

ARDEER SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Term 4 - Week 1, 9th October 2025

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IMPORTANT DATES: Term 4

Swimming
Week 4 and 5 (starting 27/10)

World Teachers Day Friday 31st October

November
Melbourne Cup Holiday
Tuesday 4/11

Curriculum Day - Monday 27/11

DECEMBER
Curriculum Day
Friday 5th December

Graduation - date to be confirmed

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 4! We hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved break and is feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead.

Our students have made tremendous progress this year, and we look forward to seeing them continue to challenge themselves, show kindness, and make the most of every learning opportunity.

We have plenty to look forward to this term, including end-of-year celebrations, excursions, performances, and special learning events that showcase the wonderful talents and efforts of our students and staff.

Let's make this final term of the year one filled with positivity, teamwork, and pride in all we accomplish together.

Andrea and Grant

A Term Full of Exciting Learning Opportunities

Swimming

Swimming and Water Safety Program

Once again Ardeer South will be running a whole school Swimming Program giving the opportunity for every student from Foundation to Year 6 to participate in the swimming & water safety program.

The school has allowed this program to be fully funded through the school equity finances; therefore making this opportunity FREE for all students to attend.

Students will travel by seat belted bus to and from the school to the Sunshine Leisure Centre in allocated groups throughout the day, for the duration of the program.

Each day, students will need their swimming gear, a towel and clean underwear as well as a plastic bag for their wet swimming gear. Students are to come to school wearing their swimwear under their uniform ready for their lesson. Please label your child's clothing so it is easy when things get misplaced to find their owner.

Permission notices will be sent home in the next few days to be signed and returned



BikeTober - We love cycling!

Our Bike Education program has also been an exciting opportunity for



students. Through a mix of practical riding sessions and safety lessons, students have been learning valuable road rules, developing confidence on their bikes, and practising the skills they need to ride safely in the community.

Students this week have taken advantage of our commitment to Biketober riding the bikes at lunch time around the oval.



Recognise this cyclist? One of our teachers has been selected to represent Australia at the upcoming World Championships.



An Inspiring Achievement

Mr Belbruno to Represent Australia!

We are incredibly proud to share that our very own **Mr B** has been selected to **represent Australia** at the upcoming **World Championships!**

On **October 19th**, Mr B will take on a remarkable **131 km cycling course**, competing among the best in the world. This is an outstanding personal achievement that showcases dedication, perseverance, and passion, qualities we encourage in our students every day.

Mr B's commitment to training and striving for excellence serves as a powerful reminder that with hard work and determination, incredible goals can be achieved. We wish Mr B every success in his race!

School Drop off and Pick up - Termly Reminder

We see so many students playing in the yard early in the mornings. Please note the following key points in relation to drop off and pick up times.

Breakfast club can be accessed at 8:30 am through the front doors of Building A. Students arriving before 8:30am will need to be enrolled into before school care.

Parents leaving their child before 8:45 please note that your child will not be supervised by a staff member and is not able to be playing in the yard unsupervised.

Yard supervision by department policy is required to be provided for a minimum of 10 minutes before and after school so in line with this the yard will not be supervised by a teacher until 8:45am.

- Playground Supervision by a staff member will be from 8:45- 9:00 ensuring all students are settled into class ready to learn at 9am
- Music will play at 8:55 for students to give students time to enter classrooms for a 9am start to learning.



Finish time is 3:15pm and the yard is supervised until 3:30pm. Students not picked up by 3:30 will be taken to After School Care as per the information attached.



As the weather warms up, it's important that all students remember to be **SunSmart**. At school, this means wearing a **broad-brimmed hat** whenever we're outside. Our "**No Hat, No Play**" policy helps keep everyone safe from the sun's harmful rays.

Please make sure your child's hat is clearly named and brought to school every day, let's all work together to stay sun safe this term! School hats are available for purchase at the office for \$10*

Events Calendar

We have had so many school events happening that it is hard to keep up. To help parents and staff stay on track of upcoming events and special days we will begin utilising the calendar feature on the website and compass. You can read below the exciting opportunities we have offered our students this term.

If you like us find it hard to keep up with dates we hope this supports you with remembering upcoming school events.

It's as simple as heading to the school website, scrolling down on the homepage to our Event Calendar and Event Quick View.

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Cricket Anyone?

