

ARDEER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By: John Mifsud, Principal

I hope everyone is continuing to keep safe and well. I am so pleased that we are seeing a return to a life that resembles a greater sense of normality. I am also really excited at the prospect of seeing a range of events such as our upcoming Colour Explosion fundraising event, Harmony Day, Interschool Sports, excursions, camps and sleepovers running throughout 2022. Some of my fondest memories of primary school were participating in these kinds of extracurricular events. I cannot wait to see all students at Ardeer Primary School experiencing these same fun times and forming wonderful memories.

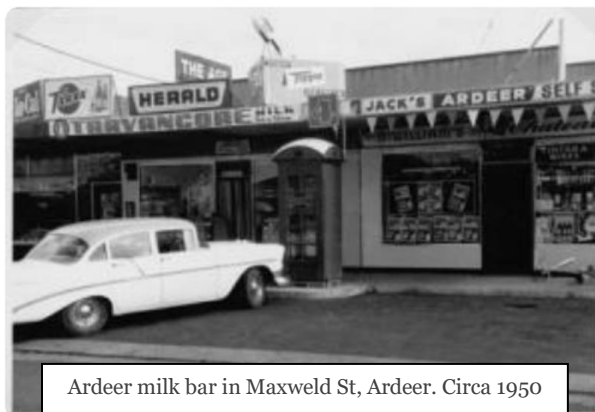
As I reminisce about my childhood growing up in Sunshine West, I have vivid recollections of spending much of my weekends and school holidays on my push bike, riding to Brimbank Park and hanging out at Kororoit Creek.

Being a real history enthusiast, I spent a bit of my time on the school holidays researching the history of Ardeer and our school. I even managed to drag my eldest son to the State Library of Victoria, where we had a go at viewing some historic newspapers on microfilm. However, I'm not sure this was my son's idea of fun, I had a ball though!

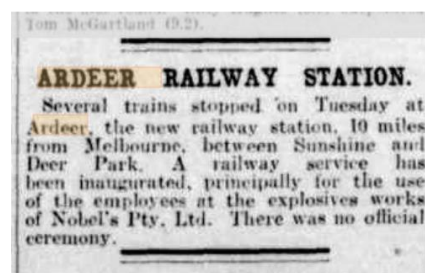
Honoring our rich school and local history it important, particularly as we celebrate our school's 61st birthday this year. I will share few of the old new articles that I have come across in our upcoming newsletters.

Take care everyone

Article - The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Thursday 4 April 1929** - Page 5



Ardeer milk bar in Maxwell St, Ardeer. Circa 1950



Key Dates

-Labour Day- Public Holiday-
(No School)

March 14th, 2022

-Colour Explosion
Fundraising Event

March 24th, 2022

-Swimming Program

P/1A.P/1B & 2/3

March 28th – April 7th

-Last Day Term 1

Friday 8th April

-Term 1 School Holidays

Monday 11th April – Sunday
24th April

-ANZAC Day

Monday 25th April (No
School)

-First Day Term 2

Tuesday 26th April



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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

This week, I met with a representative from Akzo Nobel, Raymond Jreige. Akzo Nobel is a large Dutch owned company that has a site in Sunshine North and who bought out ICI in 2008. The serendipitous thing is that the company ICI originated in Ardeer, in the Ayrshire town of Stevenston, in Scotland and is where the name of our Ardeer here in Australia originated from. When ICI bought the large parcel of land on Tilburn Rd the suburb was actually named after this same town in Scotland where the ICI UK site was established.

I reached out to the company to see if they were interested in developing a partnership with us here at the school in support of the development of our APS Community Garden. I was really thrilled to hear that they were open to this partnership and were seeking new and innovative ways to continually engage with the local community and are more than happy to provide us with some support.

They have kindly offered to support us with any future working bees at the school, painting of classrooms and buildings if required, assist with the assembly of seats and furniture for the outdoor learning spaces that will be built in 2022 and provide any support with future landscaping works.

We look forward to seeing this partnership unfold over the next few years. If there are any parents or community organisations out there that would be happy to also provide support, please contact John Mifsud (Principal) at the school.

I have also connected with our local Bunnings store in Sunshine and they are also keen to offer support to our ongoing project, which is just great.



COVID-19 UPDATE WEARING MASKS

MASK WEARING

Mask wearing continues to be requirement for all students in Years 3-6. It is also strongly recommended that students in F-2 also wear a mask.



BOOKS and

PRE LOVED UNIFORM



SALE

CASH ONLY

Books 5 for \$1

Pre loved Uniform \$2 ea

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON JUST
BEFORE/AFTER ASSEMBLY IN
THE COLA AREA**



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THE BRIGHTEST DAY AT SCHOOL!

Thank you so much for continuously supporting our school, especially through fundraising. This term, we are hosting a **Colour Explosion School Fun Run** to raise money for development of our APS Community Garden.

Did you know? Students raise 3x times more when they fundraise online! Visit www.australianfundraising.com.au to create your child's cybersafe fundraising profile. Instructions are in your child's sponsorship booklet. You have until **27/3/22** to fundraise, so make sure you get cracking!

The big day is coming! We are so excited to host our Colour Explosion School Fun Run on 24/3/22. Parents are invited to attend. On the day, make sure your child brings a white shirt for the Fun Run! They will be covered in non-toxic, high quality colour powder from head to toe! They will also need a water bottle and their hat. All parents and volunteers will be required to adhere to vaccination requirements

How do prizes work? Help your child fundraise more by setting a fundraising goal! It's okay if they change their mind as you order their preferred prizes at the completion of the fundraiser.

You can order your child's prizes online at www.australianfundraising.com.au between **28/3/22** and **3/4/22**. Alternatively, complete the back page of your sponsorship booklet when you return your cash donations. Students can choose a prize based on the total amount of dollars raised, or mix and match smaller prizes.

Share in \$200,000 worth of extra prize credit! Achieve bigger prizes by helping your child earn bonus credit on their online profile. By creating an avatar, sharing your page with friends and reaching milestone donations, you can share in \$200,000 of extra prize credit!

Monstar Madness. There are heaps of prizes you can win when you fun-raise with Monty! Create your fundraising page in the next 7 days, and you will receive a Holographic Monty Sticker! Check out your sponsorship booklet for more awesome Monty prizes up for grabs, like a Monty Plush toy, a bag tag or a high-bounce handball!

Win a \$10,000 JB Hi-Fi Shopping Spree. Do you think you can top our school's leader board? The highest fundraising student in our school will go into the draw to win a \$10,000 JB Hi-Fi Shopping Spree, including your choice of televisions, laptops, phones, home accessories and more! Start fundraising at www.australianfundraising.com.au for your chance to win.

Fund-Razor of the Year Award. Do you think you can top the national leader board? Australia's highest fundraising student in Australia will win a Razor Prize Pack, worth \$3,000!

Thanks in advance for your support, and happy fundraising!

John Mifsud

Principal



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EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary School Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

School is better when your child is there

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates.

It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

In Victoria school is compulsory for children and young people aged 6 -17 years

Student Absences

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and developing good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

Family holidays - It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term. If you are planning to go on holiday during term time, make sure that you talk to your child's school in advance, and work with them to develop an absence learning plan.

“Day off” – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

School refusal - School refusing children will experience significant emotional distress not only when going to school but also at the thought of going to school; they may be absent from school for weeks or even months at a time. School refusal differs from truancy as children generally stay home with the knowledge of the parents and despite their best efforts to encourage their child to go to school. See: [My child or teenager has anxiety](#)

Being away from school for one day a fortnight equals missing 1.5 years over 13 years of school

If your child is away

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

Inform the school

- Speak with your child's classroom teacher and find out what work they need to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, **every day counts**. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Chronic or ongoing attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice being issued to parent/s.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Top attendance tips for parents

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

Further information

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/studentmanagement/attendance/Pages/improve-attendance.aspx>



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A COLOUR EXPLOSION IS COMING

MARCH 2022



Victoria University Secondary College

Open House

Monday 21st March 2022

Morning Campus Tours

Tour 1: 9:20 am

Tour 2: 10:30 am

6:00pm **Welcome and Information**

6:15pm **Presentation by College Principal**

6:30pm **Interactive Tours**



Held at Junior Campus, Deer Park

Additional Tours available by appointment by phoning 9363 1155.
Adults must show proof of vaccination upon entry.

Junior Campus P 03 9363 1155
88 Billingham Rd, Deer Park VIC 3023
Senior Campus P 03 8312 0200
43 Ken Jordan Rd, Cairnlea VIC 3023

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Create The Future



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Person-centered

- Five Tuition complements school-based approaches by providing personalised help for each student.

Values-driven

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

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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Everything we do at Five Tuition supports that learning process. It sounds simple because learning is simple! Learning doesn't require complex programmes, a detailed curriculum, or the latest technology – as helpful as they might be. Learning simply requires someone with the competence to teach, the character to model, and the commitment to pass on their knowledge.

We recruit and train the nicest, brightest, and most talented university students living in Melbourne's West. All our tutors have attained exceptional VCE scores, have a heart for younger people and a passion to share their knowledge, skills, and experiences with others.

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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.



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