

ARDEER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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July 21st, 2022

Key Dates

Term 3

-First Day of Term 3
Monday 11th July

- Responsible Pet Ownership
P/1A and P/1 B
Thursday 11th August

-100 Days of Prep celebration
Friday 12th August

-Grade 3/4,4/5 & 6
9-day Swimming Program
Monday 5th September -
Thursday 15th September

Last day of Term 3
Early Dismissal
2:15PM

Term 3 School Holidays
Saturday 17th September –
Sunday 2nd October

First day of Term 4
Monday 3rd October

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By: John Mifsud, Principal

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope all families had a very restful break and managed to spend some quality downtime together over the holidays.

The holidays were quite eventful. Among a range of other things, we managed a day trip to the very interesting Kryal Castle as a family. The biggest highlight by far was the very dramatic fire jousting battle. My boys thought this was the most amazing thing they had ever seen! A very close second had to be the hilarity that Emma and the boys seemed to experience at the sight of me becoming very lost and struggling to get out of the maze. I am always happy to know that I am the source of some good entertainment for my family!

Over the break the school was buzzing with construction activity. It saw the commencement of our new inclusive playground, demolition and the reinstatement of a new undercover walkway that adjoins our main building and MP Room. We also saw the start of the demolition of the asphalt and concrete within this area. At the end of this project, we will see a significant upgrade to the drainage and quality of pathways in this space. Making it much safer for staff and students alike, with the inclusion of more green spaces to be used as outdoor learning spaces.

There are no real quiet times in schools and Term 3 is no exception. Over the next term we will be working behind the scenes in planning for 2023. This includes the development of grade and staffing structures.

If you have plans to move or change schools in 2023, could I please ask that you contact the school asap so that this can be built into our planning.

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

John Mifsud



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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Dear Families,

Just a reminder that Compass and Seesaw are used to communicate important information to families about upcoming events as well as day to day information. Student reports are also completed and communicated to families through Compass We are continuing to roll out different functions of Compass for both staff and families. If you are unsure how to access Compass or are unsure of your log in details, please make contact with either myself or our Business Manager Jen so that we can send you your log in details via email. There will also be a parent information night later this term which will provide information on how Compass can be used by families.

Grade 3/ 4, 4/ 5 and 6 Swimming Program Term 3

Students in the above grades will be participating in the Swimming Program later this term to build their confidence and skills in the water. Parent information and consent forms will be sent home with students this week, including payment information. This 9-day swimming program will run from the 5th September to the 15th September (inclusive). Please ensure that consent forms and payment arrangements are made by Tuesday 9th August, as students who return their forms after this date will not be able to attend.

Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition

Thanks to all families of Grade 6 students who submitted their 2023 Year 7 Placement Application. Information on which school your child has been placed at for 2023 will be communicated this week. If you are wishing to discuss your child's placement, please contact me at the school. Any appeals of placements must be completed prior to 29th July, please contact me if you require information on this process.

Road Safety

There are lots of exciting building projects happening at Ardeer Primary School at present, this includes the replacement of asphalt where our school bus normally parks. While these works are taking place, our school bus needs access to parking out the front of the school gate in McLaughlin Street during pick up and drop off times. Please ensure that you do not park in this area if there are orange cones placed outside the school gate. McLaughlin Street is quite busy at pick up and drop off times. Please park your vehicle in designated areas only and do not stop in the middle of the road for your child to get into your car. It's important that we are mindful of road safety during the busy pick up and drop off times.

Christopher O'Brien



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STUDENT LED INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all the families that were able to make it to the Student Led Interviews on Tuesday. I hope this provided you with an opportunity to celebrate with your child some of the rich learning that they have been engaged in over the semester. Please note, this is not the only opportunity that parents have to meet with teachers. Should you wish to touch base with your child's classroom teacher, please feel free to do so by either contacting the school by phone or via Seesaw in order to arrange a suitable meeting time.

MASK WEARING

Please find below correspondence that was sent out via Compass regarding the strong recommendation for mask wearing for staff and students aged 8 and over throughout the winter season.

I am writing to you further to the recent announcements by the Victorian government about public health measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses, especially influenza, throughout the remainder of the winter season.

Schools received communication last night from the Department of Education outlining recommendations regarding mask wearing in schools throughout the winter season.

It is strongly recommended by the Victorian Department of Health that face masks are worn in indoor settings, with face masks **mandatory for those aged 8 and over who are household contacts and attending school**. This is because the wearing of masks is effective in reducing the transmission of COVID-19.

What does this mean in practice for schools?

It is the department's expectation that, through to the end of winter, students aged 8 and over and staff will wear masks when in class, except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication or when a particular activity requires the removal of a mask.

Masks are not required to be worn outdoors but can be worn when physical distancing is not possible. This expectation should not constrain student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances.

Should there be any reason why your child cannot wear a mask, we please ask that you communicate this via email to ardeer.ps@education.vic.gov.au, so as to ensure all circumstances are respected and clear for all concerned.

We extend our gratitude for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

John Mifsud and the APS Team



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2022 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

As we are well into the school year now, I would like to thank all the families who have already made voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

As detailed in previous correspondence, as a small school we operate with an extremely finite budget and your contributions make a huge difference to our school and the programs that we can offer.

If you have not made a voluntary financial contribution for 2022 you can still do so
Payment Methods: • EFTPOS • CASH • DIRECT DEPOSIT Account Name: Ardeer Primary School BSB: 063172
Account Number: 10126125 Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

When paying by direct deposit please use your child's SURNAME and 2022 PP as the reference e.g.
"SMITH 2022 PP"

Foundation - 6 Curriculum Contributions- items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	
<i>Book Pack</i>	\$50.00
<i>Classroom materials (shared) \$3.60+ laminating pockets & other misc.</i>	\$8.00
<i>Curriculum support resources / experiences - All students will participate in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) throughout the year. This covers the cost of a range of construction items and bulk supplies (e.g. pipe cleaners, icy pole sticks, tape, straws, wool, cups, etc. used to support the delivery of the curriculum and to enable the creation of learning artefacts such as dioramas, models, conduct experiments and other creative designs.</i>	\$10.00
<i>Technologies – ICT equipment, infrastructure and support- Provision and upkeep of devices from the shared classroom sets in all Primary classrooms & specialist classes.</i>	\$25.00
<i>ICT- Technologies- Apps/memberships/licenses</i> -Seesaw Plus- \$5.40 -Essential Assessment- \$14.60 -Epic- \$10	\$30.00
<i>Swimming Program- 9 Day Intensive Program</i>	\$95.00
<i>Photocopying - Printing and photocopying of learning materials</i>	\$10.00
<i>Nightly reading diary</i>	\$5.00
<i>Headphones & Book Boxes</i>	\$17.00
Total	\$250
<i>Nightly reader bag- New enrolments or replacement*</i>	\$12.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Ardeer Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. **These are provided on a user-pays basis.**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	
<i>Interschool Sports– Grade 4-6 – Transportation costs (Bus hire) for all away interschool sport games (Grade 4/5 and Grade 5/6 classes only)</i>	\$30.00
<i>Graduation Grade 6</i>	\$50.00
<i>Camp Grades 3- 6</i>	T.B.C*(Approx. \$350)
<i>Prep – 2 Sleepover</i>	T.B.C*(Approx. \$25)
<i>Incursions & Excursions (Grade specific- Individual costs will vary dependent on number of students in attendance and associated costs</i>	T.B.C



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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 30th April of the year they start school.



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ENROL NOW FOR 2023

Contact the school for
a personalised tour

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Ardeer Primary School




BIG STEPS

2022 Prep Transition Program

**COLLECT YOUR ENROLMENT PACK
FROM THE OFFICE ASAP**

Prep Transition Dates

- ❖ Friday 18th November- 9:00 – 11:00AM
- ❖ Friday 25th November- 9:00 – 11:00AM
- ❖ Friday 2nd December- 9:00 – 12:00PM



YouthNow

Playgroup



@ Ardeer Primary School

When: Monday mornings @ 9:30am - 12pm
(Commencing 28.3.22)

Where: Library

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

0400 865 103

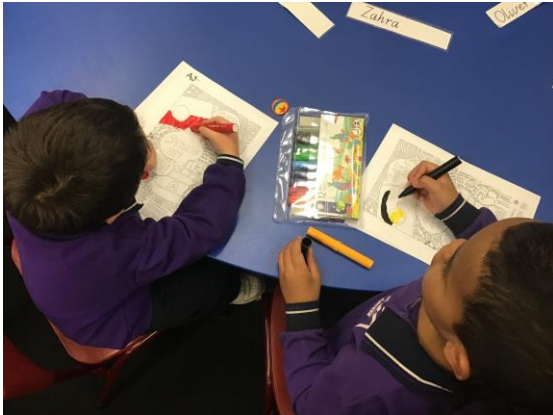
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NAIDOC WEEK

The students from across the school participated in a range of learning opportunities to acknowledge the importance of NAIDOC week. This culminated in a fantastic end of the week assembly where students from all year levels shared some of their learnings from across the week. This included class developed acknowledgements of country, facts about First Nations people and artwork inspired by our First Nations people.



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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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WHAT MAKES PAUL SADLER SWIMLAND DIFFERENT TO OTHER SWIM SCHOOLS?

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
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SEAL Program – Year 7

Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEALP) Parent Information

A reminder that registrations close on Monday, July 25. Click to register [here](#) via the VUSC website.

In 2023 Victoria University Secondary College will be offering the accredited SEAL program to Year 7 students.

The Academy of Accredited SEAL Schools (TAASS) accredits schools who run the SEAL program. The SEAL program is designed to enrich and extend students through a curriculum that emphasises content of greater complexity and depth, more abstract and challenging learning tasks, higher order critical and creative thinking, problem-solving skills, independent research skills and leadership opportunities. This supportive environment encourages learning and collaboration with like-minded peers to develop students academically, socially and emotionally.

Features of Accelerated Learning

- Differentiation based on student skills, aptitude and interest
- Elimination of repetition and the practice of already mastered skills
- Accelerated pace of learning
- Development of metacognitive and higher order thinking skills
- Opportunities for deep learning and inquiry-based learning through to Year 10.

Benefits of Accelerated Learning

- Students feel challenged by curriculum that is sufficiently advanced and delivered at a pace that maintains student interest
- Students are given an opportunity to complete a range of subjects with greater depth and breadth
- The curriculum caters for the abilities of students and provides opportunities for abstract thinking
- Increased opportunity to study VCE subjects in Year 10 and greater flexibility in their choice of subjects in the remaining years of secondary school.

Who Should Apply?

If your child is highly motivated, retains knowledge well and is often bored in mainstream classes, this may indicate that they need to be extended. The SEAL Program is for students who desire to extend themselves and move ahead.

Selection Process

To be selected into this program students must achieve a high standard on the formal SEAL examination. A non-refundable fee of \$88 will be payable upon registration. Testing will take place at the VUSC Junior Campus on Monday 1 August 2022.



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Dear parents,

This year, our school community is embarking on an incredible adventure.

This year, we're participating in the MS Readathon as a school community. It's a one-month reading challenge, where the rules are simple. Read whatever you like, as much as you can, throughout the month of August whilst having the opportunity to fundraise for those in need. All donations go towards helping Australians with MS and other neurological conditions, and that's the main reason we've decided to take the MS Readathon on together as a community.

*Once registered, each student can set up and personalise their very own fundraising page and click the '**Join a school/class**' button'. Type '**Ardeer**' in the search area and connect to our community.*

When signed up by mum or dad, expect the MS Readathon t-shirt, a pair of socks, AND a bookbag for FREE! But you must get in quick because there are a limited number of these MS Readathon packs

So, to sign up under our school's MS Readathon, just click the link below.

REGISTER HERE: www.msreadathon.org.au/register

Let's read together for a wonderful cause and make a difference.

If you need assistance in registering please reach out.

APS Team



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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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