

ARDEER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THE PURPLE PULSE

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September 11th, 2025

Key Dates

Science Incursion 3-6

Friday 12th September

Last day Term 3-Wacky Hair Day
and out of school uniform (Gold coin
donation)

Friday 19th September

First day Term 4

Monday 6th October

Writers in Residence Book Launch

Grade 4/5

Thursday 9th October

World Teachers' Day

Thursday 23rd October

Camp Grade 3-6

Monday 27th October – Wednesday
29th October

Pupil Free Day (no school)

Monday 3rd November

Melbourne Cup (Public Holiday)

Tuesday 4th November

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

As communicated earlier this term, part of our school review process in Term 1 saw the development of our new School Strategic Plan 2025- 2029. As part of this same process, we have also undertaken a review of our school's mission and vision statement which was developed back 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.

Parents and staff have provided feedback on our current mission and vision statement, and I thank all the parents who took the time to complete this. Your feedback has helped shape the development of our new statements.

A link to a short survey will be sent out to all families via Compass shortly, with the goal of seeking feedback on the school's newly developed draft mission and vision statement. The survey will be open until **Friday 19th September 2025** and can be accessed via Microsoft Forms. The survey will also be open to students to provide their feedback.

We look forward to finalising our new school logo, strategic plan, and mission and vision statements soon. It is certainly a very exciting time to be leading the school through its next improvement phase.

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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I hope you're well.

Here Everyday, Ready On Time (HERO) special weekly raffle.

We are currently implementing an extra special raffle to reward students for being on-time to school each day. We know the importance of being at school and ready on-time and the relationship between high levels of attendance, engagement and student success. Teachers and school leadership are handing out raffle tickets to students at the beginning of each day and these go into a special weekly draw at the assembly for a prize, just like we have for our certificate recipients and for our students who help with yard clean up.

2025 School camp updates

A reminder to families of students who are attending camp to please ensure permission forms are returned as soon as possible. This week, a payment nomination form went home and we request that families nominate how they will be making payment for the school camp, either through using account credit, paying at the office or using CSEF (if applicable). Could these forms please be returned by the end of this term.

Prep, Grade 1 and 2 Twilight:

Consent forms and information about Twilight went home this week to students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2. The event will take place on the 28th October with forms and payment needing to be returned/ finalised by the 7th October. If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Subway Lunches:

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

- Next 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

STAFFING NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Archna Yadav and Janelle Fry to the school as recently appointed ES staff. Janelle and Archna come with a wealth of experience, including working with students with a range of diverse learning needs. As is the case with all staff here at the school, we value the knowledge, skills, and experiences that they will bring to our school. Please help me in making them feel welcome to Ardeer P.S when they commence their role on the first day of Term 4.

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.

HATS IN TERM 4



We encourage sun smart practices all year round at our school. As part of our Sun Smart Policy at our school, all students are required to wear a school bucket hat in Terms 1 & 4. Please ensure that your child has a school bucket hat labelled with your child's name on it. Hats and other school uniform items can be purchased from the office.

USING COMPASS TO CODE STUDENT ABSENCES

Dear Families,

At Ardeer Primary School, it is important that all student absences are recorded accurately. Families can log their child's absence through the Compass portal. It is vital that parents select the correct reason for the absence is selected. This information supports us in keeping accurate attendance records and ensures we meet Department of Education requirements.

If you experience any difficulties using Compass or are unsure about which absence code to select, please contact the school office on 9363 1194. Our staff will be happy to guide you through the process.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain accurate attendance records for all students.

R U OK DAY 2025

We recognised R U OK DAY? with staff and students alike this week. The day highlights the importance of having regular, meaningful conversations, in doing so building trust and normalise talking about what's really going on, so when the people in your world find themselves struggling, they know you're someone they can talk to.



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

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

Encouraging a Maths Growth Mindset

A growth mindset is the belief that abilities can be developed through effort, good strategies, and persistence. In maths, this mindset is especially powerful—children who see challenges as opportunities tend to become more confident and resilient learners.

How you can help at home:

Model positive language

Instead of: “I was never good at maths.”

Try: “Maths can be tricky, but I know I can improve when I practise.”

Children pick up on the attitudes they hear!

Celebrate mistakes

Mistakes aren't failures—they're signs your child is stretching their thinking. When your child makes an error, ask:

“What did you learn from this?” or “Can we try another strategy?”

Praise effort and strategies

Swap “You're so smart” with “I like how you kept trying different ways to solve that problem.”

This helps children value persistence over quick answers.

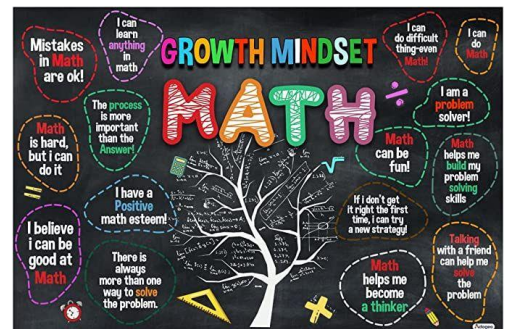
Encourage the word “yet”

If your child says: “I can't do fractions,” remind them to add “yet.” It reframes the challenge as temporary and achievable.

Make challenges normal

Let your child struggle a little. If the problem feels tough, remind them: “This means your brain is growing.”

By building a growth mindset, you're not just helping your child with maths—you're giving them skills for life: resilience, confidence, and a love of learning.



Helping Your Child with Writing at Home

Writing is a powerful way for children to express ideas, share stories, and build critical thinking skills. The Victorian Curriculum 2.0 encourages students to write for different purposes, use clear sentence structures, expand their vocabulary, and develop confidence in editing and refining their work.

Here are some simple ways you can support your child's writing journey at home:

1. Read Together Often

Reading helps build vocabulary and an understanding of different writing styles. Try reading a mix of fiction and non-fiction and talk about what you notice — how does the author start the story? What kind of language do they use?

2. Encourage Writing for Real Purposes

Writing doesn't have to be just for school! Encourage your child to:

- Write a shopping list
- Send a thank-you card
- Keep a daily journal
- Write a short story or comic strip

3. Talk Before They Write

Talking helps children organise their thoughts. Before writing, ask questions like:

- "What do you want your reader to know?"
- "How will you start your story?"
- "What are the most important parts?"

4. Support Editing and Spelling Gently

The curriculum encourages students to review and improve their work. Help your child by:

- Praising their ideas first
- Asking if anything sounds unclear or could be improved
- Using a dictionary or spellchecker together


5. Focus on Progress, Not Perfection

Children develop writing skills at different rates. Celebrate the effort they put into writing and encourage them to take risks and try new words or ideas.

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!



**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

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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!**

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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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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 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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- 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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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.

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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!

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