# ARDEER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Out of the control of the contro

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#### June 12th, 2025



#### **Key Dates**

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Fire Ed P/1 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June

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Fire Ed P/1 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June

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Report access open to families Friday 27th June

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P/1 Teddy Bear Picnic Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

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Last day of Term 2 (Early dismissal 2:15pm) Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

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First Day Term 3 Monday 21st July

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Student Led Conferences Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 1pm- 6:30pm

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#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all keeping well.

On Friday 6th June we held our Term 2 Curriculum Day.

Staff engaged in CPR, first aid, anaphylaxis and asthma training on this day. The decision to upskill almost all staff at the school has been one that has been in place for many years now. It ensures that we have staff who are competent and capable in managing a range of emergencies, whether at school or while attending an extracurricular event offsite.

Staff also commenced work on the development of the school's GVC (Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum) in Mathematics. This invaluable process builds staff capacity in understanding of the curriculum and ensures alignment with the implementation of the new Mathematics 2.0 curriculum. It also supports a more coherent learning experience for our students from Foundation to Year 6. Ensuring that learning is systematically and incrementally built upon as they progress through their years at the school.

This process is a significant undertaking with a similar process earmarked for English. We are confident that this work will help support us to continue delivering improved learning growth for every student, along with the consistently high academic outcomes that we expect.

Yours sincerely,

John Mifsud

#### MEGA MID YEAR RAFFLE

We will be running a mega mid-year raffle with some amazing prizes on offer. This raffle has only been made possible through the support of many. My sincere thanks to TheirCare for the donation of the 4 AFL Medallion Club tickets or MCG tickets, Audrie Stubbs' grandfather over in the UK for the donation of the W. Mandeville Bakery tote bag (all the way from Holmes Chapel) where the very popular Harry Styles used to worked, Harry Styles print, brand new E scooter from Elijah Pham's family and for the brand new Trek mountain bike that was donated by my wonderful mum! The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday 20th June







1st Prize- Razor E Scooter
2nd Prize- Trek Mountain Bike
3rd Prize- 4 seats at MCG to any AFL game or 4 Medallion
Club seats at Marvel Stadium
(Parking ticket also available)
4th Prize- Hessian Tote bag
from W. Mandeville Bakery
(Location of Harry Styles' first
job!), Framed Harry Styles photo
and \$30 Bunnings Voucher



#### PLANTING THE SEED PROGRAM

Students visited "Verdant Woodlands" near Koroit Creek on Thursday 29th May 2025 to collect cuttings for propagation. Students propagated their plants back at school and will care for these in a mini greenhouse. Later in the year they will plant these cuttings.

Students will use a simple data monitoring protocol to monitor revegetation success (plant health and growth) and take photos of the site. Students will visit the site in September/October 2025 to carry out monitoring activities.

The project was made possible through the support of Brimbank City Council and Ecology & Restoration Australia (ERA).



#### **CHILD SAFE STANDARDS**



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

## SWPBS Weekly Gotcha

During week six, the focus was on arriving to school and class on time. Students were taught the significance of not only beginning the school day at the correct time but also how important it is to come back to class promptly after breaks or when running errands.

This gotcha shows students how to be responsible for their own learning.

In week seven, students practised how to use furniture and equipment for its intended purpose. This ensures that classroom and outdoor resources are kept in working order for all the students to use and enjoy. Like our week six gotcha, this helps students to be responsible and to care for items they use so that everyone can enjoy them.

#### **SAFETY REQUEST**

We had two very freakish incidents this week with students bringing in soup that was pre heated and put into a thermos. I suspect that the food was overheated, placed directly into a thermos and the lid was screwed on. This has then pressurised causing the lid to get stuck. When two staff members have attempted to open the lids of these thermos they have shot off as projectiles. One smashing the glass face of the clock in the staffroom situated about 2.5m on the wall. Thankfully, nobody was injured and or burnt. Please be very careful if you are providing food in a thermos such as this. If a request is made by a student to open a thermos and the lid is on very tight and they suspect that it contains hot food that may combust, parents will be contacted, and the child will be provided with a cheese toasty.

### **Preventing and Addressing Racism in Schools**

At Ardeer Primary School we value the diversity of culture, ethnicity, and faith of all our students. We are proud of our diversity, and everyone is welcome at our school.

Celebrating the diversity of our community makes us stronger, kinder and more innovative. We are committed to making sure that students from all backgrounds feel accepted, supported and able to learn.

We teach all students according to our school values and teach the respectful relationships framework. This includes education around diversity and inclusion.

To achieve our values and aims, everyone at Ardeer Primary School plays an important role.

This week, we have reminded students of our values of Respect, Responsibility and Safety and the importance of using these in everything we do.

To help continue to make Ardeer Primary School a place where everyone feels welcome, respected and supported, we encourage you to also speak to your child about these values, as well as the importance of:

- understanding that we celebrate diversity and multicultural inclusion
- understanding the importance of everyone at school being treated with respect.

For more information, please see <u>Racism: talking with children and teens</u>, <u>Raising Children Network</u>.

We expect families to also display our school values when dealing with other members of our school community.





# Information for parents about racist bullying



Our schools are committed to ensuring students from all backgrounds feel safe and connected at school and are able to achieve their best.

This information sheet provides examples of what racist bullying can look like and practical steps you can take to work with your child's school to address it.

Racist bullying can be:

- · Physical, verbal or emotional
- Online via mobile phones, email, social media and games
- · Frequently making casual, offensive comments
- Making jokes that use racial and/or religious stereotypes
- Offensive graffiti
- Ridiculing, tormenting, threatening or making fun of physical attributes (such as skin colour, hair or facial features), customs, religion, food, accents, language, cultural or religious dress or music, or migration history
- Making comments that imply that a person is not "Australian"
- Refusing to socialise, work or co-operate with others because they are from a different cultural background
- Making judgements about a person's ability or values based on their accent, language or cultural background
- Religious abuse or vilification.

Racist bullying can have long-term negative effects on physical and mental health, as well as school attendance and educational outcomes<sup>1</sup>.

Racist bullying can also negatively affect students who witness the bullying. Even if they are the friend of the bully, they can feel insecure and unprotected.



#### Information for parents about racist bullying

#### Working with your child's school

Schools want all students to feel safe and included. Schools do not tolerate any form of bullying and take all forms of bullying seriously.

Schools must have a bullying prevention policy that states that any form bullying is unacceptable. You should find the policy on the school website, or you can ask your child's teacher or the front office for a copy.

If your child experiences racist bullying, it is important that the school knows what is happening so they can support your child and address the bullying. Some steps you could take include:

- Making an appointment with your child's teacher or another relevant staff member. Your child's Year Level Coordinator or the Student Wellbeing Coordinator/Primary Welfare Officer are often good points of contact. You could also talk to an Assistant Principal.
- Asking the school to organise a professional interpreter for you if required.
- Bringing in a support person when meeting with the school.
- Explaining why you have asked for the meeting and ask for the school's commitment to ensure that the bullying stops.
- Sharing details of the incident/s your child has experienced and the impact it has had on them.
- Agreeing to a timeframe for the school to respond to the incident/s.
- Allowing the agreed amount of time after the meeting for the school to respond to the bullying. Often the staff investigating the report will need to talk to a range of people, including other staff and students. This may take some time and doesn't mean the school isn't taking your concern seriously.

- Helping your child work out what to do if the bullying happens again. This may involve a plan to tell a teacher or see someone from the Wellbeing team. You can also talk to them about how they can respond to or avoid the bully and be supported by their friends.
- Talking to the school even if your child does not want you to – racist bullying is a serious issue and your child's school will want to support you and your child to feel safe and welcome.
- Seeking support for yourself, if needed.
   Parentline is a phone service for parents and carers of children from birth to 18 years old, and offers confidential and anonymous counselling and support. They can be contacted on 13 22 89.

If the bullying continues, you may wish to talk to the principal.

If you're still not satisfied with the school's response, contact your closest regional office and ask to speak to the Community Liaison Officer in your area. They will help register your complaint and explain how the Department will consider it. Allow time for the regional office staff to speak with the principal and anyone else involved. If the issue is complex it could take more than 20 school days to resolve.

#### Resources and supports

- There is more information and resources about bullying on the Department of Education and Training website. See: <u>Bully Stoppers</u>
- If you want more information about what to do if your child is experiencing bullying, this page may be helpful: Bullying. No Way! – How parents and carers can respond

# SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME WITH THEIR LEARNING

## **LITERACY**

#### Tips for Parents: Choosing the Right Books for Your Child

Finding the right books for your child can make a world of difference in fostering a love of reading. Here are some tips to help guide your book selection, ensuring your child stays engaged, challenged, and excited about reading.

#### 1. Know Their Interests

- **Follow Their Passions:** If your child loves animals, sports, or space, choose books related to those topics to spark their interest.
- Ask Them What They Like: Let your child have a say in book selection. Their enthusiasm will help them stay motivated.

#### 2. Match Books to Their Reading Level

- **Start with Simple Books:** For beginners, choose books with large text and colourful pictures to help with word recognition.
- Look for "Just Right" Books: Choose books that aren't too difficult but still provide a bit of a challenge. If they can read 90% of the words without help, it's the perfect fit!
- **Use the 5-Finger Rule:** Open a book and read a page. If your child encounters five or more unfamiliar words on that page, the book may be too difficult.

#### 3. Mix Up Genres

- **Explore Different Genres:** Offer a variety of fiction and non-fiction books. Picture books, chapter books, graphic novels, and poetry all help develop different reading skills.
- **Try Books in Series:** If they find a book they love, look for more in the series. Series books like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* or *Magic Tree House* help keep kids engaged.

#### 4. Look for Books With Relatable Characters

- **Relatable Themes:** Books with characters that face challenges similar to your child's own experiences (like making friends, going to school, or overcoming fears) can resonate more deeply.
- **Diverse Books:** Introduce your child to stories with characters from different cultures and backgrounds to broaden their perspective.

#### 5. Preview the Book

- **Read the Back Cover or Synopsis:** Before picking a book, read a short summary to check if it sounds interesting.
- **Flip Through Pages:** Look at illustrations, read a few paragraphs, and check if the text feels comfortable for your child.

#### 6. Make Reading Fun

- **Choose Humourous Books:** Laughter is a great way to keep your child engaged. Books like *Captain Superlative* or *Dog Man* are both funny and engaging.
- Interactive Books: Lift-the-flap, pop-up, or sound books for younger children can make reading interactive and exciting.

#### 7. Visit Your Local Library or Bookstore

- **Library Visits:** Take your child to the library regularly. Many libraries also have themed book displays and staff recommendations.
- Book Fairs: Check out book fairs or local bookshops to find new and popular titles.

#### Remember: The Best Book is the One They Want to Read!

The most important thing is for your child to enjoy reading. Allow them to choose books that excite them, even if they don't always fit your expectations. When children are given the freedom to explore, they're more likely to develop a lifelong love of reading!



#### Tips for Parents: Counting Made Fun!

Counting is the foundation of all math skills! Helping your child become comfortable with counting not only builds their confidence with numbers but also sets them up for success in addition, subtraction, and beyond. Here are some easy ways to practice counting with your child at home:

#### 1. Count Everything!

- Count Objects Around the House: Count toys, blocks, or even steps as you walk together. "How many steps to the door?" or "How many apples in the bowl?"
- **Count As You Go:** Count the number of forks on the table, or the number of cups in the cupboard. Count out loud when you're doing chores together!

#### 2. Count Forward and Backward

- **Start with Counting Up:** Begin with counting forward from 1 to 20 (or higher). Use a number line or chart to help them visualize the numbers.
- Practice Counting Backwards: Counting backward from 10 to 1 is a fun challenge and helps strengthen number sense. You can practice this when getting ready for bedtime or when cleaning up toys!

#### 3. Make Counting into a Game

- **Counting Songs and Rhymes:** Sing counting songs like "Five Little Ducks" or "Ten in the Bed." Music helps make counting fun and memorable.
- Interactive Games: Play games like "Hide and Seek" where they count out loud as they search for you. Or roll a dice and count the number of dots to practice number recognition.

#### 4. Use Counting Tools

- **Use Fingers and Toes:** Counting on fingers is a great visual aid, especially for younger children. You can even use their toes to count in pairs!
- **Count with Objects:** Use everyday objects—coins, buttons, or pasta—to practice counting. Group them in different amounts (e.g., count 5, 10, or 20 objects) to introduce higher numbers.

#### 5. Incorporate Counting into Daily Life

- Count the Time: Look at a clock together and count in increments of 5 minutes (5, 10, 15, etc.).
- Count Money: Play "store" by using coins to count up to different amounts.
- Counting on Walks: When you go for a walk, count the cars, trees, or birds you see.

#### 6. Introduce Patterns and Skip Counting

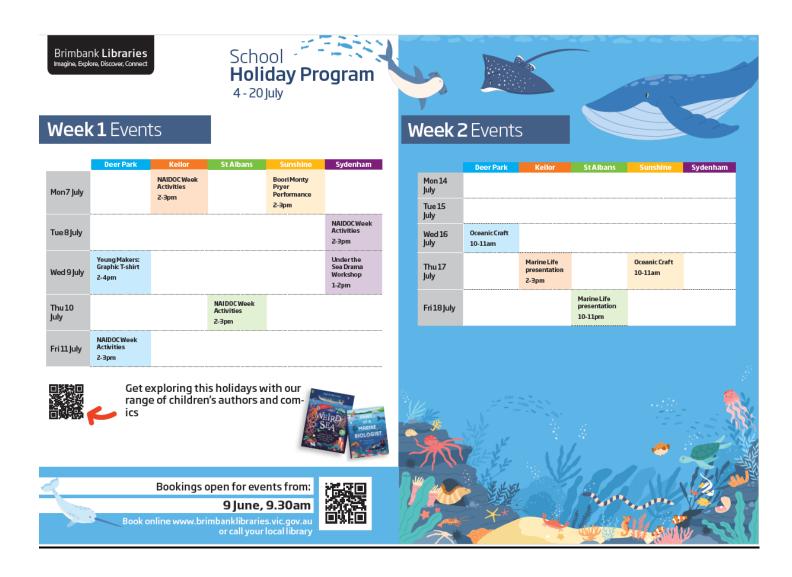
- Patterns Everywhere: Count by twos, fives, and tens to introduce early multiplication concepts. For example, count pairs of socks (2, 4, 6, 8...) or skip count while you do everyday activities (e.g., "Let's count by 5s while we pick up blocks").
- **Number Charts:** Use a number chart to help them see the patterns in numbers, such as how the numbers go up by 1, or count in twos and tens.

#### 7. Encourage Counting in Different Languages

• If you speak more than one language, try counting in that language to expose your child to different sounds and words while reinforcing number recognition.

#### Remember:

Counting doesn't have to be a "lesson" – it can be part of fun activities and everyday tasks! The more your child practices counting, the more confident they'll become with numbers.





### WHAT'S ON!

Explore and learn with our out of this world holiday activities!



#### Bookings

Scan the QR code
Visit: www. brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au or
Call your local library

#### **Boori Monty Pryor Performance**

Award-winning author, musician, prolific storyteller, and filmmaker, Boori Monty Pryor, shares his unique perspective on the world.

By combining traditional elements of performance with his contemporary stories, Boori helps the audience better understand both the past and present culture of First Nations People.

Ages: 6-12 years.

#### **NAIDOC** Week Activities

Celebrate NAIDOC Week with a handson art activity inspired by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history.

#### Under the Sea Drama Workshop

Explore ocean life through role-play, becoming majestic sea creatures and underwater explorersl

This workshop fosters creativity, communication, and social skills in a fun, immersive learning experience.

Ages: 5-9 years.

#### Young Makers: Design Your own Graphic T-shirt

Design your own T-shirt with unique images, fun graphics or your favourite quote. T-shirts will be provided.

Ages: 12-18 years.

#### Oceanic Crafts

Dive into a sea of creativity! Let your imagination swim wildly during this ocean-themed arts and crafts workshop.

Ages: 6-12 years.

#### Marine Life Presentation

Discover miraculous aquatic creatures through this live aquarium display and presentation.

A unique opportunity to learn about Victoria's coastal habitats and rich biodiversity.

Ages: 6-12 years.

#### Return to Term 3 Programs

Each week we host a range of activities to inspire learning and friendship.

From craft & games activities with our **After School Activity Zone** program to **Code Club** and improving your child's reading with our **Reading Buddies** Program.



Scan for times & locations





# Ardeer Primary School WEDNESDAY

# 1:25 - 2:15 PM The 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

INFO@CHESSMATES.COM.AU 1300 CHESS MATES

#### **GET CONNECTED**



Please follow us on Instagram

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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.

# ARDEER PRIMARY SCHOOL

'SMALL SCHOOL - CREATING BIG FUTURES'

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2026 NOW OPEN!

Contact our friendly staff to organise a tour with our Principal or Assistant Principal

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# ARDEER PRIMARY SCHOOL BIG STEPS TRANSITION PROGRAM

A PARENT INFORMATION SESSION WILL RUN FROM 9AM -9.45AM ON 7.11.25

# PREP TRANSITION DATES

7.11.25(9AM-10.50AM)

14.11.25(9AM -10.50AM)

21.11.25(9AM - 12.15PM)

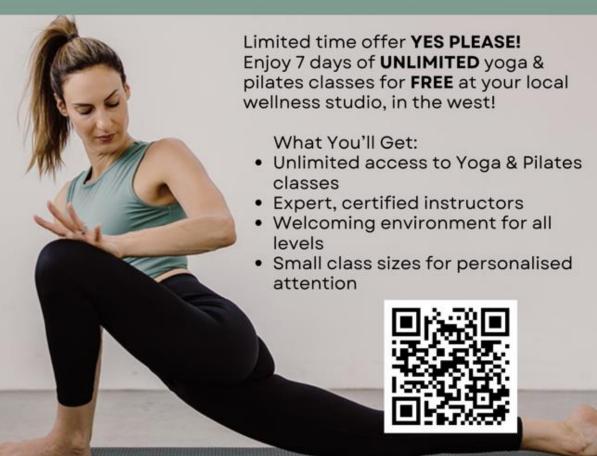


**BOYS & GIRLS** AGED 7 TO 12 TRAIMING MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS AINSWÖRTH RÈSERVE 5PM NO FOOTY FOR MORE **BOOTS** INFORMATION BRING A DRINK CONTACT BOTTLE HAILEY 0450998456

## WHISPA WELLNESS

YOGA & PILATES STUDIO, ALBION

# 7 DAYS OF FREE YOGA & PILATES



Location: 2B Derrimut St, Albion
Offer valid for first-time students only
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Breathe. Move. Transform.
Let your wellness journey begin.
whispawellness.com.au

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	approaches by providing personalised help	
	for each student.	DERRIMUT
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	and life seriously.	Williams Landing Shopping Centre
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	literature, learning theories and careful	Williams Landing, Victoria 3027
	consideration of the evidence.	
Inclusivity-embracing	> We believe everyone should be entitled to a	OUR WEBSITE:
	person-centered, values-driven, impact-	https://www.fivetuition.com.au
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	learning.	

Please call 0477 690 323 or email hello@fivetuition.com.au

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At Five Tuition, we believe learning happens most naturally and effectively when someone you respect sits humbly beside you, helps you with something, speaks honestly to you, has hope for you, and honours their commitment to bring about positive changes for you – in school and life.

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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