



# ARDEER SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Term 4 - Week 2, 12/10/2023

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### WHATS ON

#### October

**Free Dental Van (Smile Squad) - Week 3 (16/10)**  
**Swimming - Week 4 and 5 (starting 23/10)**

#### November

**Melbourne Cup Holiday - Tuesday 7/11**  
**Dojo Shop - Wednesday 8/11**  
**Curriculum Day - Monday 13/11**  
**50TH Birthday Celebrations 17/11**  
**Bike Education TBA**

***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.***



In this edition:

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to another busy term! We have so many exciting events and activities happening. It has been great to see the renovations in the senior toilets starting to take shape. Thank you to all students for their patience during this time. We wish Phoebe, Vena and Jemimah well next week at Regional Athletics. We are very proud of them already and can't wait to hear about the day.

Our school readiness program is going really well. We love having our 2024 Preps joining us on Friday.

Swimming is coming up in Weeks 3 and 4, please get everything organised now (towel, bathers, goggles) and let us know if you need support with this. Finally, it's that time again, everyone must have a hat.

Take care and I look forward to catching up with families over the coming weeks.

Andrea.

## HATS - SUNSMART ☀️



Can everyone please remember that in Term 4 we need to wear a hat every single day. It doesn't need to be an expensive hat, but it does need to protect your child from the sun.



### **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. .



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**Attendance - School Refusal**



We understand that some children may find it hard to come to school for various reasons. This is what we call "school refusal." School refusal happens when a child doesn't want to go to school and may feel anxious, scared, or upset about it.

If your child is going through this, please know that we are here to help. Our caring staff is dedicated to creating a safe and supportive school environment. We encourage you to talk to us if you have concerns or need assistance in helping your child overcome these challenges. We are all part of a team working together, and your child's well-being and education are very important to us.

Please see this information on "school refusal" for more strategies:  
<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/school-learning/school-refusal/school-refusal>

**School Wide Positive Behaviour - Social Skill Week 2 - We speak kindly and use our manners**

This week we are learning to speak kindly to others and use our manners. It's a really simple way to make others feel safe and like they belong.

At school we,

- Say hello and goodbye
- Say please and thank you
- Say sorry if we need to

Please speak to your child about this 👍

## Smile Squad - Free Dental Van - Back in Term 4



The Smile Squad team from Cohealth are coming to our school soon. Smile Squad is the Victorian Government **free** school dental program. This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

### How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the QR code:



## Breakfast Club



Thank you to [Sarah Connolly MP](#) who joined us bright and early as a special guest at Breakfast Club. We are grateful for the support of the School Breakfast Clubs program and Foodbank which provides our students with free, nutritious and healthy food to start each day. This is a free initiative and we welcome students and parents to join us each morning in the Breakfast Club.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGRATULATIONS MR BELBRUNO!

It's official and we are so proud to share that the finalists for the Victorian Education Excellence Awards have been announced and Morgan Belbruno has been acknowledged for his outstanding contribution to Health and Physical Education at Ardeer South.

Let's wish Mr B all the best for the award ceremony which will be held later this month and the winners announced. In the meantime we congratulate Morgan on this remarkable achievement! 🙌 [#ActiveSchools](#) [#aspsproud](#)



### CLASSROOM CUISINE

*Every Monday and Wednesday Classroom Cuisine provides “take away” lunches for our students.*

*Classroom Cuisine will be delivering healthy lunches to our school which parents can order directly through the website.*



