

Important Dates:

Wednesday 21 October

Year 5 & 6 Dance

Thursday 22 October

Multi Sport Carnival

Friday 23 October

Lapathon

Monday 26 October

Edu Dance

Tuesday 27 October

Filming Science Opera

Wednesday 28 October

Years 5 & 6 Dance

Years 5 & 6 – Cyber Safety

Parents Cyber Information Session

Thursday 29 October

Uniform Shop Open

Friday 30 October

Ride to School Day

Halloween Disco

Monday 2 November

Edu Dance

Thursday 3 November

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Principal's Message

MOTIVATE – EDUCATE – CELEBRATE



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Thank you to all the parents who are helping in classes. Last week I walked into the Art room and saw students, teachers and parents working together to sew Babushka dolls. The students were so excited to share their sewing techniques and the individual differences of the dolls. It is also good to see so many parents and students using our oval and nature play after school. This community connectedness is what makes Ardross PS a very special place.

KINDERGARTEN 2021 – ADDITIONAL CLASS

We are fortunate to be able to offer three Kindergarten sessions in 2021. The educational program and practice is stimulating and engaging and enhances children's learning and development through play and explicit teaching. We safeguard and promote children's health and safety as well as providing a physical environment which is rich and diverse. Our focus on collaborative relationships with families ensures that your child is supported in their early years of learning.

Please call Gabby or Tania in reception to discuss enrolment processes or book a tour with me to walk through our Kindergarten.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING – COMMUNITY CAFÉ - 14 OCTOBER 2020

Our Community Cafés are a vital link between school and the parent community. This is our opportunity to share with you the outstanding programs we have at Ardross Primary School and their positive impact on your child's learning.

On Wednesday, the Health and Well-being Committee presented to a group of enthusiastic parents the 'Why' behind Mental Health and Well-being at Ardross. We discussed survey results and how we are utilising this data to strengthen our teaching and your child's learning. Look out for further Cafes' in 2021.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY – 30 OCTOBER 2020

World Teachers' Day is being celebrated in Australia on Friday, 30 October. The day is a great opportunity for everyone to recognise and appreciate teachers, education assistants and all involved in the education of our children and remember the important role they play in shaping the next generation.

OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, 4 November is our open School Board Meeting. We invite you to attend at 7.15pm in the staff room.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

My experiences as a parent, teacher and now principal on a variety of school boards and councils has been central to the vital part I have played in children's education, including my own, from Wickham District High School to Ardross Primary School.

As a parent you can take on many roles in your child's education. As a member of the school board you along with other members represent the parent community. The School Board plays an important role in contributing to good school governance so that school resources are used efficiently and community expectations and the school's priorities reflect the needs of students.

Due to the end of a two-year tenure the school Board will have two parent vacancies for the 2021/2022 school years. As per the constitution the School Board is now calling for any school/community representative to nominate for 2021 & 2022.

The role of the School Board is:

1. Functions of the Board

1.1 The functions of the Board are:

- a) To take part in:
 - i) establishing, and reviewing from time to time, the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
 - ii) the planning of financial arrangements necessary to fund those objectives, priorities and directions;
 - iii) evaluating the school's performance in achieving them; and
 - iv) formulating codes of conduct for students at the school.
- b) To promote the school in the community.
- c) To determine, in consultation with students, their parents and staff of the school, a dress code for students when they are attending or representing the school.
- d) To consult with the Principal on:
 - i) any general policy concerning the use in school activities of prayers, songs and materials based on religious, spiritual or moral values: sections 68(2)(b) and 70(a); and
 - ii) the implementation of special religious education: sections 69(2) and 70(b).
- e) To approve:
 - i) any charge or contribution: sections 99(3) and (4);

- ii) the costs to be paid for participation in an extra cost optional component of the school's educational programme: sections 100(1) and (3);
 - iii) the items that are to be supplied to a student for the student's personal use in the school's educational programme: sections 108(1) and (2); and
 - iv) any agreement or arrangement for advertising or sponsorship entered into by the principal: sections 216(5) and (6).
- f) If the Board is incorporated it may:
 - i) obtain funds for the benefit of the school;
 - ii) employ persons (other than staff); and
 - iii) manage and operate facilities at the school, such as a canteen, a swimming pool, residential accommodation for students, a school farm or horticultural centre.

Please see Tania or Gabby at reception to receive a nomination form. These are also available on Connect within the Library and folder Ardross School Board. Nominations need to be completed and returned to the front office by Friday, 6 November 2020. If there are more than two nominations, an election process will take place, as per the School Board Policy. The successful candidates will commence in 2021.

Should you have any questions about what's involved in being a board member, you can call the current Board Chairperson, Geoff Cooper, on 0406 893 955.

2021 STUDENT PLACEMENT

As the year comes to an end I am in the process of structuring the classes for 2021. The placement of students to individual classes can be an emotive issue for parents. In order to ensure that the process is open, equitable and transparent for all, the following criteria will be applied for the placement of all students in classes. Parents who feel they have critical or relevant information pertaining to the placement of their child in 2021 should advise me in writing.

Current Pre-primary, Years 2 and 4 will move with their current class and teacher, where possible, into the next year level. This may differ with students in split classes; eg: PP/Year1 and Years 2/3. The number and structure of classes required in any particular year is determined by the school's total projected enrolment for the coming year, financial resources and school based decision making on effective resource management.

Guidelines for Student Placement in Classrooms

Individual class placements are ultimately decided by the Principal who works together with all staff to discuss the placement of students in classes. This is based on the teachers' professional judgement of each child taking into consideration social, emotional and academic needs.

Placement Criteria

- Specific needs of the child
- Group homogeneity - the retention of positive relationships and groups
- Maintaining a balance of academic abilities and social emotional needs and abilities
- Maintenance of gender balance (where practicable).

Specific requests, in writing, for class placement for 2021 must be received by 3.10pm on Friday, 20 November 2020.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Parents and Ardross Community members are reminded that our School Development Days in Term 4 are **Friday, 13 November** and **Friday, 18 December**. Students do not attend on these days.

Remember to take the time to sit down and discuss your child's day at school. Children are often overwhelmed with the amount of learning and play in a day. I have found that if I asked a specific question about a learning area my children were more likely to respond.



Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
Principal



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Honour Certificate Winners



At the Assembly today the winners were:

Room 20 Bryn F, Livi N.

Room 7 Jeremy C, Anica P.

Room 19 Marvellous A, Sasha B, Arkana R.

Room 6 Quilan C, Layla O.

Room 16 Simona P, Isaac Y.

Room 5 Caleb T, Bella T.

Room 15 Daniel B, Jace C.

Room 4 Emma B, Max B.

Room 13 Dylan H, Gabriel H, Nathalie L.

Room 3 Izaek B, Celina L, Amelia W.

Room 10 Kaiden J.

Room 2 Ry H, Matty Z.

Room 9 Ethan G, Lauren S.



STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ARDROSS PS IN 2021

My child / children _____

Room _____ Year Level _____ Room _____ Year Level _____

will **not** be returning to Ardross in 2021.

My child will be attending _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Lapathon 2020

Just a reminder that the Lapathon is being held this Friday, 23 October beginning at 1:10pm. All parents are welcome to attend. Please ensure that your child has a hat, sunscreen and plenty of water for the afternoon.

As this is the school's major fundraiser for this year, we encourage everyone to be involved in collecting and providing sponsorship for the students. For every \$4 a student raises they receive a raffle ticket to go into the major prize draw at the Lapathon assembly. Also, every student who contributes to this year's Lapathon will receive a prize.

Finally, the Junior and Senior classes that raise the most money will receive a free lunch. Hoping to see you at the Lapathon.

Glenn Hill

P&C News

CYBER SAFETY WITH PAUL LITHERLAND – 7.30PM, WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2020

The P&C is proud to present Paul Litherland of Surf Online Safe at a private parent session for Ardross Primary School parents and guardians.

Paul will cover topics such as cyber bullying (current legislation), digital citizenship - where our kids are going online the apps they're using and information they're sharing, ours and our children's online footprint, social networking and how to overcome the systems reach, online gaming and its risks and many practical tricks, tips and solutions to keep our children safe.

Parents of younger students will benefit from this session as you'll receive the knowledge early and be heading into uncharted territories over the next few years fully informed. Those of you who may feel like you're currently in the thick of things, will breathe a sigh of relief as you get the inside track and parents of year 5 and 6 students will be following up with Paul after he has had a 1-2-1 with all of our year 5 and 6 students earlier in the day. This is not to be missed!

There is no charge for this event, but you must book a ticket, so we can be sure that we are adhering to current social distancing and large gathering rulings. Tickets are available now from <https://www.trybooking.com/BMAZK>

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

DISCO – FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2020

Join us in your finest fancy Halloween costumes for a night of spooktacular dancing fun, with our resident in-house Disco DJ, Mr Mirabella and party starter, Miss Brown leading the charge with the best funky tunes and daggy dance moves.

There are three separate sessions - Kindy & Pre Primary, Years 1 to 3 and Years 4 to 6.

Your ticket gains you entry to our spooktacular disco, a sausage sizzle at the end for your dinner and a special trick-n-treating adventure for some yummy treats. Tickets available here -

<https://www.trybooking.com/BMAYN>

Charlotte Oliver
P&C President

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 running keyboard lessons at Ardross Primary School.
Prices start at \$18.65 per lesson held after school.
To enrol go to www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form or for more information please contact Therese 1300 366 243

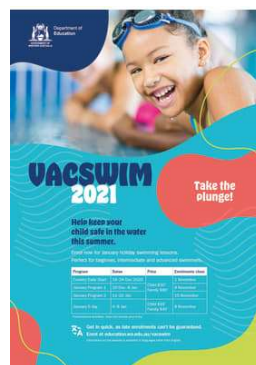


We are delighted to continue to offer our professional tennis coaching services for students at Ardross Primary School in Term 4. Your kids can learn the game and continue to develop skills that will allow them to play tennis at any age, anywhere in the world.

Start date: Tuesday October 20th
Ages: Year 1 – Year 6
Time: 7.30 am - 8.30 am
Location: Applecross Senior High School tennis courts
Duration: 8 weeks
Price: \$100
Enrol: <https://www.tennisexcellence.com.au/enrol/blue-gum/school-programs/>

Supported by the AXSHS Special Tennis Programme!

Please note: children will be supervised at all times by qualified tennis coaches who all hold Working With Children Cards and Police Clearance Certificates. Children will be escorted by the coaches back to Ardross Primary School by 8.45am. All equipment will be provided.



Enrol in VacSwim

Take the plunge! Enrol your child in January VacSwim programs.

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

VacSwim in January offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the long break. Not only are they a great school holiday activity, they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Don't wait! Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim