



ARDEER SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 - Week 3, 1st August 2024

Principal: Andrea Markham

Assistant Principal: Grant Mussel



Week 4

District Athletics Day
Friday 9th August

Week 5

School Council meeting
Tuesday 13th August

Multicultural/Geography Day
Friday 16th August
Students can wear cultural dress!

Week 6

Book Week!

Author Visit: Kyle Allen
Tuesday 20th August

Book Week: Dress up day!
Wednesday 21st August

Ongoing this Term

- Basketball Clinics Week 2-4
- Footsteps Dance Program
Every Thursday each week!

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 back to Term 3,

So many exciting things are happening as you can see or read about on Dojo or Facebook.

- Excursions
- Incursions
- Author Visits
- Footsteps
- National Tree Day
- Geography Day
- Book Week
- Athletics
- 100 days of school
- School Council
- Basketball Clinics
- Food Bank Cooking Classes

Keep informed, keep an eye on Compass for detailed information about events.

Andrea

The Headlines

Sustainability News

We are looking for Parent Volunteers to make a difference - to our school and the world!

BIODIVERSITY MODULE

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with recording information during the Biodiversity Audit of the school grounds, and entering data into an online system (can be done at home).

This volunteer role would suit people who are interested in nature, enjoy being outdoors, can record and organise basic information, and can enter it into an online program.

YOU WILL NEED

- basic computer skills,
- be able to walk around the school grounds for approx 1 hour (once per year)
- To meet the requirements for volunteering at school

**We are a
ResourceSmart
School**



We are proud to be a [ResourceSmart School](#) - part of an award-winning Victorian Government to embed sustainability in everything we do. The ResourceSmart Schools program helps us to use energy and water efficiently, save money and integrate sustainability into the curriculum.

We value parent and carer help, and we would love your support!

Biodiversity module

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with recording information during the Biodiversity Audit of the school grounds, and entering data into an online system (can be done at home).

This is a great opportunity to support our school.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Andrea or Emma in administration at school.

Links:

Click here: <https://www.eev.vic.edu.au/parent-volunteer-pilot-content-for-newsletter>

ResourceSmart School:
<https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/energy-efficiency-and-reducing-emissions/resourcesmart-school>

BOOK WEEK

Miss Swain has been working her magic to prepare us for Book Week which will be 19th - 23rd August. Look at the amazing display outside of the library.



We are so lucky to have organised an author visit for

BRAVE AS CAN BE

Author of Brave As Can Be, Kylie Allen, will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 20th August**, and is offering our families a \$5 discount on the purchase of her book. You have the option of having a personalised copy delivered to the school on the day of her visit.

Brave As Can Be is written by primary school teacher and Inspiring Minds Studio Director, Kylie Allen and illustrated by Carmen Rocha. It shares real life examples of bravery that children can relate to. It's about pushing through fear and self doubt, whilst encouraging children to recognise their own strength and courage to feel empowered. It also includes teaching points and great conversation starters for parents

To order:

- Follow the link
<https://inspiringmindsstudio.com.au/product/brave-as-can-be/>
- Enter discount code **ASPS**
- Select local pick up
- Write your child's name and class in the "Order Notes" section and Kylie will write a personalised message and sign your copy of the book

All personalised orders must be made by Friday 16th of August for Kylie to bring with her on the day.



**Tuesday
20th
August.
You can
purchase
the book
by
following
the link
and
entering
our
discount
code.**

WELLBEING

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. Further information Parent Zone have published this article about why age ratings.



Snapchat

We are aware that some of our students are using Snapchat. Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that can only be seen for a set time e.g. 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.



What should you be concerned about?

There are risks to using Snapchat, including the risk of your child viewing content that is not appropriate for them, location sharing and contact from strangers.



Child Safety Warning

Be aware of the dangers of your child communicating with adults online. This includes ALL adults.

Children should not be communicating with any adults online including family friends, teachers or other parents.

Talk to your child about reporting to yourself or someone they trust if anyone over 18 (an adult) contacts them online.



Free workshop

2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers Footscray, VIC



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Tuesday & Wednesday
13 & 14 August, 2024
9:30am - 2:30pm



Plough Hotel
333 Barkly Street
FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:

<https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC>

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