

Important Dates:

Wednesday 1 February

First Day of Term 1

Wednesday 8 February

Room 19 – Transperth Incursion

Monday 13 February

Room 2 – Parent / Teacher Meeting @ 3.30pm

Room 9 – Parent / Teacher Meeting @ 4.30pm

Tuesday 14 February

Assembly – Room 19

Wednesday 15 February

Rooms 3, 4, 13 & 17 - Parent / Teacher

Meeting @ 3.30pm

Rooms 7 & 8 - Parent / Teacher

Meeting @ 4.00pm

Thursday 16 February

Room 20 - Parent / Teacher Meeting @ 3.30pm

Tuesday 21 February

Assembly – Room 9

P&C AGM @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 22 February

School Board

Friday 24 February

Year 6 Leadership Day

Monday 27 February

Faction Swim Carnival

Wednesday 1 March

Community Café @ 7.00pm

Monday 6 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Principal's Message

MOTIVATE – EDUCATE – CELEBRATE



Welcome to 2023. I hope that you had a fantastic holiday with your children, friends and family creating wonderful memories.

Thank you to all of you for ensuring your child/ren arrived at school ready for the school year. To see the students arrive with smiles on their faces eager to greet their friends, meet their new teachers and start the year was a very positive start.

I would like to thank Mr Robert Marshall for his leadership as Principal of Ardross Primary School for 2022. He is excited for his role as Principal at Como Primary School.

Thank you for welcoming me back after a year travelling this incredible country of ours. An Izuzu D-Max and 17 foot caravan was our home for 10 months as we travelled 34 thousand kilometres and stopped at 221 stays. To experience the beauty and diversity of our home was a privilege.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES AND STAFF

Mrs Logothetis and Mrs Nicholson have been extremely busy welcoming new families and enrolling their children. Thank you to the teachers who have ensured the children felt welcomed into their classes.

We take pride in the professional dedicated staff at Ardross Primary School. We welcome;

- Tarryn Fraser - Manager Corporate Services
- Leah Corlson who will be joining Miss Brown in Room 10
- Sophie Parry - Room 4 : Year 3
- Lisa Van Der Wielen - Science / Technology / Engineering / Mathematics (STEM)

MUSIC REPLACING SIREN

You may have noticed that we do not have the 'loud' siren anymore. The loud long blast of the siren can be confronting for some students and members of the community. Thank you, Mr Criddle who has replaced it with music. The children have adapted well to the change.

KISS AND DRIVE

We are fortunate to have a dedicated zone to drop off and pick up students and would like to share how the system operates. 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 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.

If your child needs assistance with car restraints you must find an alternative parking bay as drivers are not permitted to exit the car for any reason when using the system. Students must have bags with them and should not go to the car boot to place items.

Parents / Caregivers / Community Members are not permitted to park in the Staff Car Park at any time, unless they have obtained permission for work conducted on site, or they have a permit.

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

ACCESS TO OFFICE

Please **do not** use the office foyer as a thoroughfare into the school grounds. Please use the side entrances to the school or the oval. **Only** enter the office if you require assistance from the office staff.



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

Chaplain's Corner

Welcome to 2023. For those I'm yet to meet, I'm Nathan, the Chaplain at Ardross Primary. I have been a part of the school for nine years and you can find me at school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

As a Chaplain, I support the students and families of Ardross Primary in a number of ways. I chat with students who are needing emotional support for problems they are facing at school or at

home, I provide resources for parents and teachers to support students, and I help resolve social problems between friends and classmates. Plus, I play a mean game of handball.

I work closely with our Student Services team, and I'm lucky to have very experienced colleagues both within Ardross and in the wider education network.

You're always welcome to drop in for a chat. My office is next to Room 10, and if the door is open, just pop in – no need to make an appointment. And you can always drop me a line at nathan.hoyle@youthcare.org.au. Students can organise to talk to me via the yellow 'Chaplain's Box' in the office.

I'm looking forward to another flourishing year at Ardross Primary and meeting plenty of new faces over the next few weeks.

Stay well,

Nathan Hoyle
Chaplain

P&C News

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a lovely summer break. This year will be full of exciting opportunities for the P&C as we will be able to operate without COVID restrictions for all of our events.

The Ardross Primary School P&C provides parents with opportunities to meet together to determine the needs and aspirations of the school community; share information and views; and help raise funds to provide extra resources for the school. The P&C also manages and runs the uniform shop.

P&C MEETING AND AGM – COMMITTEE POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2023

Without the support of the dedicated parents who volunteer their time and skills, the P&C cannot operate. And that is why we invite all parents to attend our monthly meetings. The first P&C meeting and AGM for the year will be held on Tuesday, 21 February at 7.00pm in the school Staff Room.

We would also like to put a call out to the school community for nominations of committee positions for 2023. The following positions are up for nomination:

- President
- Secretary
- Events Coordinator
- Grant Applications Officer

If you are interested in nominating for any of the positions, please email Fiona at jafehood@iinet.net.au.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open at 8.30am every Thursday in February, selling new and second hand uniforms. 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. If you would like to volunteer to help in the Uniform Shop, please message or email Justine Penno (0423 704 337 or justinea007@gmail.com).

CLASS WHATSAPP GROUPS

Each year the P&C organises for each class to have a Class Parent Representative that will set up a class WhatsApp group. This will help you to keep in touch with other families in your class, organize playdates, after school sport activities, birthday party invitations, etc. You will also be sent a Class Contact List and notices about upcoming P&C and Fathering Project events for you and your child. If you haven't already please fill in the attached form and return it to your classroom teacher, or email Fiona at jafehood@iinet.net.au as soon as possible.

CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

If you would like to volunteer to be the Class Parent Representative for your child's class, please message or email Fiona (0411 448 197 or jafehood@iinet.net.au). This role involves forwarding notices to your class via WhatsApp/email. If your class doesn't have a Parent Representative then we won't be able to set up a WhatsApp group, so please volunteer if you can.

We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on Tuesday, 21 February at 7.00pm in the school Staff Room.

Warm Regards - 2023 P&C Team

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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