

Important Dates:

Thursday 4 May

MSP School Photos – Day 2

Monday 8 May

Swimming – Pre Primary to Year 2
Year 6 Camp

Tuesday 9 May

Kindy – Better Beginnings

Thursday 11 May

Uniform Shop Open
Kindy – Better Beginnings

Friday 12 May

Mothers' Day Stall

Monday 15 May

Swimming – Pre Primary to Year 2

Tuesday 16 May

Assembly – Room 4

Thursday 25 May

Uniform Shop Open

Friday 26 May

Interschool Winter Carnival

Tuesday 30 May

Assembly – Room 7

Friday 2 June

Year 6 – Myalup Planting

Monday 5 June

WA Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 6 June

P&C Meeting @ 7.00pm

Principal's Message

MOTIVATE – EDUCATE – CELEBRATE



Welcome to our monthly newsletter. This is an opportunity for us to share our community news both in the classroom and out. Ardross Primary School is a vibrant learning community with 408 students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Don't forget to visit our website at <https://www.ardrossps.wa.edu.au/> where you will find a variety of information. Remember to enjoy those special moments with your children whether it is reading a book, kicking a football or simply taking time to talk.

On Monday morning the school was full of excitement as the Year 5 students and staff left for their camp at Ern Halliday Recreational Camp in Hillarys. What a fabulous opportunity for all involved. Next week the Year 6 students will visit Swan Valley Adventure Centre for their three day camp. I must acknowledge the staff who attend both camps. The large amount of organisation and the giving of their time is truly appreciated.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Beginning Monday, 8 April through to Friday, 19 April our Pre-primary to Year 2 students will attend swimming lessons. Please refer to your class newsletters for details of times and attire required.

BEFORE SCHOOL READING PROGRAM

The **Before School Reading Program** has been one of many highlights at Ardross Primary School. Well done to all the students who accepted the invitation to participate and have attended the before school sessions to practise reading. Congratulations to our Literacy Captains, Mrs Riley and Mrs Chee who work with the students. The before school sessions will run again this term and the first session will be Monday, 8 May in week 3.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

School development days are vital to build on staff's knowledge and skills, providing targeted professional learning activities and whole school planning aligned to school strategic directions and Department of Education priorities.

As a staff we value the opportunity to work as one team to ensure we are providing the best possible learning for our students. We focussed on:

- reviewing our School Business Plan
- pedagogical lesson framework
- the 'why' of data
- planning for neurodiverse students
- Office 365.

The vibrancy and quality of discussions and feedback is a testament to the exemplary staff we have here at Ardross Primary School



Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor
Principal
Ardross Primary School

Chaplain's Corner

THE RHYTHM OF THE YEAR

Packing for Year 5 and Year 6 camp, I have realised it's certainly not summer anymore! Beanie, rain jacket, ugg boots, earplugs. It's another turning of the seasons, and we find ourselves in Term 2 with a different energy to Term 1. The rhythm continues, the seasons change.

Lots of students find that each term is a chance to restart. Set new goals for themselves, change their recess / lunch routine, think about problems differently, try new social groups. I notice that at the end of each term, as the tiredness sets in, it can be hard for students to access 'hope' and 'agency' for the problems they are facing - things feel monotonous and unchanging, a bit like a long 'winter'. I remind them that life is full of natural rhythms and we can be surprised when, just by letting time unfold, things change. We can't avoid change, for better and for worse, but we can choose to observe change and notice when things have reset, because 'spring' comes in its own time and on its own terms. But it comes.

Reflecting on change with students is the most rewarding part of my work. Particularly students I have journeyed with over several years - to see their self-awareness, confidence, efficacy and resilience grow is amazing and inspiring. And it's often because of challenges and problems that they are learning and growing; the 'winter' of life teaches them and lets them flourish in later seasons.

Speaking of 'seasons', I will be running a 'Seasons for Growth' group later this term for students who have experienced loss of any sort. See the accompanying information in this newsletter if you are interested for your child.

I hope that you can make time to notice the changes in the weather over the next few weeks; slow down a little and get those knits out!

SEASONS FOR GROWTH - GRIEF AND LOSS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

Change and loss at any time can be challenging. We recognise that when changes occur in families through separation, divorce, bereavement or natural disaster events such as bushfire and flood experiences, young people may benefit from learning how to make sense of these changes. To support our children and young people, we are offering an evidence-based education program called Seasons for Growth.

Seasons for Growth is a small group programs that support children and young people to learn change is part of life, naming and caring for feelings, problem-solving, making good choices and developing support networks. The children will attend the weekly sessions of 40-45 minutes for 8 weeks, held onsite at the school during the school day and facilitated by our school chaplain Nathan Hoyle. Each child is given a journal to record their experience and learning during the program.

If you think participating in a Seasons for Growth group would be helpful for your child, or you'd like to hear more about how the program runs, feel free to get in touch:

nathan.hoyle@youthcare.org.au. Group sizes are small, so some students will participate in future groups if a place is not available in the Term 2 group.

Nathan Hoyle
School Chaplain

P&C News

Welcome back to term two. We hope you had a fun and safe school holidays. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the Easter raffle at the end of term one, we raised over \$1,700 which is just fantastic. This money will go towards the School Chaplaincy Program and end of year student rewards. The other goals this year are to raise money to contribute to upgrading the school playground and building a bike storage area.

Congratulations to the winners of the Easter raffle - Rosie S, Jake T, Roger C, Nathalie L and Mikayla T. And a big thank you to Melissa Fletcher, Estabelle Ang and Justine Penno for organising the raffle.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 2

- 2 May – P&C Meeting (7.00pm school Library)
- 11 May – Uniform Shop open (8.30-9.00am)
- 12 May – Mothers' Day Stall
- 25 May – Uniform Shop open (8.30-9.00am)
- 6 June – P&C Meeting (7pm school Staff Room)
- 8 June – Uniform Shop open (8.30-9.00am)
- 22 June – Uniform Shop open (8.30-9.00am)

Term 3

- 25 July – P&C Meeting (7.00pm school Staff Room)
- 4 August – Quiz Night at Melville Bowling Club
- 22 August – P&C Meeting (7.00pm school Staff Room)

Term 4

- 1 September – Fathers' Day Stall
- 12 September – P&C Meeting (7.00pm school Staff Room)
- 17 October – P&C Meeting (7.00pm school Staff Room)
- 10-12 November – Fathering Project Camp in Yanchep
- 14 November – P&C Meeting (7.00pm school Staff Room)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mother's Day Stall

Our Mother's Day stall will be held on Friday, 12 May. Students will have the chance to visit the stall with their class and purchase an item. Items will range between \$2.00-\$15.00. If you would like your child to purchase a gift, please provide them with cash on the day.

Quiz Night – Friday, 4 August – Save The Date

- 7.00pm to 12.00pm at the Melville Bowling Club
- Tables of 10 – name your table and dress the part, if you're game!
- BYO food for your table
- Fully licenced bar
- Games, spot prizes, silent and live auctions
- Tickets \$30 per person
- Get your table of 10 organised as tickets will go on sale soon and numbers are limited

We are on the hunt for more prizes and auction items for the Quiz night. So if you (or your family / friends / workplace) are able to contribute please email Mel at ArdrossPSPandCAssoc@outlook.com. We will be advertising all sponsors both via our social media and on the night.

All of the events aim to raise much needed funds to help improve your child's experience at Ardross Primary School. If you would like to volunteer to organise or help out at any of the events, please email Mel at ArdrossPSPandCAssoc@outlook.com.

Year 6 Leavers Shirts

The Year 6 Leavers shirts were distributed last week just in time for school photos. A huge thanks to Danielle Peters for organising them, it is a big job. Thank you also to Penny Brown and Alison Hall for helping Danielle.

Ardross Nature Play Zone

Our 'Ardross Nature Play Zone' submission to the City of Melville Council's Project Robin Hood Grant has been approved and will be going through to the community voting stage. We will keep you updated on how to vote, the more votes we get the better the chance we have. If we get enough votes, we will be able to upgrade the nature play space on the school oval, as well as add picnic tables and seating. Thank you to Cindy Webster for submitting the application for the grant and following this through.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open at 8.30am on 11 and 25 May, and 8 and 22 June. If you can't make it to the shop. Fill in the order form on the school website and return it to the front office.

If you have any uniforms you would like to donate to the Uniform Shop, please bring them in during opening hours or hand them in at the front office. We will only be selling uniforms with the new logo; however, if you do have uniforms with the old logo, bring them in as we will be recycling them through Perth Community Recycling Wholesalers.

We always need volunteers to help at the Uniform Shop, so if you can spare a couple of hours, please email Justine and Kelly at Uniforms_Ardross_PC@outlook.com.

FaceBook Page

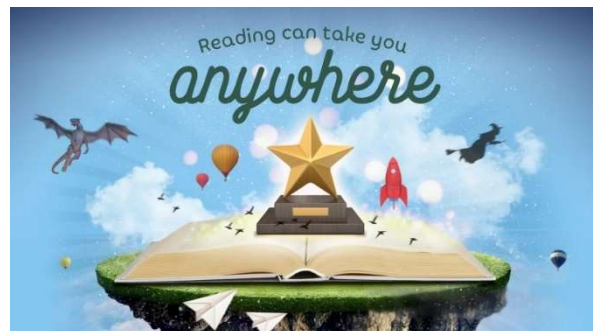
If you aren't already following the [P&C FaceBook page](#), please do so in order to keep up-to-date with everything happening with the P&C. Remember to like and share our posts so you keep getting them in your feed.

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting tonight, Tuesday 2 May at 7.00pm in the school Library.

Warm Regards - 2023 P&C Team
ArdrossPSPandCAssoc@outlook.com

Library News

The 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge will run from Monday, 8 May to Friday, 8 September 2023. The challenge invites students from Kindy to Year 10 to engage with books, improve literacy levels and enjoy the love of reading by uncovering great mysteries, adventure and fantasy through the world of books.



The challenge is to log 12 or more book titles during the challenge. This year there has been new titles added and more extraordinary prizes for readers. For more information and to sign up visit www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au

Natalie Jones
Library Officer

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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