

ARDEER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THE PURPLE PULSE

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August 17th, 2023

Key Dates

Science Week

Monday 14th – Friday 18th
August

Father's Day Stall

Wednesday 30th August

Animal Land Children's
Farm

– P/1 excursion

Thursday 31st August 2,
2023

Book Week Celebration
Friday 1st September

Footy Colours Day
Friday 15th September

Last Day Term 3
Early dismissal 2:15pm
Friday 15th September

Curriculum Day
Monday 30th October
(No students attending school)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I hope you and your family are keeping well and have managed to enjoy some of the lovely sunny days that we have been experiencing recently.

Last week Chris and I attended the Term 3 Principal Forum. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with other leaders across our area, recognise some collective system wide challenges and to acknowledge some of the successes experienced by our school and our wonderful network of schools that we work closely with.

We were fortunate to hear from the Assistant Principal of Staughton College, Ben Russell and one of their inspirational student leaders, Charly James. They presented on the fantastic work that they have been leading centered on strengthening cultural safety at their school. This included a rebranding of their school house teams. A process that saw the involvement of key stakeholders including the Student Leadership Team, Student Voice Team, staff members, community, KESO (Koorie Engagement Support Officer), Wurundjeri Land Council and First Nations elder, Uncle Keith Randall. It was a real joy to hear all about this wonderful work.

At Ardeer Primary School, we also ensure child and cultural safety always remains front of mind for all staff, students and visitors at our school. We implement a multitude of mitigation strategies on a day to day basis to ensure this. Some include ensuring staff, student and visitor expectations are regularly reinforced, student empowerment is promoted on an ongoing basis, our environmental and physical spaces always remain safe. We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children.

If you have any questions regarding the Child Safe Standards, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I look forward to seeing you all in and around the school.

Yours sincerely,

John Mifsud



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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Dear Families,

Just a reminder about some upcoming events at APS:

Chess Club

At our assembly last week, Marlon from Chess Mates came to talk to the students about an exciting chess club which will be starting at our school later this term. This will take place on a Wednesday during lunch time. Students will receive high quality instruction on how to play chess and I've had lots of students already ask me when this will be starting. Further details will be shared on Compass when bookings open including instructions on how to book your child into the chess club. Stay tuned!

Family information nights at Ardeer Primary School

At APS, we love having families visit our wonderful school and learn about the exciting journey we are on and how you can support your child's learning as well as help to shape our school. We understand that families have different commitments and sometimes it may be hard to join us for school events and information sessions including on Literacy, Numeracy and School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. I have placed a link to a short survey (it will take you less than 10 seconds to complete – guaranteed!) to find out from families what your availability is to attend sessions like those mentioned above, as well as finding out from you what you'd like to learn more about. Thank you to the families who have already completed this form, if you haven't, we'd really appreciate your support with filling this out.

Prep/1 and 2/ 3 Swimming Program

The Preps/1s and 2/3s have had a wonderful time at their two-week intensive swimming program. I've heard so much positive feedback from the swimming instructors on how respectful our students are. A huge thanks to our students for representing our school well in this program and to the staff who attended and supported our students.

Financial hardship support

With cost-of-living pressures, lots of families are doing it hard. I've included a brochure outlining a range of support services who can support eligible families. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Christopher O'Brien

Assistant Principal



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Saver Plus

Program includes:

- Matched dollar for dollar savings up to \$500
- Money Minded workshops - Financial Education
- Coaching on budgeting and savings



SCAN ME

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a health/concession card holder;
- Be in receipt of a Centrelink Payment
- Be studying or have a child in school
- Have some regular income from work
- Be 18+ years old



State Schools' Relief

Provides school uniforms and shoes to those that are unable to afford them.



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Eligibility Criteria

- Situations include but not limited to:
- Unemployment
 - Health issues/illness
 - Financial difficulties
 - Independent living and/or homelessness
 - Natural disasters
 - Bereavement
 - Domestic and family violence



Camps, Sports and Education Fund

Funding to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sports programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions

\$125 per year for eligible primary school students
\$225 per year for eligible secondary school students.



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Eligibility Criteria

- Parent must be a health/concession card holder;
- Or families on protection/bridging visas, or seeking asylum;
- Or children in out of home care



Computerbank

Low cost refurbished computers that include various programs including word processing, Google Chrome and PDF Maker



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Book Week

**READ GROW
INSPIRE**

Friday 1st September



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FATHER'S DAY STALL- HELP NEEDED

We will be holding a Father's Day Stall on:

Wednesday 30th August- All gifts \$6.

There will be a selection of gifts specifically for dads, some neutral gifts available as well as ones suitable for uncles, grandfathers or someone special in the absence of a father. If you would like your child to participate, please enclose \$6 in the envelope that will be sent home this week and return it to school by **Friday 25th August.**

If your child is buying more than one gift, please write that on the envelope and include the correct money.

Children away on the Wednesday can choose a gift the following day if required.

If you are able to help out on the day of the stall, we are looking for volunteers. All volunteers are required to have a valid Working with Children's Check. Please contact the school if you are available to help.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

On **Friday 25th August** we will be celebrating National Science Week. The theme this year is 'Innovation- Powering Future Industries'. We will be hosting a special day full of scientific fun. Families are welcome to join in on the day from 9am - 11:10am if you wish to join your child/ren through their rotations. Families can have lunch under the COLA until 11:10am, when student break begins. If students (and families!) want to dress up in a science-themed costume, please do! Think - scientists, space, AI, robots, technology, agriculture and environment. We look forward to celebrating with all you Scientists!



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 **national science week 2023**

scienceweek.net.au

12–20 AUGUST 2023

INNOVATION

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B & B HIGHWAY VICTORIA

A HABITAT REGENERATION INITIATIVE

The students in Year 4/5 have been involved in a wonderful initiative focused on habitat regeneration to support biodiversity and encourage sustainability within our ecosystem.

Part of the four-week program involves creating pollinating spaces and pollinator habitats around the school.

The students were busy this week planting a selection of native pollinating plants with the construction of some insect hotels to come in the next couple of weeks. Well done to Year 4/5 on your amazing work in supporting a healthy biodiverse ecosystem.



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P/1 – 2/3 SWIMMING PROGRAM

The students in Grade P/1 and 2/3 are just about to complete a fantastic 10-day intensive swimming program at Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre. The students have thoroughly enjoyed themselves whilst developing some essential lifelong skills. The students across all grades have represented themselves and our school impeccably. Whilst attending the program it was wonderful to see all students displaying our school values of Respect, Responsibility, and Safety throughout its duration.



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TUESDAY LUNCHTIME GARDEN CLUB

The students involved in the Tuesday lunchtime garden club have been busy working away over the past couple of months. The fruits of their success are beginning to show. The students harvested a bumper crop of radishes and kale today. With our range of lettuce varieties almost ready for harvest next week. This should make for a delicious shared salad at the lunchtime club next week!



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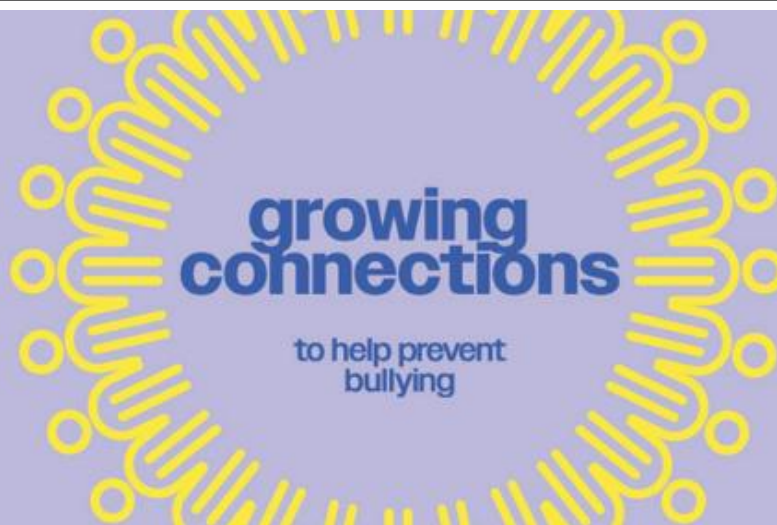
CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative for schools, encouraging whole-school communities to work together to implement evidence-informed positive and proactive solutions to prevent and address bullying.

The NDA is an opportunity to create a shared understanding of what is bullying, outline your bullying prevention policies and show support to students who may be experiencing bullying.

The NDA theme for 2023 is 'growing connections'. This theme supports research findings that strong school community connections and social skills are protective factors in the prevention of bullying and help enable positive, help-seeking behaviours in students.



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Speak up – it's your right

Victoria's Child Safe Standards are designed to keep you safe.

Why the standards came about

In 2013, the Victorian Government looked at how safe organisations are for children and young people.

It found that sometimes children and young people have not been kept safe by organisations and the adults who work in them.

More needed to be done to keep children and young people safe in the future.



What are they for?

Out of home care providers, schools, churches, sports clubs, dance schools and other organisations have to keep you safe.

This means:

- Only choosing adults who are safe to work with you.
- Listening to you about what makes you feel safe.
- Acting to protect you if someone hurts you or makes you feel unsafe.



What they mean for you

You can expect to be safe and to feel safe, wherever you go and whatever you do.

You can expect that adults that work with you know how to keep you safe.

You can tell an adult if you don't feel safe and they have to help you.



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	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	6:30 AM to 8:30 AM	\$19.95	\$2.00
After School Care (ASC)	3:15 PM to 6:30 PM	\$26.95	\$2.70
Pupil Free Day	6:30 AM to 6:30 PM	\$62.01	\$6.20
Holiday Program***	6:30 AM to 6:30 PM	\$62.01	\$6.20

*Standard fee costs before Child Care Subsidy | ** Standard fee costs after maximum Child Care Subsidy | *** Standard fee costs excluding incursions/excursions

Cancellation Fees

(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)

BSC/ASC within **48 hours** of session start time: **\$5.00**

Holiday Program within **5 days** of session start time: **\$10.00**

Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

Late Booking Fees

(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)

BSC/ASC within **48 hours** of session start time: **\$5.00**

Holiday Program: book less than **5 days** from the session start time fee is **\$10.00**

Late Pick-up Fees

(Child Care subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)

\$1 per minute after service close time.



Service Phone number:
0477 936 077

Your service Coordinator will be available during session times.

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To register visit theircare.com.au

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YouthNow



@ Ardeer Primary School

When: Monday mornings @ 9:30am - 12pm

Where: Library

Contact: Colleen Bergin- colleen@youthnow.com.au

0400 865 103



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ENROL FOR 2024

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORT PROGRAMS

Week 1	Week 2
Multi-Sport	Multi-Sport
1-Day Introduction to Netball	2-Day Netball Skills Development
1-Day Basketball (St Albans & Whitten Oval)	1-Day AFL
1-Day AFL	
2-Day Soccer	



SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORT PROGRAMS

Book now - www.vu.edu.au/sport



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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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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
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