

THE VINTAGE NEWSPAPER

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Important Dates

14th Feb Monday	Love for Tonga - Bring a gold coin donation to donate to Tonga (disaster relief) - Wear Red/White - Details to follow.
22/23rd February Tue/Wed	Meet the teacher evenings - Info will be provided on Compass.
22 Feb Tuesday	School Council - 3.30 pm
21st Mar - Monday	Harmony Day

Newsletter Term 1, Week 1 - Friday 4th February



Dear Families,

Thank you to parents for your feedback regarding how we communicate important school news. We are going to trial fortnightly newsletters that go home with the eldest child from your family, hence the old school header.

These newsletters will also be published on the school website and sent via compass. Compass is always my preferred method to communicate important information, if you do not have the app or a login please come and see us at the office and we will help you get set up. You can also stay in touch with school events and the exciting things happening in classrooms by following our Facebook page.

Congratulations to all of our students who have settled back into learning and enjoyed being back with their friends and teachers. I am extremely hopeful that this term will be uninterrupted and we can have a whole term onsite. To support your child's learning it is important to make sure they are attending school every day. It has been incredible seeing their resilience during lockdowns but I am sure you would agree it is so good to have them back onsite.

I want to remind you all of the importance of staying connected. Connections matter. Strong ties with family, friends and the community provide us with happiness, security, support and a sense of purpose. Our day 'Love for Tonga' will demonstrate our ongoing support to those families who have relatives that have been affected by the natural disaster.

Keep looking out for yourself - happy healthy parents, make happy healthy children.
Andrea.

Key messages from the Principal:

STAFFING

Acting Assistant Principal

Congratulations to Olivia Sinclair-Thomson who has been appointed to the role of Acting Assistant Principal. Olivia has supported me since I began in July 2021 with an unwavering commitment to our school goals. Olivia is passionate about student wellbeing, social emotional learning and increasing learning outcomes, in addition is completing a Masters of Education in Special Education and Inclusion. I feel extremely grateful to be leading our school with Olivia, we are equally committed to the vision and values of Ardeer South.

New Staff Welcome

We have new staff on our team, please make them welcome and introduce yourself if you see one of these educators in the yard.

Grant Mussel

We welcome Mr Grant Mussel to the role of Italian teacher. Mr Mussel comes to us with years of teaching experience, with a passion for the Italian language and culture. Grant will proudly tell you that he enjoys immersing himself in the Italian language and culture as a connection to his grandparents and their heritage. Grant has taught for many years and has been an instructional leader and specialist team leader at his previous school therefore bringing with him a wealth of experience and knowledge in school improvement. We are excited to have Grant on our staff and have no doubt the children will be fully engaged in the language program that he will be teaching.

Kimberly Tran

Welcome to Ardeer South Miss Kimberly. We are excited for you to be bringing your passion and enthusiasm to the Grade 1/2 team. Kimberly worked with us at the end of 2021 as a casual relief teacher and we were so impressed with her work ethic and energy for teaching that we offered her a job for 2022. I am sure that the students in her classroom are going to have an exciting year.

Emily Chambers

Parents and the community already got to know Emily during 2021 when she took over a classroom in the Prep area during Term 3 and 4. Emily began her career with us during remote learning so she is extremely happy to be starting off the year with her own class and in a face to face learning environment. It is so fortunate that Emily is teaching Year 1/2 as she has the advantage of knowing and teaching a lot of the children at the end of 2021. We look forward to working with Emily and having her as a part of the early years team.

Sarah Solarino

Sarah is the newest member of the Educational Support Staff team. Sarah has special interest in child welfare and social emotional learning. Luckily for us she found time to juggle university studies and becoming a member of our staff. Sarah will be a valuable part of the ES team and looks forward to supporting our classroom teachers to help students to achieve their learning goals.

Key Messages from the Assistant Principal

State School Relief

The state government can help families in need by providing a range of items for free. If you need items of uniform (including shoes. Please contact me and I will assist you with this process.

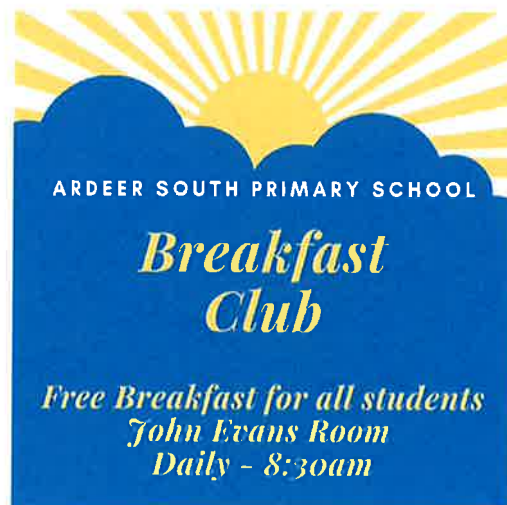


Love for Tonga

On Monday 14th of February, traditionally the day the world celebrates love, we will collect gold coins to donate to Unicef who are helping with the disaster relief effort in Tonga. All students are encouraged to wear red or white or a mixture of both (the colour of the Tongan flag). We will also be creating a collaborative piece of art that we will share with our community at the end of February.



Breakfast Club is free for all students - we would love to see families making use of this program.



Camps Sports and Excursions

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a concession card, such as a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. Refer to the compass notification regarding this or alternatively come and see Sandy at the office if you have any questions.

