

ARDEER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THE PURPLE PULSE

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August 28th, 2025

Key Dates

Curriculum Day (pupil free day)

Monday 1st September

Grade 6 students attending
performance at

Springside West High School

Thursday 4th September

Science Excursion – Azko Nobel 10
select Grade 5/6 students)

Friday 5th September

Father's Day Stall

Friday 5th September

Science Incursion F -2

Monday 8th September

Whole School Athletics Day

Wednesday 10th September

Science Incursion 3-6

Friday 12th September

Last day Term 3-Wacky Hair Day

Friday 19th September

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

Throughout my career in education, I have been fortunate to have worked alongside many passionate and highly knowledgeable educators who share a strong belief in the value and power of education. At Ardeer Primary School, one thing that stands out among our staff is a shared moral purpose. A strong culture focused on the collective commitment of ensuring the best outcomes for every student, every day.

I continue to learn so much from working with the diverse and talented team at our school. This includes our incredible Education Support staff, classroom teachers, specialist teachers, and leaders.

Our school is one of 18 primary, secondary, and specialist schools that make up the Deer Park/Sunshine network of schools. A hallmark of our network is the strong collegiality that exists within it. The principals and assistant principals of these schools are highly supportive of one other, working not only to ensure their own school thrives but also supporting all schools in the network to succeed. It has been a real pleasure being part of the Network's Executive Team for the first time this year to help contribute at a system level.

Over the past few years our network of schools has collaborated to showcase exemplary practice, share resources, provide constructive feedback, and drive ongoing improvement. Recently, a focus of this work has been on the newly implemented Victorian Teaching and Learning Model (VTLM 2.0). A four-year journey as schools move towards full implementation by 2028.

Just as we expect our students to embrace growth and learning, it is important that we as educators continually model our commitment to continuous improvement and lifelong learning. This is a real feature of both our school culture and of our wider network. Promoting, modelling and articulating this belief with students contributes to the development of positive attitudes of the importance of not only the education setting, but the learning that results outside this setting and the challenges that life can sometimes present.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I hope you're well.

Swimming program:

A huge congratulations to our students who have been participating in our Prep, Grade 2, Grade 4 and Grade 6 Swimming Program during the last two weeks. They have all done an exceptional job and represented our school values superbly.

Here Every day, Ready On Time (HERO) lunch.

On Monday, students who have had exceptional attendance through the year enjoyed a special pizza lunch to reward them for their efforts. Well done to all of the students who received this award for excellent attendance. We know how important attendance at school is and the link between excellent school attendance and future opportunities. It was so great to have so many HEROs.

2025 School camp updates

Consent forms went home to families late last week for our upcoming school camp next term. Please ensure that these are completed and returned to me. Some families have already come in and made payment of the balance, another form will be going home to all families next week with payment options including using any credit on accounts or CSEF. Stay tuned!

Subway Lunches:

We have one more Subway lunch planned for later this term:

- 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.

Upcoming Curriculum Day

Just a reminder that next Monday 1st September will be a student free day (Curriculum Day). Teachers will be working on further developing our curriculum in the teaching of Mathematics. A reminder that children can be booked into our Outside School Hours Care program if you are needing to make arrangements for their supervision. Please give TheirCare a call on 1300 072 410.

Have a wonderful week.

A MESSAGE FROM MR. CASTELLAS

Thank you so much for welcoming me so warmly. Since May, I've had the fantastic opportunity to serve as Acting Assistant Principal while Mr. O'Brien was on leave, and over the past four weeks I've also completed an internship with Mr. Mifsud.

It has been a wonderful chance to learn from both of them and to be part of this school community. I truly appreciate how supported I've felt.

Kind regards,

Brady Castellás

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.

ANNUAL PARENT/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

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

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.

BOOK TASTING DAY 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)

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

At Ardeer Primary School, we are always celebrating the ways our students show positive behaviour. Here are our 'Gotchas' from week 5 and 6:

Encourage Each Other – Students have been demonstrating how to support their peers and help build a positive classroom culture. Whether it's a simple thumbs up or saying, "Try your best!" when someone is feeling stuck, we're teaching students that words of encouragement can make the school feel like a safe and supportive place to learn.

Wait Patiently for Our Turn – Learning to be patient is a lifelong skill that helps students understand how to be respectful and responsible in different situations throughout their lives. We're practising taking turns during games, class discussions, and while lining up—showing respect and fairness to everyone.

Staff will be on the lookout for students demonstrating the 'Gotchas' each week. Feel free to chat at home about what this looks like, and maybe even spot some 'Gotcha moments' outside of school too!

Thanks for your continued support as we grow a kind, respectful, and encouraging school community.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME

What We Are Learning in Maths at School

At our school, mathematics is about more than just numbers – it's about building problem-solving skills, logical thinking, and confidence. Guided by the Victorian Curriculum, students are developing knowledge across four key areas: Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, Statistics and Probability, and Mathematical Thinking.

Foundation – Year 2

Our younger learners are building strong foundations with counting, addition, and subtraction. They are exploring patterns, shapes, and how to measure everyday objects. Activities often involve hands-on learning with blocks, counters, and real-life examples, helping students see how maths connects to their world.

Years 3 – 4

Students are becoming more confident with multiplication and division, fractions, and problem-solving strategies. They are learning to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks, explore maps and directions, and begin working with larger numbers. Group activities encourage discussion and reasoning, so students learn to explain how they solved a problem.

Years 5 – 6

In the upper years, students are tackling more complex operations with whole numbers, decimals, percentages, and fractions. They explore measurement concepts such as perimeter, area, and volume, and begin interpreting data and graphs in greater depth. Importantly, they are learning how to apply their mathematical skills to real-world problems – from budgeting and planning, to understanding chance and probability.

Building Mathematical Thinking


Across all year levels, a major focus is on developing a growth mindset in mathematics. Students are encouraged to see challenges as opportunities to learn, to explain their reasoning, and to recognise that mistakes are an important part of building deeper understanding.

By making maths meaningful, engaging, and connected to everyday life, we are helping students build the skills they need for success in school and beyond

END OF TERM 3 – EARLY DISMISSAL- OUT OF SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY AND WACKY HAIR DAY

A reminder that **Friday 19th** September will be the last day of Term 3. Students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 2:15PM. We please ask that families make suitable arrangements for the collection of students at this earlier time. The TheirCare OSHC program will be operating at the earlier time of 2:15PM if families require care for their children.

This will also be an out of school uniform day. Students that attend school out of school uniform are asked to please bring along a gold coin donation.



CRAZY HAIR DAY!

Make sure to bring your Gold coin
donation!

on the 15th of September!



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!



**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

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.

**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
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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)



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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 4th 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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WILLIAMS LANDING

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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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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
SPECIALISTS**



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