Principal’s Report

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful holiday and I look forward to catching up with everyone throughout 2017. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new Foundation students and their families to Ardeer South Primary. I would also like to welcome all the new students and their families who have joined Ardeer South Primary this year in grades one to six.

Welcome to Mrs Bojadzievski Literacy Support, Ms Howard in P/1 B, Mr Hoult in 3/4 C and Ms Nguyen who is assisting in the grade 3/4 area.

Today is the final day of school for Ms Mizzi who is commencing family leave. On behalf of myself and the school community we wish her and her partner all the very best.

Staff for 2017

Principal Mr P. Guest
Acting Asst. Principal Mrs A. Hadjimouratis
5/6 A Mr A. McMahon
5/6 B Mr S. Christoforou
5/6 C Mrs D. Georgievski / Mrs L. Mitrovski
3/4 A Mrs C. Stoddart / Ms D. Mazis
3/4 B Mr A. Cantelmi
3/4 C Mr R. Hoult
1/2 A Ms I. Abdo
1/2 B Mrs H. Mizzi
P/1 A Mrs M. Sanelli / Mrs S. Sabey
P/1 B Ms R. Howard
Art/Science Ms R. Cronin-Pagano
Italian Mrs N. Barbuto
Literacy Ms C. Dominovic
Literacy Mrs J. Durakovic
Literacy Mrs S. Bojadzievski
ESL/Literacy Mrs L. Adams
P.E Ms S. Evans
Business Manager Mrs M. Williams
Education Support Officers: Mrs My Le Dam, Mrs D. Caudwell, Mrs H. Rawlings, Mrs M. Muszak, Ms T. Nguyen
Essential Education Items
In order to maintain the high quality of our classroom programs and activities families are required to pay $70.00 per child to go toward the purchasing of their individual supplies and classroom materials for 2017. It is greatly appreciated that this payment occurs as soon as possible. EFTPOS is now available for payments. Please make payments between 8.15am to 8.45am and 3.15pm to 3.45pm.

Diary Dates

February
8th No school for Foundation Students (individual student assessment.)
10th Interschool Sport Vs St Paul’s 11.00am at Ardeer South.
15th No school for Foundation Students (individual student assessment.)
17th Interschool Sport Vs Albion North at Ardeer South.
22nd No school for Foundation Students (individual student assessment.)
24th Interschool Sport Vs Sunshine Heights at Sunshine Heights

Term Dates for 2017
Term 1 Tuesday 31st January to Friday 31st March
2 Tuesday 18th April to Friday 30th June
3 Monday July 17th to Friday 22nd September
4 Monday October 9th to Friday December 22nd.

Friday Assembly
We hold our weekly assembly in the John Evans Room at 2.45pm. Parents are most welcome to join us.

School - Start and End of Day
Parents are asked when bringing their children to school or picking them up after school to do so via the school grounds not through the administration area.

Personal Goods Brought to School
Students are discouraged from bringing unnecessary or valuable items to school. Mobile phones in particular are banned. The Education Department and the school do not hold insurance to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

CANTEEN - Please Note:
Our school canteen is ONLY open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this year. This means that students need to bring a packed lunch on Monday and Tuesday. Please use the 2017 Canteen Price List.

Sunsmart
All students have been given a legionnaires hat to protect them from the damaging rays of the sun when playing outside. The wearing of hats is compulsory during term one and four and must be worn at both recess and lunchtime. Hats must remain at school and can be taken home at the end of the year. Replacement hats can be purchased for $10.00 at the office.

Tissues
All students are asked to bring two large boxes of tissues to school for use in their classroom.
Important Reminders

Parents should wait outside when collecting their children from school. Please do not wait in the corridors.

Parents wishing to enter the school apart from before or after school must report to the office to receive a visitor’s badge.

Smoking is not permitted in the grounds or buildings.

Please name all items of your child’s school uniform, especially windcheaters.

Students Absences
In the first month of this term the Department of Education and Training (DET) will be surveying schools to decide on student numbers. Schools are funded by the government for each student counted. Students who are absent from school must have a parent note to explain the absence. Students with a number of unexplained absences will not be counted and therefore not funded by the government. Remember if your child is away from school it is very important to either:

- Provide a note to explain the absence the next day (or)
- Ring the school on the day to inform us of your child’s absence or
- Email the school to explain the absence (ardeer.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Fundraising Team
If any parents are interested in joining the Fundraising Team they can contact the school office. The Fundraising Team meets once a term to plan fundraising activities. All funds raised go towards improving resources for the students. Our first meeting for the year is on Wednesday 8th February at 2.30pm in the staffroom.

School Uniform
Uniform ordering times are Monday to Thursday 8.15am – 8.45am and 3.15pm – 3.45pm. Please check that your children have sufficient items of uniform for the term. Remember school uniform is compulsory and must be worn each day. A note of explanation is required when your child is out of uniform.

Please Note: Three quarter leggings can only be worn under a school dress. Please ensure your child’s uniform is clearly named.

Art Studio News - ART SMOCK ALERT!
We get messy, on purpose, in the studio! So, all students will need to bring a smock which covers their uniform. Old T-Shirts or shirts with the sleeves trimmed are great. Please provide a clearly named Art smock for your child by 17th February

REMEMBER: NO SMOCK – NO ART!!!
Celebrating Birthdays at School
School Council had a discussion about the amount of lollies and cakes that children eat when they celebrate their birthday at school. Instead of sending a bag of lollies for each child in the class, we would prefer parents who wish to provide some lollies to send an individually wrapped lolly or chocolate eg. A box of Cadbury Favourites to be shared amongst the grade. For birthday cakes, we would prefer parents to bring cupcakes rather than a large cake that has to be cut into smaller slices for each child. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Library News
Outlined are some library procedures that will help with the smooth running of the library program:
• All students will need to bring a bag for borrowing books
• Prep students will begin borrowing towards the end of first term
• The loan period for books is two weeks and parents are asked to help us by encouraging students to keep books in a safe place and to make sure they are returned to school on time
• Lost or damaged books incur a fee of $15.00

Book-Club occurs once a term and provides the students with the opportunity to purchase quality books at a reasonable price. Please ensure order forms are clearly labelled and completed with the correct amount of money enclosed. Orders are only accepted by 9.00am on the designated day.