

Important Dates:

Wednesday 9 November

Year 5 Salsa
Year 6 Ballroom Dance
Kindy – Scitech Excursion
Kindy 2023 – Orientation Day

Thursday 10 November

Uniform Shop Open
Art Extravaganza

Friday 11 November

Staff Development Day – **NO STUDENTS**

Monday 14 November

Years 1 to 4 Dance

Tuesday 15 December

Assembly – Instrumental
P&C Meeting @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 16 November

Year 5 Salsa
Year 6 Ballroom Dance
Kindy – Scitech Excursion
Year 6 – Early Orientation Applecross SHS
Kindy 2023 – Orientation Day

Thursday 17 November

Wanjoo Incursion
Kindy 2023 – Parent Information Evening

Monday 21 November

Years 1 to 4 Dance

Wednesday 23 November

Year 5 Salsa
Year 6 Ballroom Dance
Year 6 Dinner Dance

Thursday 24 November

Uniform Shop Open

Friday 25 November

Year 6 – Applecross SHS Orientation
Year 3 & 4 – Tennis Carnival

Monday 28 November

Years 1 to 4 Dance

Tuesday 29 November

Assembly – Rooms 15 & 16

Wednesday 30 November

Year 5 Salsa
Year 6 Ballroom Dance
Board Meeting

Friday 2 December

Parent Representative Morning Tea

Monday 5 December

Years 1 to 4 Dance
Year 6 – Applecross SHS Orientation

Wednesday 7 December

Kindy B Concert – Library @ 9.00am
Year 5 Salsa
Year 6 Ballroom Dance

Principal's Message

MOTIVATE – EDUCATE – CELEBRATE



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Don't forget to also regularly check our website, and to follow the school on Facebook to keep up-to-date as we motivate, educate and celebrate.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the messages and bountiful morning tea provided by the school community on World Teachers' Day. It is wonderful to have such recognition and support for the work undertaken by our teachers to motivate, educate and celebrate.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

A reminder to families that this Friday, 11 November is a Staff Development Day. **Students do not attend school this Friday.**

Staff will be involved in student assessment data analysis, reflection of current practice against the Department's recently launched Quality Teaching Framework, and planning for 2023.

LAPATHON

Our major school fundraising event, Lapathon, took place on Friday, 21 October, with the Lapathon Assembly being held this afternoon (Tuesday, 8 November).

I am pleased to announce the school community raised **\$23,346.90**, a new Lapathon record! Congratulations to everyone for their participation and ongoing support for our school. Funds raised this year will allow us to upgrade the flooring in the Pre-Primary learning areas.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to say a special thank you to Mr Glenn Hill for his efforts throughout the year in organising the event. Great work, Mr Hill!

ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA

A reminder that our Arts Extravaganza is taking place this Thursday, 10 November from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. This event is celebrating student achievement across the Visual Arts, Music, Japanese and Phys Ed programs. Students, families and friends are welcome to attend a showcase of exhibitions, activities and performances showcasing our specialist programs and the success of our students.

Come view the Art Exhibition, join in the Japanese and Sport activities, and enjoy the music performances. We look forward to seeing you all at the Arts Extravaganza this Thursday.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Pillar 2 of our school Business Plan is **Positive Collaboration & Partnerships**. Our staff and School Board have recently reviewed and update our *Communicating with the School Community* policy. A copy of the updated policy can be accessed through our school website [here](#).

Communication between school and home is essential, with effective communication helping to build a more connected and supportive learning environment. The *Communicating with the School Community* policy outlines the key methods of communication used by our school to engage with the community, and to keep parents/carers up-to-date on their child's learning experience.

I encourage all members of the school community to revisit the policy to ensure you are aware of our school's communication platforms and have a clear understanding of our practices.

GIFTED & TALENTED SECONDARY SELECTIVE PROGRAMS FOR 2024

Applications for the Department of Education's **Gifted & Talented Secondary Selective Entrance** programs for students beginning Year 7 in 2024 are **NOW OPEN**.

These unique academic, arts and languages programs are available at select public secondary schools. They include a fully selective academic school and an arts college.

If selected, students will learn with like-minded peers, following an extended curriculum designed specifically for their needs and delivered by teachers with expert skills and knowledge.

Applications are now open at www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented

The website also contains information about the programs, where they are offered and upcoming parent information evenings. For more information, you can contact the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit on **9264 4307** or at gtsu@education.wa.edu.au.

STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations to Mrs Amanda Fletcher, who has been appointed as Deputy Principal at Winthrop PS. Mrs Fletcher has been an important member of the leadership team since joining the school in Term 3, 2021, with time spent leading the Student Services and Curriculum portfolios. Mrs Fletcher will be commencing at Winthrop PS in Week 7.

Mrs Denelle Ellery will be stepping back into the Deputy Principal (Curriculum) to finish the year. Miss Mika Cull will be teaching full-time in Room 20.

I know you will join me in thanking Mrs Fletcher for all her hard work and commitment to our students and our school, and in wishing her the very best as she joins her new school.



Robert Marshall
Principal

Outdoor Classroom Day – Rooms 3 & 9

We celebrated Outdoor Classroom Day on Thursday, 3 November. Classes were involved in a range of activities using the school yard and outside learning areas. Buddy Classes in Room 9 and Room 3 helped Mr Crosswell in the Kitchen Garden and harvested the garlic crop they planted in May. The students pulled the garlic then worked in small groups to plait the garlic leaves for hanging and drying the bulbs ready for storage and use. Following that the students were armed with their clipboards and papers and enjoyed working together finding items for their Alphabetical Nature Walk around the schoolyard. It was a very productive and enjoyable session.



Honour Certificates



At the Assembly on **25 October 2022** the recipients were:

Room 20 Laila B, Kane C, Joe H.	Room 8 Euzouve D, Jake F, Cayenne K, Michelle S.
Room 19 Mila E, Paulson H.	Room 7 Ai Zhen C, Leo N, Nelson S.
Room 17 Kha H, Momo R, Jamie R.	Room 6 Antonia G, Ian J, Rogan L, Ahmed M.
Room 16 Sophie H, Sean T.	Room 5 Lilian C, ZiYin C, Toby C, Neve O.
Room 15 Manuela F, Ilda H, Sophie P.	Room 4 Aasha F, Georgia V, Ethan W.
Room 10 Mason L, Sam L, Sienna T.	Room 3 Ronghan B, Oscar H, Andrew L, Kent S.
Room 9 Sophie C, Eva D, Kevin X.	Room 2 Benjamin C, Sophie M, Amelia M.

Chaplain's Corner

SORRY!

(Note: I wrote this about 3 years ago, and I still find myself getting stuck when it comes to understanding and activating 'apology' with children. A refresher for all, I say!)

THE LANGUAGE OF APOLOGY - PART 1

Helping children to know when to apologise and how to apologise might be a little trickier than we first thought. It seems that the word 'sorry' translates slightly differently for everyone who says or hears it. In fact, when I help children resolve a conflict that's happened between them at school, we often talk about what 'sorry' means – is it a solution? Or an admission of wrong doing? Or a commitment to working things out together? Or a 'line in the sand' that tells us that what happened is already behind us?

It turns out that it probably means *all* of these in general, but usually only one or two to us individually. Gary Chapman and Jennifer Thomas (*The Five Languages of Apology*) have looked at *what* we are trying to say when we apologise and have distilled the language down to five categories of apology. Now, I hasten to add that it's simply a guide and not a script-book, because every child and every family is wonderfully unique ... but I reckon they have come pretty close to deciphering what we are trying to say when we apologise.

According to Chapman and Thomas, the five languages of apology are:

- expressing regret at what happened;
- 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.

Expressing regret – Regret is a negative emotional response to a decision or action of our own. It says "I did something that I wish I didn't do." It's different to disappointment, mainly because it's about things we have control over – the weather might be disappointing, but it's out of a child's control, whereas lying or saying something hurtful are linked to regret, as both are actions the

child can control. Regret also hints at our values - we have fallen short of who we think we really are.

How do we say it? "I'm sorry" is the norm, but other phrases might include "I wish I hadn't done that" and "That's not who I am; I'm sorry I did that."

Next column, we'll delve into the other 4 styles of apology. But let this question linger: what do *you* want to hear when you have been wronged? What does it mean? And within your household, who is different, and how can we nurture their own language of apology?

In harmony,

Nathan Hoyle
Chaplain

Annual Christmas Hamper Appeal 2022



We are working with St David's again in collecting for local families in need. Each class has a collection box. We are collecting in weeks 7 and 8 (21 November to 2 December). Please refer to the list of suggested items attached to this newsletter.

Please help to bring some joy into the lives of others less fortunate than us.



St Bart's Christmas Hamper Appeal

This Christmas 400 men's, 200 women's and 60 children's hampers are needed!

We are accepting donations now through to the end of November.

Due to the current climate, we hope you understand that we can only accept new/unused items.

GIFTS

For men:

- Caps
- Socks
- Aerosol deodorant

For women:

- Face & body moisturiser
- Perfume/body spray
- Socks

Unisex:

- Toiletries (toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, soap, sunscreen)
- Refillable water bottles
- Mugs
- Gift packs (miscellaneous)
- Crossword/activity books & coloured pencils
- Books/novels
- Art supplies (paint, brushes, paper, pens)

CHRISTMAS TREATS

All food items must be non-perishable and within the use-by date.

- Lollies (ideal)
- Mince pies (ideal)
- Chocolates & confectionery (ideal)
- Chips/Crackers
- Individual Christmas cakes or puddings
- Individual juices or cans of drinks
- Tea/coffee
- Long life milk (1L)
- Tinned food

If you would like to be involved in the Christmas Hamper Appeal, please contact Warren Nel: warren.nel@stbarts.org.au or 0409 377 257.

P&C News

We have had a busy start to the term with Lapathon, Art's Keepsake Fundraiser and World Teachers' Day. Thank you for all of your contributions and ongoing support. The staff were very grateful for all the delicious food for morning tea on World Teachers' Day.

Have you seen the new lighting and fans in the Undercover Area? The P&C have donated \$10,000 towards upgrading this integral infrastructure. The fans will come into their own during the summer months and we look forward to feeling them in action.

The Art Keepsake Fundraiser is now closed. All items purchased will be distributed to classes before the end of term. A confirmed date for this is yet to be finalised.

The recent dress up day featuring the children's favourite sporting outfits were a hit and it was really lovely to see the diverse sporting pursuits of the community. Thank you for your donations – the P&C raised \$367.00.



The Adross PS Fathering Project, led by Matt Snare, had a successful Paper Planes Movember Fundraiser last Friday afternoon on the oval. Our gratitude to the School Board, Nathan Hoyle, Woolworths and Bakers Delight for supporting the event. The total raised was \$478.21.



Keep an eye out for our upcoming fundraiser. Each class will be given a large basket and a specific theme i.e. games night, baking, stationery etc. We kindly ask each class to fill up their basket with goodies relating to that theme. We will then collect the baskets and create a lovely range of baskets to raffle off at the upcoming Sundowner on the 25 November. See more below.

ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA – P&C SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND SALAD BAR

- What :** The P&C have organised a sausage sizzle and salad bar to satisfy those after school hunger pangs while you enjoy the art event at school.
- When :** Thursday, 10 November
- Time :** 3.30 to 5.30pm
- Cost :** \$3.50 - \$5.00 [Cash and Eftpos available]
- Why :** All monies from this event will go towards paying for the Year 6 Leaver's Book.

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS SUNDOWNER – FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

- What :** Christmas Sundowner to celebrate another productive and awesome year at Ardross PS with food trucks, live music, children's entertainment, raffles and silent auction items
- When :** Friday, 25 November
- Time :** 3:30pm until sunset.
- Where :** School Oval
- Auction :** A silent auction will include - Kindy and Pre Primary art, the much sought after car parking space in the staff car park for the 2023 year and Principal for the Day for 2023.
- Raffle:** Look out for your classroom basket to start filling next week.
- P&C Stall:** The P&C are organising a food and craft stall. We are asking the school community to donate savoury or sweet delights and some Christmas craft. See below for ideas. Feel free to be as creative as you like and get the kids involved. Please contact Alice at alicebrennan.rwk@gmail.com if you can donate food / goods or have any questions.

SWEET IDEAS	SAVOURY IDEAS	CRAFT IDEAS
Gingerbread Shortbread Gingerbread houses Fruit mince pies Fruit cakes Stollen Your best baked good Puddings Muffins Cupcakes Chocolate Bark White Christmas Rocky Road Fairy Bread Raw balls Meringue	Cheese biscuits Popcorn Mini quiche Mini cheese and cracker platters Spring Rolls Sushi Rice paper rolls Sausage rolls Vegemite or ham/cheese rolls Empanadas 	Christmas Cards Christmas Decorations Wreaths Bunting Fresh or dried flower posies Christmas Crackers DIY cookies in a jar Plants Handmade sewed, knitted or crochet goods Homemade gift bags or wrapping paper Preserved food i.e. pickles & fruit Homemade Jams
DON'T HAVE TIME TO BAKE OR CREATE – SHOP BOUGHT IS JUST FINE. ALL DONATIONS ARE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.		

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 are:

- President
- Secretary
- Classroom Parent Representative Coordinator
- Events Coordinator
- Grant Applications Officer.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, 15 November at 7:00pm at The Quarter Acre hotel. Join us for a social evening for the last meeting of the year.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions please contact your Class Parent Representative or email us at ArdrossPSPandCAssoc@outlook.com.

Warm Regards - 2022 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.



Learn music at Ardross Primary School! Keyboard starting from \$19.80 for a group lesson. Enrol now – receive first lesson free (quote 'keyedup4') at www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form. Contact us on 0479 171 424 or enquiry@keyedupmusic.com.au.