

ARDEER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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July 31st, 2025

Key Dates

Book Week Parade
Thursday 7th August

Whole school Book Tasting
Day
Thursday 14th August

PJ Day

Friday 15th August

Swimming Program
(Grade Prep, 2,4 &6)

Monday 18th August – Friday
29th August

Out of water swimming
program

(Grade 1, 3 & 5)

Monday 25th August

Curriculum Day (pupil free
day)

Monday 1st September

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the start of Term 3. Whilst it is a shorter 9-week term, there is certainly lots earmarked over the coming weeks.

It is vital that over the winter months that students continue to arrive to school on time and attend each day. Everyday counts, and this is particularly important as teachers deliver what is a very comprehensive curriculum. Please support our ambitious learning expectations by ensuring your child fully participates in all learning opportunities by ensuring high levels of attendance.

It was great to see so many families attend the Student Led Conferences last night. Supporting strong parent and school partnerships is a high priority here at Ardeer Primary School. We value the strong connections we have and continue to develop with all families. We know that this supports the best possible learning and wellbeing outcomes for our students at the school.

Last week, students from across the school engaged in a range of rich learning opportunities focused on NAIDOC week. All grades had an opportunity to showcase their learning at our assembly last Friday. I was so impressed by the way in which each student represented themselves and their class by articulating the learning they engaged in over the week.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Mifsud

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I hope you're well.

It's been lovely re-connecting with our wonderful students and families this term, after taking some additional long service leave prior to the holidays. I'd like to thank Brady Castellás for filling in for me whilst I was on leave at the end of last term.

Swimming program:

Thank you to the families who returned consent forms for our upcoming in-water and out of water swimming education programs. Our in-water program commences on the 18th August and will run for two weeks. If your child is swimming, a reminder to ensure that you pack the following each day:

- A plastic bag for wet clothing/ bathers
- Clean pair of underwear and socks
- Bathers
- Goggles
- Dry towel

If you have any questions about the swimming program, please reach out.

2025 School camp

It was so pleasing to see so much interest in our camp for this year. We do have a wait list. Information will be sent out in the coming weeks about payment arrangements, in addition to some further consent forms needing to be completed.

Excursions and incursions

We have a number of upcoming incursions and excursions taking place. Please ensure your email addresses and contact details are kept up to date in addition to ensuring that you check Compass on a regular update for important information about these learning opportunities.

Subway Lunches:

Student Subway lunches will again be returning to Ardeer Primary School for Term 3. Families have the option of ordering a Subway lunch for their children attending our school on the following dates in Term 3:

- Wednesday 20th August
- Wednesday 17th September

Order and payment can be completed through the link in the flyer attached or here. If you already have an account from ordering previously, simply click on 'Log in'. If you are new to ordering Subway lunches for your child at our school, click on 'sign up'. Ordering for lunches now close at 10am the day prior to delivery (Tuesday) so please ensure orders are placed by then.

Have a wonderful week,

Regards,

Christopher O'Brien
Assistant Principal

WHY UPDATING YOUR DETAILS MATTERS: SUPPORTING FAIR FUNDING FOR OUR SCHOOL

Did you know that the information families provide about their employment and education background plays a big role in how schools in Victoria are funded?

The Department of Education uses this data to ensure schools with students who may face greater challenges receive additional funding and support through what's called the Equity (Social Disadvantage) Loading. This funding allows schools to run targeted programs that directly support students' learning and wellbeing needs.

☒ What we need from you:

Please keep your family details up to date — **particularly parent/guardian occupation, education level, and any changes in your living arrangements.**

How this helps:

- Ensures our school receives the right level of funding
- Helps us deliver extra support where it's most needed
- Improves access to educational and wellbeing programs for all students

Your privacy is protected. All data is anonymised and used only to determine school funding — not shared individually.

By updating your details, you're helping us provide the best possible opportunities for every student in our school community.

If your circumstances have changed or you're unsure what information we have on file, please contact the office.

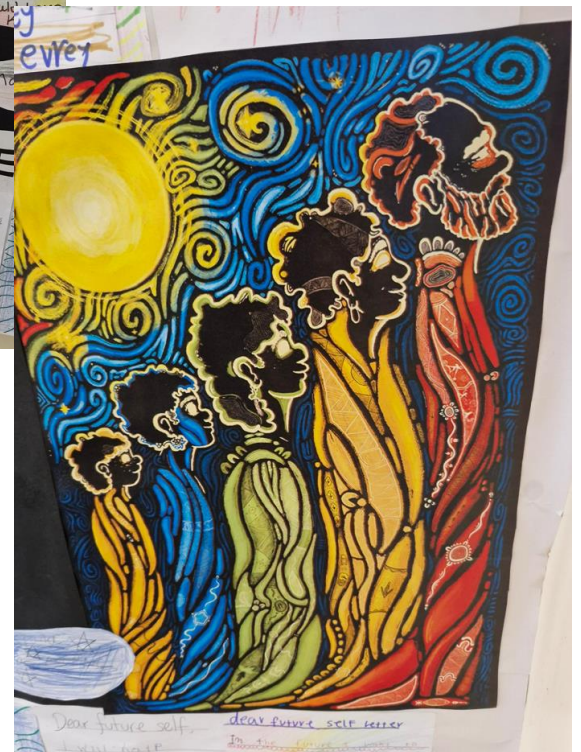
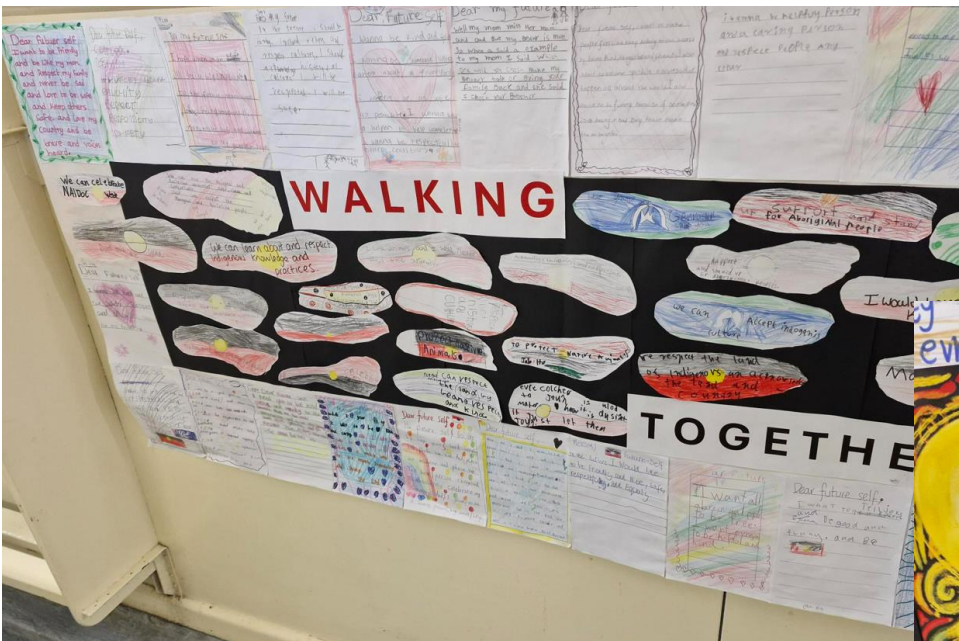
Thank you for your continued support.

NATIONAL TREE DAY 2025



Our thanks to Le Mans Toyota for the generous donation to purchase a range of plants for National Tree Day. The project has certainly helped the ongoing beautification of this space. AzkoNobel also generously supported this initiative by supplying the 10m³ of soil for the garden and sent along a team of volunteers to help shift it all over the recent school holidays. Projects such as these could not happen without such support

NAIDOC WEEK 2025



SPECIAL SUB WAY LUNCH

The school will be continuing our partnership with Canteen Hub and Subway in Term 1.

Parents will have the opportunity to place an order from a limited Subway menu for their child which will then be delivered to the school at 1PM. Order will then be distributed to students in readiness for the school's lunch break at 1:15PM.

There will be two opportunities scheduled this term, and these will take place on Wednesday 20th August & Wednesday 17th September 2025.

Parents will first need to create a Canteen Hub Account -

<https://app.canteenhub.com.au/register> register and register as a new user. (Attached is a user guide for your reference)

Ordering closes – 10.00am on the day prior (Tuesday).

-All orders will be delivered in separate class cartons, and each lunch will be clearly labelled. Parental Support is available via the link below or using the HELP function on the website –

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<https://parentsupport.canteenhub.com/portal/en/kb/canteenhub> and register as a new user. (Attached is a user guide for your reference)

BOOK WEEK 2025

We are thrilled to announce that Book Week will be celebrated at Ardeer Primary School from Monday 4th August to Friday 8th August! This is a fantastic opportunity for our school community to come together to celebrate the joy of reading and the magic of books. This year's theme is "Book an Adventure!". This year marks the 80th anniversary of the event!

Throughout the week, students will participate in a variety of exciting literacy-based activities that promote creativity, imagination, and a lifelong love of reading.

Book Parade – Thursday 7th August at 9:00 AM

One of the highlights of the week will be our much-loved Book Parade on Thursday 7th August at 9:00 AM. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Costumes can be as simple or as creative as you like- feel free to use items you already have at home!

Families are warmly invited to attend the parade under the COLA and enjoy seeing our students proudly show off their costumes and their love of reading. It promises to be a fun and memorable morning for all!

A representative from Brimbank Library will also be visiting to share information about their services, membership options, and provide membership forms.

Book Fair – School Library

We are also excited to be hosting a Book Fair in the school library during Book Week. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and families to purchase a wide selection of engaging and age-appropriate books, while also supporting our school.

Book Fair Opening Hours:

Wednesday 6th August:

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM

Thursday 7th August:

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

9:30AM – 9:45AM- (After the Book Parade)

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM

Friday 8th August:

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

We encourage families to visit the Book Fair together and explore the fantastic range of books on offer.

We look forward to celebrating Book Week with our students and families and hope this special week sparks a deeper appreciation for reading in every child.

SCHOOL MISSION AND VISION RENEWAL

Information was sent out last week via Compass regarding the process that will see the review of our schools current Mission and Vision statements.

As part of our recent school review process in Term 1 and the subsequent development of our new School Strategic Plan 2025- 29, we will be reviewing our school's mission and vision statement that was developed in 2016.

Mission and vision statements play a vital role by offering a clear purpose and direction. They help guide decision-making, shape how resources are used, and influence the overall culture of the school.

Please provide your feedback on our current mission and vision statement as we undergo a review of it by accessing the survey link that was sent out via Compass. **Please complete this by August 11th, 2025.**



CHILD SAFE STANDARDS



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

As we begin Term 3, we're excited to continue our School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) journey!

During the first 20 days of Term 3, teachers will be delivering special lessons to reinforce these important school values. These lessons will help students understand what safety, respect, and responsibility look like in everyday school life.

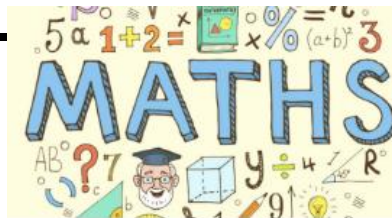
Throughout the term, students will have opportunities to earn positive recognition for demonstrating these behaviours both in the classroom and around the school. We encourage all families to talk with their children about how small actions that promote safety respect and responsibility can make a big difference.

Tips for Parents to Support Positive Behaviour at Home:

- **Encourage Responsibility:** Involve your child in age-appropriate chores or tasks.
- **Praise Positive Actions:** Notice and celebrate your child's safe and responsible behaviours.
- **Set Clear Expectations:** Talk about behaviour goals for school and home.

Let's work together to make Term 3 our best yet by supporting each other and celebrating every step towards positive behaviour. Here's to a fantastic term filled with respect, responsibility, safety and lots of smiles!

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME



Parents can support their children's math learning at home by turning simple activities into opportunities for exploration, problem-solving, and play.

1. Cook Together:

Cooking is a fantastic way to explore measurement, fractions, multiplication, and time. Ask your child to help measure ingredients, double a recipe, or figure out how long something needs to bake. For younger kids, talk about whole versus half or count scoops aloud. Older children can calculate conversions or adjust recipes for different serving sizes.

2. Play Math-Based Games:

Games like Uno, Monopoly, Yahtzee, or card games involve numbers, logic, and strategic thinking. You can also try dedicated math games like *Math Bingo*, *Shut the Box*, or online tools like Prodigy or Khan Academy Kids. Board games build number sense, encourage mental math, and most importantly—keep it fun.

3. Use Real-Life Math Challenges:

Involve your child in budgeting for groceries, comparing prices, or estimating totals while shopping. Ask questions like, "If we buy 3 packs of juice at \$2.50 each, how much will that cost?" or "Which brand is cheaper per unit?" These real-world connections make math feel useful and relevant.

4. Create Math Art:

Let kids explore symmetry, geometry, and patterns through art. Use graph paper to design pixel art, build 3D shapes with craft sticks or LEGO, or create mandalas and tessellations. These activities blend creativity with mathematical thinking.

5. Start a Math Journal or Challenge Calendar:

For children who enjoy writing or drawing, start a math journal where they can solve puzzles, record patterns, or reflect on problem-solving strategies. Or, create a monthly math challenge calendar with one fun problem or brainteaser each day.

6. Encourage Estimation Games:

Try guessing the number of candies in a jar, estimating how many steps it takes to walk across the house, or predicting the weight of an object before using a scale. These activities build number sense and reasoning skills.

Above all, show enthusiasm and curiosity about math. When children see parents valuing math, trying new problems, and embracing mistakes as part of learning, they're more likely to adopt a positive attitude too. With a little creativity, math can become a natural and joyful part of family life.



We're excited to celebrate **Book Week** this year with the adventurous theme "**Book an Adventure.**" This week is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore the world of books, celebrate creativity, and build a lifelong love of reading.

Book Week is more than just costumes — it's a meaningful celebration that helps students:

- **Build Literacy:** Engaging with stories improves reading, writing, and critical thinking.
- **Fuel Creativity:** Students explore exciting worlds and characters beyond their everyday experience.
- **Boost Confidence:** Dressing up and participating in activities helps students express themselves.
- **Celebrate Reading:** Linking stories to fun activities reminds children that reading is enjoyable and rewarding.

Fun, Budget-Friendly Costume Ideas

To help all children participate without pressure, here are **easy costume ideas** based on **current popular books and characters**, using items you may already have at home.

Younger Students (Ages 5–9)

- **Bluey (from *Bluey: The Beach, Grannies, etc.*):** Blue clothes, ears on a headband, and a tail.
- **Dog Man (by Dav Pilkey):** Blue shirt and pants, cardboard badge, and a dog-eared cap.
- **Thelma the Unicorn (by Aaron Blabey):** Pink clothes, a unicorn horn headband, glitter or tinsel.
- **Pig the Pug:** Brown or tan outfit, DIY pug ears, and a grumpy expression!
- **Pete the Cat:** Blue clothes, sunglasses, white shoes (or make them groovy with stickers).
- **The Bad Guys (by Aaron Blabey):** Black outfit, paper mask (wolf, shark, etc.), and cool attitude.

Older Students (Ages 10–13)

- **Wednesday Addams (from *Wednesday*, inspired by *The Addams Family* books):** Black dress or outfit, braids, and a serious face.

- **Annabeth Chase (from *Percy Jackson* series):** Orange “Camp Half-Blood” t-shirt, jeans, cap, and sneakers.
- **Magnus Chase or Sadie Kane (by Rick Riordan):** Hoodie, jeans, and a prop like a sword, pendant, or staff.
- **Luna Lovegood or Hermione Granger (from *Harry Potter*):** School uniform style clothes, a wand, or Luna’s quirky accessories.
- **Amari Peters (*Amari and the Night Brothers*):** Dark hoodie or blazer, badge, and a confident pose.
- **Skandar Smith (*Skandar and the Unicorn Thief*):** Hoodie, satchel, and a unicorn emblem or drawing.




Costume Tips

Costumes don't need to be fancy or store-bought — the most meaningful ones are made at home with imagination and enthusiasm. A simple outfit with a label or prop can easily bring a character to life!

If your child prefers not to dress up, that's absolutely fine — they can still join in the fun through reading activities, games, and storytelling sessions throughout the week.


Thank you for supporting this much-loved tradition. We can't wait to see all our students take part in an adventurous week of reading, creativity, and celebration.



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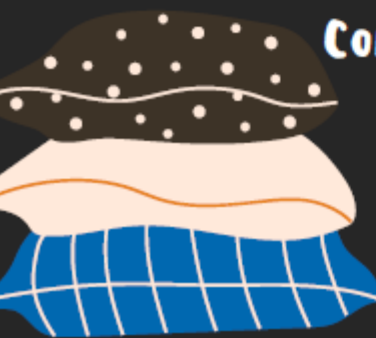


Pyjama Day



Friday the 15 of August

Come to school in your comfy pjs





T-BALL COMPETITION



**6 AUGUST TO
10 SEPTEMBER**



WHAT?



Fun competition



Fundamental skills



Game Strategies



Teamwork

WHO?

Boys and girls
Age 5 - 11

HOW MUCH?

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WHERE?

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**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



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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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BIG FUTURES'**

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with our Principal or Assistant Principal

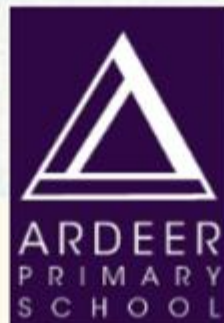
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**ARDEER PRIMARY
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BIG STEPS TRANSITION
PROGRAM**

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

JUNIOR TRAINING

MONDAYS AND
WEDNESDAYS

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5PM

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- We believe everyone should be entitled to a person-centered, values-driven, impact-focused, and evidence-based approach to learning.

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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.

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