

Ardeer Primary School

Newsletter

October 16th, 2025

Key Dates

World Teachers' Day
Thursday 23rd October

Camp Grade 3-6
Monday 27th October –
Wednesday 29th October

Prep-2 Twilight Activities
Tuesday 28th October
3:15pm- 6:30pm

Pupil Free Day (no school)
Monday 3rd November

Melbourne Cup (Public
Holiday)

Tuesday 4th November

Prep Transition Day #1
9:00am – 10:50am
(Parent Information Session)

Prep Transition Day #2
9:00am – 10:50am

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

It is with a great sense of pride that I share with you the school's new logo, design rationale, motto and Mission and Vision. We have undertaken a very long and thorough process, and I hope you like it as much as we do!

The design elements of the new logo represent key themes that acknowledge the suburb of Ardeer and celebrate the school's rich history, while also reflecting a strong vision for the role of education in shaping the future.

At its heart, the inclusion of Kororoit Creek as a central feature of the design, recognising the school's close connection to this important natural landmark. For thousands of years, the creek has sustained life. Once serving as a water source and gathering place for the Wurundjeri people, and later as a place where post-war migrant families met, shared stories, grew vegetables, gathered socially, and found a sense of belonging. Today, it continues to be an important environmental and community asset.

The stepping stones featured in the design vary in shape, representing the uniqueness and diversity of every student enrolled at our school. They also reflect the volcanic and fertile plains on which Ardeer and the school are built on. The positioning of these stones symbolises education as an ongoing journey. A lifelong pursuit taken one step and one moment at a time.

Just as the rocky creek banks have long been places for people to relax, gather, and connect, our school also stands as a place of learning, belonging, and shared growth, aimed at strengthening community ties.

New Mission and Vision Statements

Mission Statement

At Ardeer Primary School, we nurture confident, capable, and compassionate learners. We provide a safe, inclusive, and engaging learning environment where teachers, staff, and families work together to inspire curiosity and a love of learning. Through our deep understanding of each learner, we ensure every student thrives and achieves high levels of academic growth.

Vision Statement

Our vision is anchored in the delivery of high academic standards through a culture of excellence, equity, and continuous growth. We aspire to create a thriving community where students, staff, and families are connected and work together to achieve the highest learning and wellbeing outcomes for every child, every day. Preparing every student for success today and into the future.

Our students will:

- Strive for personal excellence and set high expectations for themselves.
- Build strong skills in literacy, numeracy, and across all learning areas.
- Think critically, solve problems creatively, and take responsible risks in their learning.
- Embrace a growth mindset and demonstrate resilience and emotional intelligence.
 - Value learning as a lifelong pursuit.

Our staff will:

- Set high expectations for themselves and all learners.
- Take collective responsibility for every student's growth and success.
- Actively engage in ongoing professional learning, collaborative practice, and model lifelong learning.
 - Create safe, inclusive, and student-centred environments.
- Use evidence-based, high-impact practices to support strong academic growth.
- Empower students to take ownership of their learning while maintaining academic rigour.

Community connections will result in:

- Strong partnerships between families and the school to support learning and wellbeing.
- Connections with local and wider organisations that enrich student opportunities.
 - Shared collective responsibility for student success and wellbeing.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I hope you're well,

Welcome back for another exciting term at Ardeer Primary School. With Grade 3-6 camp, Prep-2 Twilight, Year 6 Graduation and some incursions and excursions in between, the term will fly by very quickly.

Camp Update

Camp is only a couple of weeks away. A packing list was sent home at the start of term, if your child has not provided this to you, or you need another copy, please let me know. I have also added the letter and packing list to this newsletter for your reference.

A reminder that students need to bring a packed snack for the first day (Monday 27th October) and then all other meals will be provided.

If your child receives medication, we must have a medication authority form with the details of medication and dosage required. This must be completed prior to camp. Please come and see me if you need one of these forms and to discuss your child's medication requirements. Medication must be provided to me on the morning of camp in a plastic bag labelled with your child's name.

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

This week I will announce the students who had amazing attendance during last term and will participate in the HERO pizza lunch later this term. Well done to all students and their families who do their very best to be at school every day.

Subway Lunches:

We have two Subway lunches planned for this term:

Wednesday 5th October

- Wednesday 3rd December

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,

STEM SPACE UPGRADES

We have updated our entire fleet of desktop computers and monitors for our STEM Space. As a result of these upgrades, we will ensure our students have access to the latest technology and associated applications to support the teaching and learning program.



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.

NEW AFL AND SOCCER GOALS

Over the break we have had some permanent AFL goals and relocatable soccer goals installed at the school. They are welcome addition to the school after many, many years of not having any. I am sure that these will be enjoyed by students for years to come.



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 5th November & Wednesday 3rd December 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

This term, our SWPBS focus is all about showing Respect, Responsibility, and Safety in the outdoor areas. Whether it's during recess, lunch, or other outdoor activities, we'll be looking for students who are doing the right thing when they're outside.

That means things like:

- Behaving appropriately for weather conditions
- Taking care of our school grounds
- Using each space for its intended purpose

We'll be starting Gotchas in Week 3, when we'll be on the lookout for students demonstrating the OUTDOORS expectations from the Ardeer Primary School SWPBS Matrix.

Let's make Term 4 a great one by working together to keep our outdoor areas safe, respectful, and fun for everyone!

Thanks,

The SWPBS Team

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME- (NUMERACY)

Problem Solving in Maths: A Key Focus Across All Year Levels

With the introduction of the Victorian Curriculum Version 2.0, our approach to Mathematics across the school is evolving — and one of the most exciting changes is a strong emphasis on problem solving.

From Foundation to Year 6, students are being supported to become mathematical thinkers and doers. Rather than simply finding the right answer, students are learning how to:

- 🔍 Understand the problem
- 💡 Choose and try different strategies
- 🧩 Explain and justify their thinking
- 🤝 Work together to explore solutions

Whether it's estimating how many blocks fit in a box, planning a garden using area and perimeter, or comparing prices while budgeting for a class event, students are applying maths in real-world contexts that make learning more meaningful and engaging.

This problem-solving approach helps build essential life skills — like reasoning, persistence, creativity, and communication — while also making maths more enjoyable and relevant at every level.

We're proud to be developing confident, capable problem solvers across the school!



"Problem solving helps students build confidence and resilience. They learn that mistakes are part of the learning, and there's often more than one way to reach a solution."

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME- (LITERACY)

Learning to Communicate with Confidence – Language for Interacting with Others

As part of the updated Victorian Curriculum Version 2.0, our English program is placing a stronger emphasis on teaching students how to use language effectively when interacting with others — an essential life skill for school and beyond.

Across all year levels, students are learning how to:

-  Express their ideas clearly and respectfully
-  Listen actively and take turns in conversations
-  Ask thoughtful questions and respond appropriately
-  Consider different perspectives and use kind, inclusive language

These skills are taught through purposeful classroom activities like partner chats, group projects, role plays, and class discussions. Students are encouraged to reflect on how they speak and listen in different situations — whether they're working in a group, presenting ideas, or solving problems with peers.



By developing these communication skills early, we're helping students become more confident, respectful and thoughtful communicators — at school, at home, and in the community.

What to Bring Checklist

To make getting ready for camp easy, we've put together a short list of everything you need to bring, plus a few other important things to remember.

Campers need to bring their own pillowcase and sleeping bag.

When choosing which clothes to bring, remember that in winter it's very cold at night, and our summer days are very hot, so make sure you come prepared for the weather!

- ☐ Packed Lunch for the first day – **NO NUTS**
- ☐ Sleeping bag or sheets
- ☐ Pillowcase
- ☐ Suitable clothing for various weather conditions (T-shirt, shorts, pants, jumper, pyjamas etc.)
- ☐ Warm/waterproof jacket
- ☐ Walking/comfortable shoes
- ☐ Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner)
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Scarf/gloves
- ☐ Torch
- ☐ Hat/sunscreen
- ☐ Drink bottles
- ☐ Camera (optional)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's school has chosen to participate in an outdoor education program at Doxa's Malmsbury Camp. Since 1972, Doxa has been providing positive life experiences, education opportunities, and employment pathways for young people.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about Doxa and highlight the requirements for your child's stay at camp.

The camp

Set in bushland approximately an hour and a half from the Melbourne CBD, Doxa's Malmsbury Camp has been supporting young people for more than forty years. The camp provides students with an outdoor education experience that is run by trained activity instructors. While at the camp, your child has been given the opportunity to participate in a variety of structured activities tailored to specific learning outcomes and positive life experiences.

Activities

Some activities on offer at the camp include archery, a low ropes challenge course, bushwalking, and team-building initiatives, nature engagement. We also have some high adventure activities including rock climbing, abseiling, the Giant Swing, Giant Ladder, Leap of Faith and Crate Stack. Schools may choose to participate in some, or all these activities which aim to extend students' comfort zones and encourages effective teamwork.

All our instructors are professionally trained in risk management and can effectively provide the safest possible experience for all participants.

Accommodation

While at camp, students and their teachers will be accommodated in our purpose built and heated facility. Each room contains two double-bunk beds to house a maximum of four students per room. Female students sleep in the rooms at the northern end of the facility, while male students sleep at the southern end. Our facility has separate female and male bathrooms, with ensuite rooms available to accompanying school staff members. This facility is also suitable for people with disabilities and has multiple emergency exit points.

Food

Doxa's Malmsbury Camp has a full commercial kitchen and employs qualified cooks/chefs who provide nutritious meals to all campers. Aside from bringing a **NUT FREE** packed lunch on the first day, students should **not** bring any food to camp as it contravenes our health and safety requirements. Our kitchen provides breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner, and dessert daily and all dietary requirements are catered for. If your child has any specific dietary requirements, please use the form provided and notify the school **at least two weeks prior to camp** so that we can cater to your child's needs.

Equipment

In addition to camping clothes, please ensure your child brings the following items when staying at Malmsbury Camp:

- Personal hygiene items (including toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, soap, etc.)
- waterproof raincoat
- warm fleece or wool jumper
- sunhat and a beanie
- torch
- water bottles
- towel
- sleeping bag and pillowcase

Doxa will provide all necessary activity equipment.

The staff at Doxa's Malmsbury Camp are proud to continue supporting young people and we look forward to welcoming your child to Doxa and providing them with a positive life experience.

Kind Regards,

Sean Adam
Operations Manager, Malmsbury Camp

GETTING READY TO PLACE YOUR FIRST ORDER

- 1 Create a new profile at app.canteenhub.com.au/register-customer
- 2 Add Profile: Set up children or yourself under the Profiles tab
- 3 Search for your school via postcode and select from the drop down list
- 4 Select your class
- 5 Head to Order Now
- 6 Select the person you are ordering for
- 7 Select items from the approved menu & finalise your order
- 8 To place orders for multiple people. You will be asked when you finalise your first order if you would like to place another order for another profile (person)

 contact@subsforyou.com

 app.canteenhub.com.au

JOIN IN THE FUN

Cricket Blast



BLAST TRY OUT DAY!

Kids, come give cricket a go – Come show us your skills, meet new mates, and have a blast on and off the field!

 **17** Sunday 27th October at 10 am |  Selwyn Park, Albion

BLAST SEASON STARTS
SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
REGISTER BELOW

REGISTER NOW!



For more information contact

TERRY NICHOLLS
JUNIOR COORDINATOR
0418 392 180

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UP
TODAY**



YOU COULD PLAY FOR FREE!



🌟 Sunshine Heights Cricket Club – Woolworths Cricket Blast 🌟

Cricket fun is back this October at Sunshine Heights Cricket Club!

We're excited to offer the Woolworths Cricket Blast program – the perfect way for children up to 10 years old to get active, make friends, and learn cricket in a safe and fun environment.

Children will enjoy:

- Playing with plastic bats and soft balls of different sizes
- Activities designed for all abilities
- Learning new skills at their own pace
- Building confidence and teamwork while having fun!

Parents are welcome to join in the activities and share the experience with their children.

📍 Location: Sunshine Heights Cricket Club, Ainsworth Reserve, Sunshine West

📅 Starting Mid-October

🔗 Register online:

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/4610df>

Families can also use a Get Active Kids Voucher (worth up to \$200) to help cover program fees.

Apply here: <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers>

For more information, please contact:

✉️ sunshineheights.juniors@gmail.com

Thank you for helping us spread the word and giving local children the chance to be part of this exciting program.

Kind regards,

Neil Hariman

Junior Coordinator

Sunshine Heights Cricket Club



**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**

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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'**

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with our Principal or Assistant Principal

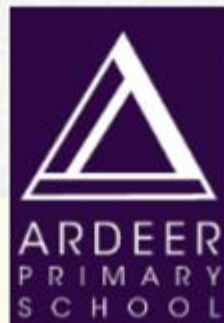
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**ARDEER PRIMARY
SCHOOL
BIG STEPS TRANSITION
PROGRAM**

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)



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**Woolworths
Cricket Blast**

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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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 Shopping Centre

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Williams Landing, Victoria 3027

OUR WEBSITE:

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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
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