

## Important Dates:

### Thursday 6 March

Uniform Shop Open

### Saturday 8 March

State Election Sausage Sizzle & Bake Sale

### Wednesday 12 March

NAPLAN begins

### Friday 14 March

P&C Dads Camp Out

### Monday 17 February

NAPLAN continues

### Thursday 20 March

Uniform Shop Open

### Monday 24 March

NAPLAN ends

### Tuesday 25 March

Assembly – Rooms 9, 10 & 13 @ 2.30pm

P&C Meeting – 7.00pm

### Wednesday 26 March

Harmony Day

Taiko Performance

### Monday 31 March

Swimming Lessons – Years 5 & 6

## Principal's Message

MOTIVATE – EDUCATE – CELEBRATE



Welcome to March – Bunuru – Noongar Season – the hottest part of the year. Thank you all for ensuring your child/ren arrived at school ready to learn. Their enthusiasm for learning, smiles and hellos in the morning are contagious.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

It is wonderful to see our student leaders within their roles supporting the school in so many vital areas. They continue to bring me their 'Contract of Student Leader Responsibilities.' Upon signing, we chat about their understanding of what their role entails and upholding leadership's values, roles and responsibilities.

Over the next three weeks, I will meet with all students within their teams to discuss celebrations, areas for improvement, and how I can support them. On Friday, the Student Leaders were presented with their badges, which they will wear with pride.

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Today, our students from Years 3 to Year 6 and staff joined parents at the Fremantle Leisure Centre for the annual Swimming Carnival. Thank you to the P&C for contributing to the whole cost of 'Timing Solutions' which enables a smooth flow of placings in all races. A special thanks to Mr Cowan for the organisation of the whole event.

### LAPATHON FUNDS

What an incredible event the Lapathon is each year. Thank you to everyone for the \$20,600 raised on the day. In 2025 this will make a large contribution to:

- ✚ taking Pre Primary to Year 6 children to the movies on the last day of the school year. This is an acknowledgment of good behaviour and one well-deserved;
- ✚ Information & Communication Technology (ICT) is an area of Teaching and Learning that requires a lot of ongoing funding. We dedicate \$10,000 of the monies raised to ensure that items are up to date and ready for use;

- ✚ Literacy and reading material;
- ✚ Play.

### **ARDROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD**

The School Board works with the school community to achieve the best outcomes for students. It plays an important role in contributing to good school governance, ensuring that school resources are used efficiently and that community expectations and the school's priorities reflect students' needs.

We had our first School Board Meeting on Wednesday, 26 February. Our School Board comprises of:

- Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor - Principal
- Parent Representatives:
  - ✚ Jane Gibberd - School Board Chairperson
  - ✚ Jamie-Lee Cavill Chin
  - ✚ Adam Lye Wye Tho
  - ✚ Matt Snare – Secretary
  - ✚ Jasreen Sethi
  - ✚ Jamie Hood.
- Staff Representatives;
  - ✚ Fiona Schaper
  - ✚ Lee-Anne Downey
  - ✚ Josh Raven

We all look forward to working together to ensure the best outcomes for your children.

### **KISS AND DRIVE**

Fortunately, we have a dedicated zone to drop students off and pick them up. Unfortunately, this area can be unsafe for our students. We have a Kiss and Drive system, which ensures traffic flow and safety. Thank you for adhering to the guidelines.

Please take the time to read the following notice regarding our Kiss and Drive system:

***Please note there are parking restrictions around our school. The signs are very clear and must be adhered to for the safety of our students and staff. The staff car park is only for staff teaching at the school. Within this area, we also have one disability parking and a P&C bay.***

***The Kiss and Drive on Drumfern St operates daily in the morning and afternoon for dropping off or picking up students. Parking and leaving your vehicle is not permitted during the specified times. Please find attached the Kiss and Drive policy and pass it on to any family member who will be collecting your child/children.***

***You must find an alternative parking bay if your child needs assistance with car restraints. When using the Kiss and Drive area, drivers cannot exit the car. Students must have bags with them and should not go to the car boot to place items.***

We have officers from Melville Council who consistently frequent the area during peak times to ensure the safety of all.

## CULTURAL AWARENESS

### THE WORLD'S OLDEST LIVING CULTURE

Australia's South West is an ancient land and home to one of the world's oldest living cultures, with the Noongar Aboriginal peoples connection to Boodja (Country) dating back more than 50,000 years. Conservationists by nature, they were semi-nomadic, following changes in the landscape represented by a six season calendar, still used by Aboriginal people today.

#### SIX SEASONS

The six Noongar seasons – Birak, Bunuru, Djeran, Makuru, Djilba and Kambarang – represent the seasonal changes we see across the South West annually, and can be indicated by weather patterns, food availability, and changes in flora and fauna.

"Each season has a plant indicator that flowers in advance of each change," says [Koomal Dreaming's](#) Josh Whiteland. "Plants, animals and weather patterns coincide with each season, which runs for the duration of every second full moon. This determines where to forage, gather, hunt and camp."

While visiting Australia's South West, we ask that you care for Boodja (Country).



### 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. Follow the above Reconciliation link for more information.

One of the key events is:

Weaving together community-held knowledge and academic research, **Place Names** uncovers and unpacks the original meanings of Noongar placenames in the City of Melville, and harnesses contemporary art forms to celebrate Noongar language, heritage and culture.

Take the time to sit down with your child/re to talk about their day or listen to them read. These are precious times.



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

## P&C News

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 4 March – Swimming Carnival
- 6 March - Uniform Shop open 8.30am
- 8 March - WA State Election democracy sausage sizzle and bake sale
- 14 March - Dads Squad campout
- 20 March - Uniform Shop open 8.30am
- 25 March - P&C Meeting, 7.00pm, school Staff Room
- 3 April - Uniform Shop open 8.30am
- TBA - Dads Squad Lawn Bowls

- 6 May – P&C Meeting, 7.00pm, school Staff Room
- TBA – Federal Election Sausage sizzle and bake stall
- 5 and 9 May – Mothers’ Day Stall
- TBA - Dads Squad Mini Golf
- 27 June (TBC) - Cross Country Carnival morning tea
- 25 July (TBC) - Book Week Costume Swap
- 5 August - P&C Meeting, 7.00pm, school Staff Room
- 9 August (TBC) - Major Fundraiser
- 1 and 5 Sept – Fathers’ Day Stall
- 12 September (TBC) - Sports Carnival cake stall
- TBA – Art Extravaganza (Term 3)
- TBA - Dads Squad bush walk
- TBA - Dads Squad Bike Ride and Breakfast
- 17 October (TBC) - Parent and Teachers Social Night
- 18 October (TBC) – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
- 21 October - P&C Meeting, 7.00pm, school Staff Room
- TBA - Dads Squad Destination Camp
- 14 November (TBC) - End of Year Sundowner
- 25 November (TBC) - End of Year P&C Members Dinner
- TBA - Dads Squad Christmas Party

#### **WHOLE SCHOOL PLAY DATE – 14 FEBRUARY**

Thank you to everyone who joined the whole school play date. It was a great event and a good chance to meet other families and connect with the community. The kids had a great time of course!

#### **PRIVATE CAR PARK SPACE RAFFLE WINNER**

At the above event the raffle was drawn for the car park space. Congratulations to the winner of this awesome prize. We know this will make your life easier and appreciate everybody who bought raffle tickets. We are pleased to announce that we raised \$1000. We will run another raffle for this for Semester 2.

#### **P&C MEETING**

We held the first P&C Meeting on 11 February and would like to thank everyone who attended. A special shout out to Cindy Webster who was the President of the P&C for 2024. She did an amazing job and we wish her well now that her children are at high school. We have filled the Office Bearer positions but will need volunteers to help with events so when the call out comes, please sign up. The next P&C Meeting is on the 25 March at 7.00pm in the school Staff Room so please come along.

#### **P&C FUND TIMING SOLUTIONS FOR THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The P&C are proudly funding Timing Solutions personnel and timing equipment for today's Swimming Faction Carnival. Timing Solutions facilitate the recording of results and tallying of points, so our students, teachers and parent volunteers can enjoy the carnival.

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

Come and say hello and grab a Saturday snack on 8 March between 9.00am and 1.00pm. Bring your family, friends and neighbours, please come and support us even if you are not voting. You can enjoy the sausage sizzle and cakes that will be for sale. If you can spare some time to volunteer, please sign up for one of the time slots or to contribute to the bake stall. Sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/WAelection25>

## DADS SQUAD CAMPOUT – 14 MARCH

Registrations are open for the annual campout and it looks like it will be another fabulous time for the kids and dads. There will be yummy pizza and ice cream in the evening and coffee/juice and brekky burgers in the morning. Please register by the 10 March via the link on the flyer that has gone out. If you have any questions or would like to join the Dads Squad WhatsApp group, click here:

<https://ardrosspandc.square.site/dads-group>.

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursdays, 8.30am to 9.00am 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 name and room number in the comment box of the order form). <https://ardrosspandc.square.site/uniforms>

## 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 & DADS SQUAD

Website: <https://ardrosspandc.square.site/>

Email: [hello@ardrosspandc.com.au](mailto:hello@ardrosspandc.com.au)

FaceBook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/ardrosspandc/](https://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](mailto: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](http://www.lynwood.wa.edu.au) under Specialist Programs.

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

### 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](http://www.lynwood.wa.edu.au) under Specialist Programs.

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## 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](http://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](mailto:perthsouth@mandarinstars.com.au) or call 1800 18 1118 for more details.



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