Principals Report
During the recent school holidays a number of improvements were happening at Ardeer South. As everybody would be aware, the poles have been erected for our new shade sails over our three adventure playgrounds. The sails are currently being manufactured and will be installed in the next few weeks. The cost of the three shade sail structures is $79,000. This was money used from the Federal Government grant that we received last year. Once the shade sails are finished we will be using the rest of the grant to develop the gravel area of the school yard next to the garage.

Within the school we also installed interactive whiteboards in the senior classrooms as well as the computer resource centre. These whiteboards will allow our students to access information from anywhere in the world as well as having a huge amount of software to engage children in all areas of the curriculum. In the 21st century we are surrounded by technology and at Ardeer South we wish to utilise this technology to better engage children in their learning.

Diary Dates
February
26th Prep Information Evening – 7pm (childcare provided)
28th Football clinics 4/5R and 4/5K
29th Interschool sport against Sunshine Heights (home)
March
7th Interschool sport against Glengala P.S (home)
10th Labour Day holiday
11th Parent teacher interviews – junior building
12th Parent teacher interviews – senior building
14th Interschool sport against Sunshine P.S.(home)
18th School Council meeting 7.00pm
20th Interschool sport against Albion (home)
Last day of term 1 (2.30pm dismissal)

Fresh Kids Program
Our participation in the Fresh Kids Healthy Eating program has ceased due to the program ending. However the school has successfully gained funding under the Government’s Go For Your Life Program, and with funding support from Coles, the school will be providing a free piece of fruit or a vegetable for every student each Friday throughout the year. We would ask that on other days you always put a piece /or pieces of fruit in your child’s lunchbox. We would also ask for your support by ensuring every student has a bottle of water at school so that they can stay hydrated throughout the day.
**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.

**Student Medication**
From time to time students need to take medication while at school. In order for the school to do this we must have a Student Medication Management Plan completed and signed by parents. These forms are available from the office.

**Head Lice**
Parents are asked to regularly check children’s hair and report instances of head lice discovered to the office. An information sheet on head lice has been included in this newsletter.

**Students Attendance**
At Ardeer South we want our students to attend school every day (unless they are sick). Parents can greatly assist us by ensuring school days are not used for sleeping in after a busy weekend, going shopping, meeting someone at the airport etc. You may find it hard to believe but some students missed over a term of school last year. Congratulations to those students who didn’t miss any school in 4\textsuperscript{th} term last year and in particular to N’keal Campbell for having a perfect attendance record and winning a bookclub voucher

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**School Values 2008 – Term 1**
Term One School Values at Ardeer South Primary School are Perseverance and Responsibility.
These two important values are the ability to persist, to continue to try when presented with a problem and being accountable, having people rely on you.
The value of persevering is a personal trait, one that comes down within a person. It is a value that we can all model by not giving up and by seeing things through to the end.
The value of Responsibility involves earning other people’s respect and trust by our actions and deeds.

**Merit Certificates**

| Kiarah 1/2D | Hristian P/1T | Nikolas 5/6M |
| Rourk 5/6K | Ayshe P/1H | Vivian 4/5K |
| Amanda 5/6M | Gemini 5/6M | Matthew 5/6M |

**What’s Happening Around Our School**

We have been discussing and talking about things the children like to do at school.
- I like to play at school. By Jason
- I like to paint at school. By Eda
- I like to play in the Sunshine Room. By Zuhre
- I like to listen to stories. By Natasha