

Important Dates:

Thursday 11 March

Uniform Shop Open

Friday 12 March

Year 6 Leadership Day

Year 4 Zoo Camp

Tuesday 16 March

Faction Swimming Carnival

Thursday 18 March

Solar Cars Competition

Friday 19 March

Year 4 Zoo Camp

Tuesday 23 March

Harmony Day Dress Up

Assembly – Room 20

Thursday 25 March

Uniform Shop Open

Community Cafe

Friday 26 March

Modcrosse Cricket Carnival

Tuesday 30 March

Interschool Swimming Carnival

Assembly – Student Councillors

Thursday 1 April

Last Day of Term 1

Friday 2 April

Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday 19 April

Staff Development Day – **NO STUDENTS**

Tuesday 20 April

Term 2 Begins

Principal's Message

MOTIVATE – EDUCATE – CELEBRATE



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Along with Connect, the [Ardross Primary School webpage](#) and Facebook, we aim to keep you informed on what happens on a day to day basis.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Over the last four week students from Years 3 to 6 have enjoyed swimming lessons at both the pool and Cottesloe Beach. Interm swimming is a school-based swimming program for children from Pre-primary to Year 7. It provides quality swimming lessons across the state to ensure children develop vital swimming and water safety skills. Pre-primary, Years 1 and 2 will be attending from 21 June to 2 July 2021.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ – CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that the Community Café has changed from Thursday, 11 March to the new date of **Thursday, 25 March** at 7.00pm in the school Library. Please book via this hyperlink <https://www.trybooking.com/BPOSS>.

I will be presenting our new School Business Plan for the duration of 2021 – 2023. The Business Plan was developed with significant input from the teaching and non-teaching staff and School Board members. Our Business Plan communicates to all staff, parents and the community the strategic direction of our school and what we want to achieve over a three-year period. Through the development of our Business Plan, we now have a powerful consensus and shared commitment to the future direction of Ardross Primary School.

I invite you to come along and be part of the conversation.

KISS & DRIVE – YOUR CHILD’S SAFETY IS OUR MAIN CONCERN

I would firstly like to acknowledge everyone who utilises the Kiss and Drive in a safe manner. Unfortunately, there are a number of community members choosing to park their cars within the Kiss and Drive bays during the times of 8.00am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 4.00pm. This stops the flow of traffic and causes impatience from others which has resulted in near miss accidents. Please remember that:

- The Kiss & Drive area on Drumfern Street is a **NO PARKING ZONE** between 8.00am - 9.00am and 3.00pm - 4.00pm every school day. Parents are **NOT** to park and leave their vehicles during these times.
- When using the Kiss & Drive, we ask parents to be considerate of other families and **ALWAYS** move as far forward in the area as possible.
- Opposite to the Kiss & Drive is a **NO STANDING ZONE** between 8.00am - 9.00am, and 3.00pm - 4.00pm every school day. Parents should **NOT** stop in this area and wait for students to cross the road.

These are clearly sign-posted and failing to follow these instructions can carry penalties under the City of Melville Bylaws. More importantly, these are in place to help ensure student safety.

This area is the only designated drop-off and pick-up point for our school. All other areas are marked parking bays.

The Kiss & Drive is supervised by staff each afternoon until 3.20pm. Students waiting for collection should go to the Kiss & Drive area. Students should **NOT** be waiting for collection on Links Road, Grimsay Road or Ardessie Street.

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRES

The fundraising event held on 22 February 2021 was a huge success. I spoke to our students about the importance of ‘**gratitude**’ and how the gift of giving brings happiness to others and importantly ourselves. Each class designed an activity that would tempt others to purchase their goods. The array of activities was extensive including a disco, chocolate wheel, bookmarks, pot plants and many others. The local fire brigade also arrived to showcase their fire vehicle. As a result, we raised **\$1090.50** which was donated to the Lord Mayors Distress Relief Fund WA.

Enjoy the days with your children, they are truly priceless.



Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
Principal



[Ardross Primary School](#)

Honour Certificates



At the Assembly today the recipients were:

Room 20 Oliver E, Yasmin M, Isabella N.	Room 9 Ethan G, Elvis H, Jayden L.
Room 19 Haydn G, Matty Z.	Room 8 Theo B, Alana M, Nathan S.
Room 17 Parker C, Abigail N.	Room 7 Noah A, Blake A, Henry D.
Room 16 Kevin H, Andy J.	Room 6 Owen D, Edith I.
Room 15 Max R, Sienna T, James Y.	Room 5 Emma B, Henry B.
Room 13 Maya B, Mathias H.	Room 4 Amelia P, Geoffrey T.
Room 10 Eliza C, Diya S.	Room 3 Nickrai B, Niamh F, Sarah S.

2021 Student Leadership

STUDENT COUNCILLOR	ARTS CAPTAIN	ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCILLOR
Larissa A	Holly B	Lucas C
Jacob B	Eu Jin C	Lincoln O
Amelia C	Julia J	Kein P
Haydn G	Seraphina O	Sehun P
Filip J	Sharon S	Indiana W
Isabella N	Gloriya T	Matty Z
Shahra S		
Kayla S		
Mia S		
Jessica T		
Rose T		
Laura Y		

COMPUTER CAPTAIN	LITERACY CAPTAIN	MUSIC CAPTAIN
Thomas H	Ashlee C	Jack B
Hwan K	Ryan F	Izaak B
Celina L	Matthew L	Arjun C
Tessa L	Hudson S	Ry H
Yasmin M	William W	
Jerome T	Amelia W	
Ariel T		
Dave W		

FACTION CAPTAINS			
Butler	Lukin	Waylen	Wellard
Logan B	Sofia B	Lucas H	Ryan H
Kendall B	Samuel H	Duke R	Paige M
Oliver E	Katie W	Eva T	Amar M

Board Update

Wow, Term 1 is half way gone! So it must be time for a quick update on our School Board membership and what's being discussed.

We have welcomed two parent representatives to the Board for two year terms - Alex Smith who is currently also the P&C representative, and new member, Lucy Dias. Our Board also has additional parent representatives Jane Gibberd, Paul Crawshaw, Zoe Zmitkova and myself. Our teacher members are Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor, Kellie Foote, Fiona Schaper, Hannah Brown and Denise Moore who are valuable contributors to our Board.

We also welcomed to the meeting our well credentialed new Deputy Principal, Ali Chesterfield.

The school Kiss & Drive is obviously under pressure due to roadworks. It was noted that the road closures unhelpfully coincided with the start of the school term. It is expected that the works along Links Road will be completed by June, hopefully alleviating pressure on the other access points to the primary and high schools.

The format for our end of year graduation ceremony was discussed, and we'd like to ensure better viewing for more parents if that can be facilitated.

There are some important regulatory and operational documents under review including a new proposed 'Statement of Expectation' for the school, new Terms of Reference for the School Board, and an updated three-year business plan.

Looking at OSH matters, we discussed the need for a risk assessment of the trees at the school - which is an ongoing maintenance need. We may need to review the species of the trees planted around the school. The condition of the school oval continues to warrant review too. The COVID Phase 4 restrictions remain in place.

Well done to the families and teachers who supported a recent school initiative to fundraise for victims of the recent fires in the Perth Hills.

You should also note the fantastic restructure and redesign of our school website (thanks Sue!) where it is now much easier to source information about events and policies at Ardross Primary. It is worth having a look though what's now available online.

If there are other matters you think we should be discussing please feel free to contact me (gcooper@iinet.net.au / 0406893955) or any of my fellow Board members.

Fathering Project Update

Thank you to outgoing Fathering Project Committee Chair, Mark Peters, who has done much hard work in the role over the last 3 years. Mark (who BTW was a student at Ardross several years ago) will continue on the Committee and has many years left at Ardross with his three children!

Congratulations are extended to the new Chair, Matt Snare, who will be driving this important initiative at the school.

Our Committee currently has four members – Matt Snare, Mark Peters, Matt Buddee and me. We are looking to grow the Committee to support Fathering Project activities, so let us know if you're keen to get involved.

A school campout is planned for Friday 26 March, so put it in your diary.

Other events planned for this year include a bowls night, hike and an off-site camping trip for Ardross Fathering Project participants in term 4.

Geoff Cooper

P&C News

Last night, the Ardross P.S Parents and Citizens Annual General Meeting was held, where we farewelled the 2020 committee and appointed the 2021 committee.

A big thank you to a very competent outgoing committee and thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. We are grateful for the ongoing support of parents and the wider community in administering a highly productive and very sociable P&C.

We welcome the 2021 P&C Committee:

Co-President	Anna Belton & Alice Brennan
Vice President	Cindy Webster
Treasurer	Mark Peters
Secretary	Skye Hewitt & Gemma Jahn
Sub Committees:	
Class Parent Co-ordinator	Justine Penno
Fathering Project	Matt Snare
Uniform Shop	Alena Fernandes
School Board Parent Representative	Alex Smith

We are still in need of volunteers to support the P&C with events and fundraising. Ideally a subcommittee would be formed to spread the workload. Email alicebrennan.rwk@gmail.com for more information.

P&C MEETING DATES FOR 2021

We welcome and encourage everyone from our wonderful school community to take the time to learn about the P&C and invite you to attend any of our meetings throughout the year. The meetings are an opportunity for you to get behind the scenes in the day to day running of the school and become involved as little or as much as you like. Please note a change in day and time from previous meetings.

Date	Time	Type	Location
Tuesday 20 April 2021	7:00pm	General Meeting	Staff Room – Ardross P.S
Tuesday 18 May 2021	7:00pm	General Meeting	Staff Room – Ardross P.S
Tuesday 22 June 2021	7:00pm	General Meeting	Staff Room – Ardross P.S
Tuesday 27 July 2021	7:00pm	General Meeting	Staff Room – Ardross P.S
Tuesday 24 August 2021	7:00pm	General Meeting	Staff Room – Ardross P.S
Tuesday 19 October 2021	7:00pm	General Meeting	Staff Room – Ardross P.S
Tuesday 23 November 2021	7:00pm	General Meeting	Staff Room – Ardross P.S

STATE ELECTION DEMOCRACY SAUSAGE SIZZLE – SATURDAY 13 MARCH 7:00am until 2:00pm

Thank you to the volunteers who have contacted the P&C to help on the day. Without your commitment events like these would not happen. Elections present a great opportunity for our school to fundraise for much needed resources such as upgrading ICT infrastructure and library furniture.

We understand that not everyone is in a position to help on the day but perhaps you could contribute a baked good to sell. Whole cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, raw balls, savoury muffins, slices whatever your speciality please deliver to the staff room on Friday, 12 March 2021. Alternatively bring your goods on the day.

Here is a chance for your family to support our school. If you can help in any way on Saturday, 13 March between 7.00am and 2.00pm then please contact Alice Brennan – alicebrennan.rwk@gmail.com or 0416 071 362.

Encourage your friends and family to come to Ardross Primary School to vote and enjoy our culinary delights.

TERM ONE PLAYDATE

We invite the whole school to a casual Term one playdate on the school oval for an opportunity to catch up with friends and make new ones – parents and children alike.

When : Friday, 19 March from 3:10 – 5:00pm
Where : School Oval
Who : The whole family
Bring : BYO afternoon tea and refreshments, picnic blanket or chairs, sports equipment

THE FATHERING PROJECT - CAMPOUT

The Fathering Project's feature event is the annual campout on the school oval. With food, games, tents and fun, this is the one event of the year that you should not miss.

Where : Ardross PS Oval
When : Friday, 26 March 2021 from 5.00pm
Who : Fathers / Mothers, fathering figures and kids
Bring : BYO PICNIC DINNER, tents, sleeping bags, plates, bowls, spoons, water bottles, mattresses, torches, snacks, music, pyjamas etc
Cost : \$15 for breakfast per family

Please contact Matt Snare at msnare@me.com or 0413 555 083 to register via TryBooking.

BAKERS DELIGHT HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

We will be organising a Baker's Delight hot cross bun fundraiser for Easter. Order forms will be sent home soon.

In anticipation of your ongoing support.

2020 P&C Committee

Harmony Day – Tuesday, 23 March 2021

This year the students are invited to participate in a range of activities to acknowledge and celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Day recognises diversity and the different cultures that make our school unique. On Tuesday, 23 March the students are encouraged to wear orange or a national costume and bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to our World Vision child, Dina Roeun.

In addition to classroom activities, the students are also learning a song with Mr Criddle and will participate in Room 20's assembly on the day.

Mrs Maley and Miss Chung

Sports Update

We have a busy second half of the term sports-wise. Next week, Tuesday, 16 March is our **Faction Swimming Carnival**. Please have the students here by 8:15am and ready to jump in the pool! It should be a very exciting day. Thank you to all of the parents who have already put their hands up to help at the swimming carnival. We still need a few more volunteers so please email Miss Brown at hannah.brown@education.wa.edu.au if you are available to press a button when the student in your lane touches the end.

For the rest of the term, we are lucky enough to have Golf WA coming in to teach some of our classes. The Years 3 and 4 students are very excited to learn a new sport and meet Mark Parry who will be leading the classes. As a part of this, the Golf WA Foundation has given funding for all students at Ardross Primary School to attend two additional Golf classes over the school holidays! You can register at [www.mygolf.org.au/programs/Collier Park Golf Course](http://www.mygolf.org.au/programs/Collier_Park_Golf_Course) to register for the 'come and try classes.'

Dates: Wednesday, 7 April and Wednesday, 14 April
Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Venue: Collier Park Golf Course - Hayman Road, Como

Ride to School Day is Friday, 19 March 2021 so get your bikes tuned up and ready to ride!



Hannah Brown
PhysEd Specialist Teacher



Upcoming School Photos – Term 2 2021

Our School Photos will be taken on Tuesday, 20 April 2021 and Thursday, 22 April 2021 - Week 1, Term 2.

Just a reminder that in line with the Department of Education's updated policy regarding online third party service providers, from this year we are required to gain permission from parents to provide our school photography company with information to be used in allowing students to be photographed, and to provide parents the ability to purchase school photos.

The permission form can be accessed and completed by clicking on this link: **[School Photo Permission Form](#)**.

If you have not already done so, we ask that the online form be completed for students by this **Friday, 12 March**. Once permissions have been collected, we will be able to work with MSP Photography to provide parents with details and logins to allow for the purchasing of school photos.

Chaplain's Corner – 'Talky Time'

Let's revisit an 'oldy but a goody' - getting your kids to talk about their day in a rich conversation.

Sometimes, this can be like squeezing water from a stone, particularly as they reach the end of primary school and begin high-school. But it's well worth engaging children in deeper, richer conversations, as it helps them remember, reflect on and interpret events from the day. It also helps them connect their emotions to different parts of the day and, most importantly, helps them practice social skills. Good relationships at home and at school are a huge resource for children as they grow, and good relationships require good social skills.

Try these approaches to opening up better post-school conversations:

- What were you working on before recess today? How were you feeling once it was recess time?
- Can you teach me that idea / topic in under 30 seconds? Without saying 'umm'?
- What was one surprising thing that your teacher said / did today? Why did it surprise you?
- Where did you sit for lunch and what was everyone else eating?
- What were the two funniest things that happened today?
- Who played with you / your group at lunch today? How did you all decide what to do?

And some general 'around the dinner table' or end-of-day debrief tools (great on family holidays):

- 'Spuds in' - everyone (adults included) puts two closed fists into the centre of the table. These are your spuds (potatoes). Then, someone asks a question, and everyone uses their fingers to rate their answer. For example - "Spuds in for tonight's dinner", and you might give the 'quiche and salad' a seven, using your fingers. Everyone gets to ask a question.
- 'Highlight, lowlight, bylight' - You each share the highlight of your day, the lowlight, and a 'bylight' - something 'by-the-by', incidental, random, a side note from the day. You'll be surprised at what happens in these conversations, particularly when the adults show vulnerability and share some of their own days' struggles.

Enjoy the conversation.

Nathan Hoyle
Chaplain

Uniform Shop News

If you wish to order winter uniform items, please complete the order form attached as a flier, along with this Newsletter and return it to the school office **by Monday, 22 March 2021**.

This is the only winter order that will be placed this year and the Uniform Shop only keeps limited winter stock. Delivery of orders will be within the first few weeks of Term 2.

We are also in desperate need of volunteers to help when the Uniform Shop is open every Thursday fortnight from 8.30am for about an hour. Please contact Alena Fernandes on 0426 032 156.

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 is enrolled you then have the comfort and reassurance of knowing that your child 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 to 4.05pm and 4.10pm to 5.00pm (Kindy to Year 6).

Saturday morning classes for children aged 1 to 12 years are held in the Senior Block. To enrol for a free trial class, please contact perthsouth@mandarinstars.com.au or call 1800 181 118 for more details.



Keyed Up Music will be teaching keyboard group lessons this term after school. Lessons start from \$18.65 for a group of 4 lessons. If you are interested in your son/daughter learning an instrument, ring Savanna on 1300 366 243 or enrol at www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form
