

ARDEER SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 - Week 6, 9th March 2023

Principal: Andrea Markham

Assistant Principal: Olivia Sinclair-Thomson



Monday 13th March - Public Holiday

Friday 17th March - Walk to School

**Naplan - Week 8 and 9
School Council Meeting
Tuesday 21st March**

**Harmony Day Celebrations
Wednesday 29th March**

**Whole School Breakfast
Wednesday 5th April**

Thursday April 6 - End of Term 1

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.



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CURRICULUM NEWS

Literacy / Numeracy / Naplan

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy from Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March. Our teachers are working to familiarise the students with the testing style so that they feel relaxed and comfortable on the testing days.

NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement. Below are the test dates for our students, if your child is absent on the day of the test we will offer catch up sessions during the NAPLAN testing period.

Tests dates for our students:

Wednesday 15th March - Writing

Thursday 16th March - Reading

Tuesday 21st March - Conventions of Language

Wednesday 22nd March - Numeracy

NAPLAN Information for parents and carers **2023**

Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Social Media apps

WARNING

Students under 13 should not be using any of the following apps!

Discord - "Discord is a voice, video, and text chat app that's used by tens of millions of people ages **13+** to talk and hang out with their communities and friends."

Twitter - Twitter's services are not intended for children, and Twitter requires that a person must be **at least 13 years old** to create an account.

TikTok - The minimum age for a TikTok user is **13 years old**.

All the devices that connect to the internet in your home offer lots of benefits. But you also need to understand the risks associated with these devices and how to protect yourself and your family.

At school our internet settings are tightly monitored and restricted to age appropriate content. We will continue to educate our students regarding eSafety issues and appropriate internet use.

If you make the decision to allow your child to download, have access to or use any applications at home that is a parent choice and the school has no control over what happens online when your child is at home.

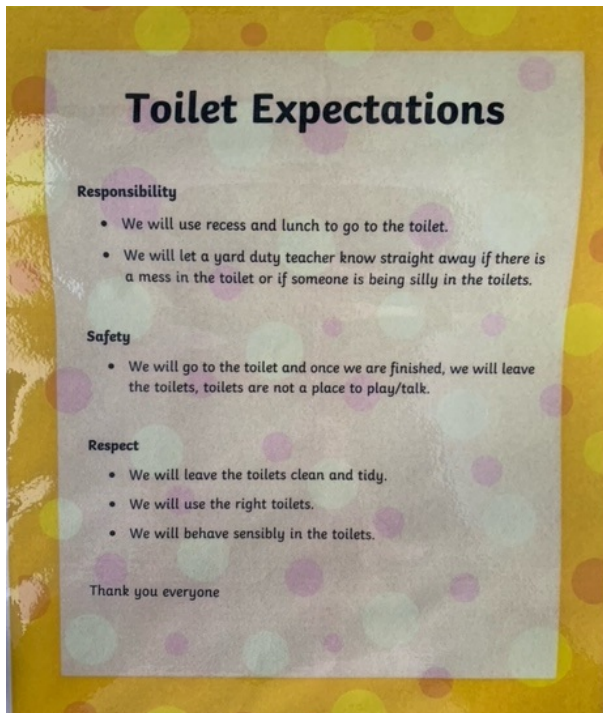


On a positive note.....

Congratulations to the parents of 3/4B - the first class in our school to have 100% connection on Class Dojo - an app we do encourage our students to have!

School Wide Positive Behaviour

As a part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour initiative we continue to set and teach clear expected behaviours. This week we focussed on the expectations in the school toilets. Students are aware of how to behave in line with our school values when they use the school toilets. Please discuss these expectations at home with students.



Attendance - Full House

Thanks so much to the efforts everyone is putting into being at school. This Wednesday in six of our nine classrooms we had EVERY student present. That is fantastic achievement as we know how positively this will impact their learning.



ACTIVE SCHOOLS - HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

AUSKICK - It is still not too late to join in the after school Auskick Program. Scan the QR code below and come along and enjoy having a kick of the football with other students.



JOIN THE FUN!

Ardeer South Primary School
Auskick Centre
Ardeer South Primary School, Sunshine
West
Thursday 2nd March - 30th March
3.30pm - 4.30pm
5 week program
\$40

play.afl/auskick



For further details, contact kris.mannix@afl.com.au



See you on Friday at the Soccer Ground next Friday 17th March at 8:30 if you would like us to walk your children to school. Parents are always welcome to get in some physical activity and walk with us.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS



JOIN US NEXT WEEK

COMMUNITYYOSH
ARDEER SOUTH PRIMARY

COME ALONG NEXT WEEK AND ENJOY:
MAKE CLOUD DOUGH
NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT
BAKE CHEESY PIZZAS
PLAY TABLE TENNIS
WWW.COMMOSH.EDU.AU
14TH-17TH MARCH 2023



Please get behind our After School Care Program and enrol your child to attend.

The program at the moment is something the school pays a considerable amount of money to keep running. If we do not see an uptake in its use we may not be able to continue this afterschool program.

EASTER / RAMADAN HAMPER

Remember the incredible response we got last year to our Easter giveaways - all students got to bring something home.

We all know Easter is a good time for chocolate or Easter eggs. Sweets, assorted chocolates, dry fruits, cakes, and dates are some of the best Ramadan gift ideas to offer your friends, family, and loved ones on Ramadan.

The office is now taking donations of any of the above things for our Easter / Ramadan Hampers that will be raffled in the last week of school. All donations are very much appreciated!



Photo of last year's Monster Giveaway!

Victoria University Secondary College
Open House
Monday 1st May 2023

Morning Campus Tours
Tour 1: 9:30 am
Tour 2: 10:40 am
6:00pm **Welcome and Information**
6:15pm **Presentation by College Principal**
6:30pm **Interactive Tours**

Held at Junior Campus, Deer Park

Additional Tours available by appointment by phoning 9363 1155.

Junior Campus P 03 9363 1155
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Senior Campus P 03 8312 0200
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