

Important Dates:

Wednesday 8 March

World Maths Day
International Women's Day

Thursday 9 March

Uniform Shop Open

Monday 13 March

Years 5 & 6 Beach Swimming starts

Wednesday 15 March

NAPLAN begins

Monday 20 March

NAPLAN continues
Year 5 & 6 Beach swimming continues

Tuesday 21 March

Assembly – Room 8

Thursday 23 March

Uniform Shop Open

Friday 24 March

Fathering Project Camp Out

Monday 27 March

NAPLAN – final day

Tuesday 28 March

Interschool Modcrosse & Cricket Carnival
Assembly – Students Councillors & Aussie of the Month

Thursday 30 March

Cultural Dress Day & Parade

Friday 31 March

Kings Park Excursion – Room 2 & 5

Tuesday 4 April

STEM Excursion – Rooms 3, 17, 19 & 20
Assembly – Room 5

Wednesday 5 April

Interschool Swimming Carnival

Principal's Message

MOTIVATE – EDUCATE – CELEBRATE



Welcome to March and Autumn / Djeran. I hope that you have enjoyed listening to your children sharing their learning over the past four weeks. Classrooms both inside and out have been vibrant and full of learning.

Thank you to those who have adhered to both road rules and school guidelines whilst driving on Drumfern Street, Grimsay Road and using the Kiss and Drive. Unfortunately, there are drivers who continue to put your children at risk by disregarding the safety measures in place. Rangers from the Melville Shire have been in attendance and will continue to do so.

I hope you had the opportunity to attend the class meetings. Teachers used this time to introduce themselves and the programs and expectations for 2023.

SCHOOL VALUES AND OUR MASCOTS

How exciting to see our PBS Mascots around the school. Each family should have received a magnet to display with pride at home. Each mascot represents one of our values.

- Respect - Nollamara
- Responsibility – Coojong
- Resilience - Balga
- Safety – Polgart



NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

Begins on Wednesday, 15 March to Monday, 27 March for all Year 3 and 5 students. A timetable will be posted on Connect this week.

COMMUNITY CAFE

Thank you to Mrs Ellery and Mrs Schaper for presenting the **Community Café** on Wednesday, 1 March. Parents were presented with information regarding NAPLAN.

We aim to provide one Community Café per term. Topics are based on school priorities based on our School Business Plan.

SCHOOL BOARD AND PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

It is always a pleasure to attend the School Board and Parent and Citizens Meetings. The passion these parents have for their school and their drive to improve the outcomes of students is commendable. Congratulations to our:

- School Board Chairperson - Mr Geoff Cooper
- Parents & Citizens President - Mrs Cindy Webster

We have a busy couple of weeks with NAPLAN and Years 5 and 6 swimming. Please read any information that has been sent to you via Connect.

Enjoy reading a book together with your child.



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

Honour Certificates



At the Assembly on **14 February 2023** the recipients were:

Room 20 Nickrai B, Stephanie D.	Room 8 Isaac W, Margot Z.
Room 19 Nate H, Caleb W.	Room 7 Minh Tri D, Bradley M, Renee P.
Room 17 Kiri J, Juan L, Isaac W.	Room 6 Mason C, Macy L.
Room 16 Daisy C, Frank T.	Room 5 Neve B, Esther J, Ingel K.
Room 15 Wilfred D, Annie L.	Room 4 Rayne S, Lachlan S.
Room 13 Andy B, Jake P, Ana P, Grace W.	Room 3 Oscar H, Amelia M.
Room 10 Emersyn A, Deanna M.	Room 2 Henry D, Hayley W.
Room 9 Alex B, Harlan H.	

At the Assembly on **21 February 2023** the recipients were:

Room 20 Imogen F, Rhys P, Jayden Y.	Room 8 Andrew J, Amelia R, Rachel T.
Room 19 Hayden C, Edward D, Tamara M.	Room 7 Edith C, Adler J.
Room 17 Bruno H, Mia V, Rose W.	Room 6 Jace C, Jack G.
Room 16 Kian O, Juleena S.	Room 5 Rafael C, Georgia V.
Room 15 Moses N, Alissa P.	Room 4 Suvin H, Brayden L.
Room 10 Sara C, Kade M.	Room 3 Genevieve B, Zachary C, Benjamin C.
Room 9 Gaveer S, Mikayla T.	Room 2 Macy B, Rose G.
	Art Louis L.

Sports News

Thank you again for being a part of our very supportive community. Not only did I receive feedback from staff, students and parents—I also was informed by the venue that our school has had the most spectators (supportive community) by far!!! Thank you as well to the parents who came down early and volunteered with me for the day. I had a great time and I hope you did too. Here are our results for champions and factions. If your child is in interschool, I will contact them at school.

	Champion	Runner Up	Third	Fourth
Year 3 Girl	Marissa A	Diya S	Suvin H & Michelle S	Macy L
Year 3 Boy	Oscar M	Brayden L	Rory O	Isaac Y
Year 4 Girl	Hayley W	Charlotte L	Alana M	Macy B

Year 4 Boy	Gabriel H	Henry D	Rafael C	Nathan S
Year 5 Girl	Jiwoo K	Ava C	Abigail N	Joanne L
Year 5 Boy	Harlan J	Benjamin C	Liam P	Jayden L
Year 6 Girl	Olivia M	Isabella L	Lana C	Ina M
Year 6 Boy	Max L	Edward D	Juan L	Andrew L

Waylen	589
Lukin	400
Butler	384
Wellard	342

Library News

As we enter Week 6 of term, there are a number of students, particularly in our middle to senior years that are coming to Library without a library bag and therefore not borrowing or returning books. Can parents please assist your child in understanding which day they attend the Library each week and ensure they come to school with a suitable library bag.

Natalie Jones
Library Officer

P&C News

Thank you to everyone who attended the first P&C meeting and AGM for the year. It was lovely to see some new faces. We are very excited about what the P&C has planned for this year and we hope that the school community will come together to support our events.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS FOR 2023

Thank you to those that took up committee positions for this year. We are very lucky to have such a great group of people to run the P&C. And even luckier to have many other members to support them. If you would like to join the P&C, please come along to the next meeting at 7.00pm Tuesday, 14 March in the school library.

The positions for 2023:

- President – Cindy Webster
- Vice Presidents – Justine Penno and Fiona Hood
- Treasurer – Melissa Fletcher

- Secretary – Estabelle Ang
- Uniform Shop Coordinators – Justine Penno and Kelly Siebel
- Class Parent Representative Coordinator – Fiona Hood
- P&C Representative to the School Board – Kelly Siebel
- Events Coordinator – Melissa Fletcher
- Social Media Coordinator – Estabelle Ang
- Grant Applications Officers – Lotta Powell and Ashish Mishra
- Executive Committee Members – Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor, Cindy Webster, Lotta Powell, Melissa Fletcher, Casey Wilkins, Michael Rogerson and Fiona Hood.

MEETING DATES FOR 2023

If you would like to help improve your child's experience at the school, please come along to the P&C meetings this year. They are held on Tuesday, 7.00pm in Staff Room (enter via the front office). All financial members will receive a 20% discount at the Uniform Shop.

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| ➤ 14 March (Library for this meeting only) | ➤ 22 August |
| ➤ 2 May | ➤ 12 September |
| ➤ 6 June | ➤ 17 October |
| ➤ 25 July | |

EASTER FUNDRAISERS

- Hot Cross Buns – the order forms will be out in the coming weeks, with buns delivered in time for Easter.
- Easter Raffle – tickets will be sold in weeks 8 and 9 and drawn in week 10.

Further information will be sent out via your class WhatsApp Group very soon. If you are able to help out with the delivery of hot cross buns or selling raffle tickets, please email Mel at ArdrossPSPandCAssoc@outlook.com.

EVENTS TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

We have several events planned for the year, and have so far locked in the following dates, so please put them in your diary. 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.

- 12 May – Mother's Day Stall
- 4 August – Quiz Night
- 1 September – Father's Day Stall

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open at 8.30am on 9 and 23 March, and 6 April. If you can't make it to the shop, fill in the [order form](#) on the [school website](#) and either email it to Uniforms_Ardross_PC@outlook.com or return it to the front office.

If you have any uniforms you would like to donate to the Uniform Shop, please bring them in during opening hours or hand them in at the front office. We will only be selling uniforms with the new logo; however, if you do have uniforms with the old logo, bring them in as we will be recycling them through Perth Community Recycling Wholesalers.

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.

FATHERING PROJECT

The Fathering Project is back again in 2023. It aims to improve child development by inspiring and equipping fathers and father figures to effectively engage with their kids. This improves family relationships and connectedness, changing children's lives for the better. If you would like to find out more, visit <https://thefatheringproject.org/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 24 March – Camp Out on the school oval
- 2nd April – BBQ at Pirate Ship Park (Heathcote) @ 11am
- 10-12 November – Annual camping weekender

For further information, email Matt Snare (msnare@me.com).

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.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Tuesday, 14 March at 7pm in the school Library.

Warm Regards - 2023 P&C Team

A Note from the Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Lily Van Der Wacht and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me via your school office or at my Community Health Base on 9314 0100.

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.



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