Principal’s Report

The week after next the school will be holding parent teacher interviews. Interviews for the P/1 and 1/2 teams will be on Monday 19th March and interviews for the 3/4 and 4/5/6 teams will be on Wednesday 21st March. I hope that all parents will take the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher so that they can gain an understanding of their progress in first term and possible areas for further development. It also provides a chance for parents and teachers to clarify procedures that will support student’s growth e.g. reading and changing their take home books, how parents can assist with homework and projects etc.

If for some reason you are unable to attend interviews, please contact the office to arrange an alternative time that is suitable to both you and the teacher.

Diary Dates

March

12th  Labour Day public holiday (no school)
14th  Excursion to Rickett’s Point 1/2A, 1/2B
16th  Excursion to Western Treatment Plant 3/4A, 3/4B
19th  Parent teacher interviews P/1A, P/1B, 1/2A, 1/2B
23rd  Interschool sport v St. Pauls PS (home)
27th  School Council meeting 7.00pm
30th  Last day of term 1 (2.30pm dismissal) (Easter raffle drawn)

April

16th  First day of term 2

My School website

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) launched the My School website (www.myschool.edu.au). This site provides information on all schools throughout Australia. The website provides statistical and contextual information about each school as well as results from the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The website shows comparisons between our school’s results and statistically similar schools across Australia. There is a lot of information contained on the website and we encourage parents and interested members of the community to view the website.

Fundraising Team

Our next fundraising team meeting will be on Wednesday 21st March 2012 at 8.45am in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing you!

Student Accident Insurance

Parents are reminded that the school does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students including any transport costs.
Wheel of Choice
Included with this newsletter is a copy of our ‘Wheel of Choice’. This is a process that we encourage students to use in the yard if they have a problem. You may wish to make use of these strategies at home too.

Habits of Mind
At Ardeer South Primary School we incorporate Habits of Mind into how we operate as a school. What is a Habit of Mind? It is a means of behaving intelligently when confronted with problems, the answers to which are not immediately known. There are sixteen habits and they are just as relevant to adults as they are to children. They also can be used at home, not just at school. Have a read of the habits in this newsletter and give some thought as to how you might use them with your children.

School Council
Our new School Council for 2012 is as follows:

Parent Representatives
- Mrs Barbara Bates - President
- Mrs Jackie Barclay - Vice President
- Mrs Tina Belokovski - Secretary
- Mrs Anh Nguyen
- Mrs Funda Latif
- Mrs Penny Pitsilos
- Mr Graham Muscat

Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development Representatives
- Mr John Evans - Principal
- Mr Peter Guest - Treasurer
- Mrs Margaret Williams
- Mr Adam McMahon

Parents are reminded that any matter they wish to have discussed at School Council should be submitted to the Principal by the Wednesday prior to the meeting date. My thanks are extended to all members of the new School Council for volunteering their time during 2012.

Our next School Council meeting on Tuesday 27th March will be our annual general meeting at which the 2011 annual report will be presented. Members of the school community are invited to attend this meeting. Please inform the office if you will be attending.

Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates:

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!!Uniforms – Sale!!
As from 16th April (first day next term) we are changing the supplier of our School uniform. We have a few items of our current stock that we are selling at a reduced price.

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Poems from students in 1/2B

I am the beach
My sand is gold and soft
I am enormous
People chat all around me
I love making waves
My sand has footprints everywhere
My water makes people cool down
I like the sand castles people make
I love making the sand wet
I’m very happy when people surf on my water
I see lots of people collecting shells
I like looking at people smiling when they’re on the sand

By Mi 1/2B

I am the Beach
People like surfing on my waves
I am a popular place for people to be on hot days in summer
Lots of children like making sand castles on my shiny sand
I am the beach
Sometimes I feel hurt when people and children come to me and walk on me it just hurts
I am the water that children like but not much because I have salt in me
I like it when people come to me
I am the beach
Living creatures live under me and sometimes it feels kind of creepy for fist to live under me
Children are always littering on me or in my water it is stinky and smelly
No one can see my face because I’m a big place
I am the beach
I am a warm place and I make you quite cold when you’re in my water

By Cindy 1/2B
Visiting Artist- The Little Mermaid

Music was filling the multipurpose room with thrills and excitement. As the music lowered, one of the characters came out. The show continued with some of the characters like, Arial, King Neptune, seahorse, yabby the crab, the prince and the sea witch. The cast made the students scream at the top of their lungs, giggle and make crazy noises. The highlight was when Ms Cronin and Ms Hoarebury were dancing in front of the students with some of the characters. It was an extraordinary play that we enjoyed, and we would like to see them again next year.

By Kelsey and Anthony 5/6A