ANZAC DAY
100 Years
Lest we forget
Welcome to Term 2. We welcome the Lack/Biddle and Lennon/Boland families to the school. Enrolments at the school are currently 195 with 125 Primary (R to 7) students and 70 secondary students. We also welcome Ms Meagan Elsworthy to the school teaching primary Humanities and Social Science on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Mr Neil Edwards returns to us after enjoying a term of long service leave and Mr Mick Byrne will continue at the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays teaching primary physical education and providing some numeracy support in the middle school.

Late last term, I was asked to co-lead the Statewide Numeracy and Literacy Results Plus Project for the rest of 2015 with Louise Hanrahan, the Director of Maitland Children's Centre for our South Yorke Peninsula Partnership. This will require me working on this project 2 days a week. In general, these will be Wednesdays and Fridays, however, in week 3 this will be Thursday and Friday. On the days I am working on this project, Margaret Roads will the Acting Principal and Robbie Hering the Acting Deputy. I thank both Margaret and Robbie for their willingness to step up to these roles and to the staff and Governing Council for their support of my involvement in this project.

The four focus areas of this project are to:
- Track and monitor all learners across the SYP in relation to Numeracy and Literacy achievement and growth
- Develop an improvement cycle for the partnership
- Enact changes to teaching practice focussed on improvement, particularly for high performing students
- Identify and enact clear intervention strategies focussed on improvement for students with achievement and/or growth below expected levels.

This is a fantastic opportunity to lead the direction of Numeracy and Literacy across the partnership. I look forward to bringing my learning and experience back to Ardrossan Area School to continue to move results in Numeracy and Literacy forward.

Parent/Teacher Interviews for Year 7 to 12 students will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday of week 3 (12th & 13th May) between 3:30 and 6:30pm. I hope to see a number of families in attendance. Please keep an eye out for interview information that will soon be sent home with your child/children. If you cannot make it to one of these interviews nights and you wish to see a teacher to discuss your child's progress, please contact the teacher via the school phone number of 8337 3025 to arrange an alternative time or to arrange a phone interview.

The NAPLAN assessment program will occur during week 3 (May 12th to 14th). Please see the information about this program provided by Margaret Roads in this newsletter.

Lastly, in week 11 of term 1 an information session about the Japanese Exchange to Mimasaka City was held at Maitland Area School. Several families that expressed an interest in the program were unable to attend. A PowerPoint compiled from the 2013 exchange is available for viewing as well as a draft itinerary. These can both be viewed via the Front Office and they will be available for viewing at the parent/teacher interview evenings in week 3. A self-introduction sheet will also be made available. This self-introduction sheet needs to be completed and returned to the Front Office. Please note that filling out this self-introduction sheet is not a final commitment, it will just help move things along. We are still awaiting approval from DECD for this exchange and until we have this, we do not require a final commitment from interested families. A costing for the exchange per person is currently being prepared, however, as a rough ballpark figure; we are anticipating approximately $3,000 plus spending money.

Regards,
Karen Bond
Principal

From Mrs Peterson’s desk............

May is National Family Reading Month. It is designed to get more children reading with their families. During May there will be a number of activities in the library, including a Scholastic Book Fair with the theme, Enter the Kingdom of Books, from Friday 1st May– Monday 11th May. We will be involved in National Simultaneous Storytime on the 27th of May, reading the story The Brothers Quibble by Aaron Blabe.

We are looking at organising a Dads ‘Read Day’ with a visit by a local author during May.

Bridal Dress Competition
The Ardrossan Museum will be having a display of old bridal dresses during May. To coincide with this they are running a competition for students, asking them to submit a photo or sketch of their grandmother’s, mother’s or family friend’s bridal dress. The competition will close on the 8th of May. For more details please see Mrs Peterson in the Library.
ANZAC Day 100 years Commemoration

Our School Captains, as well as a number of students and their families attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service and the March and Commemoration Service on Anzac Day, the 25th of April.

Hannah Goldsworthy (Senior School Captain) represented Ardrossan Area School at a Yorke Peninsula regional march and ceremony commemorating the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing at Kadina on the 18th of March. Hannah laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN is a nationally developed program commissioned by the Education Council. NAPLAN tests are administered simultaneously in all schools across Australia. Students in Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9 will undertake the tests on 12-14 May. The aspects of literacy assessed are reading, writing and language conventions (comprising spelling, punctuation and grammar). The aspects of numeracy assessed are number: algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data; working mathematically and space. It is important for you to know that NAPLAN tests are another way of finding out what students can and cannot do so that support can be provided. Students do not have to learn specific skills for NAPLAN tests, however, students will have opportunities to become familiar with the NAPLAN tests and with ways of showing their answers to questions before they do the tests. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and urge them to do the best they can on the day.

It is expected that NAPLAN individual student reports will be distributed to parents/caregivers during August and September. The reports will show the achievement of the individual student in a series of bands, against national minimum standards and the ranges of achievement for the middle 60% of students in Australia. Further information is available on the NAP website (http://www.nap.edu.au/)

If you have any questions, please contact the school on 88373025.

Primary Cross Country

Our annual Cross Country will be held on Thursday 7th May at the Ardrossan Town Oval. It is expected that all R-7 students will participate. If your child is unable to compete due to a medical reason please provide a diary/home book note. The Year 8 students will be marshalls for the event. We invite family and friends to come along and cheer on the competitors. For further details, please refer to the program which is included in the newsletter.

R-6 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

If you were unable to attend the Term 1 interviews, I strongly encourage you to contact your child’s class teacher to organise a time for early this term. The interviews are an important part of our reporting process.

Margaret Roads
Deputy Principal
**May**

**1st**
- **Book Fair**
- Whole school assembly @ 2:40pm. Hosted by Yr 12

**4th - 6th**
- Yr 11 Outdoor Ed – Aquatics
- Governing Council meeting

**7th**
- AAS Cross Country

**8th**
- JS Assembly @ 2:40pm.
- Hosted by Yr 5/6 class

**12th - 14th**
- Naplan

**12th - 13th**
- Yr 7-12 Parent/Teacher interviews

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**SA Excellence in Public Education Awards**

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The Awards recognise and reward the outstanding contributions made by teachers, leaders and support staff from across the state.

Don’t miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional within DECD to recognise and reward their dedicated and inspirational contribution to young South Australians.

For more information and to nominate an employee at your school or preschool go to: [www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards).

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Nominations close 5pm, 3 July 2015

For further information contact the Awards team on 08 8226 3079 or email DECD.Recognition@sa.gov.au

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**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

**Friday, 22nd May**

Students are invited to join a ‘virtual school bus’ and walk to school from various ‘bus stops’ around the town.

The SRC will provide breakfast for all students before school.

More information will be sent home with Junior School students. Any Middle or Senior School students that would like to be part of a ‘virtual bus’ are asked to speak to Miss Eglinton.

Names of all interested students need to be given to the front office before Friday, 8th May.

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**Ardrossan Kids’ Club**

**Term 2 Dates**

- **Friday, 15th May**
- **Friday, 29th May**
- **Friday, 12th June**

Meet Kids’ Club Leaders by the Library at 3.05 pm. Collection at 5 pm from the Uniting Church Hall.

Join our Facebook group Ardrossan Kids’ Club to receive updated information about events.

Contact Eric (0498996297) or Kailie (0409284380) for more info.