



ARDEER SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 - Week 6, 29th May 2025

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IMPORTANT DATES: Term 2
Weekly Assembly
Each Wednesday at 2:30pm

Week 7
Monday 2nd June:
Curriculum Day

Week 8
Monday 9th June
King's Birthday
Public Holiday

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.



We pride ourselves in providing a school community with a warm, safe and inclusive environment where students feel welcome and happy.

Reconciliation week is another chance to share cultural knowledge and build understanding of how different cultural perspectives shape our community.

Our aim is to provide opportunities that extend and challenge every student to achieve personal, social and academic success and we both feel our staff constantly strive to make this happen.

This newsletter is jam packed with ways we can work together to keep our students safe and happy.

Andrea and Grant

School News

Science Incursion



Students participated in an engaging and interactive program with hands-on experiences that facilitated authentic learning.

Check out Class Dojo for photographs of each class in this incursion.

Parent Meetings / Appointments



Ardeer South Primary School welcomes feedback, both positive and negative, and is committed to continuous improvement. We value open communication with our families and are committed to understanding complaints and addressing them appropriately. We value and encourage open and positive relationships with our school community. We understand that it is in the best interests of students for there to be a trusting relationship between families and our school.

If you would like to speak with a classroom teacher or member of the leadership team please either email, telephone or arrange a meeting through the front office and we will make an appointment time to meet with you.

If you have not made an appointment we are not always available to meet. Most days we have scheduled meetings and it is not always possible for us to meet at drop off and pick up times so scheduling a time ensures that we are available to give you adequate time and attention to discuss concerns.

🌿 Reconciliation Week at Ardeer South Primary School 🌿

This week, our school community proudly acknowledges National Reconciliation Week, a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The theme for Reconciliation Week 2025 is "Now More Than Ever", reminding us that reconciliation is not a one week event, but an ongoing journey that requires commitment, reflection, and action from us all.

Throughout the week, our students have engaged in a range of thoughtful and respectful activities to deepen their understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. These included:

- Storytelling sessions with books by First Nations authors
- Art and craft projects inspired by traditional symbols and Dreamtime stories
- Classroom discussions about the importance of respect, and inclusion



This awareness ties in perfectly with our Child Safety Standard 1

Culturally Safe Environments

To address Child Safe Standard 1: Culturally Safe Environments we have updated and communicated the following policies to meet the requirements that address this standard:

- **Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy**
- **Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy**
- **Inclusion and Diversity Policy including Equal Opportunity and Sexual Harassment**
- **Statement of Values and School Philosophy**
- **Bullying Prevention Policy**

All of these policies can be found in our Policy Library and information on our website.

Speaking of Child Safety - let's look at online safety!

Online Safety

Get to know Age Ratings

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing. Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online, using social media or downloading other apps – check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls.

ARE YOU SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO BREAK THE LAW?

We are aware that some of our students are using Snapchat, Tik Tok, Instagram etc.

In December 2024, New legislation passed through Parliament, setting a minimum age limit for social media platforms including Snapchat, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram and X.

The Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024 amends the Online Safety Act 2021 and requires 'age-restricted social media platforms' to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under 16 years from having accounts on their platforms.

Next week we will be sending home a technology tracker to support parents to keep track of what their children are doing on devices and open up communication channels. Check Compass and Dojo for access to the tracker.