



ARDEER SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 - Week 7, 13th March 2026

Principal: Andrea Markham

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IMPORTANT DATES

Weekly Assembly
Each Wednesday at 2:30pm
John Evans Room

Week 8
Year 3 and 5: Naplan 2026
See Compass for information

Week 9
Friday 27th March
Harmony Day

Last Day of School
Thursday 2nd April
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.



A huge congratulations to all of our Year 3 and 5 students for their incredible effort during this week's NAPLAN testing! We also want to recognise and thank our dedicated teachers for their outstanding support and guidance throughout the process

As we move into the final weeks of term, we're excited to celebrate Harmony Day on Friday, 27th March. This special event gives us the chance to honour the many cultures that make Ardeer South such a vibrant and welcoming community.

A special thank you to Rania for organising our special lunches throughout the term. We are so fortunate to have such amazing support from our families here at ASPS, it truly makes our school community shine.

Andrea and Grant

School News

Voluntary Contribution: 2026

Thank you to all the parents who have made a voluntary contribution. Your support is truly appreciated and makes a meaningful difference to our school community.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute, you are still very welcome to support the school by making your voluntary payment at your convenience.

*Every contribution, no matter the size, is greatly valued.
Thank you for your continued support.*

Naplan Testing hiccup!

As you may have been made aware, NAPLAN testing was impacted this week by technical issues with the national assessment platform. ACARA, the national body that oversees testing, has confirmed that testing resumed shortly after the initial incident.

Schools have been informed to continue NAPLAN testing as per their planned test schedules. We continued our testing today and all went smoothly with our students handling the setback with resilience and a positive attitude.

Next week we will complete the Numeracy and Languages Conventions tests.

Community Engagement and Partnerships



As our families settle into life at the new Kindergarten and we continue to strengthen the connection between the school and the kinder, we are excited to share that a new pathway has been installed linking the two. This will make it easier for parents to access the school from the Kindergarten during drop-off and pick-up times, providing a safer route and helping to avoid traffic on Ralph Street.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



Ardeer South TheirCare

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Over the past fortnight, students enjoyed a mix of Wellbeing & Mindfulness activities and upcoming St. Patrick's Day. They practiced yoga, mindful movement, and reflection exercises, and took part in group games such as treasure hunts, Rainbow Relays, Leprechaun Tag, and creative shamrock and rainbow crafts.



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FLIPPIN' FUN

PANCAKE PARTY!

TUESDAY 17 MARCH

We're mixing up Shrove Tuesday and St. Patrick's Day cheer! We'll be flipping pancakes, enjoying green crafts, making good luck charms, and playing silly games. Join in the fun during after-school care, at no extra cost to families. To book visit TheirCare.com.au

Quality Area 6 – Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities

We invite your feedback: Are there community connections, cultural events, or skills you would like to see included in our program?



TheirCare's
Autumn
2026
Holiday Program



iSpy Kids

Something exciting is coming this Autumn...

iSpy Kids!
Packed with mystery, curiosity and fun filled adventures, it will be one school holiday program you won't want to miss! Bookings open soon...

We encourage as many parents as possible to engage with the service and enquire with TheirCare on how to receive the Child Care Subsidy for your children so that they can access the fun and exciting activities that are offered through this program.

Doxa Holiday Camps are FREE!

Many of our students express that they would love to be able to go to camp. If this is an opportunity you would like to access for your child please come and see us at the office to assist you in applying.



CITY HOLIDAY CAMP





City Camp

7 - 10 April, 2026
Urban Camp



Activities

St. Kilda Penguins & Melbourne Zoo
Comedy & Arcade
Eureka Skydeck & Movies



Transport

Doxa Support Train Transport
Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong & Pakenham



*Scan QR Code for Application Form

Doxa Holiday Camps are FREE

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Celebrating Harmony Day at Ardeer South Primary School

At Ardeer South Primary School, Harmony Day is a special opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural diversity that makes our community so vibrant and strong. Our school proudly reflects the many cultures, languages and stories that come together to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for every child.

Harmony Day reminds us that **everyone belongs**. Throughout the day, students will participate in classroom activities that explore identity, respect, inclusion and the importance of standing together against racism. These learning experiences help build empathy, understanding and pride in who we are both as individuals and as a community.

Students are invited to wear **a touch of orange**, the colour of Harmony Day, to show their support for cultural diversity and inclusion. Orange represents respect, acceptance and the freedom for all people to be themselves.

We encourage families to talk with their children about their own cultural backgrounds and the traditions that are important to them. Sharing stories, food, language and experiences strengthens our connection and deepens our appreciation of one another.

At Ardeer South, we are proud to celebrate the many cultures that make our school unique. Together, we continue to build a community where diversity is celebrated, kindness is valued and everyone feels that they truly belong.



**Let's come together to celebrate
our cultural diversity.**

On Friday 20th March we encourage our students to wear cultural dress or Orange as a symbol of cultural unity.