

Ardeer Primary School

Newsletter

March 19th, 2026

Key Dates

Interschool Sports- (Grade 4/5 & 5/6) -(Home)

(Ardeer vs Glengala)

Friday 20th March

Subway lunch

Wednesday 25th March

Harmony Day

Thursday 26th March

Colour Explosion

Tuesday 31st March- 10:00am

P/1 Teddy Bear Picnic

Wednesday 1st April

Last Day Term 1

Thursday 2nd April

Early Dismissal – 2:15pm

First Day Term 2-

Monday 20th April

Mother's Day Stall

Thursday 7th May

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

At Ardeer Primary School, we are committed to continually improving the quality of teaching and learning so that every student can experience success. One of the key means by which we achieve this is through a strong culture of professional learning and collaboration among staff. This term, we have continued to strengthen two important practices that support this work: our coaching and feedback model and our learning walks.

Our coaching and feedback model provides teachers with regular opportunities to reflect on their practice, receive constructive feedback, and refine their instructional approaches. Through structured coaching conversations and classroom observations, staff can discuss effective teaching strategies, analyse student learning, and identify practical ways to further strengthen classroom practice. This collaborative approach ensures that professional learning is ongoing, focused, and directly connected to improving student outcomes.

Another important component of our improvement work is the use of learning walks. During a learning walk, school leaders and teachers visit classrooms for short periods to observe teaching and learning in action. The purpose of these visits is not evaluation, but rather to develop a shared understanding of effective teaching practices across the school. Learning walks allow us to identify strengths, celebrate great practice, and consider areas where we can continue to grow as a learning community.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (CON'T)

These processes help build a culture of openness, trust, and continuous improvement. Teachers are able to learn from one another, share ideas, and reflect on what is working well for our students. Most importantly, this collaborative approach ensures that the strategies used in classrooms remain focused on supporting every child to achieve their best.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and the important work we do together to support the learning and wellbeing of every student.

If you have any questions about your child's learning progress, please feel free to reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

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

Yours sincerely

John Mifsud

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students have been doing an amazing job in their NAPLAN assessments last week and this week. They should all be very proud of their efforts.

With only two weeks left of Term One we are encouraging all students to ensure they are being Attendance Heroes - Here Everyday, Ready and On-time. We know that attendance has a significant link to student achievement at school, and overall access to opportunities later in life, so every day really does count!

Hollie Winfield



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

The week the school received the incredible news that we achieved gold! Ardeer Primary School is proud to have achieved the Gold Award for its outstanding implementation of School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS).

This recognition reflects the strong commitment of staff, students, and families in creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive school environment. Through the consistent teaching of clear behaviour expectations and positive reinforcement, students are supported to make responsible choices across all areas of the school.

The Gold Award highlights the school's dedication to building a positive culture where students feel supported, engaged, and ready to learn.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and the positive impact it continues to have on our school community.

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE
BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT



Creating positive and safe climates for learning

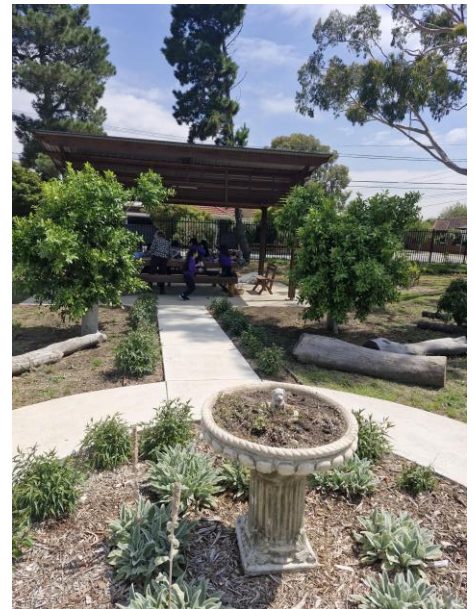
Gold Award 2025

GOLD

LUNCH CLUBS

We are thrilled to see our lunch clubs in full swing for 2026. We are so proud that as a small school we can run such a diverse range of lunch clubs for our students each day. As a result of this initiative, we have seen a huge range of benefits at our school, including:

- Increased student engagement
 - Improved student wellbeing
- Improvement in the development of student social skills
- Improved positive behaviours and playground climate
 - Greater inclusive culture
- Development in conversational and collaboration skills



Lunch Clubs

	CLUB	LOCATION
Monday	Crafting Club	Grade 2/3
Tuesday	Calm Club Animal Club	Grade 5/6 Grade 4/5
Wednesday	Homework Club AUSLAN Games Club Library Club (2 nd half of lunch)	Grade P/1 Library Library
Thursday	Gardening Club	Garden
Friday	Guided Drawing Club Paper Crafts Club Dodgeball Club	Grade 3/4 Grade 1/2 Basketball Court

**During first half
of lunch!**





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MORNING TEA



25 MARCH 2026

10 am

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HARMONY DAY 2026

Our annual Harmony Day special event at the school will be taking place on Thursday 26th March 2026.

Ardeer PS will hold a day to embrace just how diverse our school community is.

Between 9:00am – 9:30am, families are invited to join us under the COLA for our whole school parade and celebration under the COLA. Students will then be participating in a range of in class activities aligned with this special day.

We encourage all students to come to school in traditional costume. It is not an out of uniform day so students should only come to school in their uniform, in traditional costume or in national sports gear. Dress up ideas include clothing in national colours, country flags and national sports apparel. For ideas and more information, please come and see us. Students can also wear orange as it is the official Harmony Day colour.

SPECIAL SUBWAY 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 25th February and Wednesday 25th March 2026.

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)

P/1 TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

The Prep/Year 1 students will be hosting a Teddy Bear's Picnic at school on Wednesday, 1st April from 9:00–10:00am.

Children will come to class as usual in the morning, and parents are warmly invited to join us from 9:00am.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to have some fun while celebrating the friendships they've built this term, as well as giving families a chance to connect and socialise.

Children are encouraged to bring along their special teddy to share with classmates and make new friends.

All activities and snacks will be provided. We look forward to enjoying this special morning together with our families.



TEACHING AND LEARNING SPOTLIGHT- (NUMERACY)

Supporting Your Child in Maths & NAPLAN (Grades 3 & 5)

At our school, mathematics teaching follows the Victorian Curriculum Version 2.0, which focuses on developing confident, capable problem-solvers.

For students in Grade 3 and Grade 5, NAPLAN is one opportunity to demonstrate their learning. While NAPLAN is just one snapshot, strong mathematical thinking and confidence make a big difference.

What NAPLAN Assesses in Mathematics

NAPLAN focuses on skills developed every day in the classroom, including:

- ✓ Number and place value
- ✓ Fractions and decimals
- ✓ Measurement and time
- ✓ Patterns and algebraic thinking
- ✓ Interpreting data and graphs
- ✓ Problem-solving and reasoning

The best preparation is consistent learning, not last-minute cramming.

How Families Can Help at Home

1 Build Strong Number Sense

Practise basic number facts (especially multiplication facts for Grade 3 & 5).

Estimate answers before calculating.

Ask: "Does that answer make sense?"

2 Encourage Problem-Solving Talk

Instead of giving the answer, ask:

"What is the question asking?"

"What information is important?"

TEACHING AND LEARNING SPOTLIGHT- (NUMERACY CON'T)

3 Practise Real-Life Maths

Read timetables

Compare prices while shopping

Measure ingredients when cooking

Interpret graphs in newspapers or online

Practical NAPLAN Tips for Students

For Grade 3 & 5 students:

Read the question carefully — sometimes twice.

Underline key information.

Estimate before solving.

Show working out where possible.

If unsure, eliminate answers that don't make sense.

Check answers if time allows.

Remind children:

Slow and careful thinking is better than rushing.

Supporting Wellbeing During NAPLAN

Help your child by:

Keeping routines consistent

Ensuring good sleep

Providing a healthy breakfast

Reassuring them that NAPLAN does not define them

A calm and positive mindset helps children perform at their best.

TEACHING AND LEARNING SPOTLIGHT- (LITERACY)

Brimbank Libraries Holiday Program



Families looking for something fun to do over the Easter holidays might like to explore the exciting free programs on offer at Brimbank Libraries. Their school holiday program includes a range of creative and engaging activities for children, with this year's autumn theme featuring space-inspired experiences such as workshops, slime activities and interactive shows. Brimbank Libraries has also announced that Easter Crafternoons will be running at each branch, giving children the chance to enjoy some festive hands-on making during the break. All activities are designed to encourage creativity, curiosity and community connection, making the library a wonderful place to visit during the holidays.

<https://brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au/browse-all-events/>

Families are encouraged to check the Brimbank Libraries What's On page for full event details, branch locations and booking information, as places in some sessions may fill quickly. Please also note that library branches close over the Easter public holiday period, so it is a good idea to check opening hours before visiting.





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GETTING READY FOR TERM 1



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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HARMONY DAY

JOIN US TO
CELEBRATE ON
MARCH 26TH

9 am at the COLA

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cultural outfits, orange or your
school uniform.



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2026



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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.

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