

Important Dates:

Wednesday 7 December

Kindy B Concert
Year 5 Salsa
Year 6 Ballroom Dance

Thursday 8 December

Uniform Shop Open
Graduation Evening @ 5.30pm

Tuesday 13 December

Kindy A Concert
Arts Assembly @2.15pm
Keyed Up Music Performance @3.15pm

Thursday 15 December

Kindy C Concert
End of Year Reward Movie
Last Day of Term 4

Friday 16 December

Staff Development Day – **NO STUDENTS**

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2023

Monday 30 January

Staff Development Day – **NO STUDENTS**

Tuesday 31 January

Staff Development Day – **NO STUDENTS**
Uniform Shop Open – 1.00pm
Class Lists

Wednesday 1 February

Term 1 Begins

Principal's Message

MOTIVATE – EDUCATE – CELEBRATE



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our school community - the students, the staff, and our families - for their efforts and support as we have strived to **motivate – educate – celebrate**.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have volunteered their time throughout the year, as classroom helpers, judges at sports carnivals, supporting the P&C initiatives, as School Board members and in many more ways.

PRESENTATION EVENING

A reminder that our Presentation Evening is this **Thursday, 8 December**. The school will open at 5.10pm ready for a 5.30pm start. This event includes dance performances from students in Years 1-6, the Book Awards for Years 1-5, and the graduation of our Year 6s.

We look forward to sharing this evening with our school community and we hope to see you there.

FINISHING 2022

Semester 2 Reports will be distributed to parents via email on **Wednesday, 14 December**. Please ensure that you download your child's report, and either save or print a copy for your records.

The final day for students is **Thursday, 15 December**. Thank you to the P&C for funding the end-of-year movie reward for students who will be taking part on this date.

LOST PROPERTY

Once again, a large collection of jumpers and personal items have found their way to our Lost Property container. Parents are asked to:

- ensure that names are on student items, particularly school jackets and hats.
- check the Lost Property regularly.
- reinforce with your child the importance of taking ownership of their belongings and looking after their school uniform.

Lost Property items are currently organised in Room 8. Any unclaimed items which cannot be returned to students will be offered to the P&C uniform shop to sell second-hand, or donated to a local charity.

PREPARING FOR 2023

In preparing for 2023, parents should be aware of the following key dates:

- **15 December 2022** Final date for online booklist orders for home delivery or pre-paid school collection.
- **25 January 2023** School Office open
- **31 January 2023** Class Lists posted at school and on Connect (from 1:00pm)
- **1 February 2023** First Day for Students

THANK YOU

This is our school's final newsletter for 2022.

To those families who are finishing their time at Ardross PS, we wish you the very best for what lies ahead, and hope that you will look back at your time at our school with fondness.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank the staff of our school for their efforts and commitment to ensuring our students have access to high quality teaching and learning, and a positive and engaging school experience. It has been a privilege to have been Principal this year, and I am proud of the work and successes of the school.

As we finish the year, we farewell Mrs Sarah Mawer, Mrs Tracey Rayner and Miss Claire Romea. I know you will join me in thanking them for all they have brought to our school during their time at Ardross PS. We also wish Mrs Alice Chesterfield and Mrs Denise Moore all the best as they take time away in 2023 to enjoy travel and family.

A special thank you and acknowledgement must go to Mr Lindsay Macmillan, who will be retiring at the end of this year after a career which included 35 years as a member of the Ardross PS staff and community. Mr Macmillan's positive impact on hundreds of Ardross PS students during this time cannot be overstated, and we wish him all the best on his well-earned retirement. Next year, we welcome back Mrs Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor as Principal after her year travelling around Australia. We also welcome back Miss Helen Brown, Mrs Hisayo Rego and Mrs Fiona Schaper, and welcome Ms Tarryn Fraser and Ms Lisa Van Der Wielen to the Ardross PS team. Once again, thank you to the wonderful staff here at Ardross PS for their commitment and their dedication.

I wish all in our school community a happy and safe holiday period, and we look forward to seeing you back in 2023.



Robert Marshall
Principal

Honour Certificates



At the Assembly on **29 November 2022** the recipients were:

Room 20 Neela C, Caleb L, Luca S.	Room 8 Marissa A, Lachlan B, Isaac Y.
Room 19 Danycka F, Niamh F, Shradha S.	Room 7 Christopher B, Eliza C, Charlotte T.
Room 17 Quilan C, Edward D, Ina M.	Room 6 Noah A, Maddison H, Andrew J.
Room 16 Billy S.	Room 5 Bentley N, Alice N, Felix N. Mingzher O, Dhaniyaa R.
Room 15 Brian N, Sophie P, Gracie W.	Room 4 Henry D, Rose G, Yewon K.
Room 10 Sharni B, Alex B.	Room 3 Leonard L, Jenson W.
Room 9 Renee P, Acel T, Margot Z.	Room 2 Rayan A, Tiffany S, Xinyan X.

Chaplain's Corner

WRAPPING AND WRAPPING

It's an energetic time of the year - we start wrapping up gifts and finish wrapping up the year. I hope you make some time for reflection, particularly for the families who are heading off to high school with our graduates, as it's an important moment for the students but also their families. We've had many new families join the Ardross PS community, and I hope you look back over the year positively.

Here are a few things I'm wrapping up for 2022:

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thankyou kindly for the generous donations over the last two weeks. All donations are off to St David's church, who we have partnered with for well over 10 years. Yet again, thanks for being a responsive and compassionate community.

EDCONNECT

This year, we invited EdConnect mentors and learning support volunteers into our school. It has made a huge difference to the students, and we're all ready to expand it into 2023. If you're interested in volunteering with EdConnect at another school, check out www.edconnectaustralia.org.au or feel free to drop me an email with any questions and I'll gladly put you in touch with the program.

And ... I can't let the year wrap up without finishing our series on 'apology'.

THE LANGUAGE OF APOLOGY – PART 2

Last newsletter we looked at apologising and what's happening behind the scenes when we say 'sorry'. Gary Chapman and Jennifer Thomas (*The Five Languages of Apology*) suggest that there are five styles of apology – we've already covered 'expressing regret', the first of the five. So, onwards to the remaining four:

- expressing regret at what happened (see last newsletter)
- accepting responsibility for what happened

- making amends for what was done
- genuinely changing themselves and how they behave
- requesting forgiveness from the wronged person/people

2. **Accepting responsibility for what happened** – when we say that we’re responsible for what happened, we’re not downplaying the other person’s hurt and we’re acknowledging that it was our actions, not just circumstance, that caused the hurt. It links to expressing regret, but it also lets the other person hear that we’re taking the situation seriously and personally.

How do we say it? “What I did was wrong, and I’m sorry.” Or, we can also acknowledge expectations that we know we haven’t met: “I know I said I would do this, and I didn’t, and I’m sorry for that.”

3. **Making amends for what was done** – for some people, we’re only truly sorry when we ‘fix what we broke’. Making amends asks us to find a way to restore the situation: repairing something you damaged, repaying something you owe, making time for an outing you forgot. This style of apology is about ‘how’ you are sorry and about the future.

How do we say it? “I’m sorry that I forgot to make time for a playdate we had organised; I’m going to make a phone call now and lock in a day for next week.” Or helping a child to say “I know I shouldn’t have taken this, because it was your turn. I’m sorry, and I want you to have my turn next time to make up for it.”

4. **Genuinely changing themselves and how they behave** – following on from making amends, we can commit to changing ourselves so that the incident doesn’t happen again. This is a very powerful communication for some people – the fact that we have acknowledged our part in causing hurt *and* that we are investing time and energy to prevent it says a lot about just how sorry we are. Don’t overpromise, though: “I’ll never hurt you again” might make everyone feel good in the moment but loses its power if we can’t make good on our promise. Committing to a measurable change is a good start.

How do we say it? “I’m sorry I didn’t do my jobs this afternoon. Tomorrow, I want to put all my things away and change my uniform before I head outside.” This can also be an invitation for an adult to help a child make some changes and remind them of how they want to behave.

5. **Requesting forgiveness from the wronged person/people** - this request is really a question of “can we be in a relationship again?” It risks rejection, it hands over control of the situation to the recipient and it reinforces that we have wronged or hurt someone. For some people to hear the question “Will you forgive me?” means that the person asking is taking the situation seriously. This style of apology is all about showing how much the relationship means to you. And forgiving can be just as hard as asking, so expect this question to raise some deep conversation!

How do we say it? “I’m sorry I did the wrong thing, I can see it has hurt you. Will you forgive me?”

See you bright and ready in 2023,

Nathan Hoyle
Chaplain

P&C News

Well, here we are at the end of the 2022 and on the home stretch to summer holidays and the culmination of a year of learning and growing.

ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA

The line of hungry students waiting to purchase a sausage sizzle and salad after school at the Arts Extravaganza was phenomenal. We raised \$1,029.20, which went towards the Year 6 Leavers' book.

Thankyou to the following volunteers for setting up the Art Extravaganza display: Penny Brown, Monica Lim, Chantal Hewitson, Angelina Naglazas, Jane Gibberd, Jing, Casey Wilkins, and Justine Penno. Thank you also to Kim McIsaac, Carolyn Sputore, Justine Penno, Gemma Jahn, Jenny Nordan, Danielle Peters, Nicola Rowden, Cath Riley, Kate Mathis, Geoff Cooper, Christine Jones and Rachel Crawshaw for donating their time to cook, clean, run errands and serve food. It's always a team effort. We look forward to viewing the Arts Extravaganza, take two, to see Maestro Criddle's musical craft in action at the assembly on Tuesday, 13 December.

CHRISTMAS SUNDOWNER

Congratulations, to all of you, for your donations and contributions to the Great Raffle Bonanza. We made 12 beautiful raffle baskets which were enthusiastically won by 12 happy winners. Congratulations to Karen, Talise and Sharni on winning first prize – a \$500 bicycle donated by Kim Giddens, Member for Bateman. Thank you Kim. Thank you to Justine Penno for her unwavering support and organisation leading up to and on the event day. Thank you to our bakers and cooks. Your contributions were greatly received and quickly devoured.

Congratulations to the Dias family for their successful bid for the 'Private Car Park space in the Staff Car Park' and the O'Sullivan family for their successful bid on 'Principal for the Day.'

Thank you to Tasha Whitmore, Ali and Mags Martin, Gemma and Harlan Jahn, Simone Palmer, Justine Penno, Cindy Webster, Dajana Petrovic, Mel Fletcher, Fiona Hood, Shannon White, Matt Snare and Casey Wilkins. Thank you to Woolworths at Mt Pleasant for their donation of juice boxes and icy poles. We raised a total amount of \$4349.00.

CRAZY CAMEL ORDERS

The Crazy Camel orders are on their way and should be delivered by Thursday which means orders will be delivered to classroom's early next week. Thank you for your patience.

YEAR 6 PIZZA LUNCH

The Year 6's had a pizza lunch last week to raise money to help pay for their graduation celebrations. They raised \$175.00. Thanks to Emma Stoyanov for co-ordinating this initiative.

END OF YEAR MOVIE REWARD

Did you know the P&C pay for the End of Year Movie Reward. This is just one of many sponsorships we contribute to throughout the year. Congratulations to all students who are able to enjoy this Ardross PS tradition.

KITCHEN GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to keep our kitchen garden happy and thriving over the Summer holidays. If you are interested in swinging by the garden to lend a hand or would like more information, please email justinea007@gmail.com with your name and phone number by 9 December 2022.

FATHERING PROJECT END OF YEAR EVENT

Join the Fathering Project group on Sunday, 11 December at *Dinner at Dusk*, Point Walter, from 4.00pm. Contact msnare@me.com for your attendance. There may be a surprise visit from someone special...ho ho ho.

UNIFORM SHOP

We would like to express our absolute appreciation to Janet Chiam and Milena Fratini for working tirelessly in the Uniform Shop beyond all the hours the shop is open. The past two years has raised many complications far beyond the usual scope of running the shop. From COVID holding up shipping orders for extreme lengths of time, IT complications and change of logo proving to be a difficult transition to implement correctly. With much gratitude Justine Penno and Kelly Hallums have offered to run the shop in 2023. Thank you.

2023 P&C COMMITTEE

Next year there will be a number of P&C committee members stepping down from their current roles. We would love to see you at the next meeting to get a feel for how the P&C works and what your generous donations fund. If you would like to become involved, please contact Fiona at jafehood@iinet.net.au

Positions available:

- President
- Secretary
- Classroom Parent Representative Coordinator
- Events Coordinator
- Grants Application Officer.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 21 February 2023 at 7:00pm in the Staff Room.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions please contact your Class Parent Rep or email us at ArdrossPSPandCAssoc@outlook.com. That rounds out the calendar of fundraising events for the school for yet another year. The P&C extend our thanks to all the parents who have given their time throughout the year to help raise money for the school. Your efforts play an essential role in ensuring the P&C has funds available to contribute towards school upgrades and resources for the children during the year.

Wishing you all a festive season that is merry and bright.

Warm Regards - 2022 P&C Team

Library News

Borrowing of Library books has finished for the year. Students are now required to **return all school library books** back to the Library before the end of the term. Should any books be lost or damaged, parents are asked to arrange payment of the replacement cost of the book/s via the school front office.

In addition, any Interschool shirts and River Rangers shirts (Yr6's only) must also be returned to the Library.

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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