

Important Dates:

Thursday 3 April

Uniform Shop Open

Monday 7 April

Swimming Lessons – Years 5 & 6 cont

Thursday 10 April

Interschool Swimming Carnival

Friday 11 April

Last Day of Term 1

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Monday 28 April

First Day of Term 2

Thursday 1 May

Uniform Shop Open

ANZAC Day Ceremony

Friday 2 May

Dad's Squad Barefoot Bowls

Monday 5 May

Kindy A – Mothers' Day Stall

Tuesday 6 May

School Photos

P&C Meeting @ 7.00pm

Thursday 8 May

School Photos

Friday 9 May

Mothers' Day Stall

Principal's Message

MOTIVATE – EDUCATE – CELEBRATE



Welcome to Djeran, with hopefully cooler nights, light breezes, and dew on the plants in the mornings. You might like to walk through our front native garden and smell the scents from the eucalyptus trees. Again, thank you for ensuring your child/ren arrive at school ready to learn. Their enthusiasm for learning, smiles, and hellos in the morning are contagious.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

It is a joy to meet with all Year 6 Student Captains at the Yarning Circle in our front native bushland. We even had birds come and listen to our conversation. The Captains share the best thing about their role and also any concerns they are having.

One of their concerns is that younger students are not listening to them. Today I have had a meeting with all students from Years 1 to 6 to discuss the importance of a safe learning environment and behaviour expectations. You might like to ask your child what was one thing I spoke about.

The Year 6 students were also presented with their leavers' shirts, which they proudly wear.

PRINCIPAL OF THE DAY

It was a pleasure having Macy Lim as the 'Principal of the Day' last Tuesday. She was so proud to nominate a 'Rule of the Day' that gave students five minutes of extra play at lunchtime. She also enjoyed pizza with two of her friends and sharing Principal stickers with well-deserving students. This is an excellent initiative from the P&C, which I look forward to every year. Remember to pop by the Easter Raffle stand outside the Kindergarten class.

WORKS AT THE SCHOOL

The Kindergarten ceiling restoration is now complete. During this time we also took the opportunity to paint the walls.

Stairs near undercover area - the limestone stairs have now been replaced with concrete steps which also have handrails and slip mats.

Trees – the arborists continue to monitor the trees in our gardens to ensure they are healthy and strong.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Years 5 and 6 students enjoyed today's swimming lesson at Cottesloe Beach, which will continue until the end of the term. Our children must learn the difference between pool and open-water swimming, as the water's dynamic is very different.

CITY OF MELVILLE - RECONCILIATION

The City of Melville is committed to reconciliation within our organisation and community. Their vision for reconciliation is a country that values the living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, embraces truthful reflection of the history and experiences of First Nations peoples, and is dedicated to equity, opportunity and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Looking around the park at the top of Wireless Hill, Noongar elder Christine Reich doesn't just see old installations from when it was a World War II communications centre. "To me, it's called Yagan Mia," she said. "Since my grandparents let us know [that].

Yagan Mia is one of 14 place names in the Melville area that have been decoded and translated by a group of Noongar traditional owners to create a record of Aboriginal life in the places that have become Perth's southern suburbs.

The project, a collaboration between the Community Arts Network of Western Australia, Indigenous consultancy Moodjar and the City of Melville, has been running for the past two years.

Have a wonderful holiday period when it comes along.



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



Sponsorship & Sustainability Committee

The school is looking for dedicated individuals to join our **Sponsorship Committee** and our **Sustainability Committee**. If you have a passion for securing funding and building community partnerships or if you're passionate about environmental sustainability and want to make a positive impact, we would love to have you involved! These committees play a key role in helping our school thrive, and we welcome new perspectives and ideas. If you're interested in joining either committee, please reach out to our principal, Mrs Sue Mikkelsen for more details.

Fiona Schaper
Deputy Principal

The Library is Open

The anticipation is over....classes are now able to resume their weekly library time and students can start visiting the Library again - just in time to borrow books for the holiday break!



Students in Years 2 to 6 may have been taking books home from the temporary classroom libraries which were set up to accommodate our avid book worms over the past few weeks. If your child has any school Library books at home, could you please ensure they are returned to the Library as soon as possible please.

Thank you to all our wonderful students and families who have been so understanding and patient during the last few weeks whilst our Kindy students have utilised the Library space as their classroom.

I look forward to seeing all our students back enjoying the Library once again.

Natalie Jones
Library Officer

School Photos – 6 & 8 May 2025

Please refer to the information below as well as the attached flyer which contains more detailed information. Personalised order forms will be coming home this week.



Ardross Primary School

Photo Date/s: Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th of May 2025

School photo day is fast approaching, make sure you place your order.

1. Visit www.msp.com.au
2. Select the "Download Portrait or Order Online" portal
3. Use your child's unique shootkey

A Late/processing fee will apply for orders received after

Thursday 15th of May 2025



Harmony Day

On Wednesday, 26 March we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is all about recognising our diversity and bringing everyone together from all of our different backgrounds. It is being inclusive, showing respect and making sure there is a sense of belonging for everyone. It was a beautiful morning parading in orange or nationality outfits. The students looked amazing.



Following the parade we were treated to a Japanese Taiko Drumming performance by Taiko On. Classes have also been participating in a cultural cooking experience, such as Danish cookies, French waffles, Italian pasta and Korean sushi Ginbap.

Michelle Niblett
Languages Teacher – Japanese

Student Wellbeing Officer News

I have been in touch with the Town of Melville and I am now on the mailing list for everything of interest to primary school students from planting trees that provide food for starving Black Cockatoos, to learning to become a skilled DJ, livening up a party with their favourite music!

Does your child/ren want to play a community sport? It can be costly and as “ActiveLink” has closed for 2025, Kidsport supports eligible residents of all ages and abilities to connect with their community through sport and other activities. Residents can receive one voucher per financial year for a maximum of \$300. So if you are interested, you can apply through this link, go to <https://www.melvillecity.com.au/activelink>.

Also, I have been working on a sustainable activity with Mrs Van der Weilen and Year 4 classes to upcycle plastic lids. We are making them into ‘Lid Kidz’ which can be used as toys or scarecrows for the garden. I will be making other types of creations with bottle top lids as we progress through the year.

All of the students who have been joining the Wellbeing Leaders at lunchtimes, have been enjoying the different activities. We can be found at the bench tables between the Library and the Music Room, near the vertical garden and water fountains. On Mondays we have old fashioned board games there, Wednesdays we have craft & finger knitting and Fridays we do colouring in and drawing.

For anyone interested, I would be happy to run a DRUMBEAT group, for developing social skills and strengthening character, after school on one of the days I am here. We are also pleased to let you know that we will be running the RAINBOWS Grief & Loss Program in Terms 2 and 3.

If there is anything you would like to chat about, pop into my office before or after school from 8.00am until 4.00pm. I am at school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or email me on rhonda.miller@youthcare.org.au.



Rhonda Miller
YouthCARE School Chaplain
APS Wellbeing Team

P&C News

IMPORTANT DATES

- 3 April - Uniform Shop open 8.30am
- 1 - 8 April - Easter Raffle tickets on sale and Guess the Eggs in the Jar
- 2 May - Dads' Squad Barefoot Bowls
- 3 May - Federal democracy sausage sizzle and bake stall
- 6 May - P&C Meeting, 7.00pm, School Staff Room
- 5 and 9 May - Mothers' Day Stall
- 10 June - P&C Meeting, 7pm, School Staff room
- 15 June - Dads' Squad Mini Golf
- 27 June (TBC) - Cross Country Carnival muffins

25 July (TBC) - Book Week Costume Swap
5 August - P&C Meeting, 7.00pm, School Staff Room
9 August - Bogan Bingo night, Melville Bowling Club
17 August – Dads’ Squad bush walk
1 and 5 Sept – Fathers’ Day Stall
12 September (TBC) - Sports Carnival cake stall
16 September – P&C Meeting, 7.00pm, School Staff room
TBA – Art Extravaganza (Term 3)

TBA - Dads Squad Bike Ride and Breakfast
17 October (TBC) - Parent and Teachers Social Night
21 October - P&C Meeting, 7.00pm, School Staff Room
TBA – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
TBA – Dads’ Squad Destination Camp
14 November (TBC) - End of Year Sundowner
25 November - P&C Meeting, 6.00pm in School Staff Room
25 November - End of Year P&C Members Dinner
TBA – Dads’ Squad Christmas Party

We are well into Term 1 now with April school holidays coming soon and we hope people can have an enjoyable break.

EASTER RAFFLE & GUESS THE EGGS IN THE JAR - 1 TO 8 APRIL

Get your tickets before school in the quadrangle between 8:30am - 9:00am daily from 1 to 8 April for your chance to win 1 of 3 Easter Hampers. Tickets are \$5 each, we take card or cash payments. How many easter eggs and treats do you think there are in our jar? Have a guess for \$2. The closest guess will win the whole jar to share with family and friends over the holidays. All winners will be drawn and announced at assembly on the 8 April at 2.45pm. Good luck!

DADS SQUAD BAREFOOT BOWLS (DADS ONLY) - 2 MAY

All dads are invited for a fun evening of lawn bowls at Mt Pleasant Bowling Club at 6.00pm on Friday, 2 May. Cost is \$35 which includes bowling and light nibbles. Bowling will start at 7.00pm. Come down at 6.00pm and have dinner and a drink beforehand (at own expense). Registration essential:
<https://ardrosspandcevents.square.site/product/barefoot-bowls/53>

SWIMMING CARNIVAL – 4 MARCH 2025

The Swimming Carnival was a success with some great swimming and games. The P&C funded the Timing Solutions for the recording of results and tallying of points. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers for helping with lane timing, ribbons, photography and cheering on the students.

WA STATE ELECTION DEMOCRACY SAUSAGE SIZZLE & CAKE STALL – 8 MARCH

Ardross Primary was a polling station and as always, the sausage sizzle and cake stall were a big success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and also contributed to the cake stall. We could not do this without the volunteers. Thank you to Good Grocers Applecross for generously donating all of the fresh sausages and buns for the day. We raised \$1,500, to go towards some exciting improvements in our school. The Federal Election is on Saturday, 3 May 2025 and we will be doing another round of democracy sausage sizzle and bake stall. Please email hello@ardrosspandc.com.au if you would like to be involved.

DADS SQUAD CAMPOUT – 14 MARCH 2025

The Dads Squad campout on the 14 March was a massive success with almost 200 dads and kids pitching tents on the oval. The kids had a brilliant time, especially with the disco (although the dads might not have slept too well)! This event is just going to get more popular. The Dads Squad committee

did a great job organising the event and making sure everybody was fed (ticket was inclusive of pizza dinner, ice cream, brekky and coffee).

P&C MEETING – 25 MARCH 2025

We had a productive second meeting with a great turn out. We made some important decisions about fundraising, events and utilising your generously donated funds to implement improvement projects and initiatives around our school. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6 May in the School Staff room. All are welcome - please let us know if you plan to attend via email: hello@ardrosspandc.com.au and we'll pull up a chair for you.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' COMMITTEE

The 2025 leavers shirts have arrived and look fantastic. Thank you to our Year 6 parent volunteers, Andrea S and Casey W, and our Uniform Shop volunteers for their hard work over the past 6 months to uphold this wonderful tradition at Ardross Primary School.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursdays, 8.30am to 9am 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 class room 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>

FACEBOOK PAGE & GROUP CLOSURES

Following suit with the school's decision to close their Facebook page, the P&C have decided to close our public Facebook page and our closed Facebook group. To stay up to date on our activities, please join our class WhatsApp groups and stay tuned to our space here in the newsletter.

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>

Ardross PS P&C Team

Ardross P&C <hello@ardrosspandc.com.au>

Lynwood SHS - Specialist Programs

SOCCER ACADEMY SPECIALIST PROGRAM

Lynwood Senior High School **Soccer Academy** is holding trials for Year 6 students. We welcome interested Year 6 2025 students to apply **now**. Parents/Carers can find our application through our website www.lynwood.wa.edu.au under Specialist Programs.

ENVIRONMENT AND LIFE SCIENCES SPECIALIST PROGRAM

Lynwood Senior High School **Environment and Life Science (EaLS) Program** testing. We welcome interested Year 6 2025 students to apply. Parents/Carers can find our application through our website www.lynwood.wa.edu.au under Specialist Programs.

All applications can be emailed to Lynwood.SHS.Enrolments@education.wa.edu.au along with the student's most current school report. Application Closing date is 2 May 2025

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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