

Important Dates:

Thursday 4 August

Uniform Shop Open
Incursion – Rooms 4 & 6

Monday 8 August

FPS Qualifying

Tuesday 9 August

Pre Primary Dance
Assembly – Room 7

Wednesday 10 August

Year 6 – Spinal Care Talk
Board Meeting

Thursday 11 August

Community Café – Healthy Food Relationships

Friday 12 August

State Cross Country

Monday 15 August

Science Week Incursion – Pre Primary to Year 6

Tuesday 16 August

Pre Primary Dance

Thursday 18 August

Uniform Shop Open

Monday 22 August

Book Week Parade

Tuesday 23 August

Pre Primary Dance
Assembly – Room 4

Wednesday 24 August

Civic Library Visit – Years 1 to 3

Friday 26 August

AWCH – Kindy C

Monday 29 August

AWCH – Kindy A

Tuesday 30 August

Pre Primary Dance

Wednesday 31 August

AWCH – Kindy B
Fathers' Night – Room 15 & 16

Thursday 1 September

Uniform Shop Open

Friday 2 September

Year 2- Zoo Excursion

Tuesday 6 September

Pre Primary Dance
Assembly – Room 3

Principal's Message

MOTIVATE – EDUCATE – CELEBRATE



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Don't forget to also regularly check our website, and to follow the school on Facebook to keep up-to-date as we motivate, educate and celebrate.

I would like welcome students and families to Term 3, 2022. I hope that our school community had an enjoyable school holiday period.

COMING IN TERM 3

There are several events for students and the wider community planned for this term. Last week our Year 4 students visited York, learning about WA history and assisting in the development of a new bushland redevelopment site. Our Year 5s are participating in marine science studies and building their collaboration and leadership skills on the Year 5 camp.

Some notable upcoming events to put into your calendars:

- Week 5 – Science Week
- Week 6 – Book Week (including Book Week parade – 22 August)
- Week 9 – Faction Carnival (Jumps & Throws – 13 September, Carnival – 16 September)

Please refer to the Term Planner for all upcoming school events.

PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS – TERM 3

A reminder that all teachers have made time available during weeks 3 to 5 to meet with parents who have yet to discuss their child's Semester 1 progress. Specialist teachers are also available for Parent / Teacher meetings. Information on booking times with specialist teachers was sent to parents via Connect last Friday.

DRESS CODE

Our school's PBS focus behaviour for the next fortnight is "***We wear our school uniform with pride***".

Our school dress code has been established by the staff and the School Board. A dress code promotes a positive image of the school, promotes safety of students through easier identification, and it creates a sense of community and belonging among students.

In the winter months, we often see students wearing non-dress code jumpers or jackets. To support our PBS focus behaviour, please ensure that students are meeting the approved dress code. Families are also encouraged to regularly check the lost property for any misplaced winter wear. A copy of the dress code is available through the school website.

ROBOCUP JUNIOR 2022

Congratulations to our students who competed in the Robocup Junior WA state event last week. Nine teams from Ardross PS competed across three categories – OnStage, Maze Rescue and Line Rescue. All teams were competitive in their categories and represented our school to a high standard.

Two Onstage and two Line Rescue teams were invited to participate in the finals. Special congratulations go to team ***Scobo the Robo***, who finished third after a tough head-to-head final in Line Rescue. Thank you to our Year Six teachers, especially Dr Heary, for the additional time and support they have provided to our students participating in this event.

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE WORKS

Our school is committed to ensuring our students and staff have a safe and engaging school environment for teaching and learning. During the school holidays, new carpet was laid in the Music Room, and preparation work began on flooring upgrades in the Senior Block and in Room 17.

Other planned works this semester include an upgrade of the early childhood playground areas and, with support from the Ardross Primary School P&C, the installation of large fans and improved lighting in our Undercover Area. Our community will be kept up-to-date on ongoing works through future newsletters.

BUILDING STAFF CAPACITY

The first pillar of our school Business Plan is ensuring high quality teaching and learning. A key aspect of this pillar is continuing to build the capacity of staff. So far this year, staff have engaged in professional learning and capacity building in the following teaching and learning areas:

- Phonological Awareness and Spelling
- Mental Computation Strategies
- Assessment and moderation of Writing
- Planning for differentiation and individual intervention
- Protective Behaviours
- MacqLit.

Thank you to staff who have coordinated and facilitated sessions this year, and to all staff for their continued commitment to building their skills.

Robert Marshall
Principal

Honour Certificates



At the Assembly on **14 June 2022** the recipients were:

Room 20 Sophie A, Murray S, Amelia T.	Room 8 James G, Liesha S.
Room 19 Thomas C, Zhenhan Z.	Room 7 Eliza C, Siera E, Brayden L.
Room 16 Vivienne R, Billy S.	Room 6 Ahmed M, Tyrell S.
Room 15 Suah H, Jessica W.	Room 4 Rafael C, Santiago L, Jeffrey S.
Room 10 Sam L, Ivy S.	Room 3 Zachary C, Liam P, Jake T.
Room 9 Kyra C, Renee P, Jonah P.	Room 2 Lana C, Ben C, Amelia M

At the Assembly on **28 June 2022** the recipients were:

Room 19 Insung M, Jyana T.	Room 8 Louis L, Oscar M.
Room 17 Max L, Momo R, Mihaela S.	Room 7 Christopher B, Charlotte T.
Room 16 Halu S, Grace W.	Room 6 Aria B, Dylan H, Aleiyah M.
Room 15 Zacie J, TJ N.	Room 5 Daniel S, Gabriel T.
Room 10 Jasiel T, Alvin Y.	Room 2 Mya F, Isabella L, Chris Z.

At the Assembly on **26 July 2022** the recipients were:

Room 20 Alison C, Matthew P.	Room 8 Kseniia D, Michelle S, Vienna S.
Room 19 Blaine B, Sarah S.	Room 7 Yash C, Jason C, Amiya H.
Room 17 Ina M, Tamara M, Jamie R.	Room 6 Paris D, Rogan L.
Room 16 Harvey A, Kade M.	Room 5 Harlan J, Noah S.
Room 15 Andy B, Nick B.	Room 4 David C, Elaine Z.
Room 10 Alia A, Lena S.	Room 3 Max B, Elvis H, Noah N.
Room 9 Gracelyn F, Melody Z.	Room 2 Bitia A, Nickrai B, Bruno H.

Community Café – Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting

On Wednesday, 15 June we hosted our second Community Cafe on Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting. Thank you to the 40 parents and community members who attended. It was a

wonderful turn out and great to be able to share our strategies around how we plan, teach and evaluate at Ardross PS.

Denelle Ellery
Deputy Principal (Curriculum)

Kindy News

We are learning to sort in Kindy. Please save the lids from pouch yoghurts or pureed fruit for us to use in an activity we have planned. We need lots of all different colours. Please bring them to the Kindy classroom – Room 12.

Thanks for your anticipated help and support.

Lee-Anne Downey

Scooter Rack

It's time to get the scooters out to ride to school and be active! Ardross Primary School recently received a scooter rack through funding from the Connecting School Grant round. The Your Move team will install a 'Free parking' floor decal **on the ground** next to the rack to encourage students to park their scooters there. The racks are located next to the shed on the school oval, undercover and secure. Check them out and send us a photo of your scooter parked in the rack for our next newsletter. A big thank you to Mr Crosswell for applying for the grant.

Science Week

This year Science Week is going to kick-off with a BANG! We have secured a performance by the very talented and crazy scientist - Richard Scholes who will perform his Spectacular Science Show right here at our school. The performance will be on Monday, 15 August at 9.30am in the Undercover Area. The cost is \$5.50 per student (Pre Primary to Year 6) so look out for the notes from your classroom teachers with all the information. Richard Scholes combines brilliant magic, music and theatrical skills in a spectacular stage show which has audiences gasping in awe at SCIENCE! We can't wait!

Denelle Ellery
Deputy Principal (Curriculum)

P&C News

CHRISTMAS IN JULY – 29 JULY 2022

The P&C kicked off term 3 with a Christmas in July social function on 29 July at the Rhein-Donau Club. A great time was had by all, especially after a few mulled wines on such a chilly night. A big thank you to Justine Penno and Rachel Crawshaw for all their hard work putting the event together, and to Tash Whitmore for helping with setting up on the day.

DEMOCRACY SAUSAGE – 21 MAY 2022

It was a little while ago now, but a big thank you to all the volunteers who made the day so successful. This was a fantastic fundraising event in which the P&C made nearly \$2,000. An amazing amount that we can now use for various projects around the school.

In particular, we'd like to thank the Teoh Family, Matt Snare, Ramon and Mel Fletcher, Kim MacIsaac, the Crawshaw Family, Cindy Webster, Fiona Hood, Mike Wilkins, Reza Ahmadi, Dan Gallacher, Jayson Omodei, Geoff Cooper, Dan Palmer, Alastair and Mags Martin, and Kelly Hallums. We apologise if we have missed anyone. Thank you also to the Fathering Project Dads who rounded up volunteers and fixed BBQ's, cake stall bakers, soup makers, runners on the day to purchase more food as well as all the folk who purchased our goods and raffles tickets.

Thank you to our sponsors Woolworths Booragoon, Bakers Delight Booragoon, Scuttis Fresh Market, Maggie Dent and GrandCru at Riseley St.

All your efforts ensured the day went well. But most of all the sun was shining and the day had a lovely community spirit.

LIBRARY FURNITURE

The Library has had a fantastic makeover during the past 18 months, creating a flexible, light and engaging space. The feedback from the students and staff has been wonderful.

The P&C was able to contribute towards the new lounges, which look fabulous. Thank you to all the students, parents and community for contributing to our fundraising efforts to ensure we could do this.



WA EDUCATION AWARDS 2022 – CLOSES 15 AUGUST 2022

The WA Education Awards celebrate the teaching and learning excellence that delivers positive outcomes for students every day.

This year has seen the introduction of 'Award Applause' which is an invitation for parents and students to share with the school why they feel their school is worthy of recognition. All received messages of support are then shared with the school. You can send a message of support to Ardross Primary School here www.education.wa.edu.au/wa-education-awards

SANDPIT TOYS NEEDED

If you have any sandpit toys or kitchen wares you no longer need, please donate them to the tubs outside the admin block at any time.

FATHERING PROJECT – JOHN FORREST BUSHWALK – 7 AUGUST AT 1:00PM

The Fathering Project has organised a bushwalk starting at the Main Picnic Area at John Forrest National Park. All fathers, fathering figures and their children are welcome. The cost is \$15 per vehicle (national park entry payable to DBCA at the entry gate).

There will be two walking groups:

- 2.5 km (easy)
- 6 km (moderate) (bring a torch!)

Please register your attendance with **Matt Snare** at msnare@me.com.

CLASSROOM COIN CHALLENGE – 15 TO 26 AUGUST

Start saving your silver and gold coins for our annual classroom coin challenge. The coin challenge will commence on Monday 15 August and end on Friday 26 August. A prize of a pizza lunch for the greatest total raised will go to a junior class (K – Yr 2) and a senior class (Yr 3 – 6).

FATHERS' DAY STALL - FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

Our annual Fathers' Day Stall is a great opportunity for students to purchase a gift for their dad. Gifts will range from \$2 to \$10. If you can help out with selling gifts on the stall that morning, please email Alice alicebrennan.rwk@gmail.com with your availability.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CAKE STALL - 16 SEPTEMBER

We will hold a cake stall at the Athletics Carnival for students, teachers and parents to purchase. We are calling for volunteers to bake goods for the stall and help out at the stall on the day. If you are able help please email Alice alicebrennan.rwk@gmail.com with your availability. Lunch orders from Sensations will be available on the day, and a coffee van will be there for all your caffeine needs. We will provide more details closer to the time.

FATHERING PROJECT – CAMPING WEEKEND – 16 to 18 SEPTEMBER

The Fathering Project has organised a camp at White Gum Farm, York for fathers, fathering figures and their children. The camp will coincide with the West Fly event (www.westfly.com.au). Book your place via TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CBLZU>. Please book early as places are limited. For more information, contact **Matt Snare**: msnare@me.com.

Did you know that the P&C have a Facebook page. Find us and like us at **Ardross Primary School P&C**.

Our next P&C meeting is tonight, Tuesday, 2 August at 7:00pm in the Library.

If you can't make this meeting then put the remainder of the meeting dates in your diary as we would love to see you there. We encourage the community to attend any of our meetings. You don't need to be a member:

- Tuesday, 6 September at 7:00pm
- Tuesday, 18 October at 7:00pm
- Tuesday, 15 November at 7:00pm

Warm Regards - 2022 P&C Team

Year 6 Myalup Beach Planting

On Thursday, 25 June the Year 6 classes went to Myalup Beach (1.5 hours from Perth) to plant 2 species of spinifex on the dunes. It was a wet day but that didn't stop the students as they set up a trial zone with 480 seedlings and 130 tree guards, plus 3,659 seedlings planted on the dunes to help restore the dunal system. All in all, we planted 4,139 seedlings which is a remarkable effort. We'd like to thank Bruce Ivers for organising the excursion and we are looking forward to

tracking the progress of the trial in the coming years. Future plans include the propagation of our own spinifex seedlings for planting next year which is a project Room 19 students are working on with Dr Heary and Mr Crosswell. This is an exciting phase for our school and the work our students and teachers are doing is highly commendable.



Library News



BOOK WEEK PARADE – MONDAY 22 AUGUST 2022

This year, we will kick start our Book Week activities with the annual costume parade taking place on Monday, 22 August at 9.15am on the quadrangle. This year's theme is '***Dreaming with Eyes Open***'. We encourage students to get creative and colourful with their costumes and consider ways to embrace the Book Week theme.

Natalie Jones
Library Officer

Board Update

Modest changes to our school uniform were approved at our recent Board meeting.

There have been numerous reports of the embroidered logo on our school shirts causing significant skin irritation to some students. Further, there have been issues with the shades of yellow of the currently sold shirts following a change in supplier.

The Board is understandably reluctant to make any alteration to our uniform policy - as every change causes issues for parents. Any changes mean that students will end up wearing different looking uniforms. After some discussion, the Board agreed to approve the use of a printed (rather than embroidered) logo for school uniform shirts that will be matched with previous approved shirts - as far as possible - to ensure the same shade of yellow. There was no change made to the school logo itself.

The Board is also monitoring the number of enrolments at the school. We are currently accommodating a modest increase in enrolments at Ardross to 415 students. This can be adequately accommodated within existing budgets, but it can change if there is a significant spike in numbers during the year.

The Board further considered feedback from the parent survey. We are working through the extensive feedback provided and will use it to help shape priorities at our school. Some of the feedback suggests that we need to improve Board and teacher communications and hopefully you will have noticed some improvements in the space already.

As always, the Board welcomes parent input so please reach out to me or your other Board Representatives with any further feedback to help ensure that we continually improve our longstanding school.

Geoff Cooper
Board Chairperson

Board Member Profiles

PRINCIPAL – ROBERT MARSHALL



I have been an educator since 2005, first at Kalumburu Remote Community School, then at Balga PS and Connolly PS before joining Ardross PS as Deputy Principal in 2018. It is a privilege to return to Ardross PS as Principal in 2022 following my secondment as Operations Cell Lead with the Department of Education's COVID-19 Incident Management Team last year.

I have considerable experience in school governance, having served as a member of the School Council / Board in every school I have worked in - including in the role of Chairperson. I also currently serve as a primary school Parent Representative on the Dianella Education Precinct Board.

As Principal, and as a member of the Ardross PS School Board, it is my intent to continue our school's journey of improvement and growth through student-centred decision-making, empowering professionals, maintaining high standards and active community engagement. I encourage all members of our school community to engage with the members of the School Board to further enhance community voice in strategic planning and review.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE – JANE GIBBERD



I'm proud to have been a member of this caring and connected school community since 2019. I originally trained as an Environmental Biologist and have taught at Curtin University in this area for over a decade. I also hold postgraduate qualifications in Education and have conducted research in science education. Most recently, I have worked in academic leadership roles in teaching and learning in tertiary education. My roles have included the development and review of curriculum, the development of educational policy, staff development and training, development of programs to facilitate student retention, engagement and literacy, management of disability and equity issues, and quality assurance at the institutional level to meet the requirements of federal regulators. I have also worked as an advisor to the federal government on the development of educational standards for tertiary science graduates and as a reviewer of WACE science curricula.

I nominated for this position on the School Board to actively represent the interests of other parents in the school community and to lend a voice to the issues I feel most strongly about at Ardross Primary School: play-based and nature-based learning, environmental education and the mental health and wellbeing of our kids.

You can find me lurking around the doors of Kindy A and Room 8 and on the school oval after school with my boys. I'd absolutely love to pass on your thoughts, feedback and ideas to the School Board.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE – NICOLA ROWDEN



After graduating from Edith Cowan University in 1996 with a Bachelor of Education, I have taught in England, United Arab Emirates, New Zealand and across Australia. I was successful in gaining my current position at Ardross PS in 2021 and am currently teaching with the Year 2 team in Rooms 7 and 8.

This year, I am leading the Year 2 and 3 Professional Learning Team, working to strengthen collaboration and to develop action plans in identified areas for

improvement. I am also a member of the Finance Committee, which is a very interesting role, as it enables me to have a greater understanding of the allocation of the budget across the school.

I am passionate about student achievement and helping children to develop skills for lifelong learning, with resilience, empathy and tolerance, which is vital in a world of constant change. I believe that a community brings up a child and we all play a role in our children's development. Outside of teaching I enjoy bush walking, fishing, reading and spending time with my husband and two daughters along with our golden retriever, Charlie.

It is a pleasure to be part of Ardross PS Board, to work with our parents and community members, to serve our students in providing excellence in education and supporting the implementation of the school's Business Plan priorities and future direction. I envision my role as Staff Representative for the School Board as one where I am able to act as a voice for all classroom and specialist teachers at our school and to provide insight into how decisions impact our role and the students in our classrooms. My aim is to help foster strong community links with parents and the wider school networks.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE - MATT SNARE



I believe that a strong and connected family contributes greatly to the development of children. This is underpinned by connections between parents, children, and their school. The support parents, children and school lend to each other is key in influencing child development and creating positive health outcomes.

I bring to the School Board over 20 years' experience in ICT. In my younger years I studied Information Systems and Secondary Education, before starting my career consulting for corporate back-office IT systems. I contributed architecture design and leadership of teams across government, mining and engineering industries. In 2016 I designed and built applications underpinning Department of Education's Gonski student-centred funding model reforms. I currently provide leadership of teams that maintain many Education ICT services including Connect and Reporting to Parents. As a parent with 2 at the school and another not far, maintaining a career that influences my children's quality of education is definitely rewarding!

In addition to School Board duties, I also chair the school's Fathering Project, coordinating events to promote the charity's core mission of improving family relationships and connectedness. I'm also spotted at times out in the wild, volunteering as a Run Director with Parkrun Applecross.

Serving on our School Board, I am keen to provide a voice representative of parents to the school. I'm particularly interested in breadth and quality of education. Quality of curriculum is important, as is diversity of subjects taught, and community engagement. This is what I want for my children and yours, to help them grow to become well-rounded adults. Beyond teaching, I also seek to represent your views on school functions, or any problems you face in pursuit of your children's education.

Please do get in touch with me if I can help represent your viewpoint. I can be reached at msnare@me.com or 0413 555 083.



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.



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.



KEYED UP MUSIC LESSONS

Keyed Up Music will be teaching keyboard lessons in Term 3 after school. Lessons start at \$19.80 for a small group per lesson. If you are interested in your son/daughter learning the keyboard, please call Savanna on 6107 8841 or 0479 171 424 or enrol at www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form