

# ARDEER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## THE PURPLE PULSE

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**February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

### Key Dates

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First Day of Term 1, 2023  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January

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Sounds Write Parent  
Information Session  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

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Meet the Teacher Night  
BBQ 4PM – 5:45PM  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

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Swimming Program -Grade  
3/4, 4/5 & 6

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February –  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

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Labour Day- Public  
Holiday- (No School)  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

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Last Day Term 1  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

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First Day Term 2  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. I hope you all had a very restful break. It was fantastic to see students return to school this week. I saw lots of very enthusiastic and smiling faces eager to reconnect with their peers and teachers. I look forward to a brilliant year ahead.

This year will be punctuated with a continued focus on building on and refining key work that commenced over the past two years, with a strong emphasis on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes across the school. We are also excited to see the roll out of School-wide positive behaviour support (SWPBS) at our school. A framework that brings together school communities to develop positive, safe, supportive learning cultures.

The focus has and always will be on the ongoing pursuit of excellence across all aspects of our daily practices. This includes ensuring that we maintain high standards in the maintenance of our physical environments including our buildings and grounds and classroom settings. Ensuring the delivery of the highest academic and wellbeing outcomes for every student, every day is paramount.

Every staff member, parent and student at the school has a role to play in the success of this work. It is impossible to run a high performing school without the support of great staff and the partnership of a fantastic school community. We are very fortunate to have both.

I look forward to seeing you all in and around the school. Please feel free to reach out and contact me at any time.



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## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Just like that and it is a new year! It was so great to see all our students' smiling faces on Monday. There was lots of excitement and of course a few nerves as well that were quickly settled. A very special welcome to our new students and their families who I'm confident will thoroughly enjoy their time at Ardeer Primary School. If you have any questions at all throughout the year, please don't hesitate to give me a call or drop in and see me.

Every day of learning is important and it's vital that your child maintains at high level of attendance at school. We recognise and reward our students who have high attendance through our termly HERO Awards. These awards recognise students who are Here Everyday and Ready On-time (HERO) for learning. Students who maintain an attendance rate of 97% or higher across the term will be recognised and participate in a special lunch at the commencement of the following term.

Each day commences with Independent Reading at 8.45am and teachers will be running reading conferences with students at this time and setting learning goals. The first four weeks of learning will have a strong emphasis on establishing learning routines with a focus on literacy and numeracy practices. If your child arrives at school after 8.45am, they will need to be signed in at the General Office and be given a pass to go to class.

Throughout the year, we will hold family information nights on literacy and numeracy to share our approaches to teaching and how you can support your child at home in these areas. This week we are holding our first numeracy night for the year. This will introduce our instructional model for Maths and share with families some resources that can help to reinforce their child's skills at home. We will be holding a follow up numeracy session in Term 2. I've included some strategies below that can be used to help build literacy skills at home as well:

### **1. Get your kids to write for a reason**

It doesn't matter how small the task is. Encouraging children to write for a clear purpose is key. It can be a simple reminder note, a message to go in someone's lunch box, a shopping list or a birthday card.

### **2. Write together for fun**

Encourage family activities that make writing fun. Create jokes, riddles, stories, rhyming lists, and anything else you can think of!

### **3. Display writing done in the family**

Use the fridge, family noticeboard or calendar. This shows children how writing works in our lives and how important it is and how it is valued.



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### **4. Get your kids to read you their writing**

Ask children to read their writing aloud. This shows your kids you are interested in what they are doing. Also, when children read their written work aloud, they will inevitably notice some mistakes (so it's like revising their work).

### **5. Be encouraging**

When working on writing skills with your child, make sure you are positive. You could say things such as, "I noticed that you really focused on your writing" or "I really like how you used [that word]". Also recognise any progress in their writing efforts, "I noticed that you checked your capital letters".

### **6. Take the initiative at school**

Talk to your child's teacher about what you are doing at home and ask for suggestions about what your child needs to further develop their writing skills.

### **Compass:**

Compass is the main online platform for school-wide communication with families. This will include important information about upcoming events, excursions and other pertinent information. Parent log in information for families new to the school will be sent home with children on Thursday in week 1. If you if you have any access difficulties, please don't hesitate to contact me. If your child was at Ardeer Primary School in 2022 but you no longer have your Compass log in information. Please phone or visit me and I will print these off for you.

### **Breakfast Club:**

Breakfast Club was introduced in Term 2 last year and will again be happening from Week 2 (Friday 10th February) this term! This will continue to be happening on a Friday morning under the COLA and will run from 8.15am – 8.40am. Toast, fruit cups and toasties will be available.

### **Wellbeing at Ardeer Primary School**

If your child needs any additional wellbeing support at Ardeer Primary School, please don't hesitate to make contact with your child's classroom teacher, our principal or myself and we will organise support. We also have our school chaplain; Jo, on-site one day each week and she will continue to run small group sessions, visit classrooms and facilitate some lunchtime activities. If you would like to discuss the chaplaincy program, please contact me to discuss how Jo may be able to support your child. Please note that there is a consent form which needs to be completed before Jo can run any small group or individual sessions with your child. Please contact me for further details.



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### **Additional Family Support**

The last couple of years has been tough on families, with costs of groceries being at an all-time high. If your family is experiencing financial difficulties, please contact me to discuss how we may be able to support. We are part of the One Box Program and each week we have a delivery of food boxes which are distributed to families who are needing additional support. If you would like to participate in this program, please get in touch.

Chris O'Brien

Assistant Principal



When Is Chinese New Year 2023?

**Sunday, January 22**

Chinese New Year 2023 falls on Sunday, January 22nd, 2023, and celebrations culminate with the [Lantern Festival](#) on February 5th, 2023.

How Long Is Chinese New Year?

**16 Days**

Celebrations last up to 16 days, but only the first 7 days are considered a public holiday (January 22nd–January 29th, 2023).

What Is the 2023 Chinese Zodiac?

**Rabbit**

Chinese New Year marks the transition between [zodiac signs](#): 2023 is the [Year of the Rabbit](#); 2022 the [Year of the Tiger](#).



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## MP ROOM KITCHEN RENOVATION

Over the school holidays we completed a new kitchen renovation in the Multipurpose Room, and we couldn't be happier with the result. The space now includes a brand-new induction cooktop, oven, dishwasher, and lots of cabinetry. The space will be used by the students attending our OSHC program that will be run by our new provider TheirCare. The plan is to expand the kitchen's use to include class groups and external CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) groups. We also look forward to seeing the establishment of our new 18 Biofilta Food Cubes in our school garden to grow and harvest fresh produce. I look forward to sampling many splendid cooking delights in the future!

### BEFORE



### AFTER



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## INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

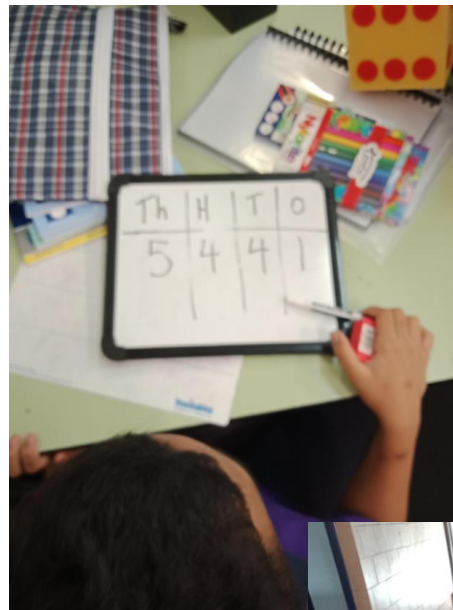
It has been so brilliant to see students enjoying our newly constructed inclusive playground. I'm sure the students will just love exploring all the different elements of this new addition for many years to come!



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## BACK TO SCHOOL

It has been great to see students settling back into their learning routines and connecting with their teachers and peers again! We look forward to an amazing 2023!



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## STAFFING UPDATE

I extend a very warm welcome to Paul Gatt who commenced working with us this week. Paul will be running the Library specialist program and from Week 5, will also take over the Art program as the Art Specialist teacher. Dianne Herrmann was successful in securing a two day a week position at a school nearer to home over the school holidays which will see a reduction in her working days here at our school.

*Meet the teacher BBQ*

Monday 6th March  
4PM - 5:45PM  
Underneath the COLA



Catch up with your child's teacher and join us for a free sausage sizzle



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## NEW OSHC PROVIDER- THEIRCARE

Our school has partnered with an independent provider called TheirCare to provide exceptional Outside School Hours Care services for our school community.

The program is available for all children at Ardeer Primary School from 6:30am until 8:30am in the morning and from 3:15pm until 6:30pm each school day.

During School Holidays & Pupil Free Days the service will operate from 6:30am until 6:30pm.

Families wishing to use this service can visit the TheirCare website: [www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au)

Families are eligible for a Government Rebate called the Child Care Subsidy which can reduce the cost per session by up to 85%.

More information can be obtained by contacting the school or ringing TheirCare Support Team on **1300 072 410**.

TheirCare provides a stimulating and safe environment for all children. During sessions, children develop life-skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play-based programs.

**TheirCare**  
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**ARDEER**  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

Save up to 85%  
with the Child  
Care Subsidy

We're getting ready for FUN!

TheirCare are proud to work in partnership with Ardeer Primary School to provide quality Outside School Hours Care to your school community commencing in 2023.

Learn more at [www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au)  
or call **1300 072 410**



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## ARDEER P.S SCHOOL COUNCIL

Are you interested in joining the 2023 APS School Council? If so, please contact John Mifsud on 9363 1194 to obtain further information and discuss the nomination process.

### **What is a school council and what does it do?**

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

### **Who is on the school council?**

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

**A mandated elected parent member category** – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category.

Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.

**A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

**An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

A small number of school councils have **nominee members**.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

**A mandated elected student member category, two positions.**

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

### **Why is parent membership so important?**

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### **Do I need special experience to be on school council?**

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.



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## Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

**act with honesty and integrity** – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty

**act in good faith in the best interests of the school** – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds

**act fairly and impartially** – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest

**use information appropriately** – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available

**exercise due care, diligence and skill** – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school

**use the position appropriately** – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage

**act in a financially responsible manner** – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions

**comply with relevant legislation and policies** – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law

**demonstrate leadership and stewardship** – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

## Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or

the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

## How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

standing for election as a member of the school council

encouraging another person to stand for election.



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## What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same electorate that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate)

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.


## Remember

Consider standing for election to school council.

Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.

Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.

Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

<b>School Council Election Process and Timetable 2023</b>	
<b>Ardeer Primary School</b>	
	
<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
a) Notice of election and call for nominations	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023
b) Closing date for nominations 1) At the end of the nomination period, if the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies in any one membership category, declare those who nominated as being elected and publicise an extension of three school days. Call for nominations for the remaining vacancies 2) Where the nominations exceed the number of vacancies and a ballot is required, inform the community and the candidates. Provide candidates with the opportunity to prepare a written statement. Provide clear instructions about the preparation of the statement and check that instructions have been followed before sending out statements with the ballot papers	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted <b>(If an election is required)</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed- <b>(If an election is required)</b>	On or before Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
e) Close of ballot - <b>(If an election is required)</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023
f) Vote count: <b>(If an election is required)</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023
g) Declaration of poll: <b>(If an election is required)</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
h) Special council meeting to co-opt community members (the principal will preside)	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
i) First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023



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## GET CONNECTED



Please follow us on Instagram

**Ardeer.PS**



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 2022. Please contact the office if you require a new sign in.



All families should now be connected to their child's 2022 class. 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.



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# Sunshine Heights Football Club

## Junior Registration Come and Try Day



**NEW PLAYERS WANTED!!!!  
BOYS & GIRLS AGED 6-9**

**MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY  
5PM**

**AINSWORTH RESERVE  
GLENGALA ROAD  
SUNSHINE WEST**

**CALL JOYCE  
0421 379 493**

**\*CHILD MUST TURN 7 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE 30 APRIL 2023**



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AT PAUL SADLER SWIMLAND SURVIVAL SKILLS ARE THE FOUNDATION OF OUR LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM



**PLACES  
FILL QUICKLY  
BOOK YOUR  
CLASS  
TODAY!**

**ZERO  
DROWN  
TOLL IS OUR GOAL!**

AT PAUL SADLER SWIMLAND WE TEACH SURVIVAL SKILLS AT EVERY LEVEL:  
10 minutes per class is spent in deep water, where we teach treading water, deep water recovery (safety circle) and mobility on both front and back until children have achieved 2 minutes treading water.

**LEARN FROM  
THE SURVIVAL  
SPECIALISTS**



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- Impact-focused** > We focus on impact because we take our mission of helping students thrive in school and life seriously.
- Evidence-based** > Everything we do is informed by academic literature, learning theories and careful consideration of the evidence.
- Inclusivity-embracing** > We believe everyone should be entitled to a person-centered, values-driven, impact-focused, and evidence-based approach to learning.

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### Opposite Derrimut Village Shopping Centre

Level 1 Suite 20 1-11 Elgar Rd  
Derrimut, Victoria 3030

## WILLIAMS LANDING

### Williams Landing Shopping Centre

Level 1 Suite 4, 100 Overton Road  
Williams Landing, Victoria 3027

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At Five Tuition, we believe learning happens most naturally and effectively when someone you respect sits humbly beside you, helps you with something, speaks honestly to you, has hope for you, and honours their commitment to bring about positive changes for you – in school and life.

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