

Principal's Message

MOTIVATE - EDUCATE - CELEBRATE



Welcome to our school newsletter where we aim to celebrate learning and the Ardross Primary School Community.

STUDENTS LEARNING EVERY DAY

The greatest joy of my day is interacting with the students and asking them what they are learning today? On Friday, Year 4 and 1 buddies worked together to make the tallest structure from a brown paper bag full of varying items. As budding engineers, they discussed and drew their structure and then recreated it from the items in the bag. How the children worked together, problem solved and used their creativity highlighted the high quality of learning at Ardross Primary School

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - MARCH 8

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

The day has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. Prior to this the Socialist Party of America, United Kingdom's Suffragists and Suffragettes, and further groups campaigned for women's equality. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere.

To celebrate this day Mrs Dennis, Mrs Scott, Mrs Logothetis and I attend a special event held by the Department of Education. Special guest was Professor Fiona Wood, AM. She is one of Australia's most innovative and respected surgeons and researchers. A highly skilled plastic and reconstructive surgeon and world leading burns specialist, she has pioneered research and technology development in burns medicine.

Professor Woods key message was that we need to celebrate education and educators and most importantly that **education gives people a choice in their future directions.**



COMMUNITY CAFÉ - 18 MARCH 2020 @ 7.00PM - A LOOK AT CURRICULUM DELIVERY AT ARDROSS PS - KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6

I invite you to attend our first Community Café for 2020. As partners in your child's education it is vital that we provide you with the opportunity to understand the priorities and associated programs that impact on your child's learning every single day. Looking forward to seeing you there. Please let the front office know if you will be attending.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

I will continue to keep you updated regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) through our Connect community. As the lead agency in Western Australia, the [WA Department of Health](http://www.health.wa.gov.au) is monitoring the situation and the Department of Education are acting on their advice as it relates to students and staff.

As part of Ardross Primary School's Strategy the following processes are in place:

- ◆ Soap and paper towels are provided for students and staff within all toilets.
- ◆ Soap and paper towels are situated outside the toilet blocks next to the water troughs.
- ◆ Staff are instructing students on personal hygiene including how to wash their hands and coughing / sneezing into their upper arm / elbow
- ◆ Whole school community is updated through Connect platform, staff newsletter and community newsletter
- ◆ Posters informing of personal hygiene and hygiene with food are placed around the school

For up to date information please contact the Coronavirus Health Information Line 1800 020 080 or <https://www.health.wa.gov.au/coronavirus> .

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Thursday 12 March
Uniform Shop Open

Friday 13 March
Year 6 Leadership Day

Monday 16 March
Years 5 & 6 - Swimming
Lessons commence

Wednesday 18 March
Community Café @ 7.00pm

Thursday 19 March
Solar Car Challenge

Friday 20 March
Year 4 Zoo Camp

Monday 23 March
Years 5 & 6 Swimming
Lessons continue

Tuesday 24 March
Assembly - Room 20
Harmony Day

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STAFF ON LEAVE

Mr Marshall will be taking parental leave from 25 March until 7 May 2020.

I will be on Long Service Leave from 30 March returning on 4 May 2020.

The leadership within our school is very strong and I know that the school will be in excellent hands while we are away.

- ◆ Principal – Mr Tony Mirabella
- ◆ Deputy Principal - Mrs Cathy Riley
- ◆ Deputy Principal - Mrs Fiona Schaper

I will notify you of the teachers replacing Mrs Riley and Mrs Schaper closer to the date. All endeavours will be made to ensure there is little or no disruption to the students.

SUSTAINABILITY LEVY

We are proud to have 'Social and Physical Sustainability' as one of our four pillars. It is central to everyday teaching and learning enabling a connection to the environment and our local and global community. In 2019 the Sustainability Committee worked tirelessly to ensure our environmental and sustainable commitment is embedded in whole school practice and students every day learning.

To ensure its ongoing implementation and success the school has introduced a Sustainability Voluntary Contribution of \$15 per child. This has been endorsed by the Ardross Primary School Board. Funds raised from this voluntary contribution will go towards:

- ◆ contracting waste services to manage co-mingled recycling,
- ◆ subscription to the Climate Clever Program (enabling all students and staff to track and reduce the carbon footprint of the school); and
- ◆ the gradual changeover of our expensive and energy hungry fluorescent lights to cheaper, low power consumption LED lighting.

If you would like to contribute towards this initiative please pay at reception.

Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
Principal



NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Yesterday I had the privilege of accompanying our Year 6 Student Councillors to the National Young Leaders Day conference at the Perth Convention Centre. We listened to several inspirational speakers including:

- ◆ John Coutis (international speaker with a severe disability),
- ◆ Eamon Sullivan (Olympic swimmer and business owner),
- ◆ Dana Hooker (AFLW player and mentor) and Lachie Smart (youngest person to fly solo around the world).

These people gave us all a clear message to keep going through the hard times, that setbacks often lead to success and that to be an inspirational leader takes hard work, grit and determination. It was a fantastic day which left us all inspired and ready to take on the next challenge.

Denelle Ellery
Student Leaders Co-ordinator

SPORTS NEWS

What an eventful few weeks! Congratulations to all of our new Student leaders. I am looking forward to working with our new twelve Faction Captains and they have already been busy bees! Weeks 3 and 4 saw the start of our swimming trials for our Years 5 and 6. It has been great to see the improvements they have made since last years carnival. This week we had our first trial for our Year Threes and Fours. I am very excited about the addition of our Year Three students to our upcoming carnival. Students above level 5 can participate in 25-metre events while student above a level 6 can participate in 50-metre events. All students, regardless of swimming level, get to swim in our noodle and kickboard races! If any parents want to put their hand up to help in our Swimming Carnival, please let me know.

A little reminder that all students From Year Three and up are welcome to our before school swimming practices on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:45-8:20. This is to help them to build confidence and practice for our carnival.

Week 2 also started our modcrosse and cricket practise for our Interschool Carnivals in Week 9. Students have been trialling either sport to see which one they would prefer to play over the next few weeks. They have hopefully made their decision, and we will be looking at team selection over the next couple of weeks.

It is awesome to see so many students giving their hundred percent and trying new sports. What a wonderful start to the year - even in this humid mess.

Hannah Brown
Phys Ed Teacher

P&C NEWS

P&C AGM – ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

The P&C held its annual general meeting on Monday evening and are pleased to congratulate and communicate the 2020 P&C executive team and its sub-committee members as follows:

ROLE	HELD BY
President	Charlotte Oliver
Vice President	Justine Penno
Secretary	Rachel Crawshaw
Treasurer	Paul Teoh
P&C Board Representative	Alex Smith
Class Parent Contact Co-ordinator	Anna Belton
Executive Committee Members	Charlotte Oliver, Justine Penno, Paul Teoh, Rachel Crawshaw, Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor, Alice Brennan, Anna Belton, Cindy Webster, Marnie Langford & Kelly Siebel
Sub-Committee for The Fathering Project	Mark Peters, Geoff Cooper, Matt Snare & Matt McKee
Sub-Committee for the Uniform Shop	Alena Fernandes, Janet Chiam & Kim Khoo
Sub-Committee for Environment & Sustainability	Alice Brennan & Zoe Atkinson

Thank you to all of our new and existing P&C members who made it to AGM. We are extremely lucky to have such a willing, co-operative and positive parent community and look forward to achieving some fantastic results together this year.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK - FUNDRAISING

Please consider helping our P&C raise much needed funds and stay alert for information coming through soon via our Facebook page and your Class Rep(s). Entertainment Books are now completely digital and they're offering some fantastic deals to celebrate. For every book sold through us, Ardross Primary School P&C will receive \$14.00, so please encourage everyone you know to purchase through us.

Charlotte Oliver
P&C President



SCHOOL PHOTOS INFORMATION

On photo day speciality group images (eg: Faction Captains, Student Councillors) were taken at your school.

These images can be viewed and purchased at a unique website, which is **DIFFERENT** to where you order the portraits and class photos online.

- ◆ To place your Order online simply go to <https://mspphotography.shootproof.com/>
- ◆ Click **Specials 2020**, then select the album titled: **Ardross PS Specialist Groups - 2020**
- ◆ You will then be required to enter a password to view the Album. The password for this **TJHDJFND20**
- ◆ Please ensure that you use your child's name at the checkout
- ◆ The images you are viewing are uncropped and will be cropped to fit to a 10x8 print (as per the first image in your gallery, a sample of layout & colour).

The online orders will be open until **midnight** on **Sunday, 22 March 2020** – for the **Bulk Pricing Offer**. The **Bulk Pricing Offer is \$20 per print and these will be delivered to the school BY CLASS GROUP**. After the \$20 pricing expires, the photos will remain available online, but the photos are now at a cost of \$35 per image and delivered to a preferred address.

PLEASE NOTE - The images in the gallery are at their original size and will be cropped in professionally to a 10x8 print (as per the sample in the gallery).

If you have any queries please contact MSP Photography on **9240 8000** or via email on ordering.perth@msp.com.au.

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



UNIFORM SHOP 2020

12 March 2020 8.30 - 9.15am

26 March 2020 8.30 - 9.15am

mandarin stars




fun mandarin for kids

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.



Learn Keyboard at . . .
Ardross Primary School!

- ◆ Prices are per lesson and start from \$17.55 for a group of 4
- ◆ Held after school
- ◆ Enrol online at . . .

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AMPJFC HAWKS



**Join us at AMPJFC
for Season 2020**

Registrations are open!!

AUSKICK	Saturdays 11-12pm PP-Year 1 11-12:30 Year 2 @ Gairloch Oval
JUNIOR FOOTBALL	Sundays Year 3 - 6 Home and Away with Home Ground @ Gairloch Oval
YOUTH FOOTBALL	Saturdays Year 7 - 9 Sundays Year 10 - 12 Home and Away with Home Ground @ Shirley Strickland

Register now: ampjfcclub.com.au/registration

Queries to: ajfchawks@gmail.com

AUSKICK Open Day
Saturday 14 March | Time: TBC
PP-Year 2 Welcome!

The advertised activities may be of interest to the Ardross Primary School community. However, these third party activities are run independently of the school and are not endorsed, supervised or vetted in any way by Ardross Primary School.