

Important Dates:

Thursday 6 November

Dance – Years 1 to 4

Years 5 & 6 - Whiteman Park Water Festival

Friday 7 November

Specialist Showcase – 3.30pm to 5.00pm

P&C Movie Night

Monday 10 November

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO STUDENTS

Tuesday 11 November

Lapathon Assembly @ 2.20pm

Wednesday 12 November

Kindergarten Introductory Sessions

Thursday 13 November

Uniform Shop Open @ 8.30am

Dance – Years 1 to 4

Monday 17 November

Dance – Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 18 November

IMMS Assembly

Wednesday 19 November

Kindergarten Introductory Sessions

Thursday 20 November

Dance – Years 1 to 4

Monday 24 November

Dance – Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 25 November

Applecross SHS Transition Day – Year 6

Thursday 27 November

Uniform Shop Open @ 8.30am

Dance – Years 1 to 4

Friday 28 November

Cambodia Fried Rice Day

Monday 1 December

Dance – Years 5 & 6

Scitech – Year 4

Tuesday 2 December

Pre Primary Assembly

Principal's Message

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December to January

The 'hot and dry' was characterised by the onset of hot easterly winds. The signals of this season were the Christmas and paper bark trees blossoming. Noongar people burnt mosaic sections of scrubland through fire-stick farming. This forced animals into the open to hunt and opened the canopy to the November rains, which increased germination of summer foodstuffs. An abundance of food was found along the coastal lakes and river estuaries. The mullet, bream, marron and crabs were fat and ready for harvest. Colours of this season are green, blue, orange and yellow.

We continue to welcome new families to our school and community. The children are settling in, making friends and enjoying learning.

As we move towards the end of 2025, we will all have many opportunities to celebrate with your children through teaching, learning, and community. For 2026, new Kindergarten children and parents will spend half a day in Kindergarten engaged in various activities and feeling comfortable in their new learning environment.

Year 6 Graduation and Dinner Dance will be held on 4 December, with the whole school End of Year Celebration on 11 December 2025.

PARENT MEETINGS

Our Parent-Teacher meetings will be held today, between 1.00pm and 5.00pm, on 4 November. Please note that students will finish school at 1.00 pm. This is a valuable opportunity for you to meet one-on-one with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and learning journey. Information shortly.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday, 10 November is our school development day. Students do not attend school on this day. This is a valuable day for all staff to collaboratively create whole school processes and planning for 2026. OSHClub will be open for the whole day. Please contact them to book your child in.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Our exchange students had a wonderful time at our school. Thank you to all the families who hosted a student. What a priceless experience for everyone involved.

LAPATHON

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Lapathon. Students and staff enjoyed the day and are now awaiting the assembly. This is our major fundraiser for the year and would not happen without the commitment of Mr Hill.

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS – PARENT REPRESENTATIVES 2026 TO 2027

The Ardross Primary School Board works in partnership with the Principal to guide the school's strategic direction and priorities. Acting as ambassadors and advocates, Board members bring ideas, expertise, and a community perspective that help strengthen our school and support the needs of all students.

With the end of the current two-year term, there will be **three parent representative vacancies** on the School Board for the **2026 and 2027 school years**.

In line with the Board's Terms of Reference, we are now calling for nominations to fill these positions. If more than three nominations are received, an election will be held before the end of the 2025 school year. New members will begin their tenure at the start of 2026.

We encourage all parents to consider nominating. A School Board that reflects the voices and diversity of our community helps ensure decisions continue to support every student. Ardross Primary School's rich cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths, and we value having that diversity represented on the Board.

If you would like to learn more about the role, please contact me, **Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor (Principal)**, on **9263 1350** or **Jane Gibberd (School Board Chairperson)** on **0406 893 955**. More information is also available on the school website.

Nomination forms are attached and should be returned to the **front office or via email to susan.mikkelsen@education.wa.edu.au by 3:10 pm on Wednesday, 19 November 2025**. I am looking forward to reading your nominations.



Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
Principal
[Ardross Primary School](#)

Compass

It has been wonderful to see our community transition smoothly to this new platform. As the school continues to grow, and compliance becomes more complex, it is the aim of the school to streamline office processes such as attendance, reporting and communication as much as possible by using the tools available to us.

Delivered through the Department of Education's Program Kaartdijin, Compass will be used by all Department schools.



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. Within the parent portal are many different features including the ability to:

- add attendance notes
- communicate with your child's teacher/s
- view semester and progress reports
- book parent teacher conferences
- consent and pay for school events
- make school fee payments
- view school news items

We will be looking to roll out these features to your during 2026. For more information, please refer to the **Compass App Information Sheet**.

We believe this new program is a great step forward for communication and access for all parents.

Attendance

Parents will no longer be able to submit student absences via our school website. Absences can be submitted via the Compass App, email or by calling the school. If a student is marked absent, parents will receive an SMS with a link to add an attendance note. This link is valid for 48hrs. Do not simply 'reply' to this SMS as the school will not receive it.

Japanese Exchange Students

Over the past two weeks, our school had the pleasure of hosting ten Year 6 exchange students from Gunma Kokusai Academy School in Japan. The visit was a wonderful cultural exchange experience, filled with learning, friendship, and fun. The students joined our classes, participated in class activities and shared fascinating insights about Japanese culture, language, and school life. They enjoyed a classic Aussie sausage sizzle, delivered engaging presentations about Japanese culture, which they had prepared prior to arriving in Australia, and impressed everyone with a lively dance performance.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to the host families for their generosity and support in making the students feel welcome in their home. It enriches the Japanese students' experience when they can stay with a family from our school community. Thank you.

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P&C News

IMPORTANT DATES

- 7 November - Outdoor movie night
- 14 December - Dads Squad Christmas Party at Shirley Strickland Reserve

It is coming up to the end of the year and the crazy silly season. We still have a few more upcoming events to enjoy, and we also welcome people to start thinking of whether they want to join the P&C in some kind of capacity in 2026. All of these amazing events and school improvements are not possible without a passionate voluntary P&C working hard in the background.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Outdoor Movie Night - 7 November

This is going to be a huge free event with over 500 RSVPs so far. The movie being screened is Wonka (PG 2023) and there will be a sausage sizzle, popcorn and fairy floss. You can still register using the following link: <https://events.humanitix.com/outdoor-movie-extravaganza>

PREVIOUS EVENTS

Ardross Dads Squad Dwellingup Camp – 24 to 26 October

This was a fun weekend for all involved although the rain on the Friday night was not as welcome. The kids went and did the Tree Top Adventure Zip Line with some brave dads going up to help them. It was a great turnout and planning has already started for next year.

World Teachers Day – 31 October 2025

The P&C organised a morning tea to thank our teachers for all the wonderful work they do. A representative from each class was asked to donate a plate of food and the teachers were delighted with the variety and abundance of food on the day and also had plenty to take home and share with their families. Thank you to all involved!

WA Bike Month Event – 2 November

This was held at the Applecross Foreshore and the Dads Squad put on a fabulous breakfast of bacon and egg burgers and fruit platters donated by Applecross Good Grocer. This was followed by a Bike Safety Quiz, of which Angus Penno did an excellent job, and lots of great prizes were handed out, thanks to a Westcycle WA Bike Month Grant. We then took a ride along the foreshore to Deep Water Point, soaking in the beautiful sunshine. Thank you everyone who attended. Thank you to the Dads Squad as well for purchasing a new barbeque, which has already come into good use for the bike event and will be used again at the Movie Night.

Projects and Initiatives to Utilise P&C Funds Raised

Thank you for your support in 2025. You have made the following possible:

- new basketball chain nets for the outdoor hoops in the quadrangle;
- a new commercial fridge and chest freezer have been purchased for the STEM kitchen; and
- the court line markings have been refreshed in the undercover area with new hopscotch perimeter games.

We have started brainstorming initiatives to consider for 2026, if you'd like to get more involved next year then save the date for our 2026 AGM: Tuesday, 17 February at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursdays, 8.30am to 9.00am on the odd weeks of term (weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9).

You can place an online order anytime and it will be delivered to your child's classroom every Thursday during the school term (be sure to include their full name and room number in the comment box on the online payment page). <https://ardrosspandc.square.site/uniforms>

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>

HOW TO CONTACT THE P&C AND 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>

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We respectfully acknowledge the past and present Elders and traditional custodians of this land, the land of the spiritual rainbow serpent, the Wagyl. It is a privilege for the Melville SHS community to be standing on Whadjuk Noongar country.

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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 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.



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AFTER SCHOOL enrichment class

TERM FOUR 2025 / YEAR 1- YEAR 6

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