

Important Dates:

Monday 13 October

First Day of Term 4
Dance – Years 5 & 6

Thursday 16 October

Uniform Shop Open @ 8.30am
Dance – Years 1 to 4

Friday 17 October

Lapathon

Monday 20 October

Dance – Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 21 October

Japanese Exchange Students

Wednesday 22 October

Japanese Exchange Students

Thursday 23 October

Japanese Exchange Students
Dance – Years 1 to 4

Friday 24 October

Dads' Squad Camp

Monday 27 October

Japanese Exchange Students (all week)
Dance – Years 5 & 6

Thursday 30 October

Uniform Shop Open @ 8.30am
Dance – Years 1 to 4

Friday 31 October

Japanese Exchange Students (last day)

Monday 3 November

Dance – Years 5 & 6
Interschool Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 4 November

Early Closing @ 1.00pm
Parent / Teacher Interviews –
1.00pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 5 November

Whiteman Park Water Festival – Years 5 & 6

Principal's Message

MOTIVATE – EDUCATE – CELEBRATE



Birak

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.

Welcome to Term 4. We are looking forward to an exciting term, jam-packed with teaching, learning, and celebrations.

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

On behalf of the whole school community, I thank everyone who gives their time to support all the children at Ardross Primary School including the School Board and Class Representatives. Thank you to the parents and children who ensure our 'hens' and 'frog pond' are looked after during the holiday break; and also the P&C and family members who help in classes as well as make cakes for the Athletics Carnival cake stall, it does not go unnoticed.

We have our annual Lapathon this Friday. This exciting event is enjoyed by all. It begins at 1.00pm. Please come along and cheer on the children and even join in yourselves.

PARENT MEETINGS

Our Parent-Teacher meetings will be held on Tuesday, 4 November between 1.00pm and 5.00pm. Please note that students will finish school at 1.00pm on this day. This is a valuable opportunity for you to meet one-on-one with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and learning journey. You will be receiving booking information shortly. Thank you for your continued support. If you are unable to pick up your child, the OSH club will be open from 1.00pm, or the school can also supervise your child.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday, 10 November is our school development day. Students do not attend 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.

2026 STUDENT PLACEMENTS

Ardross PS Classroom Placement Guidelines

If your child/ren will NOT be attending Ardross PS in 2026, please complete the tear-off slip and return to the front office ASAP.

As the Principal, I have the discretion to place students in classes. I will work with staff to discuss the placement of students in classes for the 2026 academic year. Student placements will be based on the teachers' professional judgements of each child, taking into consideration academic, social, and emotional needs.

In order to ensure that the process is open, equitable, and transparent for all, the following criteria will be applied to place all students in classes. Factors that are considered in the placement of students include: • academic performance • work habits, e.g. ability to work independently • behaviour • gender • social network and social maturity • special considerations, e.g. twins, siblings, medical or disability factors.

Parents with critical or relevant information regarding their child's 2026 placement should advise me in writing at susan.mikkelsen@education.wa.edu.au. **Specific requests for class placement for 2026 must be received by 3.10pm on Friday, 31 October 2025.**

JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

We have approximately ten students from Japan visiting us for two weeks. We look forward to providing them with an exciting insight into education in Australia. Please stop and say hello when they arrive.

KISS AND DRIVE

As with most schools, we have a dedicated zone to drop students off and pick them up. To ensure the safety of all students and the community, we have a Kiss and Drive system, which ensures traffic flow and safety.

It is essential that you adhere to these guidelines. Each afternoon, the Deputy Principals will monitor this area to ensure cars move seamlessly and our students are safe. It is unacceptable that some adults, when asked to move on, are disrespectful and aggressive towards our staff.

Please take the time to read the following notice regarding our Kiss and Drive system. There are parking restrictions around our school. The signs are very clear and must be adhered to for the safety of our students and staff. The staff car park is only for staff teaching / working at the school. Within this area, we also have one disability parking space and a P&C bay.

The Kiss and Drive on Drumfern Street operates daily in the morning and afternoon for dropping off or picking up students. Parking and leaving your vehicle is not permitted during the specified times. Please find attached the Kiss and Drive policy and pass it on to any family member who will be collecting your child/children.

You must find an alternative parking bay if your child needs assistance with car restraints, placing large items. When using the Kiss and Drive area, drivers cannot exit the car. Students must have bags with them and should not go to the car boot to place items.

We have officers from Melville Council who consistently frequent the area during peak times to ensure the safety of all.

We are looking forward to an exciting term. Enjoy the sunshine.



Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
Principal
Ardross Primary School



STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ARDROSS PS IN 2026

My child / children _____

Room _____ Year Level _____ Room _____ Year Level _____

will **not** be returning to Ardross in 2026

Signed _____

Date _____

Honour Certificates

At the Assembly on **16 September 2025** the recipients were:

Room 20 Lily A, Aria B, Charlotte L, Par O, Nathan S, Lachlan T.	Room 9 Lara B, Charlie G, Darren L, Hannah T.
Room 19 Maddison H, Andrew J, Ava L, Hayley W.	Room 8 Leo B, Oliver H, Aiden H.
Room 18 Jace C, Jack G, Enzo H, Patrick L, Louis L, Anand M, Cayenne K, Sue V.	Room 7 Liam B, Henry P, Hayley X.
Room 17 Collin D, Minh Tri D, Aden K, Mason L.	Room 6 Khushi B, Rafferty F, Jackson H, Alexander O, Sophie P, Eleanor S.
Room 16 Rozalia G, Oliver H, Chloe L, Remy L.	Room 5 Ilda H, Miron M, Vivienne R, Talon S.
Room 15 Lilly H, Maddie S, Itgelt T, Albert Y.	Room 4 Harvey A, Artin G, Alexi H, Hannah M, Reign S.
Room 13 Lucy B, Daisy C, Eryn C, Bill H, Winston I, Emilia R, Maggie X.	Room 3 Aizhen C, Jordan H, Lana I, Tayla P, Charlotte T.
Room 10 Wynston H, Caelum L, Victoria T.	Room 2 Yaman C, Yi Shen N, Kliff J, Eddie Z.

P&C News

Important dates

21 October – P&C Meeting @ 7.00pm, school Staff Room

24 to 26 October – Dads Squad Camp – Dwellingup

2 November Bike Month Event by Dad Squad

7 November Outdoor Movie Night

22 November - Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

14 December - Christmas Party (TBC)

Welcome back to term 4. I hope you all had a lovely two weeks off and enjoyed the mostly lovely weather.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT P&C MEETING – 21 OCTOBER

Please join us for the first P&C Meeting of term 4 on Tuesday at 7pm in the school Staff Room.

Everybody is welcome to join and if you can't attend in person, you can join online. Just email us for the link.

ARDROSS DADS SQUAD DWELLINGUP CAMP - 24 to 26 OCTOBER

This is coming up soon and the dads have been busy planning it and it will be a very fun two nights. It's sold out so if you have not booked, you will have to wait until next year!

BIKE MONTH EVENT - 2 NOVEMBER

The Dad Squad have won the grant again and the bike ride will start from Applecross Jetty with breakfast provided.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT - 7 NOVEMBER

Let's Celebrate 2025. The P&C invites our school community to join us for this FREE Outdoor Movie screening of Wonka (PG, 2023) with complimentary sausage sizzle, fairy floss and popcorn. Registration Essential for your FREE tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/outdoor-movie-extravaganza>

PREVIOUS EVENTS

JABIRU MANGOES FUNDRAISER

The Jabiru Mango fundraiser was a great success and sold out. Harvesting is expected in October or November with deliveries expected from October to December. Enjoy!

FATHERS' DAY STAFF – 5 SEPTEMBER

The Father's Day stall was as always a great success and raised funds which are then spent back on the school. Thank you to our volunteers, Estabelle A, Casey W, Jenny N, Dajana P, Jasreen S, Karine R and Tash W. A special thanks to Mrs Lisa VDW and Miss Minnie, the Ardross Crochet Club students and year 6s for making and donating special handmade gifts to the stall.

FACTION CARNIVAL – 12 SEPTEMBER

The carnival was a great day with such amazing efforts by all the kids and wonderful sportsmanship. Congratulations to Lukin for taking out the top place. Parents, teachers and kids were kept fuelled by the delicious bake stall run by the P & C and its amazing volunteers. Thank you to everyone for making this a great day and well done to all the Individual Faction winners as well.

PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES TO ULITISE P&C FUNDS RAISED

Student Toilet Block Artwork. Thank you to the students for their artwork, the staff for coordinating and collating the art competition, and to Jeremy and Klik Creative for his enthusiasm and quick work. The murals have been installed in the four toilet blocks and look fantastic and really brightened them up.

Undercover area floor artwork / line marking refresh was completed early October in the school holidays.

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

FaceBook group: www.facebook.com/groups/ardrosspandc/

Dads Squad WhatsApp group: <https://ardrosspandc.square.site/dads-group>

Class WhatsApp groups: <https://tinyurl.com/ArdrossPCWhatsApp>

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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The advertised activities may be of interest. Please note these advertisements by third parties are run independently of the school and are not supervised, endorsed, or vetted in any way by Ardross Primary School. Parents should conduct their own enquiries regarding the advertised products, services or notices.