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Newsletter Term 1, Week 3 - Friday 18th February

Important Dates

22/23rd February Tue/Wed	Meet the teacher evenings - phone and in person - appointments are open on Compass Tuesday - 3.30 -4.30 Wednesday - 1.30 - 5pm
22 Feb Tuesday	School Council - 3.30 pm
21st Mar - Monday	Harmony Day

Dear Families,

It has been great to see students and teachers settle into the Term so smoothly. The students have had an incredibly settled start to the year, they have established their routines and getting into positive learning habits.

I would like to acknowledge our parents and the effort you have put into keeping our school covid safe. Promoting school-wide positive behaviour is a priority and we are proactively putting initiatives in place to support our students to learn practical skills for conflict resolution and managing their emotions.

As always I feel grateful to be leading such a positive and supportive school community and hope you are all keeping safe and healthy.

Andrea.

Key messages from the Principal:

School Captains

I would like to introduce and congratulate our 2022 School Captains, Vanessa, Daniel, Mason and Nasra. At the end of last year, they introduced themselves at our assemblies and shared their passion for leading our school. It was so nice to hear each student comment on the relationships they have built during their time at Ardeer South Primary School. These aspiring leaders have done a great job already planning and conducting weekly assemblies and I have no doubt their presentation and speaking capabilities will continue to develop as the year goes on. I look forward to working with these incredible leaders supporting their ideas for continuing to make our school a better place to learn.



Key Messages from the Assistant Principal

Yard Dojo Points

We are so lucky to have such fantastic students at our school who make great choices in the playground. They put their rubbish in the bin, they're kind to other students and they take responsibility for their belongings and school equipment. We want to reward students who are doing the right things, so this year yard duty teachers will be handing out "yard dojo" points. Ask your child if they have received a yard dojo point this week!



Love for Tonga

Thank you so much to our community for supporting our fundraising for Tonga. We raised over \$250!! This money will go to Unicef. This charity is supporting the clean up effort.



Covid Safety

We want to thank parents and students for the great job they have done in keeping our school as safe as possible by following important COVIDSafe measures such as mask wearing, physical distancing, ventilation, getting vaccinated and rapid antigen testing.

This has meant that our school has remained open and our students in class. This is a fantastic outcome and a testament to the hard work of parents, carers, students and school staff.

Rapid antigen tests

To keep schools as safe as possible, the Victorian Government has extended the COVIDSafe measures introduced for the beginning of Term 1. This includes extending the availability of free rapid antigen tests (RAT) for screening until the end of term. It is anticipated an additional 24 million RATs will be provided to schools and early childhood settings to continue to support early detection and prevent infection, for use at home.

The need for this program will continue to be monitored, and may end earlier based on health advice. This is great news and will mean we're able to continue identifying COVID-19 cases as early as possible, reducing the impact on our school and individuals.

Department of Health modelling indicates that in the first two weeks of school returning, the program has already prevented more than 21,000 cases in schools alone.

The department will continue to supply RATs to our school for your use. Please come and collect RATs from the office if you require them at home. Twice-a-week testing continues to be strongly recommended for both students and staff.

Testing will be conducted at home, and students and staff must report any positive result. There is no requirement to report a negative result.

Ventilation

Improving ventilation is one of the most effective measures to keep education settings safe. We currently have air purifiers in every classroom.

Mask Rules

Mask rules will remain the same, with students in Grade 3 and above required to wear masks – although they are not required outdoors.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you again for your continued support in helping your child to complete the rapid antigen tests and other COVID Safe measures. As a result of these efforts our school can continue providing a safe environment for students and staff.

