

# ARDEER SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Term 1 - Week 7, 15th March 2024

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### 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.***



Time goes so quickly, especially during a 4 day school week. The two major things happening at school at the moment are NAPLAN testing and Harmony Week.

I think both of these things align perfectly with our school values of RESPECT, SAFETY, RESPONSIBILITY and EFFORT! At ASPS teachers work tirelessly to remind students of behaviours that align with these values.

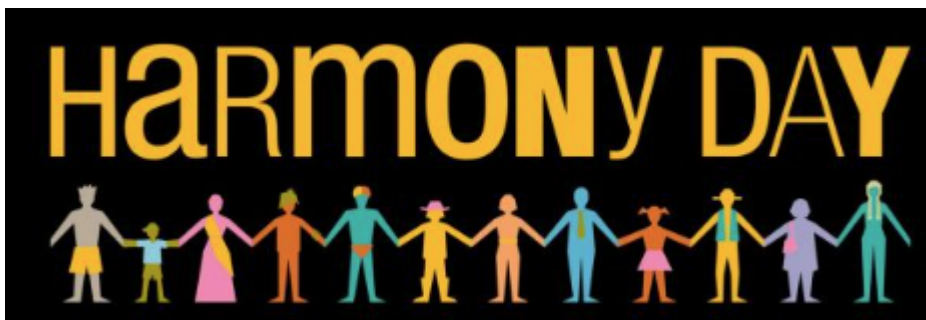
It is the positive learning environments that our teachers create that will have the most impact on student learning outcomes and achievement not only during testing periods but at all times.

Happy Ramadan to all of our Muslim families.

Andrea.

## Teaching and Learning

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Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. In schools we celebrate inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians, from the traditional custodians of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

The ongoing theme of Harmony Week is 'everyone belongs'. Harmony Week is a time of cultural respect for all. By participating in Harmony Week activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

### **Wear Orange - Wednesday 27th March - Harmony Day Celebration**

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Students can choose to wear something orange on Wednesday 27th March to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

On this day we will hold a special Harmony Week assembly at the usual assembly time with special individual student and whole school performances.

### **Literacy / Numeracy / Naplan**

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students have started testing for the National Assessment Program. NAPLAN helps governments to see whether young Australians are reaching important literacy and numeracy goals. It provides information about how education programs are working, areas for improvement, and which schools need support in the teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy.

It can support school improvement by enabling teachers to monitor their students' progress against the national measure, to identify strengths and areas to improve in teaching programs. NAPLAN allows parents to see how their child is progressing against national standards in literacy and numeracy..

By sitting NAPLAN and trying their best, students help to make sure teachers and schools have the right information to help every student get the support they need to reach their full potential.

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# Community

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## School Policies and Child Safety Standards (standing newsletter items)

*Our child safety and wellbeing policies (all policies in our Policy Library links below) outline the measures and strategies we have in place to support, promote and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students:*

**Child Safe Code of Conduct**

**Child Safety Responding and Reporting Policy and Procedures**

**Respectful Behaviours within the School Community**

**Bullying Prevention Policy**

**Inclusion and Diversity Policy including Equal Opportunity**

**Respect for School Staff Policy**

**Statement of Values and School Philosophy**

**Staff Recruitment Policy**

**Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy**

**Digital Learning Policy (Internet, Social Media and Digital Devices)**

**Digital Learning - Acceptable Use Agreement**

**Visitors Policy**

**Volunteers Policy**

**Yard Duty and Supervision Policy**

**Health Safety and Wellbeing Policy**

**Photography Filming & Recording Students Policy**

As valuable partners in promoting and maintaining child safety and wellbeing at Ardeer South PS we welcome and encourage your feedback. 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](mailto:ardeer.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or 9363 2768

## Workplace Car Park



Our workplace carpark is for staff use during working hours. We have had a few occasions where students are using the carpark to walk through to enter the school buildings.

I urge parents to avoid dropping off students near the staff carparks, to ensure that they are not walking through at peak times. There are three entry points to school,

- the front entrance (Murray Street),
- side gate in Nina street
- side gate on oval in Ralph Street.