

ARDEER SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 - Week 5, 29th February 2024

Principal: Andrea Markham

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Monday 11th March
Public Holiday
No school

March
Naplan 13th - 25th

Harmony Week
15th March to 21st March
(events to be communicated via Dojo / Compass)

Thursday 28th March
Last Day of Term 1
1:30pm Finish

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.



What a whirlwind of a week!

So many exciting things are happening in our community.

Naplan preparations are in full swing with students fully supported in Literacy and Numeracy sessions to build the stamina and skills to make the testing sessions as stress free as possible.

Some big announcements this week with the renovated toilet block opening and our Kinder On School Site announcement. Details are in this newsletter.

I am reminded every day what a privilege it is to be working hard to ensure our school community is thriving.

Feeling very proud and grateful as always,

Andrea.

Teaching and Learning

Literacy / Numeracy / Naplan

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy from 15 March to 25th March.

Our teachers are working to familiarise the students with the testing style so that they feel relaxed and comfortable on the testing days. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement. Parents will be sent home information next week with testing dates.

Community



On Thursday we officially opened our fully refurbished toilets.

The new toilets are a testament to our commitment to providing facilities that promote a positive school environment that supports the wellbeing of our students!

Thank you [Sarah Connolly MP](#) for attending to officiate the opening and for the generous Victorian Government financial contribution that made this project possible!

Kinders on School Sites Announcement

The following Principal Announcement was communicated to our parent community this week after the Ministers Announcement



I am thrilled to announce that a new kindergarten will be built at our school.

This new centre will provide additional kindergarten places for the local community, while making drop-off time simpler and more convenient for some families.

We are working closely with the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA), who will oversee construction works. We expect the kinder to be completed and open Term 1, 2026. The kinder will be operated by an external organisation with experience in running kinders. Once appointed, they will manage all enrolment, staffing and program enquiries.

We're mindful of any impact construction might have on our community, and we're working with the VSBA to minimise this. The VSBA will create a dedicated webpage for the project so that you can track its progress and get updates.

This is an exciting time for our school, and I look forward to sharing further updates and the design of the building once they become available.

I thank you in advance for your patience with this project, and look forward to the work that will see this all come together.

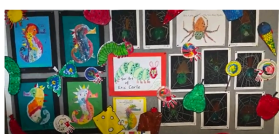
More information

If you have any questions about the works at Ardeer South Primary School, you can contact the VSBA by phone at **1800 896 950**, email vsba@education.vic.gov.au or visit their website:

<https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au>

VISUAL ARTS SHOWCASE

In case you missed it, follow the link to view our [Art Showcase of 2023](#).

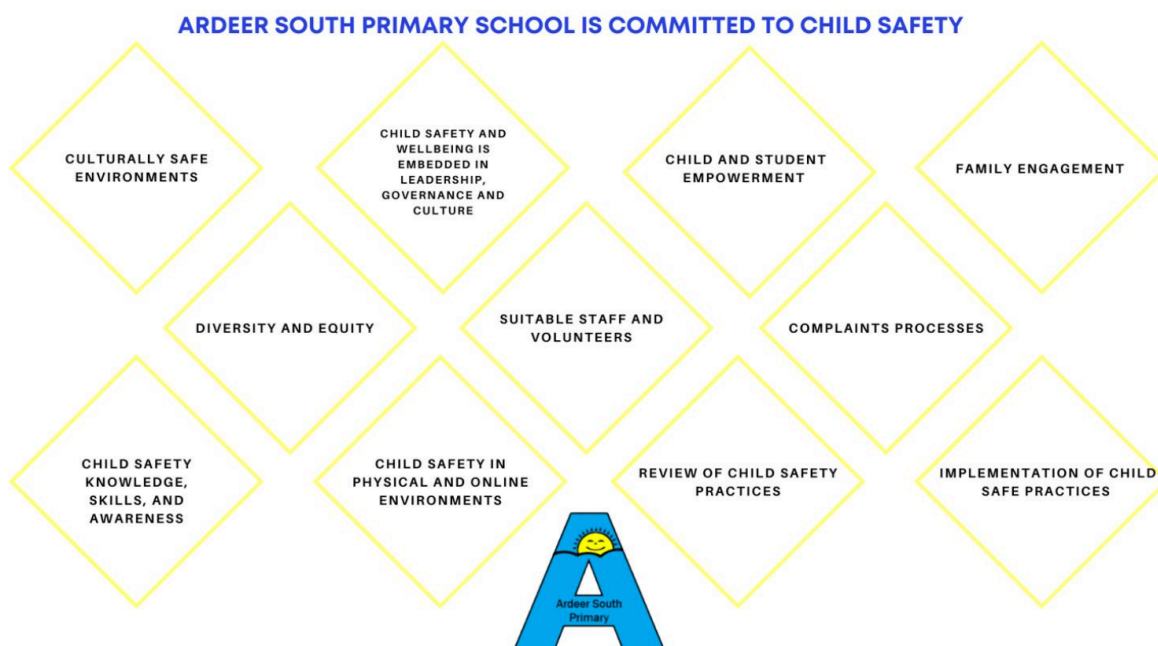


Thank you to Miss Myle for putting this together, Ms Swain for her inspirational teaching, and of course to our extremely talented students - Well Done!

School Policies and Child Safety Standards (standing newsletter items)

“Under the new Child Safe Standards schools must ensure the school community are given the opportunity to have a say in the development and updating of child safety documents. This includes consultation with school council as a community representative body and inviting other members of the community to have a say in the school’s child safety and wellbeing policies and practices such as through your school newsletter or website.”

Child safety and wellbeing at Ardeer South Primary School: information for families and the school community



The Victorian Government has announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Ardeer South Primary School has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on our [school website](#) and all policies are available from the school office.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact Andrea Markham (Principal) or Grant Mussel (Assistant Principal) via email at ardeer.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au or 9363 2768