

# Ardeer Primary School

## Newsletter

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### Key Dates

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

(Ardeer vs Sunshine P.S)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

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Grade 5/6- Arts Centre Excursion

May 4<sup>th</sup> · 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

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Mother's Day Stall

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

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

(Ardeer vs Sirius College)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

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

(Ardeer vs Albion North)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

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Maths Family Night

5pm- 6pm

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

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School Photos

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. It has been great to see the return of students and families for another eventful term.

I am pleased to share some very encouraging news regarding our students' learning progress this term. Our preliminary NAPLAN results for both Year 3 and Year 5 in Reading and Numeracy indicate some of the strongest outcomes we have seen in the school's history.

These results reflect the sustained effort of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the strong partnership we value with our families in supporting learning.

While we are always careful to view NAPLAN as just one measure, these early results provide a positive affirmation that our whole-school approach to teaching and learning is making a meaningful difference. We are particularly proud of the growth demonstrated across both cohorts and the consistency of achievement in key learning areas.

A significant contributor to this success has been our continued investment in high-quality teaching practices. Throughout this term, our staff have engaged in targeted professional learning focused on the development of clear, high-impact learning intentions and success criteria. This work is closely aligned with our whole-school commitment to explicit teaching, ensuring that every lesson is purposeful, structured, and responsive to student needs.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (CON'T)

By strengthening clarity around what students are learning and what success looks like, we will see increased student engagement, improved understanding, and greater confidence in learning. This approach not only supports academic growth but also empowers students to take greater ownership of their learning journey.

We look forward to continuing this important work across the school and sharing further updates with you as we receive confirmed NAPLAN data later in the year.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

John Mifsud



**School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**

We've had a fantastic start to Term 2 with SWPBS up and running straight away! Students have jumped back into following our school values of respect, responsibility and safety, and it's been great to see so many positive behaviours across classrooms and the yard in just the first two weeks.

It has also been pleasing to see students carrying these positive behaviours into their specialist classes. Whether in Art, PE, Music or AUSLAN, students are showing respect by listening carefully, responsibility by staying on task, and safety by following instructions and working cooperatively with others. This consistency across all learning areas is a really positive sign.

We've also ordered some new and exciting prizes that will soon be available for students to choose from.

We're so proud of how our students have started the term.

## 2026 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our 2026 school photos will take place on Wednesday 27th May 2026.

Please be aware that ordering is now open. Access the attached documents for further details regarding available packages and pricing. An order envelope was sent home with your child last week. If you did not receive one, these can be collected from the office.

**order your school photos now**

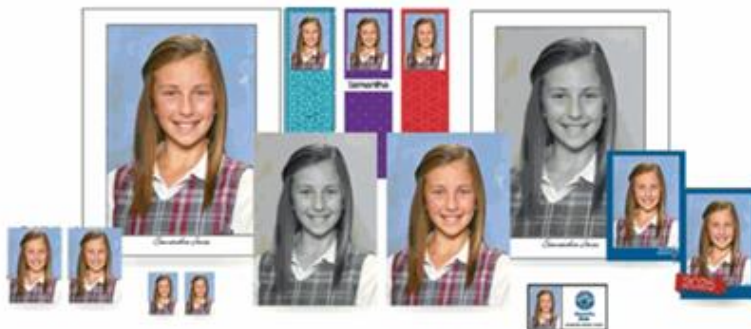
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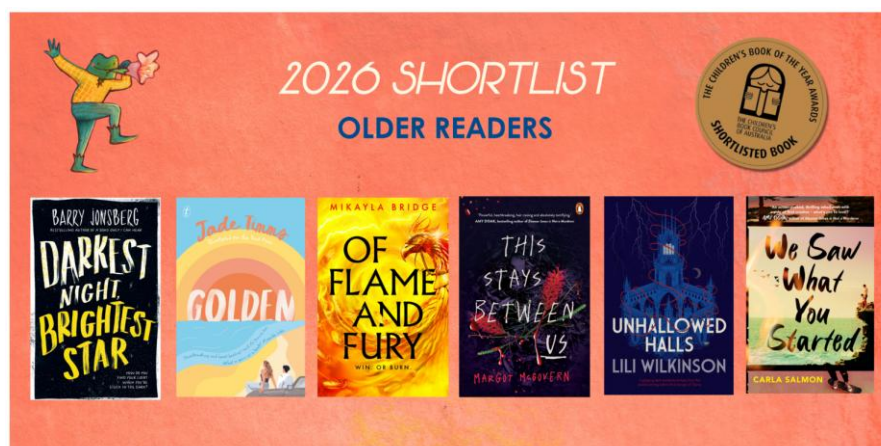
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## TEACHING AND LEARNING SPOTLIGHT- (LITEARCY)

### 2026 Book of the Year Awards – Shortlist

The 2026 CBCA Book of the Year Awards shortlist has been announced, celebrating 80 years of outstanding Australian children's literature. The shortlist spans six categories and offers excellent reading inspiration for schools, libraries and families. Winners will be announced on 21 August 2026.

You will find some of these new titles near the office.



## TEACHING AND LEARNING SPOTLIGHT- (NUMERACY)

### Building Mathematical Proficiency at Home

In our maths learning, we focus on developing mathematical proficiency—the skills and habits that help students become confident, capable problem-solvers. The Victorian Curriculum 2.0 highlights four key areas of proficiency that you can support at home in simple, meaningful ways.

### Understanding

This is about making sense of maths concepts, not just memorising them.

Try this at home:

Ask your child to explain their thinking when solving a problem

Use real-life examples: "What does  $\frac{3}{4}$  mean when we share food?"

Encourage them to represent ideas using drawings, numbers, or words

### Fluency

Fluency is about being accurate, efficient, and flexible with numbers.

Try this at home:

Practise quick mental maths during the day (e.g. "What's  $25 + 19$ ?")

Use everyday moments like shopping to add totals or work out change

Play games that build recall of number facts

### Reasoning

Reasoning involves explaining, justifying, and thinking logically.

Try this at home:

Ask "Why do you think that?" or "How do you know?"

Challenge answers: "Is that always true?"

Encourage your child to prove or explain their thinking

### Problem Solving

Problem solving is about applying maths to new and unfamiliar situations.

Try this at home:

Pose real-life problems: "We have \$30—what can we buy?"

Encourage persistence: "What could you try next?"

## TEACHING AND LEARNING SPOTLIGHT- (NUMERACY CON'T)

Encourage persistence: "What could you try next?"

Let your child explore different strategies, even if they make mistakes

💬 The Power of Conversation

The most important way to support maths at home is through talk.

You don't need worksheets—just ask questions, listen to your child's thinking, and explore ideas together.

★ Our Goal

We are working towards developing students who are:

Confident in using maths

Curious and willing to explore

Able to explain and justify their thinking

Thank you for supporting your child's learning.

## EVERYDAY COUNTS

The importance of regular school attendance.

At Ardeer Primary School, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or have any other concerns, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher or the assistant principal about getting support.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible by calling the office 9363 1194 so we can work together to support them.

For more information about the importance of everyday attendance, see [Attendance and Missing School](#).

Remember, Every Day Counts.

Yours sincerely

John Mifsud



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Primary School

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- Safe, caring and inclusive environment
- Strong literacy and numeracy outcomes
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# juniors pre season training

**Kicks off the week of February 2  
Ainsworth Reserve  
5 to 6pm**

U12s & U14s - Mondays and Wednesdays  
U8s, U9s & U10s - Wednesdays only

Runners only. Bring a friend  
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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.