

Staff Development Day – NO STUDENTS

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2026

Thursday 29 January

Staff Development Day – NO STUDENTS

Friday 30 January

Staff Development Day – NO STUDENTS

Uniform Shop Open @ 1.00 to 2.30pm

Monday 2 February

First Day of Term 1 2026

Friday 13 February

After school playdate on oval

Principal's Message

MOTIVATE – EDUCATE – CELEBRATE



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of Ardross Primary School over the year. Working together as a team, we have ensured that your child/ren have thrived in their learning, encompassing our motto of Motivate, Educate, Celebrate.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Thank you to Jane Gibberd, Matt Snare, Jamie Hood, Lee-Anne Downey and Nicola Rowden for their time on the School Board. They have played a key role in engaging in discussions relevant to our school. Voting for 3 members was finalised on Monday, 1 December at 5.00 pm. I will notify you of the outcome as soon as possible.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS (P&C)

Our school always shines a little brighter for the work of our Parent and Citizen (P&C). These dedicated parents give many hours of their time to provide opportunities for fundraising and community events. Thank you from all the students.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Year 6 Graduation and Dinner Dance evening

This year will be a little different for our Year 6 students. Their graduation evening will be held at Applecross Senior High School, with their family and special guests in attendance. At the conclusion, they will move to Tompkins on Swan for their dinner/dance event

End of Year Celebration

We are all excited to celebrate 2025 at our End of Year Celebration evening on Thursday, 11 December. Acknowledging endeavour and academic achievement and enjoying the dance routines will highlight our school's rich diversity. I look forward to seeing you all there.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Semester 2 reports will be sent out to you on Wednesday, 17 December. Please take the time to sit with your child/ren to discuss their learning.

STUDENTS FROM YEARS 1 TO 6 who have good standing will attend the end-of-year movie on Thursday, 18 December. Our Lapathon fundraising event will fund this.

TO CELEBRATE OUR YEAR, all students will meet on the quadrangle at 2.50 pm on Thursday, 18 December to say goodbye to our Year 6 students and to partake in the countdown, throwing their hats in the air.

2026 LEADERSHIP CHANGES

As we look ahead to 2026, I want to share that there will be some changes in our leadership. I will be taking six months of leave and then retiring, closing a chapter that has spanned 31 years in the education system. It is difficult to capture in words just how much of an honour it has been to walk alongside your children, to share in their growth, and to work with such supportive families and staff.

Semester One 2026 Mrs Letchme Paul will lead the school in her role of Principal. Fiona Schaper, Luke Schultz and Lisa Calder will take on the roles as Deputy Principals.

Your children are a daily reminder of why this work matters so deeply. Their smiles, curiosity, and willingness to embrace every learning opportunity fill our school with warmth and purpose. Please continue to be incredibly proud of them — I always have been.



Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
Principal
Ardross Primary School

Honour Certificate Winners

At the Assembly on **2 December 2025** the recipients were:



Room 19 Filip I, Ian J, Michael M, Jeffrey S.	Room 7 Adaliza B, Lucas L, Elizabeth L.
Room 18 Ryan T.	Room 5 Thomas N, Rosie S, Bastian V.
Room 16 Rania A, Arya R.	Room 4 Harvey A, Hannah M.
Room 15 Braydon T.	Room 3 Henry C, Oliver C, Yaseen K, Rayne S, Nelson S, Archer Z.
Room 13 Annie B, Dolma D.	Room 2 Yaman C, Kliff J.
Room 8 Elsie B, Iota D, Jenny M, Tsemutsu N.	

Library News

END OF YEAR BOOK RETURNING

It's that time of year when students are now required to **return all their library books** to Mrs Jones in the library before the end of term.

Year 6 students also need to ensure they return their River Rangers shirts to the Library as well.

Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday break!

Natalie Jones
Library Officer



Compass

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE APP?

A final reminder that parents are highly encouraged to download the Compass App and login to ensure you keep up to date with everything happening at the school. You will have received an email with your Compass log in and password. If you have not received it, please check your junk mail folder and if all else fails, please email or call the school front office.



Download the free Compass School Manager App (available on both iOS and Android) from your App store for mobile devices or enter 'schools.compass.education' in a web browser for desktop computers.

The Compass Parent Portal will allow you to access up-to-date information about our school and your child's progress.

Handy Hint: Don't forget to enable Compass Notifications on your phone via your Settings – Notifications option. This way you'll never miss an important notification when they are issued.

P&C News

IMPORTANT DATES

2025

3 to 18 December	Second hand (washed) uniform donations accepted
14 December	Ardross Dad's Squad Christmas Party

2026

30 January	Uniform Shop Open 1.00pm – 2:30pm
13 February	After School Playdate on the oval with raffle
17 February	P&C Annual General Meeting – 7.00pm in the School Staff Room

This is the last newsletter for 2025! It has been a big year for our P&C with a lot of work put in by the P&C committee and our wonderful volunteers, so we take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU for all of the help and support we have received. We could not function without you. We wish our whole school community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ARDROSS DAD'S SQUAD CHRISTMAS PARTY – 14 DECEMBER @ 3.30PM – STRICKLAND OVAL

Come along and enjoy a BBQ dinner on the Dads Squad, relax, do some Christmas karaoke and socialise with other school families. Santa will be making an appearance! This is a free event but you need to register by 10th December. You can register via the link - <https://events.humanitix.com/ardross-dads-squad-christmas-celebration>

PREVIOUS EVENTS

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT - 7 NOVEMBER

The movie night was a great success with a high attendance rate and people taking advantage of the sausage sizzle, popcorn and especially the fairy floss (the line was huge). The movie was fun and it was a lovely evening to sit outside on the oval. Thank you very much to Mags Martin for applying for the City of Melville's Community Grant and for organising this free event. Thank you also to all the volunteers that helped out.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open 8.30am to 9am on 11 December.

You can place an online order anytime and it will be delivered to your child's classroom up to 15 December 2025 (be sure to include their full name and room number in the comment box on the online payment page). Orders placed after 15 December will be packed and ready for pickup between 1.00pm and 2.00pm on 30 January 2026. <https://ardrosspandc.square.site/uniforms>

The Uniform Shop will re-open on Friday, 30 January 1.00pm – 2.00pm, and every Thursday morning 8:30am – 9.00am in February.

When clearing out those wardrobes over summer, please consider donating your good condition Ardross Primary School uniform items to our second hand rack – this will give items a longer life, help other families in our school community save a little bit of money, and all proceeds go back into P&C initiatives to improve our school for our kids. Donations are accepted in the school front office, or at our uniform shop.

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 2025: <https://tinyurl.com/ArdrossPCWhatsApp>

Stay tuned to Connect and our 2025 WhatsApp groups for our NEW P&C WhatsApp Community in 2026.

HOW TO CONTACT THE P&C DADS SQUAD

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

Email: hello@ardrosspandc.com.au

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

Class WhatsApp groups: <https://tinyurl.com/ArdrossPCWhatsApp>

Ardross PS P&C Team

Ardross P&C hello@ardrosspandc.com.au

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 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

0479 171 424
enquiry@keyedupmusic.com.au



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.

DEC HOLS
13-22 Dec
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Creative Kids Art Club

Enrolments now open!

Dec Hols + Makers Market

Art Classes for 2.5-14yrs

NEW MUMS + BUBS
2.5-5yrs

Ph 0476149696. Visit the website for more info and to book!
www.creativekidsartclub.com.au

The advertised activities may be of interest. Please note these advertisements by third parties are run independently of the school and are not supervised, endorsed, or vetted in any way by Ardross Primary School. Parents should conduct their own enquiries regarding the advertised products, services or notices.