

Principal's Message

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Thank you for taking the time to read our monthly newsletter. This is one of our communication platforms, including our [Facebook page](#), that ensures we are able to share with you the teaching and learning at Ardross Primary School.

This year has certainly provided opportunity for change and reflection. Thank you to all of you for working with us as a community to ensure clarity for our children during COVID-19. Moving into Term 3 many of the restrictions have been removed.

- ◆ Assemblies will resume in the undercover area and open to community members
- ◆ Parent / Carers meetings with staff will be available – please ring the school office to make an appointment
- ◆ Community Cafés will begin
- ◆ Interschool activities will be available
- ◆ Parent helpers will again be welcomed into classes

Thank you for continuing to say goodbye to your children promptly in the morning. This has helped with building of confidence and independence. When the children enter the classroom they have the opportunity to prepare for the day. This is also an ideal time for staff to talk with children and continue the building of relationships.

We will continue to have a full time cleaner in the school during Term 3. This will ensure that playgrounds, toilets, classrooms and administration are kept as clean as possible. We thank our school cleaners who have worked tirelessly to ensure the most hygienic environment for us all.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

We are delighted to send you your child's Semester 1 report this week.

As we shared previously, schooling this semester has been widely disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While our school community has worked hard to minimise the impact on students' learning, following discussions as a staff it was clear that teachers were not able to make fair and valid judgements about student progress and academic achievement this semester.

As a result, our school has decided to forgo the reporting of learning area grades and attendance for Semester 1, 2020. This semester, reports for students in Years 1 to 6 will include:

- ◆ Student effort
- ◆ Comments for English and Mathematics
- ◆ Attitude, Behaviour & Effort
- ◆ General Comment

Reports for students in Pre-primary will include:

- ◆ Student Effort
- ◆ Attitude, Behaviour & Effort
- ◆ General Comment

Student reports will be emailed to parents **Wednesday, 1 July. The link for the report will only be active for four weeks so parents should print or download a copy of their child/ren's report.**

Kindergarten students will be receiving a school-level report which will include:

- ◆ General Comment
- ◆ Student Self-Portrait & Autograph

Kindergarten reports will be sent home with students on their final day this week.

Semester 2 reports will provide the usual, more detailed information on your child's progress and achievement.

If you have any questions regarding reports this semester, please contact Robert Marshall through the school on 9364 2771, or by email at robert.marshall@education.wa.edu.au.

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Friday 3 July
Last Day of Term 2

Monday 20 July
Staff Development Day -
NO STUDENTS

Tuesday 21 July
First Day of Term 3

Thursday 23 July
Silver Coin Fundraiser

Tuesday 28 July
Assembly - Music

Wednesday 29 July
Silver Coin Fundraiser

Monday 3 August
P&C Meeting

Tuesday 4 August
Interschool Cross Country
Assembly - Room 7

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SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Just a reminder that Monday, 20 July is a School Development Day and pupil free. We welcome students back on **Tuesday, 21 July**.

The School Development Days, pupil free, for the remainder of the year will now be:

- ♦ Monday, 20 July
- ♦ Friday, 25 September
- ♦ Friday, 13 November
- ♦ Friday, 18 December.

Please place these in your calendar — thank you.

Have a wonderful holiday break with your children. The memories you create last a lifetime.

Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
Principal



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

At the assembly on 16 June the winners were:

Room 20	Jackson B, Phoebe H, Livi N.
Room 19	Jesse H, Kieran H, Irina P.
Room 16	Paris D, Amiya H.
Room 15	Daniel B, Tatjana S.
Room 13	Neve B, Rogan L, Ahmed M, Amy P.
Room 10	Rafael C, Imogen F, Edith I.
Room 9	Emily A, Toby C, Lauren S.

Room 8	Caleb L, Jyana T.
Room 7	Neela C, Mahlia C, Robert S.
Room 6	Saket B, Ksenja J, Juan L, Daniel S.
Room 5	Rhys P, Noah Si, Noah Su, Indiana W.
Room 4	Luke H, Bruno H, Miranda L, Celine R.
Room 3	Callum B, Eva H, Sehun P, Amelia W.
Room 2	Larissa A, Lucas H, Ryan H, Hudson S.

At this week's assembly the winners were:

Room 20	Aaron M, Bridget S, Vienna V.
Room 19	Amy G, Daniel P, Matthew S.
Room 16	Marissa A, Blake A.
Room 15	Nisa B, Jake F, Claire P.
Room 13	Noah A, Jasper A, Ashley F, Nathalie L.
Room 10	Yewon K, Charlotte L, Joey V.
Room 9	Elton L, Abigail N, Justan Y.

Room 8	Scarlett D, Joe H, Jacob S.
Room 7	Amelia P, Geoffrey T.
Room 6	Adam K, Tamara M, Anthony Z.
Room 5	Bitu Z, Talise B, Jayden L.
Room 4	Lucas H, Daisy L, Noah N, Catherine W.
Room 3	Kendall B, Kelly P, Sharon S, William W.
Room 2	Oliver E, Yasmin M.

**Apply to enrol
your child in
Kindy**



Apply to enrol before 24 July 2020

KINDY ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR 2021!

Is your child excited to start their first day of school? Now's the time to get your child school ready and apply to enrol them in Kindergarten for 2021! If your child is four years old by 30 June 2021, you can apply to enrol them in our school. Contact us by 24 July 2020 to apply.

**Apply to enrol
your child in
Pre-primary**



Apply to enrol before 24 July 2020

NOW IS THE TIME TO ENROL FOR 2021!

Now's the time to apply to enrol them in Pre-Primary for 2021! If your child is five years old by 30 June 2021, you can apply to enrol them in our school. Contact us by 24 July 2020 to apply.



SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL 2020 (YEARS 1 TO 6)

Well done to everyone in Cross Country last week. It turned out to be a beautiful day. After all of the ups and downs of the first semester, it was wonderful to end with such a positive school vibe. The support from the community is as usual, phenomenal. Thank you to all of the parents who came to support their children and others on the day. This year I had about 15 people put their hand up to volunteer and that makes it so much easier to run an event. Thank you for your time.

Thank you also to all of the teachers who helped the students during training and on the day, pushing them and encouraging them. I want to especially thank Mrs Ellery for score keeping, Mrs Jones for her photography and social media work, and of course Miss Schaper for coming to school early to help set up.

The top five students in Years 4 to 6 have earned their spot in our Interschool Cross Country Carnival on 4 August 2020 at Brentwood Primary School. The student who ran sixth has been informed they are the reserve and will still be coming to training and support on the day.

Well done to our podium students and to the winning faction of the day - WAYLEN!

		First	Second	Third	Fourth
Year 1	Girls	Georgia V	Nathalie L	Yewon K	Neve O
	Boys	Luke W	Henry D	Braxton T	Geoffrey T
Year 2	Girls	Talise B	Bitia A	Marcie S	Ava C
	Boys	Liam P	Jake T	Nate H	Bentley N
Year 3	Girls	Saina D	Saige D	Miranda L	Lana C
	Boys	Max L	Quilan C	Edward D	Jamie R
Year 4	Girls	Heidi P	Anica P	Estelle S	Neela C
	Boys	Tate J	Sam W	Luca St	Luca Sh
Year 5	Girls	Eva H	Sofia B	Paige M	Katie W
	Boys	Ry H	Matthew L	Hudson S	Ryan F
Year 6	Girls	Kiana P	Irina P	Amy G	Sophie M
	Boys	Finn C	Joshua O	Kenneth C	Jackson B

Week 10 also sees the end of our hockey unit in Phys Ed. It has been great to see students expanding their skills and applying them in a new game. Years 3 to 6 have been playing hockey games the last two to three weeks and have been learning to keep their space and split defenders. There have been some really cool moments across the age levels and everyone had a fantastic time!

Hannah Brown
Phys Ed Teacher





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER
RESILIENCE PART 3 - 'RESILIENCE AS YOUR REACTION'

So, it's the end of Term 2. Which may feel like the end of Term 1, or the end of Term 4; yes, it's a year that feels both long and short. Lots of water has passed under the bridge, so make sure you chisel out some 'me time' in the school holidays to decompress. Fifteen minutes is better than zero minutes!

We started the year talking about resilience, and this newsletter will wrap up the topic. We're looking at the 'The Road to Resilience' (American Psychological Association, 2014), which lists ten ways of responding to adversity that can encourage resilience. Here are the final five.

LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF DISCOVERY - This is a tricky one, because when you're in the middle of a hard patch, the *last* thing you want to hear is "But think how much you'll learn about yourself!". So although 'self-discovery' is probably bottom of the list whilst dealing with a loss, you may look back after the fact and notice what you learned about yourself.

Some people who have experienced tragedies and hardship have reported better relationships, greater sense of personal strength when feeling vulnerable, increased sense of self-worth, a more developed spirituality and heightened appreciation for life.

NUTURE A POSITIVE VIEW OF YOURSELF - Self-concept is key to our response. Developing confidence in your ability to solve problems and trusting your instincts helps build capacity.

KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE - Even when facing very painful events, try to consider the stressful situation in a broader context and keep a long-term perspective. Avoid blowing the event out of proportion or letting one problem in your life leak into other areas that may be going well.

MAINTAIN A HOPEFUL OUTLOOK - An optimistic outlook enables you to expect that good things will happen in your life.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF - Pay attention to your own needs and feelings. This is sometimes hard for parents, who are great at looking after their kids ... but not-so-great at looking after themselves. Make time for activities that you enjoy and find relaxing. Exercise regularly, enjoy healthy food, make 'friend-time', learn to relax, read the Bunnings magazine, read a book – anything that recharges you.

Resilience isn't something we have to learn; it relies on a bunch of underlying skills and attitudes. But it does need to be our choice.

Enjoy the holidays.

Nathan Hoyle
Chaplain

P&C NEWS

TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER

All of our students have now drawn their fantastic self portraits and the full tea towel designs look wonderful. Your tea towel will remain a treasured memory for many years to come and your support also raises money that will go straight back into the school. We have extended the order deadline to Sunday, 5 July 2020 for all tea towels.

Please head to the try booking website <https://www.trybooking.com/BJZGR> to process your order as soon as possible. You can choose more than one design if you have children in multiple year groups – complete the full process (nominating a student name and classroom for delivery) and click on 'buy more tickets' before processing your payment.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK – FUNDRAISING

As we head into the school holidays and consider the odd little trip out for a treat for the kids, a family breakfast/lunch or date night for the grown-ups, why not support our school, local businesses and save a few extra dollars all at the same time. The Entertainment Book membership is offering some amazing deals right now and it's a win win for everyone. Order your digital copy at www.entertainmentbook.com.au using our special school code **833r95** to help secure us some much needed funds for the school.

COIN COLLECTION FUNDRAISER

The challenge is on again for the class who raises the most amount of money to win a special pizza lunch...

For the first three weeks of Term 3 we're collecting coins and would love to take whatever you're happy to give and might still have laying around post-ISO. We know that cash isn't quite as easy to come by these days and appreciate your support in these times of uncertainty and potential financial hardship. The students enjoyed our *silver coin fundraiser* so much in 2019 and we raised a staggering amount of money for the school, not to mention the creative lessons that it enabled the teachers to take on in the classroom...so many benefits for everyone. With adult permission at home, start collecting those coins now and remember to regularly bring them back to school with you after the holidays.

SAVE THE DATE: CYBER SAFETY TALK - 28 OCTOBER 2020

During Term 4, renowned cyber safety expert and ex-police officer, Paul Litherland will be giving a special parent presentation at Ardross Primary School. The presentation will take place in the evening from 7pm and will cover topics such as cyber bullying, digital citizenship, online footprints, social networking, online gaming, website use and invaluable tips and tricks on how to keep an eye on your children through software and hardware, with easy instructions on what we can do to keep them safe.

This presentation will be available to the whole school community and we encourage all parents to attend, even if you think that this is not quite relevant for your child just yet. Friends and family can also attend (for a small nominal fee) and details of how to book tickets will be communicated closer to the date.

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout Term 2. Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable break. Stay safe.

Charlotte Oliver
P&C President

COMPLETION OF GREEN CONSENT FORM

Thank you to all those parents who have completed and returned the updated Consent Form. This form has now been filed on your child's file and will be referred to for the duration of their time at Ardross PS. If consent for any of the aspects change or needs to be updated it is the onus of the parent to inform the school office.

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



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.



Keyed Up Music will be running piano lessons after school next term at Ardross PS, cost is from \$18.65 for a group of 4 lesson. To enrol, go to www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form or ring Therese on 1300 366 243 with any questions.