

Important Dates:

Wednesday 4 November

Years 5 & 6 Dance
School Board – 7.15pm

Friday 6 November

Modcrosse Cricket Carnival

Monday 9 November

EduDance

Tuesday 10 November

Author Visit – Years 1 to 6
Assembly – Lapathon

Wednesday 11 November

Years 5 & 6 Dance
Kindergarten 2021 Introductory Sessions

Thursday 12 November

Uniform Shop Open
Lapathon – Movie Day

Friday 13 November

Staff Development Day – **NO STUDENTS**

Robocup – Friday & Saturday

Monday 16 November

EduDance

Tuesday 17 November

Assembly – Room 2

Wednesday 18 November

Year 5 & 6 Dance
Kindergarten Introductory Session
Rooms 13 & 16 DFES Excursion

Friday 20 November

Science Opera
Years 3 & 4 Tennis
P&C Sundowner

Monday 23 November

EduDance

Tuesday 24 November

Assembly – Instrumental
Kindergarten 2021 Information Meeting

Wednesday 25 November

Years 5 & 6 Dance

Thursday 26 November

Uniform Shop Open

Friday 27 November

Year 6 – Applecross SHS Orientation Day 1

Monday 30 November

EduDance
P&C Meeting

Tuesday 1 December

Year 6 Dance

Wednesday 2 December

Year 6 Day Camp
Year 5 Dance
School Board

Thursday 4 December

Year 6 Day Camp

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Year 6 Day Camp
Parent & Teacher Christmas Drinks

Monday 7 December

Year 6 – Applecross SHS Orientation Day 2

Tuesday 8 December

Assembly – PrePrimary

Principal's Message

MOTIVATE – EDUCATE – CELEBRATE



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. I hope you are enjoying the fluctuating temperatures that Spring brings.

As a school we celebrate every day through children's achievements no matter how big or small. I would like to highlight the work of our wonderful Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association led by Mrs Charlotte Oliver. In one week they have organised:

- Paul Litherland of #surfonlinesafe to speak to 5/6 students as well as a parents evening on 'Internet Awareness';

- The Halloween Disco which was attended by over 200 students plus parents and staff. Also a big thanks to Nick Wilding and Year 8 students of Applecross Senior High School for their time and use of a DJ system;
- World Teachers' Day morning tea whereby staff were presented with notes from students and also an array of magnificent food.

Thank you for making Ardross Primary School an outstanding experience for those who step through the doors.

Today staff and students attended the Interschool Athletics Carnival at WA Athletics Stadium. I am looking forward to hearing and sharing with you the passion and determination that each child placed in their event/s.

LAPATHON

This is always one of our favourite days of the year. Students and staff plus parents building up their steps in an environment of fun and community. Thank you to everyone who has helped the students raise funds for programs that will impact on them now and into the future.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, 6 November is our open School Board Meeting. We invite you to attend at 7.15pm in the Staff Room.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

To ensure the school community has an inclusive voice it is vital that we have strong parent representation across the school. I encourage you to nominate for our School Board.

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.

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, 20th 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.

Please go to the 'Ardross Primary School Community' Connect page, go into library and School Board for further information.

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, Year 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: PrePrimary / 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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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 _____

Library News

We are extremely fortunate to have secured local author/illustrator Wendy Binks to visit Ardross PS on Tuesday, 10 November.

Based in Fremantle, Wendy's work features brightly coloured, quirky Australian animals, especially emus and is sold all over Australia. Wendy is best known for her 3 picture books about Stripey, the Emu Chick which she wrote, illustrated and independently published.



Wendy will conduct 1 hour sessions with students from Pre-Primary to Year 5 in the Library and all students will be given the opportunity throughout the sessions to create their own piece of art with Wendy to take home. We look forward to welcoming Wendy to Ardross!

Natalie Jones
Library Officer

P&C News

THANK YOU

It's been a huge couple of weeks, where our parent community have stepped up and gone above and beyond.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, volunteered, organised, donated and attended our Halloween Disco. Special thanks go out to Alice Brennan and Cindy Webster for their vision and tireless efforts in bringing the disco together.

Thank you also to each and every one of you who dropped in a delicious plate of goodies for the teachers to enjoy in aid of World Teacher's Day, they were all so gratefully appreciated.

P&C SUNDOWNER – 4.00PM FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER

Preparations for our end of year sundowner are coming along fabulously. There will be plenty of entertainment for adults and children, so please make sure you have written the date in your diary. Bring your picnic blanket, drinks and snacks to share as you join us on the school oval for a sausage sizzle and end of year celebration.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Charlotte Oliver
P&C President

Chaplain's Corner

MENTAL HEALTH – AWARENESS AND ACTION

In week one, we acknowledged Mental Health Week. This year's theme - 'Strengthening Our Community – Live, Learn, Work, Play', which I think is a great description of the role a school plays in supporting students, staff and families. More and more, schools are locations of support for people

looking to improve their mental health, and our recently developed Mental Health Policy and Mental Health Committee are testament to the growing need for education and awareness for our whole community.

I thought I'd take some time to highlight how we're raising awareness and taking action to improve the mental health of the Ardross Primary community.

We now know that creating connection is one of the most important steps in supporting positive mental health. There are plenty of activities woven through the year that help foster connection – assemblies, carnivals, excursions, our recent 'Ride/Walk to School Day' and discos are just a few. Creating an inclusive, welcoming and accepting community is an always-shifting goal, but we continue to make space for people to feel welcome and become connected. It's been a difficult year to maintain connection physically, but I hope we're doing well to catch up on missed opportunities.

You'll hear more about The Blue Tree Project from Kellie Foote in this newsletter too. It's a great initiative, leading people from awareness to action.

Recently, the Mental Health Committee spoke to our Community Café about mental health, and the various ways we offer support at school. It was great to have some conversations about the new Policy and how we can continue to improve awareness within the community.

Attached to this newsletter is a list of support services for parents, carers, families and also for children themselves. You'll also find this list in our reception area – feel free to take some and pass them on if you think they'll help someone.

Next newsletter, I'm going to zoom in on a few of the conversations taking place in classrooms – we could all learn a thing or two from the attitudes of the students when it comes to mental health!

And take a look at lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au. Here, you can make a promise for the next year to look after your own mental health – things like 'I promise to take time out to play', or 'I promise to find joy in the little things.'

Nathan Hoyle
Chaplain

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.

We have had some great activities that the children love and we continue providing lots of fun for your child and peace of my mind for you, knowing they're in good care!

We have an exciting incursion on Thursday, 12 November for the afternoon session. No extra fees and exclusive only to Ardross OSHClub. WILKES MARTIAL ARTS will be presented by Philippa Christophersen (2nd Degree Black Belt). For enquiries, see you at Ardross OSHClub or call / text me on 0409 953 103.

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



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

Kids don't remember their best day of television... Join Scouts

Waylen Bay Sea Scouts is seeking members and adult volunteers to share the adventure with! Visit waylenbayscouts.org.au or email gl.waylenbay@scoutswa.com.au for more info