

Ardeer Primary School

Newsletter

October 30th, 2025

Key Dates

Pupil Free Day (no school)

Monday 3rd November

Melbourne Cup (Public Holiday)

Tuesday 4th November

Prep Transition Day #1

Friday 7th November

9:00am – 10:50am

(Parent Information Session)

Prep Transition Day #2

Friday 14th November

9:00am – 10:50am

Prep Transition Day #3

Friday 14th November

9:00am – 12:15pm

Step up Day #1

Grade P-5 Students

Monday 24th November

Step up Day #2

Grade P-5 Students

Monday 1st December

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of the year, there is a wonderful sense of anticipation and excitement as our students prepare for the next stage of their learning journey. Across the school, staff are working closely with families to ensure smooth and supportive transitions for all students.

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition

Our Year 6 students are getting ready to take their next big step into secondary school. Later in the term, students attending a state secondary school will participate in a statewide transition session designed to build their confidence and prepare them for new routines and environments. We have been working closely with local secondary schools to share important information and ensure that every student feels ready and supported as they begin this exciting new chapter. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growing sense of independence.

Kinder to Prep Orientation

We will also welcome our 2026 Foundation students and their families to our school as part of our Kinder to Prep Orientation Program. These sessions give our youngest learners a chance to explore the classroom, meet their teachers, and begin forming new friendships. Starting school is such a significant milestone, and we are committed to making the experience a positive and reassuring one for both children and parents. A big thank you to our Foundation team for your work in the development of what I know will be warm and engaging sessions.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT

As always, thank you to our staff, students, and families for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are building a strong and connected school community that supports every learner to achieve their best.

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,

This week we had a highly successful Grade 3- 6 camp and Twilight event. A huge thanks to the staff that supported both of these events. Sadly this will be the last camp that I will be organising at Ardeer Primary School as I will be moving to a different school from 2026. I wanted to say a huge thank you to the APS community for welcoming me almost four years ago. I have loved my time at this school and have thoroughly enjoyed being part of its continued growth.

I will miss all the wonderful staff, students and families but am confident that a thorough process will be undertaken to find a new Assistant Principal that will continue to lead school improvement initiatives at APS.

Here Everyday, Ready On Time (HERO) lunch.

Last week at the assembly, I announced the students who had amazing attendance during last term and they will participate in the HERO pizza lunch in week 7 of this term. Well done to all students and their families who do their very best to be at school every day. Families of these students will receive an email from me through Compass early next week to confirm date.

Subway Lunches:

A reminder that we have two Subway lunches planned for this term, the first of which is next Wednesday.

- 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,

STAFFING NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that this will be Chris O'Brien's last term here at the school. He has obtained a substantive assistant principal role at a larger school and will be commencing this role at the start of 2026. His appointment to this role is a promotional position and we are all thrilled for him, as he continues to seek further opportunities to grow professionally. Chris' significant impact and contribution in supporting the school improvement agenda here at the school over the past three and half years is highly valued. Chris has also made great contributions in supporting many of our fellow network schools through his work in leading the Disability and Inclusion Communities of Practice. I am sure that students and families across the school will provide Chris with well wishes and a warm send off as we near closer to the end of the year.

P-2 TWILIGHT ACTIVITIES

It was a wonderful night of twilight activities this week for our Prep- 2 students. In addition to being a fun and engaging event, the program is aimed at preparing students for the school's camp program when the students reach Year 3 - 6. My thanks to all the staff that helped make the event a success.



2025 SCHOOL CAMP

The staff and students from Grade 3-6 had an amazing time away at the recent Doxa Camp. They were very fortunate to have had glorious weather for most of the camp which was great. My thanks to all the staff that helped plan and attend the event. Your commitment in taking time away from your home comforts and time away from your families is greatly appreciated. The wonderful experiences and positive memories that you have helped create for our students is just brilliant.



SEDA PROJECT

Our thanks to the incredible staff and students at SEDA for our new table and chairs. This addition to our school garden will help support our weekly garden club and a range of school events. Special thanks to teachers Nic and Mark from SEDA for making the project come to life.



SAVE THE DATE- END OF YEAR CONCERT AND ART SHOW

Please save the date for our annual school concert and art show!

We cannot wait to see all students and families celebrate under the COLA on Monday 8th December 2025, 4:30pm- 6:30pm.

More details to follow.

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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 –

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CHILD SAFE STANDARDS



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Hi everyone!

Our 'Gotchas' for weeks three and four are:

Behaving Appropriately for the Weather

We can all show responsibility by dressing and behaving appropriately for the weather! That means:

- Wearing your hat and sunscreen when it's hot.
- Using undercover areas or staying dry on wet days and if you don't have a hat at school.

Staying Inside the School Gates and Boundaries

It's super important we all stay within school boundaries to keep everyone safe. By staying inside the gates, you're showing respect for school rules and looking out for your own safety and the safety of others.

Staff will be handing out raffle tickets to students who are demonstrating these gotchas.

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

Cognitive Overload and Explicit Maths Teaching

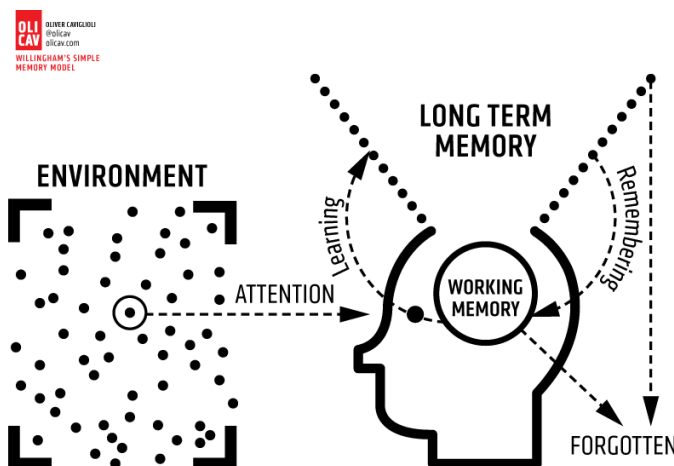
In the maths classroom, students are constantly processing new information — formulas, symbols, procedures, and problem-solving strategies — all at once. When too many new ideas are introduced without clear guidance, students can experience **cognitive overload**, where their working memory becomes overwhelmed and learning breaks down.

To prevent this, **explicit teaching** provides a structured, step-by-step approach that supports how the brain learns best. Teachers clearly model each concept, talk through their thinking, and provide guided practice before asking students to work independently. This approach ensures that students know exactly *what* to do and *why*, freeing up their mental energy to focus on understanding rather than guessing.

Breaking learning into smaller, manageable chunks reduces unnecessary cognitive load and helps students make stronger connections between concepts. When paired with visual representations, worked examples, and opportunities for discussion, explicit teaching supports both conceptual understanding and procedural fluency.

Rather than simplifying the maths, explicit instruction **makes the thinking process visible**. Students gain confidence as they experience success step by step, and over time they develop the independence and problem-solving skills to tackle more complex challenges.

Key message: Managing cognitive load through explicit teaching doesn't lower expectations — it builds the foundations that allow every student to reach higher levels of mathematical thinking and achievement.



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

Finding Your *Just Right Book*

The Secret to Loving Reading!

Have you ever picked up a book that felt a little too tricky — maybe there were lots of words you didn't know, or you couldn't quite follow what was happening? Or maybe you've read a book that was *so easy* it didn't really hold your interest? Finding the *just right book* makes all the difference!

A *just right book* is one that fits you perfectly — like your favourite pair of shoes! It's not too easy and not too hard. When you find a book that's just right, reading feels fun, interesting, and comfortable. You can understand what's happening, learn new words, and feel excited to keep turning the pages.

Here are some quick tips to help you find your *just right book*:

✦ **Preview the book.** Look at the cover, the pictures, and the first few pages. Does it grab your interest?

✋ **The Five-Finger Test.** Open to any page and read. If you find more than five tricky words, it might be too hard for now.

💬 **Check your understanding.** Can you tell someone what's happening in the story? If yes, it's probably just right!

♥ **Choose what you love!** The best book is one that makes you *want* to keep reading — whether it's about animals, space, magic, sport, or mysteries!



Reading *just right books* helps your brain grow stronger, your imagination soar, and your confidence shine. It's like exercise for your mind — the more you read, the better reader you become!

Happy reading!

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)



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October 2025

ST ALBANS
COMMUNITY
CENTRE

33 Princess St, St Albans

Start At

6:00PM

8:00PM

Hot & Cold Food available for purchase

Doors close at 6:30pm



Brimbank/Melton BlueLight



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🌟 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

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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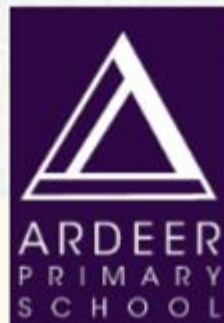
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**ARDEER PRIMARY
SCHOOL
BIG STEPS TRANSITION
PROGRAM**

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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**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

SUNSHINE NORTH & SURROUNDS AUSKICK TERM 4



PLAY



An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.

4-8 year olds



Dempster Park, Sunshine North
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on joshua.coward@afl.com.au

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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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