

# ARDEER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## THE PURPLE PULSE

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**August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

## Key Dates

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Whole school Book Tasting Day

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August

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PJ Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August

(Gold Coin Donation)

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Swimming Program

(Grade Prep, 2, 4 & 6)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 29<sup>th</sup>  
August

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District Athletics (select  
students)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

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Out of water swimming program

(Grade 1, 3 & 5)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August

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Curriculum Day (pupil free day)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September

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Father's Day Stall

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

At Ardeer Primary School, we are always seeking ways to advance our school. This reflects our commitment to ongoing school improvement in all that we do. Whether it's through enhancements to our school's capital infrastructure, refinements to our teaching practices or initiatives to strengthen parent and school partnerships.

We value constructive feedback and see it as a great opportunity to continually grow and deliver the highest possible learning and wellbeing outcomes for our students.

Information regarding the annual Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey was sent out via Compass earlier this week.

This is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement initiatives.

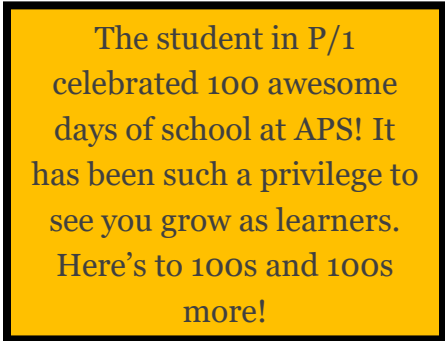
All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent /Caregiver/ Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 18th August** and will close on **Friday 19 September**.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Last year we used the survey results to plan a range of initiatives including ways to support improved parent and school partnerships.

Enjoy the rest of your week and I look forward to seeing you in and around the school soon.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL





## BOOK WEEK 2025



## **STAFFING NEWS**

Angeline Chew (Education Support) has provided notification that she will be ceasing employment here at Ardeer Primary School on Friday 22nd August 2025. Sharon Peat (Mental Health and Wellbeing Teacher) has also indicated that her last working day at the school will be on Thursday 14th August 2025. I wish both Angeline and Sharon all the very best for the future and thank them for the contributions they have made in supporting great outcomes for our students and families.

## **FATHER'S DAY STALL**

We will be hosting a Father's Day Stall at the school on Friday 5th September. If you would like your child to participate, please enclose \$7 in the envelope attached and return it to school by Friday 29th August.

Children away on the Friday can choose a gift on the following Monday.

## **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 –

Parents will first need to create a Canteen Hub Account -

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

## CHILD SAFE STANDARDS



### **School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**

Our weekly SWPBS 'Gotchas' were very successful at reinforcing our students' positive behaviour last term and will be continued in Term 3.

During weeks 3 and 4, our focus has been on:

Moving quietly through shared indoor spaces

Using kind words

It's been great to see so many students showing respect for others by walking quietly and calmly and quietly in the corridors, classrooms, and other shared areas. Keeping noise down helps everyone concentrate and feel calm – and it shows great self-awareness and care for our school environment!

Students have also been encouraged to use kind, encouraging words with their peers and teachers. Whether it's saying hello, a helpful comment, using their manners or a thoughtful compliment – these small moments of kindness make a big difference in building a supportive, inclusive community.

Let's keep making our school a great place to learn, grow, and be kind.



## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME



### **Board Games and Maths at home.**

Math learning doesn't have to be all about worksheets—it can be playful, exciting, and part of family bonding time! Games are a fantastic way to build children's confidence in math while encouraging problem-solving, critical thinking, and number sense. Here are some fun and easy-to-play games, including board games, card games, and homemade activities that promote math for children aged 5 to 12.

#### **Math Bingo**

Skills: Number recognition, addition, subtraction, multiplication

Create bingo cards with answers to math questions (e.g., 7, 12, 24). Call out the questions instead of the answers, like “What is  $6 + 6$ ?” or “What is  $3 \times 8$ ?” Players solve the problem to find the right square. Customize difficulty based on age.

#### **Dice Wars**

Skills: Addition, subtraction, multiplication

Each player rolls two or three dice and performs an operation (add, subtract, or multiply). The player with the highest total wins the round. Great for mental math practice and quick calculations.

#### **Monopoly Junior or Monopoly** Skills: Counting money, budgeting, strategic thinking

Monopoly (and its Junior version) are great for helping kids practice counting money, giving change, and making decisions. Encourage children to be the banker for extra math practice.

#### **Uno (with a Math Twist)** Skills: Number recognition, strategy, sequencing

Play classic Uno, but add a math challenge on each turn: before playing a card, the player must solve a math fact (e.g., “What's  $6 \times 7$ ?”). For younger kids, stick to addition or counting questions.

#### **Math War** (Card Game) Skills: Number comparison, mental math

Using a standard deck of cards (remove face cards), each player flips two cards and adds or multiplies them. The player with the higher total wins the round. For younger kids, use one card per player for number comparison.

#### **Estimation Jar** Skills: Estimation, counting, place value

Fill a jar with small items (beans, buttons, LEGO bricks) and have everyone guess how many are inside. Then count together and talk about strategies for making better estimates. You can change the items weekly for variety.

#### **Shopping Game** Skills: Money math, addition, subtraction

Set up a pretend store using toys, snacks, or school supplies with labeled prices. Give kids a budget and let them shop while keeping track of their spending. Older kids can calculate discounts or tax to make it more challenging.

**Pattern Block Puzzles or Tangrams** Skills: Geometry, spatial awareness, symmetry

Use pattern blocks or tangram sets to build shapes and complete puzzles. These games help children understand shape properties and spatial relationships, which are key parts of geometry.

**Guess My Number** Skills: Logical thinking, number sense

Think of a number between 1 and 100. Players take turns asking yes/no questions: “Is it greater than 50?” “Is it an even number?” Keep going until someone guesses correctly. This helps develop reasoning and strategy.

**Board Games that Build Math Skills**

- Sum Swamp (ages 5–8): A fun board game focused on basic addition and subtraction.
- Prime Climb (ages 10+): A colorful, strategic game that builds multiplication and division fluency.
- Qwirkle: Great for pattern recognition and logical thinking.
- Rummikub: Reinforces number sequencing and strategy skills.

**Math Scavenger Hunt** Skills: Measurement, time, counting

Create a scavenger hunt with math clues like: “Find something that is 10 inches long,” “Find 5 things that are the same shape,” or “Add up the numbers on two clocks in the house.” Kids stay active while practicing math skills.

**Time Trials** Skills: Time, speed, mental math

Set a timer and challenge kids to complete a set of math problems or solve a puzzle as quickly as they can. Repeat the activity another day and try to beat the previous score for a fun and motivating challenge.

These games are not only fun, but they also create opportunities for children to engage with math in a relaxed and encouraging environment. Whether you're using cards, dice, store-bought games, or everyday household items, playing math games as a family helps children see math as something enjoyable and useful—building skills they'll use for life.





**Brimbank Libraries** provide a welcoming and diverse environment for children aged 5–13 years to learn, create, code, and enjoy books through:


1. Weekly after-school and weekend programs: STEAM, coding, Lego, reading
2. Inclusive storytimes: family, sensory, bilingual, Auslan-interpreted
3. School holiday events & themed workshops
4. Rich digital resources in math, literacy, and coding

Everything is free, community-focused, and designed to build confidence, creativity, and curiosity in young learners. Head to your local branch or check the what's-on brochure to find the perfect program for your child!


***Regular Weekly Programs (School Terms)*** These programs are free, no booking required, and designed to nurture curiosity, creativity, reading, and digital skills.

- **After-School Activity Zone (ages 5–13)**  
Weekly one-hour STEAM sessions featuring crafts, robotics, games, and creative projects aimed at sparking strategic and critical thinking. Held at all branches during school term  
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- **Code Club (ages 8+)**  
Learn to code using online puzzles that teach sequencing, loops, conditionals, and pattern recognition—available at Sunshine and Sydenham libraries. Registration is required  
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- **Lego Club (ages 6–12)**  
Build, create, and problem-solve with Lego and other construction toys. Sessions vary by branch, running 1 to 2.5 hours [brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au](https://brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au).

- Reading Buddies (ages 6–12)  
One-on-one 15-minute sessions to build confidence and fluency in reading alongside a friendly staff member  
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- Family Film Fun (ages 6–12)  
Monthly free screenings of family-friendly films—a perfect way to combine literacy, discussion, and community time [brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au+1learning.brimbank.vic.gov.au+1](http://brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au+1learning.brimbank.vic.gov.au+1).

 **Storytime Sessions** (Younger Siblings Welcome) A wide variety of storytime formats aimed at building early literacy, social skills, and a love of reading. While mainly targeted at 0–5 year olds, older children can join family-friendly sessions:

- Baby Bounce, Toddler Storytime, and Preschool Storytime  
Age-appropriate programs featuring songs, rhymes, and interactive stories  
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- Family & Auslan Storytime  
Inclusive, all-ages story sessions featuring Auslan interpretation  
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- Bilingual and Sensory Storytime  
Tailored for multilingual families or children with sensory needs [brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au](http://brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au).
- Special Storytimes  
Themed events featuring special guests, cultural celebrations, or topical stories to spark curiosity  
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 **School Holiday & Special Events** Brimbank Libraries run a vibrant holiday and event program throughout the year:

- School Holiday Workshops  
Themed holiday events like galaxy slime parties, stars & planets workshops, craft afternoons, science shows, and reading challenges  
[brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au+15brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au+15brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au+15brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au](http://brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au+15brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au+15brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au+15brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au).

- National Science Week & Book Week  
Events for ages up to 12 featuring mad scientist shows, Wonderlab fairs, Tiny Tales, coding workshops, and more [Eventbrite](#).
- Code, Craft & Tech Events  
Occasional tech talks, coding challenges, craft circles, and maker-space experiences tailored for school-aged children [Eventbrite+1Eventbrite+1](#).

### **Online Learning & Digital Resources**

Library members have free online access to a range of literacy, numeracy, and coding platforms suited for 5–13 year olds:

- 10 Monkeys Math World – interactive math challenges (ages 6–10)

BusyCode – beginner programming resources (ages 5–13)

BusyThings – educational games for ages 3–11

StoryBox Library, Storyline Online, TumbleBook Library – online storytelling for primary-aged children [albionps.vic.edu.au+1brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au+1](#).

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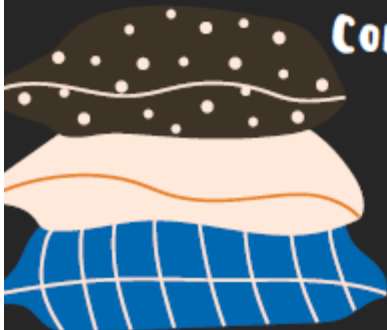
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# Pyjama Day



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?

\$55 for 6 Weeks

## WHERE?

Sunshine Softball Association,  
More Park, Ardeer

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/sunshinesa/events/303096>



Scan the QR code to register Now!





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**BLUE LIGHT**

**FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST**

**6-8 PM | GRADES 3-6 | \$10 ENTRY**

ST ALBANS COMMUNITY CENTRE 33 PRINCESS STREET, ST ALBANS

HOT & COLD FOOD AVAILABLE  
FOR PURCHASE

DOORS CLOSE AT 6.30PM

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE:



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 [Brimbank/Melton Blue Light](https://www.facebook.com/Brimbank/Melton%20Blue%20Light)





**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](http://chessmates.com.au/schools)**

**INFO@CHESSMATES.COM.AU  
1300 CHESS MATES**

## 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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SCHOOL**  
**'SMALL SCHOOL - CREATING  
BIG FUTURES'**

**PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2026 NOW  
OPEN!**

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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)





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FREE FOR SEASON 2025/26  
Ages 4 to 9 years old  
Saturday 18th October @ 9:30am

**Under  
10's**

**Under  
11's**

**Under  
13's**

**Under  
15's**

**Under  
17.5's**



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST VIA THE QR CODE

Junior Cricket Training EVERY Thursday Night  
Starting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 @ 4.30pm



If you have any questions, please call:

Cameron Howitt



0412 642 526

Jack Hale



0421 526 500

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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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Derrimut, Victoria 3030

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# five tuition

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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## 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!



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.

**ZERO  
DROWN**  
TOLL IS OUR GOAL!

**LEARN FROM  
THE SURVIVAL  
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