

ARDEER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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December 7th, 2023

Key Dates

School Concert & Art Show
Monday 11th December
4:45pm – 5:15pm (Art Show)
5:15pm- 6:30pm (Concert)

Curriculum Day (Pupil Free
Day)

Tuesday 12th December

School Awards Assembly
Thursday 14th December
9:00 – 10:00am

Grade 6 Graduation Night
Thursday 14th December
5:30pm- 7:30pm

Report access open to families
Monday 18th December

Last day of Term 4
Early Dismissal- 1:15pm
Out of school uniform day
(Gold coin donation)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

This will be the final newsletter for 2023. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, students, and families for your support once again this year.

Our ongoing and collective commitment to school improvement has continued throughout 2023. This work has only been possible through the support of all stakeholders across the school. I am extremely grateful and proud to be the principal of our wonderful school. We have an incredibly committed staff, amazing students and highly supportive families.

I look forward to seeing the momentum continue throughout 2024 and cannot wait to see what next year brings.

I wish you and your family a very safe Christmas and restful school holiday period.

Yours sincerely,

John Mifsud



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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Dear Families,

As we edge closer to the end of 2023, I just wanted to remind our community of some upcoming events as well as preparations for 2024.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Chess Club – last class this Wednesday 6th December

Chess Club has been a huge success this Term with lots of families signing their children up. I'm excited to announce that this will be continuing in 2024. I will communicate sign up information via Compass early in Term 1 2024.

School Concert – Monday 11th December

Classes have been working hard to prepare their concert performance items with their classroom teachers in preparation for the night. Consent forms went home last week and were due back to the office on Monday 4th December. Students should arrive at 4.30pm to get ready for their performances. The Art Show will be available for families to view from 4.30pm and the concert will commence at 5.15pm. There will be a BBQ set up for families to purchase sausages and drinks with all funds being raised going to our school. We hope to see you all there.

Year 7 Transition Day – 12th December 2023

A reminder that all Grade 6 students who are enrolled in a Government Secondary School for 2024 will attend their secondary school for a transition day on the 12th December. This will be a student free day for all other students as staff will have professional learning on this day.

Last day of Term 4 – Wednesday 20th December

School will finish for students at 1.15pm on the 20th December. Please ensure that pick up arrangements are in place or alternatively contact Their Care (our Outside School Hours Care provider) who will be running a program from 1.15pm onwards on the day. Their Care can be contacted on 1300 072 410

2024: Student Led interviews and Prep 2024 English Online assessments.

In 2024 we will be moving to Compass for our parent bookings for prep assessments and Student Led Interviews. Please ensure you have access to Compass or reach out to me if you are having difficulties – I can easily reset passwords or generate log in details. You will need Compass access to book online interviews for 2024. More information about this will be communicated early in 2024.

Christopher O'Brien

Assistant Principal



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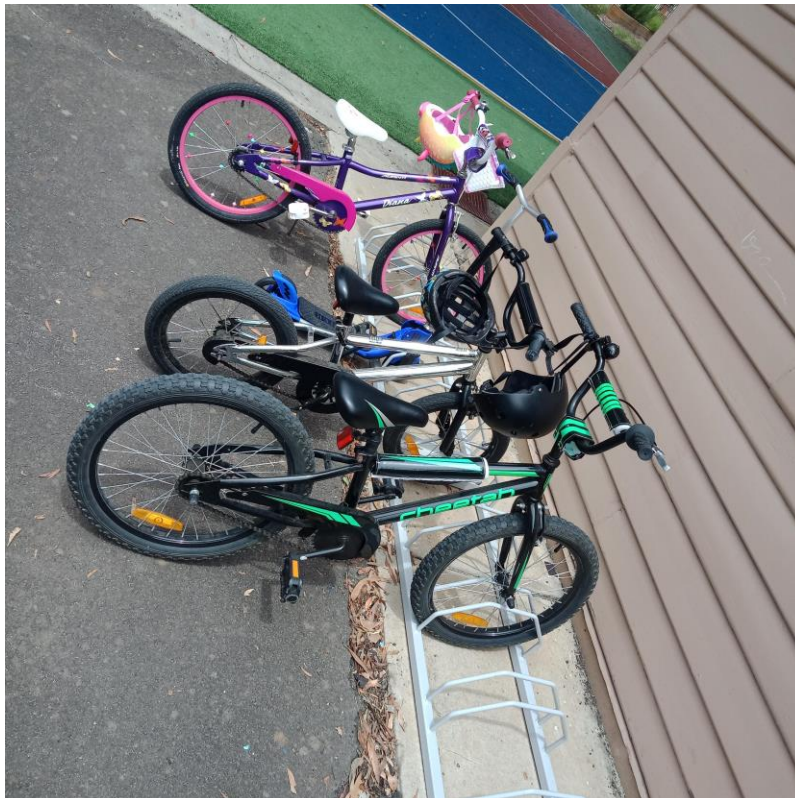
LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

A reminder that the last day of the year will be on **Wednesday 20th December**. Students will be dismissed at the earlier time of **1:15pm** on this day. Please ensure arrangements are made for the collection of your child at this earlier time. Alternatively, please contact TheirCare to discuss care arrangements.

This will also be an out of school uniform day for students. We please ask that all students that come dressed in out of school uniform bring along a gold coin donation. All money raised will go towards the ongoing development of our STEM Space

NEW BIKE RACKS

It has been brilliant to see more students riding to school since the installation of our new bike racks. This was a project led by our awesome Student Voice Team.

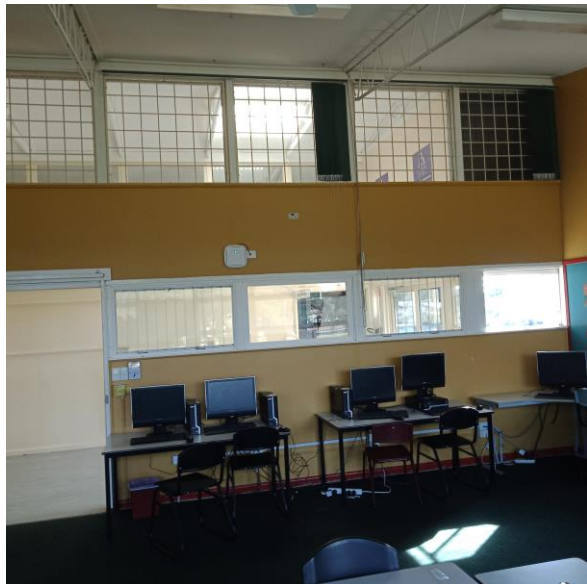


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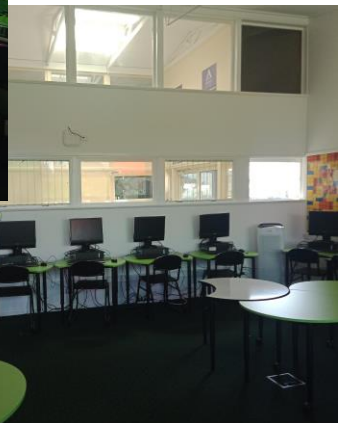
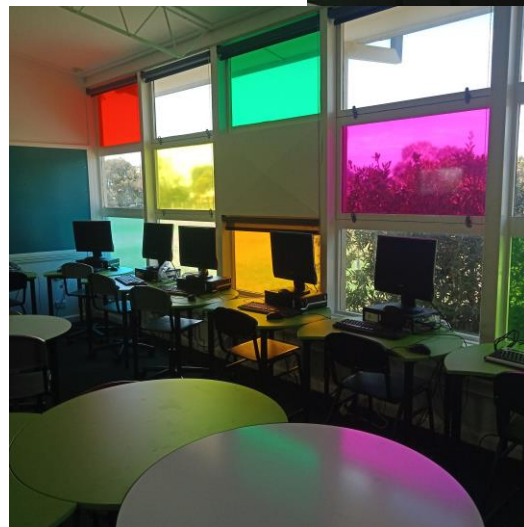
STUDENT VOICE TEAM 2023

It has been a real pleasure working closely with the Student Voice Team throughout 2023 via our regular fortnightly meetings. It has been so brilliant to see all members developing their leadership skills, more confidently contribute to group discussions and lead some brilliant projects across the school. Some of the major projects that the SVT has helped drive this year include the redevelopment of our STEM Space, procurement of new bike racks for the school, promotion of school fundraising events and recently led the process of canvassing the ideas of students across the school to shape the redevelopment of the local Ardeer Park. My thanks to all the members this year. I look forward to working with a new group of students in 2024.

BEFORE



AFTER



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School Information 2024

Start of Term 1- School Dates

Staff commence on Monday January 29th, 2024, this is for staff only. The office will be open for payments on this day between 9AM- 3PM.

The first day of school for all Grade Prep-6 students is Tuesday 30th January 2024

During the month of February, ***Prep students do not attend school on Wednesdays.*** However, prep families will be asked to attend for a 60-minute assessment block on **one** of those Wednesdays. Parents will be given the details to book this through Compass.

2024 - School Times

Students must be in class, sitting down and ready to learn by 8:45am.

8:45am – 8:50am	School begins- Quiet reading in classrooms
8:50am – 9:50am	Session 1
9:50am -10:50am	Session 2
10:50am- 11:15am	Recess
11:15am-12:15pm	Session 3
12:15pm – 1:15pm	Session 4
1:15pm- 2:15pm	Lunch
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Session 5

YARD DUTY COMMENCES FROM 8:30am **NO STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THIS TIME UNLESS REGISTERED FOR BEFORE SCHOOL CARE. THE YARD IS UNSUPERVISED BEFORE THIS TIME.** AFTER SCHOOL YARD DUTY IS BETWEEN 3:15pm – 3:30pm.

Term Dates

Term 1- All students commence Tuesday 30th January – Thursday 28th March

Term 2- Monday 15th April – Friday 28th June

Term 3- Monday 15th July – Friday 20th September

Term 4 -Monday 7th October – Friday 20th December



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Swimming Program:

Monday 4th March – Friday 15th March- (Grades 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6)

Monday 12th August – Friday 23rd August- (Grades P/1A, P/1B & 2/3)

Interschool Sports

Term 1 and 2 – (Grades 4/5 and Grade 5/6 only)

Curriculum Days – No school for students

There are 4 Curriculum Days in the year + 1 Common PPD

-Monday 29th January

-Friday 7th June

-Monday 2nd September

-Monday 4th November (Common PPD)

-Tuesday 10th December

Public Holidays – No School

Labour Day – Monday 11th March

ANZAC Day – Thursday 25th April

King's Birthday – Monday 10th June

Melbourne Cup – Tuesday 5th November

Camp and Sleepover

Camp for students Grades 3-6 – Wednesday 23rd October – Friday 25th October

Twilight Activity P-2 -T.B.C

Excursions

All classes will attend excursions in 2024. Parents will be notified of these before the event and will need to provide consent and payment by the due date. All consent and payments must be returned by the due date, **no late payments or consent will be accepted after this time.** This is to ensure we meet our obligations to thoroughly plan for such events. This includes ensuring adequate student to staff ratios are maintained, arrangements regarding transportation and any other associated costs can be accurately planned and budgeted for.

Stay Connected

Ensure you are connected to COMPASS; these details will be sent to all new families. It is through COMPASS that you will receive all school updates, newsletters, urgent information and school reports.

SEESAW is available for families to communicate directly with your child's teacher, view photos and videos of student learning. Details are sent out at the start of each year so that you can connect to your child's new classroom teacher.



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You can also keep up to date via our School Website **ardeerps.vic.edu.au** and our Instagram page **ardeer.ps**.



Change of Details

Please make sure you send in any new information relevant to your family / child. This can include:

- Change of address
- Change of phone numbers
- Change of emergency contacts or their details
- Any legal documents – court orders / custody arrangements / Out of Home Care etc
- Any medical plans / information for children with diagnosed illnesses or conditions
- Asthma plans

OSHC Provider

In 2024 our OSHC (Out of School Hours Care) provider will be TheirCare. They offer care programs for:

- Before and after school care
- School holidays
- All curriculum and pupil free days

The OSHC program runs Monday- Friday from 6:30AM to 6:30PM. For further information, visit www.theircare.com.au or call their support office on 1300 072 410

State Schools Relief

For families eligible to access State Schools Relief, there is now a nominal charge payable on the school specific uniform. This includes all polo shirts, windcheaters, rugby tops and jackets. The charge is different for each item, you can contact Jen in the office to discuss this further.

Uniform

All students are required to be in full school uniform each day. Information relating to the school's uniform policy is available on our school website. We have an onsite uniform shop where families can purchase uniform items. A price list is available on our school website. It is compulsory that a school bucket hat is worn by all students in Terms 1 & 4.



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School Staffing 2024

Principal	John Mifsud
Assistant Principal	Chris O'Brien
Business Manager	Hang Nguyen
P/1A Classroom Teacher-Learning Specialist (English)	Mary Sanelli
P/1B Classroom Teacher	Rachel Orellana
2/3 Classroom Teacher	Nikki Webster
3/4 Classroom Teacher	Charlotte Waterhouse
4/5 Classroom Teacher	Janette Cronin
5/6 Classroom Teacher-Learning Specialist (Mathematics)	Arife Halil
TLI/Enrichment Teacher	Celia Iao
AUSLAN Teacher	Rachel Stock
Health and P.E Teacher	Tim Pham
Art/Library Teacher	Rhiannon Thomas
Education Support	Jenny Allen
Education Support	Thu Nguyen
Education Support	Leeanne Yates
Education Support	Chantal Lippens
Education Support	Kim Nguyen
Education Support	Nicole Borg
Education Support	Maryam Demiri
Music Percussionist	Mark Grunden
Bus driver	Jimmy Dimitros
Maintenance	Gerry Romanyk
IT Technician	Jason Le



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MATHS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School holidays are all about relaxing, enjoying a well-earned break and having a good time with family and friends.

But, believe it or not, school holidays can also be a great opportunity to practice maths skills with your child. Now I'm not talking about boring drill and practice maths exercises, which will just get your child AND yourself frustrated! I'm talking about making maths fun!



Here are some great ideas from a school teacher who is also a mathematician – lots of practical and fun activities you and your child will enjoy.

For the little ones – preschool age

Discovering Shapes

Encourage your child to explore different shapes. How many sides does each shape have? How many angles? Is it similar to any other shape? Which one? Discuss the shape of common household and outdoor items.

- Puzzles are a great way to discover shapes by making the pieces fit right.
- Copy, draw, paint, and make composite shapes – use different materials: textas, crayons, chalk, paint, water, sand, playdough, etc.

Sorting

Sorting is an essential element of math reasoning. With young children you can start with real objects.

- At home, young kids can help with chores while practising their sorting skills. Sorting out clean laundry – ask your child to help with sorting the laundry into different clothing items (e.g. pants, t-shirts, socks, etc.) by different coloured items, or even by different sizes. They can also help to sort items from grocery shopping (e.g. cans, veggies, fruits, etc.). They can help tidy their room by sorting out their toys (e.g. books, dolls, cars, balls, etc.).
- A family outing to the local pet-zoo, animal farm, zoo, or aquarium can be a great opportunity to talk about different types of animals – their characteristics, size, colour, etc.

Counting

Counting can be practiced everywhere! At the park, kids can count trees, rocks, swings, etc. Kids can count food items at snack time (e.g. carrot sticks, grapes, apple pieces, crackers, etc.), they can count their items and yours. Ask questions such as: “Do we have the same? Who has more? How can we make it equal?” As an extension, before counting, ask your child to predict how many there are, then ask them how they predicted this.



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Recognising Numbers

Everywhere we go, we see numbers.

- At home, kids may recognise numbers on books, toys, telephones, and on packaged food.
- Outside, we can find numbers on license plates, house numbers, and advertising signs.

Multimodal Learning

there are lots of apps and computer games available to teach math skills to young children in a fun way. Mathseeds is fun and engaging program for kids aged 3-6, and it is available for tablets and computers: <http://mathseeds.com/>

For school-age kids

Play the license plate game! This is an all-time favourite – there are so many variants to play it, your kids will never get bored in the car again! This is a great game as you can adapt the game to your child's math level.

- While driving, kids have to spot on license plates each number from 0 to any pre-determined number in order (e.g. 0-10 for younger kids, 0-999 for older kids).
- Kids can also find which numbers are odd and which ones are even. As an extension, they can point out which ones are prime.
- Another way to play is for kids to try to make up the largest number from a license plate by rearranging the numbers.
- According to math level, kids can add, subtract, multiply, or divide all numbers in a license plate. If you have more than one child, see who can do it faster.
- For an extra challenge, ask them to use the numbers in a license plate to make the number 24 by using any combination of the orders of operation.

Board Games

Playing games with the family is a great opportunity to practice math skills! There are so many different board games that involve math skills – these are some of my favourites:

- Bingo, Snakes and ladders, Uno, Monopoly, Battleship, Yahtzee, Risk.
- At the end of the day, no matter what board game you play, if you make your child keep track of the score, they will be doing math.

Making Sense of Time

Making up a schedule for the day which includes the start and end time for each activity. Ask your kids to predict how long routine activities will take, such as a walk to the park, a drive to the local shops, etc.

For older kids

Encourage your kids to buy wisely. For example, if you are planning on buying them a phone, ask them to explore different phone plans and show you which plan is the most economical and why.



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When purchasing discounted clothing, ask them to tell you an estimated price before you buy it.

When at the grocery store, ask them to analyse different product costs and select the best options (e.g. look at the price of toilet paper per sheet rather than the price of the whole package). And ask them to predict the total to be paid while waiting at the register.

There are so many fun ways to practice maths during the holidays. Let me know how you practice maths skills with your kids in a fun way; I would love to know!

Ardeer P.5 Maths Family Night 2023

Game 1 Choc Chip Cookies



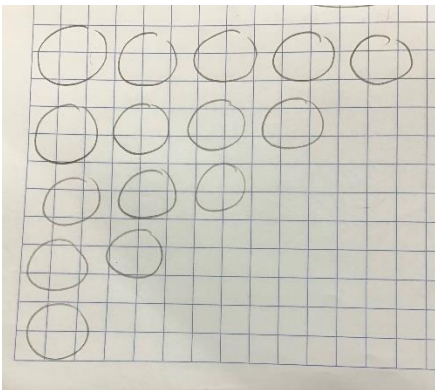
Play with a partner.

You will need:

Paper, pencil/pen/texta, 6-sided dice.

Draw the following game board. They are your cookies.

A row of 5. Then a row of 4. Then a row of 3. Then a row of 2. And then a row of 1. Each player will need to draw their own.



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Roll the dice. You put the rolled number amount as choc chips on a row of cookies.

Players take turns to fill a row.

The aim is to get the most choc chips altogether.

When all the cookies are full, players are to estimate the total of choc chip and predict you will be the winner.

Tally up the choc chips and see who the winner is!

Enabling option for F-2 players: have less rows of cookies.

Game 2 Double Double Cross

Play with a partner.

You will need:

paper, pencil, 1 x 6 sided dice.

(You can visit wheelofnames.com and make your own Place Value spinner instead of using a dice)

Can only use digits 1-6. Write down 6, 6 digit numbers.

Need to say them aloud after you write them.

Next, roll the dice once. This number is for your value. Then roll it again, this number is for your place.

1 = ones

2 = tens

3 = hundreds

4 = thousands

5 = tens of thousands



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6 = hundreds of thousands

Eg. If you first roll a 4 and then a 6, you will be looking for a 4 in the hundreds of thousands PV.

If you have this in any of your numbers, cross them out.

So, if one of your numbers is 453216, you would be able to cross out a 4 as it is in the hundreds of thousands place.

Take turns.

The winner is the player that crosses out 4 digits in a number first.

Winner is first person to cross out 4 digits in any of their numbers.

Enabling option for F-2 players: create a 3 or 4 digit number and use the place up to hundreds or thousands.

Thank you to Michael Minas for these games.



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Ardeer P.S presents:

2023 SCHOOL CONCERT & ART SHOW

December 11 2023

Art Show Open From 4:45pm

Concert- 5:15pm - 6:30pm

**PACK A PICNIC,
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ARDEER PS

FAMILY QUIZ AND

MATHS NIGHT

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2023
5:30 PM- 6:30 PM

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN!



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YouthNow



@ Ardeer Primary School

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

Where: Library

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

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GET CONNECTED



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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 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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Values-driven

- Humility, Helpfulness, Honesty, Hope and Honour – these FIVE values drive everything we do at Five Tuition.

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