

ARDEER SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 - Week 5, 28th February 2025

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INSERT IMPORTANT DATES

Weekly Assembly

Each Wednesday at 2:45pm

Week 5

Clean Up Australia Day

2:15pm

Sausage Sizzle

Week 7

Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday 10th March

Week 7 and 8

Year 3 and 5: Naplan 2025

Writing: 12th March

Reading: 14th March

Conventions of Language: 18th March

Numeracy: 20th March

Week 8

Harmony Day: 21st March

Ardeer South Primary School acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the land the school is located upon, and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



As we move through another busy and exciting term, I want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude for the continued support and dedication of our wonderful school community.

Together, we create an environment where students can thrive, grow, and discover their true potential.

Thank you for being such an essential part of our school's success. Let's continue to inspire and support one another as we move forward into 2025.



Andrea and Grant.

School News

**HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL
BUILD THE HABIT OF GOOD ATTENDANCE
EARLY SCHOOL SUCCESS GOES HAND IN HAND WITH GOOD
ATTENDANCE!**

Did you know?

**Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read
Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few
weeks**

Being late to school may lead to poor attendance

**Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down
learning to help children catch up**

***Attending school regularly helps children feel better about
school—and themselves.***

***Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that
going to school on time, every day is important.***

***Good attendance will help children do well in high school,
tertiary education and at work***

What you can do

- **Set a regular bed time and morning routine**
- **Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before**
- **Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick**
- **Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home**
- **If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counsellors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning**

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages.

Bullying - If your child says to you they are being bullied at school, work through this chart with them. It is a great resource for parents/teachers to help children understand what the term bullying means.

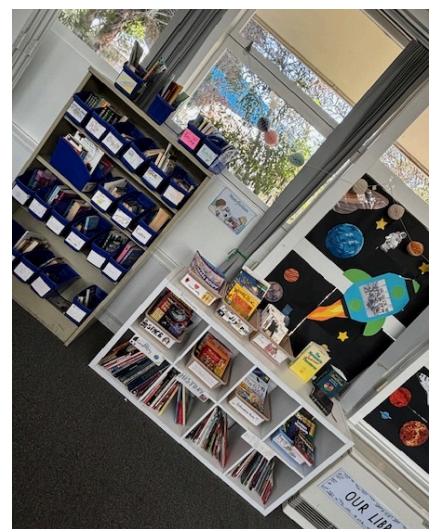


Literacy - Classroom Libraries

Learning Walk - Classroom Libraries - February 21st 2025

As a part of our commitment to creating engaging and welcoming classroom environments and practices we are impressed by the incredible work teachers have done setting up classroom libraries.

It's clear how much thought and care they have put into creating inviting and organised spaces for students to explore, learn, grow and engage in literacy learning. The variety of books, the reading corners, and the attention to detail shows a commitment to ensuring students have an inviting learning space. The students will benefit from the spaces teachers have created. ***Please support this work by encouraging daily reading at home.***



MATHEMATICS

Mathletics: Fun Learning for Everyone!

At ASPS, we are excited to introduce Mathletics, an online math platform designed to make learning mathematics fun and engaging for students from Prep to Year 6!

What is Mathletics?

Mathletics is an interactive learning tool that combines games, challenges, and real-world math problems to help students develop their math skills. It's like a math adventure! The platform allows students to practice essential math concepts like addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and much more, all in a playful and rewarding way.

Why Mathletics?

Mathletics offers personalized learning, which means that it adjusts to each student's level and pace. Whether your child is excelling in math or needs a little extra help, Mathletics supports them every step of the way. It also allows students to compete in live challenges, earn points, and even get rewards for their efforts!

How Does It Help?

- **Engaging and Fun:** Students can explore math concepts through fun games, puzzles, and activities.
- **Boosts Confidence:** As students complete tasks and earn rewards, they feel a sense of achievement and gain confidence in their math abilities.
- **Supports Classroom Learning:** Mathletics reinforces what students learn in the classroom, allowing them to practice and improve at their own pace.

Mathletics Challenges and Competitions

Throughout the year, we will host Mathletics challenges and competitions where students can compete for top spots on the leaderboard. It's a great way to encourage friendly competition and celebrate the hard work of our math whizzes!

Getting Started

All students have access to Mathletics through their school login. We will be sending home information and instructions next week so you can get started.

Let's Get Learning!

We have invested a considerable amount of money into providing this program for our students so strongly encourage all students to explore Mathletics and make the most of this fantastic tool to enhance their math learning. Whether they're working on homework or just having fun with numbers, Mathletics offers endless opportunities to grow!

Happy learning and may the numbers always add up!



🌐 Join Us for Clean Up Australia Day! 🌿

We are excited to announce that our school will be participating in **Clean Up Australia Day** on Friday 28th February. This is a fantastic opportunity for students, teachers, and families to come together to make a positive impact on our environment and show our commitment to keeping our community clean and green.

📅 17 Event Details:

- **Date:** Friday 28th February
- **Time:** 2:15pm
- Sausage sizzle lunch for students

🧹 What to Bring:

- Comfortable clothing and shoes
- Gloves (optional, but recommended)
- A water bottle to stay hydrated
- A positive attitude and ready to help!

🌱 Why Participate?

By taking part in Clean Up Australia Day, you are helping to:

- Protect wildlife
- Reduce litter in our local area
- Promote environmental awareness
- Make our school and community a cleaner, safer place for everyone!

👉 How You Can Help:

We will be focusing on cleaning up our school grounds and nearby oval. Every bit of trash you pick up makes a difference!

🏆 Rewards for Participation!

Students who take part will receive [insert reward details, if applicable] and can even be recognized with a special mention in our next school assembly!

Let's work together to keep our beautiful country clean!

