

Important Dates:

Tuesday 6 June

P&C Meeting @7.00pm

Thursday 8 June

Uniform Shop Open

Tuesday 13 June

Assembly – Room 20

Friday 16 June

Rooms 4 & 6 Excursion

Wednesday 21 June

Choir Rehearsal – Crown Performance

Thursday 22 June

Uniform Shop Open

Friday 23 June

Cross Country Carnival

Monday 26 June

Spare Parts Puppet Theatre – Rooms 9, 10 & 13

Wednesday 28 June

Reports sent home

Community Café – School Business Plan

Thursday 29 June

Year 2 – Kings Park

Friday 30 June

Last Day of Term 2

Monday 17 July

Staff Development Day – NO STUDENTS

Tuesday 18 July

First day of Term 3

Tuesday 25 July

Assembly – Room 10

Monday 31 July

PEAC Testing – Year 4

Tuesday 1 August

Interschool Cross Country Carnival

Principal's Message

MOTIVATE – EDUCATE – CELEBRATE



Welcome to our monthly newsletter. This is an opportunity for us to share our community news both in the classroom and out. Ardross Primary School is a vibrant learning community with 408 students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Don't forget to visit our website at <https://www.ardrossps.wa.edu.au/> where you will find a variety of information. Remember to enjoy those special moments with your children whether it is reading a book, kicking a football or simply taking time to talk.

WINTER / MAKURU is the coldest and wettest time of the year; with more frequent gales and storms. Traditionally, this was a good time of the year to move back inland from the coast as the winds turned to the west and south bringing the cold weather, rains and occasionally snow on the peaks of the Stirling and Porongurup Ranges.

As the temperature drops more children begin wearing jumpers and jackets. Please make sure you name your child's clothing and follow up if they do not return home with them. Traditionally, we have a very large amount of clothing in the lost property. This is placed next to Room 9.

With the onset of winter / makuru we have a lot of students and staff who are away. Please ensure that if your child is unwell that they stay home until they are better. If your child is unwell at school we will call you to take them home.

One of the favourite activities for our students at recess and lunch is experimenting with sand and water to make creations including; mud pies / cakes, soups and magic potions. If you have any old cooking utensils that you no longer use we would love them to build up our collection.

2024 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT – CLOSING DATE: 21 JULY 2023

Please remember to enrol your child for 2024 and also share with any friends who may wish their child to enrol. Contact Gabriella or Tania to answer any of your questions.

We are very proud of our Kindergarten program at Ardross Primary School. Our program aligns with the National Quality Framework which comprises of seven quality areas:

- Educational program and practice
- Children's health and safety
- Physical environment
- Staffing arrangements
- Relationships with children
- Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
- Governance and Leadership

We actively assess each of these areas on a yearly basis. A combination of playful instruction, child-initiated plan, unstructured play and direct instruction ensures students are supported and provided with the opportunity to explore in their learning. Attached are information fact sheets in Farsi, Chinese, Vietnamese and English.

STUDENT VOICE

At the Room 7 Assembly, Ryan read out the below statement written by one of our Year 6 students Bruno. It is a message that should resonate with everyone who drives a car and parks where others are standing.

Hello everyone, my name is Ryan, and I am one of the Environmental Captains. I am here to speak about an important health issue. Have you noticed drivers sometimes park with their engines turned on? This is called idling. Unfortunately, this happens a lot around our school. This is bad for the environment but most importantly for our health as it is air pollution.

Around the world every year about 11 100 adults die prematurely from vehicle emissions and nearly 20 000 people are sent to hospital.

We could save many lives if people just simply do not idle their cars. In some countries, such as the United Kingdom idling is banned, and you will get fined if you do. Unfortunately, it is not banned in Australia so many people idle. Bruno's Dad has made some stickers to remind you not to idle and to make other people aware and they will be handed out. Please do not idle. It will protect the environment and you might even save someone's life! Thank you for listening.

Enjoy your time with your family.



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



Honour Certificates

At the Assembly on **16 May 2023** the recipients were:

Room 20 Isabella L, Joanne L, Liam P.	Room 8 Rena C, Eva D.
Room 19 Toby C, Max L, Tiffany S.	Room 7 Hannah M, Anita P.
Room 17 Olivia M, Jamie R, Catherine W.	Room 6 Kseniia D, Zachary Z.
Room 16 Tara A, Gabriel B, Daniel E.	Room 5 Amy P, Jeffrey S.
Room 15 Thomas S, Harli Q, Brian Z.	Room 4 Louis L, Liesha S.
Room 13 Luke A, Cooper B, Clarice D, Sophie H.	Room 3 Emily A, Ariella R, Caleb T, Jenson W.
Room 10 Jackson H, Sophie P.	Room 2 Nathalie L, Par O.
Room 9 Ileana I, Kayla Y.	

At the Assembly on **30 May 2023** the recipients were:

Room 20 Lana C, Vivianne D.	Room 8 Sam L, Eddie Z.
Room 19 Haelyn J, Leonard L.	Room 7 Acel T, Melody Z.
Room 17 Ryan C, Adam K, Mihaela S.	Room 6 Aaditya G, Jack G.
Room 16 Remy M, Kabir M.	Room 5 Jasper A, Anirkhul Z.
Room 15 Harry G, Lachie G.	Room 4 Ai Zhen C, Evan S.
Room 13 Clarice D, Vivienne R, Patrick W.	Room 3 Bita A, Elvis H, Dhaniyaa R.
Room 10 Suah H, Miron M.	Room 2 Charlotte L, Nathalie L, Santi L.
Room 9 Lena S, George W.	

Student Services

Anxiety is an issue that can affect many young people. On 1 August our School Psychologist, Mrs Elizabeth Alexander will run a **Fear-Less Triple P seminar** on how to use positive parenting strategies to help your child (aged 6 to 14) manage and reduce anxious feelings. Please see the attached flyer for more details. Booking information will be provided closer to the event.

Fiona Schaper
Deputy Principal

Curriculum Corner

Seven Steps to Writing Success is a program used throughout our school, particularly in Years 2 to 6, to assist with scaffolding writing into manageable parts for students. Because the steps are broken down, writing tasks become less overwhelming for students and ideas come to the

surface. The process can be used with narrative and persuasive/factual pieces encouraging creativity and increased confidence when writing.

The Seven Step process involves:

- Step 1 : Plan for Success - students are given time to plan, brainstorm and discuss ideas.
- Step 2 : Sizzling Starts - engaging the reader in the first few sentences is a key to grab the reader's attention.
- Step 3 : Tightening Tension - drama and tension brings the writing together, builds on momentum.
- Step 4 : Dynamic Dialogue - Bring characters to life through dynamic dialogue or use quotes in factual texts.
- Step 5 : Show, Don't Tell - create a picture through words.
- Step 6 : Ban the Boring - students are encouraged to keep the boring bits out.
- Step 7 : Exciting Endings/Ending with Impact - Find better ways to end a story than 'It was all a dream!' Perhaps a call to action, a plot twist, or a crucial question.

Typically, students at Ardross perform well in writing tests like NAPLAN because they have been coached by their teachers in the Seven Step process. Since using the program our results continue to improve. Parents can help their children by breaking writing tasks down into one step at a time on different days, rather than a whole piece in one sitting. Eventually students will learn what their writing needs to make it engaging from start to finish and they will write complete texts independently.

Happy Writing!!

Denelle Ellery
Deputy Principal

Team 'Ryan Sonic Boom'

On Sunday, 21 June a group of very excited Year 6 students and their families, therapists and staff supported Room 17 student, Ryan Chen to complete the HBF 4km Run for a Reason event from Perth City to Gloucester Park. Team 'Ryan Sonic Boom' had to walk fast to keep up with Ryan as he drove his chair through the streets of the city to the finish line. Congratulations to everyone in the team for helping Ryan achieve his goal and to Ryan for his perseverance and determination to participate.



P&C News

Thank you so much to all the students who supported the Mother's Day Stall this year. The students certainly love purchasing gifts for the special mother figure in their lives. We raised \$84.001 from the stall which will go towards our fundraising goals for this year – a bike shelter and improving the playground. A big thank you to all the dads that helped out on the stall - Ali Martin, Anton Ball, Geoff Cooper, Jamie Hood, Jayson Omodei, Matt Snare, Matt Whitmore, Ramon Fletcher, Stuart Davey and Michael Powell.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 2

- 6 June – P&C Meeting (7.00pm - Staff Room)
- 8 June – Uniform Shop open (8.30 - 9.00am)
- 22 June – Uniform Shop open (8.30 – 9.00am)
- TBC – hair bows and sweat bands fundraiser

Term 3

- 25 July – P&C Meeting (7.00pm - Staff Room)
- 4 August – Quiz Night at Melville Bowling Club
- 22 August – P&C Meeting (7.00pm - Staff Room)

Term 4

- 1 September – Father's Day Stall
- 12 September – P&C Meeting (7.00pm - Staff Room)
- 17 October – P&C Meeting (7.00pm - Staff Room)
- 10 to 12 November – Fathering Project Camp in Yanchep
- 14 November – P&C Meeting (7.00pm - Staff Room)

UPCOMING EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT – TICKETS NOW ON SALE

- **When:** Friday, 4 August
- **Where:** Melville Bowling Club
- **Time:** 7.00pm – 12.00pm (quiz starts at 8.00pm)
- **Food:** BYO food for your table
- **Drinks:** Fully licenced bar
- **What to expect:** Door prize, best dressed table prize, games, spot prizes, raffles, silent and live auctions. Oh and the quiz!
- **Tickets:** \$300 per table of 10 (includes 10 entries for the door prize). There will be a prize for the best dressed table, so if you are up for it, pick your theme, name your table and dress to match.

Get in quick as ticket numbers are limited. If you need to make up your table of 10, reach out to your class WhatsApp group.

How to book: <https://events.humanitix.com/ardross-primary-school-quiz-night-fundraiser>

Questions: ardrosspsfundraising@gmail.com

We are on the hunt for more prizes and auction items for the Quiz night. So if you (or your family / friends / workplace) are able to contribute please email Mel at ArdrossPSPandCAssoc@outlook.com. We will be advertising all sponsors both via our social media and on the night.

BOWS AND SWEAT BAND FUNDRAISER

The athletics carnival is coming up in Term 3, so we wanted to get all the students proudly wearing their faction colours with hair bows and sweat bands. This fundraiser will be in conjunction with Mad About Bows and will be run towards the end of this term, with delivery at the beginning of Term 3. Keep an eye out in your class WhatsApp groups for all the details.

All of the events aim to raise much needed funds to help improve your child's experience at Ardross Primary School. If you would like to volunteer to organise or help out at any of the events, please email Mel at ArdrossPSPandCAssoc@outlook.com.

BUILDING FUND

As the end of financial year approaches, we would like to invite our community to make a tax deductible donation to our brand new Ardross P&C Building Fund.

Your generous gift will directly support the school through the maintenance of school buildings. As a small school with limited government funding, every donation makes a big impact. We encourage you to let your friends, family, and employers know that the school is seeking donations. This is an exciting initiative that will really make a big difference to the school, so please help us to start this fund with a bang!

The Ardross P&C Building Fund has DGR Item 1 status. Which means, if you donate before 30 June you can claim a tax deduction for the 2023 financial year. To make a gift to our fund please email Melissa via treasurer_ardross_pc@outlook.com

UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to work with our suppliers to provide winter jackets and track pants. As a result of your feedback, we will be stocking an alternative zip jacket style. These new jackets are a similar fabric and colour, but instead of the funnel neck, they will have no collar. Both zip jacket styles have the embroidered Ardross PS logo and are the same price. If you have a zip jacket on back-order, you may be supplied with this new style of jacket. If you would prefer to wait for the funnel neck style, please let us know via email: uniforms_ardross_pc@outlook.com

To reflect changing supplier costs, we will be updating our price list and order forms at the end of Term 2. The new form and prices will supersede all previous forms. Thank you for your understanding.

Our remaining shop opening dates for Term 2 are Thursday, 8 June and Thursday, 22 June from 8.30am.

We always need volunteers to help at the Uniform Shop, so if you can spare a couple of hours, please email Justine and Kelly at Uniforms_Ardross_PC@outlook.com.

CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES AND WHATSAPP GROUPS

Our Parent Reps are invaluable in communicating P&C information via your class WhatsApp group, and we would like to say a big thank you to them for all they do. Your class WhatsApp group is also a place to ask questions of your fellow class parents, organise birthday parties, play dates or parent get togethers. If you have somehow missed out on joining your class WhatsApp group, please contact your parent rep below, or email the Class Parent Rep Coordinator, Fiona ArdrossPSPandCAssoc@outlook.com.

Year	Room	Class Rep	Year	Room	Class Rep
Kindy A	12	Tash Whitmore	3	4	Jane Gibberd
Kindy B	12	Hayley Bevans	3	6	Rachel Crawshaw
PP	15	Carolyn Sputore	4	5	Stacey Jenner

PP	16	Courtney Clarke	4	2	Chantal Hewitson
PP / 1	13	Dajana Petrovic	5	3	Karine Rogerson
1	10	Casey Wilkins	5	19	Annie Naing
1 / 2	9	Jenny Nordon	6	19	Fran Cummings
2	7	Kate Cheung	5 / 6	20	Simone Palmer
2	8	Addam Bartlett	6	17	Magdalena Siga

FACEBOOK PAGE

If you aren't already following the [P&C FaceBook page](#), please do so in order to keep up-to-date with everything happening with the P&C. Remember to like and share our posts so you keep getting them in your feed.

FATHERING PROJECT : AXE THROWING - BOOK YOUR TICKET NOW

This is a chance for fathering figures to have a night out, no kids allowed!

- **When:** Friday, 23 June
- **Where:** Lumber Punks Perth (131 Kensington St, East Perth)
- **Time:** 6.30pm
- **Cost:** \$41.50
- Book your ticket: <https://www.trybooking.com/CIVND>

We will head to Bright Tank Brewery (just a 5 minute walk) for drinks and food after the axe throwing.

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting tonight, Tuesday, 6 June at 7.00pm in the school Staff Room.

Warm Regards - 2023 P&C Team
ArdrossPSPandCAssoc@outlook.com

Library News

LEGO Club IS BACK!

If your child is in Years 1-6, is a Lego fan or simply enjoys a quieter lunchtime, please encourage them to pop into the Library on a Wednesday lunchtime from 12.40-1pm, to get creative building Lego while meeting new friends.



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

On Wednesday, 23 May over 2.19 million participants throughout Australia and around the world, shared a reading of *The Speedy Sloth* written and illustrated by Australians Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie. Some of our lucky students at Ardross PS in Kindy, Pre Primary, Year 1 and Year 6 participated in the event. Now in its 23rd year, NSS is a fun and vibrant event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6. Special mention to two of our Year 6 Literacy Captains Heewon and Catherine who did a fabulous job reading the book to our lucky Kindy A students.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge is now up and running! The challenge invites students from Kindy to Year 10 to engage with books, improve literacy levels and enjoy the love of reading by uncovering great mysteries, adventure and fantasy through the world of books.

The challenge is open until Friday, 8 September. Students are encouraged to log 12 or more book titles during the challenge. This year there has been new titles added and more extraordinary prizes for readers to win. For more information and to sign up visit www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au



Natalie Jones
Library Officer

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.

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.



Learn music at
Ardross Primary School!

- Keyboard starting from \$20.30 for a group lesson.
- Held after school.

Enrol now for lessons!

www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form

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