

## Principal's Message



Welcome to our school newsletter. I appreciate the time you have taken to read the contents and join us in celebrating the community of Ardross Primary School.

Thank you to all of you for a year full of celebration in all areas of learning. Our students have achieved in many single, group and whole school activities including:

- ◆ Sports carnivals
- ◆ Multicultural Day
- ◆ Art Blast and Open Classrooms
- ◆ Outdoor Classroom Day
- ◆ Year 6 Camp
- ◆ Year 6 Dinner Dance
- ◆ Robocup
- ◆ Zoo Camp
- ◆ Harmony Day
- ◆ Year 6 Leadership Day
- ◆ Year 5 Camp
- ◆ Japanese Students visit
- ◆ Presentation Evening
- ◆ And many, many more

### PRESENTATION NIGHT

Even though an exceptionally hot evening I would like to acknowledge every single student and staff member for the wonderful evening. The celebration of endeavour and academic is the acknowledgement of the passion and perseverance by students in their learning and the rewards that come from this. I know that given the opportunity we could give these awards to many other students but the joy they have for learning is, I believe, reward enough.

### SUSTAINABILITY SHOWCASE AND SUNDOWNER

This was held on 30 November. Thank you to our Sustainability Committee who spent countless hours organising the afternoon. We were able to showcase the importance of sustainability within our school, community and world.

The P&C Sundowner highlighted our wonderful community and how we can come together to simply 'enjoy'.

### MORE CELEBRATIONS - YEAR 6 STUDENTS WIN 'BHP FUTURE READY STEM CHALLENGE'

Teams from Years 3 to 10 across the state have spent the past four weeks researching, hypothesising, designing and prototyping solutions to five of the resource sector's biggest conundrums.

Our Year 6 team consisting of - River-Jean F, Tiana S, Chloe H, Sofia Y and Gabby W took on the rehabilitation of mine sites as their mission but looked to Whisson Windmills for inspiration. They turned their former mine into a farm irrigated by technology which harnesses wind power to collect water from the atmosphere.

Their higher order thinking has won the school \$10,000 for STEM development and resources – thank you. They each receive an individual prize.

### CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 2020

Classroom structure is very dependent on the number of students in each year level. Below is the expected structure for 2020. Please be aware every measure has been taken to ensure there is not a restructure of classes within the year.

Class	Kindy	PP	PP/ Yr1	Year 1	Year 1/2	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 5/6	Year 6
No.	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	2

Student placement in classes will displayed at school on Friday, 31 January from 1.00pm.

**Newsletter**  
**17 December 2019**  
**Issue 20**

**Thursday 19 December**  
End of Year Movie  
**LAST DAY OF TERM 4**

**Friday 20 December**  
**PUPIL FREE DAY [STAFF ONLY]**

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**2020**

**Thursday 30 January**  
**Professional Development**  
**Day - NO STUDENTS**

**Friday 31 January**  
**Professional Development**  
**Day - NO STUDENTS**  
Class Lists on Display from  
1.00pm  
Uniform Shop Open from  
1.00pm

**Monday 3 February**  
First Day of Term 1

**Monday 10 February**  
P&C Meeting - 7.15pm

**Monday 17 February**  
Years 3 & 4 Swimming  
commences



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## SCHOOL BOARD

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our School Board Members for their dedication in ensuring the best outcomes for students at Ardross Primary School in 2019. Thank you to Mrs Angela Tooker and Mr Kelvin Sun for their energy and commitment to the school Board and the students at Ardross Primary School in 2018 and 2019. Congratulations to our new Board members, Mrs Jane Gibberd and Mr Paul Crawshaw who will be joining the board for 2020 and 2021.

## STUDENTS RETURNING LATE IN 2020

School commences for students on Monday, 3 February 2020. The student census, where all students are counted to attract funding from the Student Centred Funding Model, will take place on Friday, 21 February 2020. There are very strict protocols around students we can count and it is important that if students are returning late from the holidays (mainly from overseas) that we have information about the date of return and reason for absence otherwise they will not be included in the census. If your child will not be in attendance by Friday, 21 February, please complete the information slip below and return it to the front office. It is important that we have copies of airline tickets, which clearly show the return date to Perth. Please provide this information as soon as is possible.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday break full of memories. Take the time to be grateful for what you have and enjoy each moment.

See you on 3 February 2020.

**Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor**  
Principal



## P&C NEWS

The P&C will meet for our first general meeting next year on Monday, 10 February 2020 and we welcome everyone to attend.

Thank you so much for your support of the P&C this year. We would like to wish everyone a safe and fabulous Christmas and New Year break and look forward to seeing you all for the start of the school year in 2020.

**Charlotte Oliver**  
P&C President



## STUDENTS RETURNING LATE TO ARDROSS IN 2020 (Please return to the front office by Friday, 7 February 2020 )

My child / children \_\_\_\_\_

Room \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level \_\_\_\_\_

will be returning to Ardross in 2020 by \_\_\_\_\_.

Reason (Please provide copies of airline tickets if returning from overseas.)

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## YEAR 6 WINNERS BHP FUTURE READY STEM CHALLENGE

One of our groups who entered the BHP Future Ready STEM Challenge were chosen as winners. The task was to come up with an innovative idea to rehabilitate a mine site after it has ceased operating. Each of the winners will receive a \$500 STEM related prize and the school receives \$10 000 to spend on STEM related resources. The winning team consisted of Tiana S, Chloe H, River-Jean F, Gabby W and Sofia Y. Congratulations to Mr Hill and his class for submitting their innovative ideas. You can view the list of winners at the following link: <https://thewest.com.au/business/bhp-future-ready-stem-challenge-ng-b881367871z>

## CHAPLAIN'S NEWS

### Oh, it's Christmas!

Wasn't last Thursday night just beautiful? A real capstone for 2019, a night of celebration and a chance to share all the wonderful things that make up Ardross Primary. And here we are, in week 10, with only a few more days until the uniforms are washed and put away until 2020 (no ironing required at this stage of the year).

And so, with school wrapping up, everyone looks to Christmas as the next signpost for 2019. "Oh, it's Christmas!" can be the collective shout of enthusiasm. Family, holidays, great food, presents, decorations.

But for some of us, Christmas this year might not be something we're looking forward to. "Oh ... it's Christmas ..." might be what you find yourself saying in your head. Perhaps this is the first Christmas in Western Australia and the thought of missing out on the usual large family gathering is a sad thought. Perhaps it's the first Christmas as a separated family, perhaps it's the first Christmas without a parent, or grandparent, or important pet. Perhaps work has been hard this year and the shift-roster means you won't be at the lunch or dinner. Perhaps there is a visible reminder of sickness in the family.

All these challenges and changes bring with them sadness, so how can we have 'the perfect Christmas' with these in our midst? Doesn't the image on the gift catalogues and advertisements have everyone smiling, all together, all wearing lovely new clothes? Shouldn't we all be smiling all day and getting along with everyone who gathers?

The truth is that Christmas is never really perfect, because life is never perfect. In fact, the first Christmas was very haphazard – a barn, some animals, a few uninvited visitors, no time for tinsel. The Christmas story reminds us to count our blessings. The Christmas story reminds us to not let expectations take us away from our reality, but to find joy and rest within whatever life has dealt us.

The truth is that Christmas is simply about finding whatever 'gift' life has given you in the last year. And treasuring it. It is about accepting how 2019 has changed us for better or worse and being OK with ourselves on the day.

Maybe, Christmas morning, you'll start the day with a 'look back' over 2019 and at all the blessings, however small, that have come your way. Maybe you'll look at what you do have, rather than what you don't have. Maybe you'll switch off the expectations of others and be present with what is important and precious to you and your family. Maybe you'll need to have the gathering on a different day, or between two places, but you'll let it be just as meaningful.

Maybe you'll let the day be a reminder of the inclusion and love you have felt from others this year, despite the setbacks of life. Maybe you'll accept both joy and pain, both excitement and disappointment. And maybe you'll know that you're not alone in doing so.

And so may your Christmas be blessed and honest and personal, whatever shape it takes.

Til 2020.

**Nathan Hoyle**  
Chaplain



### UNIFORM SHOP 2019

31 January 2020 from 1.00pm  
3 February 2020 8.30am - 9.15am  
13 February 2020 8.30am - 9.15am

## 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](http://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

# PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARD WINNERS 2019

Class	Year	Achievement	Endeavour
Room 2	4		Paige M / Indiana W
Room 3	4		Jack B / Eva H
Room 4	3		Scarlett D / Chloe M
Room 5	3		Jyana Tian / Amelia Tan
Room 6	2 / 3		Alison C / Ina M / Adam K
Room 7	5	Zac T	Bridget S
Room 8	5	Parmis D	Jackson B
Room 9	2		Catherine W / Bruno H
Room 10	1		Bitu A / Justan Y
Room 13	1		Ayana A / Ben C
Room 15	1		Genevieve B
Room 19	6	Amelia C	Erin P
Room 20	6	Andrew I	River-Jean F
Science: Woodside / Scitech	6	Ovita W / Bardia B	
Tess Hackett Citizenship		Matthew C	
P&C Citizenship		Ido R	
Faction Award		Butler	
HASS & Sustainability Award		Joseph G / Jake K	
English Award		Sarah W	
Mathematics Award		Mirai I	
Applecross SHS Award		Isobel W	
Health & Physical Education Award		Amanda K	
LOTE Japanese Award		Julian K	
Applecross Network Award (Dux)		Emily H	
Arts – Visual		Sophia C	
Arts - Music		Naomi Y	

**Ziggies Educational Supplies is your schools' new supplier for your 2020 personal items lists. We are a WA owned business and have a variety of ways to order your requirements.**



1. Order before the cut off to receive free home or business delivery
2. Order before the cut off to collect at the onsite shop held at the school end of January (you can pay when you pick up your order so no need to pre pay).
3. Come into the shop in Canning Vale for easy self-serve option with help from our friendly staff.

*All orders help raise valuable funds for your school community.*

## 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](mailto:perthsouth@mandarinstars.com.au) or call 1800 18 1118 for more details.

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Soccer fun for girls and boys aged 2 to 12, starting from 19th October, 2019.

Sessions include:

Mite-E Soccer (2-3yo)

Pint Size Soccer (4-5yo)

Into to Micro (5-6yo)

Micro (6-8yo)

Micro Plus (8-12yo)

Sessions are held at various venues  
South and North of the River.

Call 0451 172 877 or email  
[perth@grasshoppersoccer.com.au](mailto:perth@grasshoppersoccer.com.au) for  
more information or to book your place.



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- ◆ Prices are per lesson and start from \$17.55 for a group of 4
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