

# ARDEER SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Term 2 - Week 8, 15th June 2023

**Principal: Andrea Markham**

**Assistant Principal: Olivia Sinclair-Thomson**



**Multicultural Day  
Thursday June 15th**

**Science Open Afternoon Wednesday 21st- 2.15 -  
2.55 (Classrooms open)**

**Meet Your New Teacher - Miss Boja and Miss Kim  
- 3.30 - 4.30 - Wednesday 21st**

**(followed by Assembly at 3pm - Student of the  
Week only)**

**Last Day of School  
Friday 23rd June - 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.***



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**Vui lòng liên hệ với trường nếu bạn muốn thông tin nào được dịch sang ngôn ngữ khác.**

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## CURRICULUM NEWS

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### **Science Open Afternoon**

Science was our whole school Topic for Term 2. Students have been learning about space, water and the weather. We would love to share that learning with you before assembly in Week 9 (the last week of school). Classrooms will be open from 2.15 so that students can share the learning with you. We will also add some video and photos using Class Dojo for families that can't attend.

### **Shine Program**

We have been extremely fortunate to have had speech pathology students from the Australian Catholic University here for Term 2. They have been completing a placement as part of their degree. Around 30 of our students have benefited from this intensive one on one program called SHINE, which is funded by the Variety Club Australia.

### **Mobile Phones at School**

Please be aware that students must hand their mobile phones into the office when they get to school. This keeps everyone safe.

Xin lưu ý rằng học sinh phải nộp điện thoại di động của mình tại văn phòng khi đến trường. Điều này giữ an toàn cho mọi người.

### **Meet your new teacher**

As previously mentioned, in Term 3 there will be some class changes to accommodate staff taking leave. Miss Boja will now be the sole Prep teacher and Miss Kim will take 1/2B - formerly Miss Rosini and Miss Hiland's class. If you would like the opportunity to meet either of these amazing staff members, come from 3.30 - 4 pm on Wednesday the 21st. We will provide some afternoon tea.

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# WELLBEING AND BEHAVIOUR NEWS

## School Wide Positive Behaviour

Thanks to everyone for your input into the matrix. The matrix outlines the expectations for all the areas in the school. In 2024 we will begin looking at a matrix specifically for classrooms. The matrix is specific to our school, it has come about from discussions with staff, students and families. Now we will begin the process of clearly and strategically teaching the behaviours to all students.

A copy will be available on Compass and from the office.

## Respectful Relationships

This term, we focused on Topic 3: Positive Coping and Topic 4: Problem-Solving, equipping our students with valuable skills to navigate various social and emotional challenges.

During Topic 3: Positive Coping, our students explored effective strategies to manage their emotions and cope with stress. They learned about deep breathing exercises, mindfulness techniques, and the importance of self-care. Our teachers guided them through engaging activities that encouraged self-reflection and encouraged the development of healthy coping mechanisms.

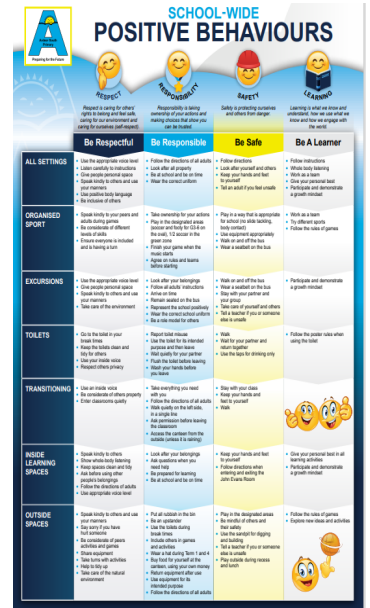
In Topic 4: Problem-Solving, our students were encouraged to identify problems and brainstorm solutions. Through collaborative group exercises and real-life scenarios, they developed strategies to resolve conflicts, negotiate compromises, and communicate their needs and boundaries.

The Respectful Relationships program has provided our students with a safe and inclusive environment to explore these important topics. By nurturing their social and emotional intelligence, we are empowering them to build positive relationships, manage conflicts constructively, and make responsible choices.

We encourage you to continue these conversations at home by asking your child about their experiences and what they have learned. Together, we can reinforce the skills they have acquired and support their ongoing growth in developing respectful and resilient individuals.

## Volunteers

We are so lucky to have many parents that regularly volunteer at our school, but we are always on the lookout for more. If you have some time, and a working with children's check then please come and see Olivia - or email - [olivia.sinclair-thomson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:olivia.sinclair-thomson@education.vic.gov.au). We have jobs like - reshelving books, watering the garden, weeding, laminating, helping with the Breakfast Club.



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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS / ACTIVE SCHOOLS



### Staff Leave

We have a number of staff taking very well deserved Long Service Leave in the coming weeks / months. For the remainder of the term I will be in Timor-Leste and in my absence **Olivia Sinclair-Thomson** will be Acting Principal.

When we return in Term 3, Miss Swain will be in the UK and following that Miss Rosini, Miss Barbuto, Mr C and Miss Lucy will all be heading off to Europe - not together but with their families.

As a result of this leave our specialist programs will change slightly in Term 3, Miss Kim will move to teach Year 1/2B and Miss Boja taking on the Foundation students for the remainder of the year as one classroom. We will be welcoming Mrs Tina Muja to the staff as a replacement teacher for the term. We wish all staff travelling safe and happy holidays, making memories with their families.

## Multicultural Day Photos

Thank you so much to everyone for a wonderful day of celebration. More photos on Class Dojo.



