

# ARDEER SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Term 1 - Week 7, 13th March 2025

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Weekly Assembly  
Each Wednesday at 2:45pm

Week 8  
Year 3 and 5: Naplan 2025  
Conventions of Language: 18th March  
Numeracy: 20th March

Harmony Day: 21st March  
Special Assembly at 2:20pm

Week 9  
Prep-Year 2  
Werribee Zoo Excursion: 26th March

Maths Day!  
28th March

Week 10  
Last Day Term 1: Friday 4th April  
Dismissal at 1:30pm

*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.*



Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter! It's been an exciting and busy term so far, with many wonderful moments of learning, growth, and community spirit. Our students continue to impress us with their enthusiasm and hard work, whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or in their creative pursuits.

As we move forward, we are committed to supporting each child's unique journey and fostering a positive and engaging environment for all. We look forward to sharing updates, highlights, and upcoming events in this newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making our school a place where every child can thrive!

Andrea and Grant.

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## School News

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**Naplan** - We are pleased to report that NAPLAN testing has been going well with Year 3 and Year 5 students already having completed the Reading and Writing components. The students demonstrated a great deal of effort and focus throughout the process, and we are incredibly proud of their effort.

Our staff have worked hard to ensure that the testing environment was calm and supportive, allowing all students to perform to the best of their abilities. We are confident that these results will provide valuable insights into our students' learning and help us continue to support their academic growth.

Thank you to everyone involved for their cooperation and hard work. We are excited to see the continued progress of our students in the coming months.

A blue rectangular graphic with the text "NAPLAN 2025" in large, bold, yellow-green letters, and "Test window 12-24 March" in smaller, white, sans-serif font below it.

### Harmony Day

This year, we are excited to celebrate **Harmony Day** on Friday 21st March, a special occasion dedicated to promoting inclusivity, diversity, and respect for all cultures. Harmony Day is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the values that make our community strong and united.



Throughout the day, our students will participate in a range of activities designed to foster understanding and appreciation of different cultures. From cultural dress to sharing stories and songs, it's a chance to celebrate the uniqueness of each individual while embracing the similarities that connect us all.

We encourage students to wear orange, the color of Harmony Day, as a symbol of unity and togetherness. It's a day to celebrate our diverse backgrounds and the spirit of inclusion that makes our school such a special place.

***A special assembly with cultural performances will be held on Friday 21st at 2:20pm.***

We look forward to a fun and meaningful day together, and we hope to see everyone embracing the spirit of Harmony Day!



## School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) – Fostering a Positive School Culture

At Ardeer South, we are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where all students can thrive. As part of our approach to achieving this, we have implemented **School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)**, a framework designed to encourage positive behaviour, foster respect, and build a strong sense of community.

### What is SWPBS?

SWPBS is a proactive approach that focuses on teaching and reinforcing positive behaviours across all areas of school life. It encourages students to demonstrate behaviours that are respectful, responsible, and safe, both in and out of the classroom. Through this approach, we aim to create a positive, consistent, and predictable environment where all students feel valued.

### How does SWPBS work?

The SWPBS framework is built on clear expectations that are taught and reinforced throughout the school. These expectations are aligned with our school values and are communicated regularly to students. Teachers and staff provide positive reinforcement when students meet these expectations, celebrating their efforts and achievements.

We have established specific behaviours for different settings, such as:

- **Respect:** Showing kindness to others and valuing differences.
- **Responsibility:** Taking ownership of actions and being accountable.
- **Safety:** Keeping ourselves and others safe in the school environment.

### Why is SWPBS important?

The benefits of SWPBS are far-reaching. By focusing on positive behaviour, we:

- Promote a positive and respectful school culture.
- Reduce instances of misbehaviour.
- Encourage students to be responsible, independent, and compassionate.
- Foster a sense of belonging for all students.

We are incredibly proud of the progress we have made in embedding this approach into our school culture, and we are already seeing positive changes in student interactions.

### Getting Involved

We believe that strong partnerships between home and school are key to the success of SWPBS. You can help reinforce the values of respect, responsibility, and safety at home by praising positive behaviours and discussing the importance of these qualities with your child. Together, we can continue to build a school environment where all students feel safe, supported, and encouraged to be their best selves.

**Is your child enrolled in Their Care? So many exciting things happen in the program. Please remember if you have not picked up your child by 3:30pm they will be placed in After School Care and this is then charged at a full rate if you have not registered with the program.**

 **TheirCare** Ardeer South P.S TheirCare  
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### What's been happening


Over the past fortnight, we celebrated Friendship Week and Cultural Diversity Week. During Friendship Week, children engaged in group activities such as relay races, trust-building exercises, and friendship bracelet making, all aimed at fostering kindness and strengthening connections. In Cultural Diversity Week, we explored the diverse traditions and customs of various cultures. The children created mini passports to "travel" and learn about different countries worldwide. They also had the chance to bring in an item or dress in attire representing their cultural heritage for a special Cultural Parade held during our after-school care session.



**Did you know up to 90% of childcare costs can be covered by the Child Care Subsidy?!**

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) can cover up to 90% of childcare expenses based on your combined annual income, including incomes of up to \$533,280. The assessment process is straightforward, just follow a few simple steps to start enjoying these savings. Check with Centrelink for eligibility

**MAD FUN** Gosh do we have a fun Holiday Program planned for Autumn! Bookings open 20th FEBUARY!

AUTUMN Holiday Program 

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### Hello Families



Week 6 focused on creativity and imagination, while Week 7 centered around games and construction. The children experimented with making slime. Children expressed interest in having a wedding, so we brought their ideas to life by organizing a small ceremony. We engaged in various team building relay races, a game of twister, uno, wink murderer, tag, charades.



At TheirCare, we understand the importance of every dollar for our families!

We are committed to providing the best value for your money. That's why we have not increased our late fees for the past seven years!



### JUNGLE JIVE END OF TERM PARTY!

Date: Friday March 14th  
WHEN: AFTER SCHOOL CARE  
Where: Ardeer South!

Please book in your child on the 14th March for a Jungle Party to celebrate TheirCare's Birthday, and our service's WeCare efforts from Term 1!



With the school holidays fast approaching, book into our Holiday Program now via [TheirCare.com.au](http://TheirCare.com.au)

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## HAS YOUR CHILD BEEN USING MATHLETICS AT HOME?

### **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!