# ARDEER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER **PURPLE PULSE**

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By: John Mifsud, Principal

Welcome back to the start of a new and exciting term. I hope that all families had a very restful break and managed to stay safe.

May 3rd, 2022

I thoroughly enjoyed the two weeks of holidays spending some lovely quality time with the family. We even managed to fit in a short family trip away exploring the beauties of the Murray River in Echuca. It is such a beautiful part of the world and I look forward to hopefully getting back there soon.

I am really looking forward to a very exciting Term 2 ahead. I know that there are a range of wonderful events planned and it is going to be a very busy 9 weeks of school.

Take care everyone and I look forward to seeing you all in and around the school very soon.

Kindest regards

John Mifsud

# **ANZAC DAY**

Thank you and congratulations to our wonderful school captains for leading such a respectful tribute to honour the importance of ANZAC Day at our recent Friday assembly.





#### **Key Dates**

-P/1 A & B Excursion Diggers Rest Animal Land Thursday 5th May

> -Mother's Day Stall Friday 6th May

-P/1A Excursion **Brimbank Library** Monday 9th May

-NAPLAN Testing -Grade 3's and 5's Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

-Sounds Write Parent Information Session Wednesday 25th May

> -P/1B Excursion **Brimbank Library** Thursday 12th May

-P/1A and B Excursion Arts Centre Melbourne Wednesday 18th May

-Pupil Free Day Friday 20th May (No students attending school)

-Education Week Monday 23rd May - Friday 27th

-2/3, 3/4, 4/5 & 6 Excursion Arts Centre Melbourne Friday 27th May

-Curriculum Day Friday 10th June (No students attending school)

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Information regarding our upcoming school photos was sent out to all families. Instructions on how to make payment was included in this correspondence. The date of the photos will be **Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Please ensure all payment and forms are returned to the office asap.

### **MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

After a few years of not running a Mother's Day stall, it has returned! A note and a payment envelope was sent out to families last term. Please note that all gifts are \$6 and the stall will be running on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May.** Each class will be visiting the stall during the day with their classroom teacher. Please return all money to the office.



A huge shout out to all the amazing mothers out there. I hope you all have a wonderful day on Sunday. Happy
Mother's Day!

# PUPIL FREE DAY (FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY) & CURRICULUM DAY (FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE)

DET has advised that schools make plans for a common Term 2 professional practice day. The recommendation is that schools hold their first professional practice day on the same day for all staff. As a result, the nominated day for this Professional Practice Day at Ardeer Primary School will be on <u>Friday</u> <u>20<sup>th</sup> May.</u> This means that students are <u>not to attend school</u> on this day and parents will be required to make alternative arrangements for their care and supervision.

An expression of interest flyer regarding a possible all-day School's Out! program will be sent out to all families via Compass that may be interested in accessing this service for the day. If enough interest is shown by families and it is viable to run a program it will. Please contact School's Out! directly about arrangements regarding this day and any other program related questions that you may have. (Shanae - 1300 329 106)

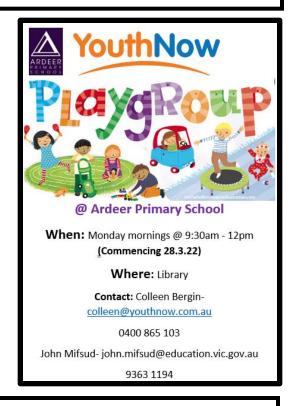
\*\*Please note that there is also a Curriculum Day scheduled for Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>, students are also not to attend school on this day. This day was scheduled at the end of 2021.



### 2023 PREP ENROLMENTS & TRANSITION PROGRAM

Planning is already underway for 2023. If you have a child eligible to start Prep next year, please let the school know asap. For a child to be eligible to start Prep in 2023, they must turn 5 before 30<sup>th</sup> April of the year they start school.



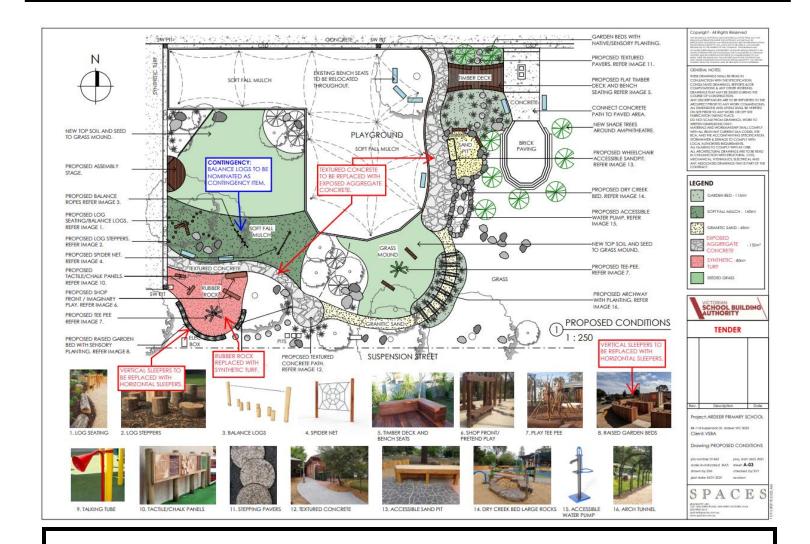


# **SOUNDS WRITE- PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

We will be hosting a parent information session for all families on **Wednesday 25th May at 4PM-5PM.** This session will be focused on sharing the implementation of the very successful Sounds Write program here at Ardeer Primary School. It will also focus on developing parent skills to best support your child's reading and writing skills at home. Please find attached information about this upcoming session. An expression of interest note was also sent home. Please return this note asap to your child's teacher so that we can best plan for this event.

### **INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND UPDATE**

I am really pleased to announce that the commencement of the new Inclusive Playground will begin on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Planning for the works is now underway. It is anticipated that the project will take approximately 10 - 12 weeks. If there are no delays, the project should be completed in Term 3, 2022. We look forward to seeing this unfold.



# **CHANGES TO ONSITE REQUIREMENTS & CONTINUATION OF RAT TESTING**

Please note changes that took effect as of 26<sup>TH</sup> April regarding the vaccination requirements for visitors to schools not performing work. Parents, carers and other adult visitors are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine if **not performing work or volunteering at the school**.

Free rapid antigen tests will continue to be available for all staff and students in Victorian schools for the first four weeks of Term 2, 2022. Rapid antigen testing will continue to be voluntary but strongly encouraged for all primary, secondary and specialist school students and staff. It is recommended that staff and students test twice weekly in primary mainstream settings.

### **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

What a fantastic start to Term 2 it has been. I'd like to start off by thanking the Ardeer Primary School staff, students and their families for welcoming me into your wonderful school community. I've enjoyed meeting many of the students throughout my first week here and look forward to contributing to student learning growth at the school.

All students have started off the term excited and ready to learn. We will be kicking off the term with a Prep/ Grade 1 farm excursion, which all students are very much looking forward to. Thanks again to the Prep/ Grade 1 team for organising this fantastic opportunity for our students. Grade 3 and 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN assessments for literacy and numeracy in week 3 of this term, and are being set up for success by their teachers. I'm confident that all students will try their best, as they do every day. Term 2 will also see a 'soft launch' of our Ardeer Primary School Breakfast Club. This will commence later in the term and will take place on a Friday morning. Basic breakfast items will be provided to students who may otherwise miss out on breakfast, to ensure they have a great start to the day. More information about this program (including the start date) will be shared in our next newsletter.

Also, just a quick reminder to families to call the office if your child is going to be absent from school. We will be recognising students who have high level attendance each term through a Here Every day, Ready On – time (HERO) award to celebrate those who set themselves up for success by being at school every day and ready to learn.

Regards,

Christopher O'Brien

**Assistant Principal** 



# Have you ever wondered how we teach our students to read, write and spell?

Join us for a parent information session on Wednesday 25th May @ 4:00PM - 5:00PM. (Meeting in P/1A). Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

We will share our incredible success in the implementation of the synthetic phonics program - Sounds Write. A key part of our daily literacy learning program at Ardeer Primary School.

Sounds Write Phonics



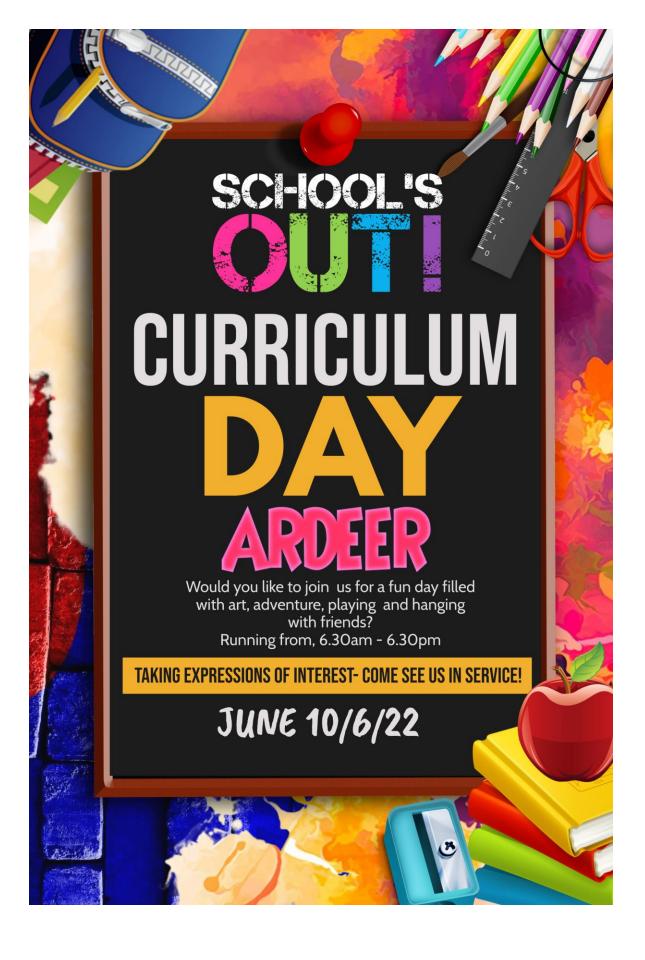
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All families were sent letters with their own unique code. Please download the Compass app and connect ASAP. Important reminders, updates, letters, notes etc. will be circulated via this platform throughout 2021. Please contact the office if you require a new sign in.



All families should now be connected to their child's 2021 classes. This is a wonderful platform to see your child's learning progression as you connect with their learning portfolio. If you have not connected and require a new sign in code, please see your child's teacher ASAP.