

ARDEER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THE PURPLE PULSE

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February 1st, 2024

Key Dates

Volunteers Information Session

Friday 16th February
9:00AM (Staff Room)

Sounds Write Parent
Information Session

Tuesday 20th February
5pm- 6pm

Meet the Teacher Night BBQ

Monday 26th February
4:30pm – 5:30pm

Swimming Program

Grade 3/4, 4/5 & 5/6
Monday 4th March – Friday 15th
March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday 11th March

Colour Explosion

Thursday 21st March

Harmony Day

Wednesday 27th March
9:00AM – 10:00AM

Last day Term 1

Thursday 28th March (2:15pm
dismissal)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic and restful break. I am sure students, staff and especially parents are very much ready for the start of yet another school year.

A very warm welcome to the students and families who join Ardeer P.S for the first time in 2024, I look forward to getting to know you over the course of the year.

It has been brilliant visiting all classes across the school over the past few days. Most pleasing to see is just how well all students across the school have settled in. It is a real credit to the staff in the creation of such thriving and supportive learning environments.

A reminder that this time of year the UV index is extremely high. As part of our school uniform policy, it is compulsory that all students wear a school bucket hat in Terms 1 and 4. Hats and all uniform items are available for purchase at our school office.

Take care everyone. 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,

I trust that you all had an enjoyable summer and had the opportunity to spend some quality time together as families. As we kick off another year, I would like to welcome all of our new families who have children starting with us this year.

Compass and Seesaw

Our school uses Compass and Seesaw platforms to communicate with families about important events and updates, whilst Seesaw is also used for family to teacher communication. Seesaw codes have been distributed to students and sent home by classroom teachers. If you have not connected on Seesaw yet, and need help with this, please don't hesitate to make contact with the classroom teacher or myself. Compass log ins for new families were sent out via email in the holidays, and hard copies provided to students today. If you need your details resent or password reset, please come and see me.

Reader bags

All students are provided with a purple reader bag in prep. This needs to be paid for at the office. Students will then keep this reader bag each year of schooling at APS. If you need to purchase a new reader bag, please come in and see Hang or myself in the office and we can organise this for you.

Swimming Program

The Grade 3/ 4, 4/ 5 and 5/ 6 swimming program will be taking place in week 5 and 6 of term. Consent forms and payment details will be sent home this week. Costs of the program were communicated through the Parent Payments details sent home via Compass and in enrolment packs. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Chess Club

Wednesday Chess Club will be starting in week 2 of term, and registrations are open. This was a huge success in Term 4 of last year and we would love families to register for this in 2024. Registration and cost details are contained in a Compass post but are also in this edition of the newsletter. Reach out if you have any questions.

Christopher O'Brien

Assistant Principal



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REMINDER OF UPDATED BELL TIMES

School Times

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

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| 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.

If you require before or after school care, please contact TheirCare on 1300 072 410 for information regarding the registration process.

TheirCare OSHC program operates Monday – Friday, all pupil free days and school holidays

6:30am- 8:30am - Before school

3:15pm -6:30pm - After school



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.



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.



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.

| School Council Election Process and Timetable 2024 | |
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| Ardeer Primary School | |
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| Event | Date |
| a) Notice of election and call for nominations | Thursday 1 st February 2024 |
| 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 | Thursday 8 th February 2024 |
| c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted (If an election is required) | Wednesday 14 th February 2024 |
| d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed- (If an election is required) | Wednesday 21 st February 2024 |
| e) Close of ballot - (If an election is required) | Friday 1 st March 2024 |
| f) Vote count: (If an election is required) | Monday 4 th March 2024 |
| g) Declaration of poll: (If an election is required) | Wednesday 5 th March 2024 |
| h) Special council meeting to co-opt community members (the principal will preside) | Monday 18 th March 2024 |
| i) First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside) | Monday 18 th March 2024 |



PREPS FIRST WEEK

It was brilliant to see all students back to school, especially our newest members of the school, our preps! They made it through their first few days of school, albeit a little tired! We look forward to seeing them grow as learners over the next 7 years here at the school, and cannot wait to share in this amazing journey with them and their families.



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NO SCHOOL FOR PREP STUDENTS

As our newest members of the school become accustomed to school they will have reduced attendance times. There is no school for all prep students on the following days.

Wednesday 31st January, Wednesday 7th January, Wednesday 14th February, Wednesday 21st, February and Wednesday 28th February.

PREP FAMILY COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to the parents that were able to make it to our annual prep family morning coffee catch up. It was a lovely way to get to know new families to the school and for parents to connect. We look forward to catching up with all families to our upcoming Meet the Teacher BBQ this term.



HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT APS?

We are constantly seeking ways to help strengthen parent and school partnerships. We know the positive outcomes that ensue when parents actively participate in their child's educational journey. If you are interested in finding out how you can support the school by volunteering at APS, we ask that you attend our upcoming volunteering information session on **Friday 16th February**. RSVP – John Mifsud by Monday 12th February



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Ardeer Primary School

WEDNESDAY

11:00am-11:50am
Library

Weekly classes will help improve:

- Creativity
- Memory
- Concentration
- Planning Skills
- Independent Decision Making
- General Aptitude for Learning
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork



Learning chess has been shown to improve overall performance at school by nearly 20% compared with children who have not

To book online, scan or go to chessmates.com.au/schools

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MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT BBQ

SEE YOU
THERE!



**Monday
26th February, 2024
4:30pm - 5:30pm**



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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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