Performing Arts Concert

Remembrance Day
This week has been a very busy one for the school as we participated in our External School Review process. The purpose of the review was to determine the following:

*How well does the school improve achievement, growth, challenge, engagement and equity?*

During the external school review, some students, parents, governing council members and staff were asked to provide information to the review panel in a number of ways. These included:

- individual interviews (with parents and our Governing Council Chairperson)
- focus group discussions (with students and staff)
- meetings (staff meeting)

This process involved 2 trained leaders spending 2 days in the school interrogating the following areas:

- **Student Learning:** *How well are the students learning?*
- **Effective Teaching:** *How effectively are teachers supporting student learning?*
- **Effective Leadership:** *How effectively does the school leadership foster a culture of learning?*
- **School Community Partnerships:** *How well does the school develop partnerships with students, parents and the wider community to improve student learning?*
- **Improvement Agenda:** *How effective are the school’s self-review processes in informing and shaping improvement?*

Our preliminary feedback indicates that the school is doing well in all areas. Our ongoing improvement focus on building the capacity of our teachers to engage students in deep learning, and for our students to participate in deep learning, is supported by the review findings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and students for their contribution to the review; particularly those that met in small groups with the panel. I would also like to thank our Governing Council Chairperson, Kathryn Cameron, and our parent representatives Marie Gordon and Rachel Rowntree for meeting individually with the panel over the 2 days.

The process was a very positive and affirming one that provided some very helpful insight into the school’s future directions.

During the first 3 weeks of the term, I had the great pleasure of travelling to Japan with my youngest daughter, Gemma. What a privilege to spend such a special time with Gemma as we jointly experienced the many exciting, fascinating and interesting aspects of Japanese culture and the beautiful environment. This experience has strengthened my resolve to continuing working with Maitland Area School to ensure AAS is part of their long standing exchange program with Mimosaka, Japan. I will soon organise some photos of our trip for display in our Front Office. Please feel free to pop in and have a look.

Congratulations to Mollie Rowntree, Olivia Ephgrave, Alanna Herd, Ebony Wheare, Emma Whittaker and Kimberly McKibbin for their performance as part of the primary choir for their performance last Saturday at the Weetulta Strawberry Fete.

Congratulations also to our School Captains, SRC Representatives and Resilience Ambassadors for the way they represented the school at the Remembrance Service. Your leadership at important community events demonstrates to all the extraordinary potential of the students of Ardrossan Area School to be future community leaders.

Lastly, it gives me great pleasure to share with you news from our Pastoral Care Worker, Eric Adams. Eric and his wife, Kathryn, welcomed the arrival of their first child, a son Joel Oliver at 6:05am on 11th November. Joel weighed in at a healthy weight of 4.1 kg (9lbs 1oz) and measuring 56cm in length. Welcome to the world Joel!

Kind regards

Karen Bond
Principal

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**2015 School Magazine Order Form**

Name: ____________________________________________

I wish to order ______ copy/ies of the 2015 AAS Magazine @ $15.00 each

Please return this slip with payment of $15.00 to the Front Office by Friday 13th November.
Year 6 students have visited the kindergarten on several occasions this term as part of the Alannah and Madeline Foundation’s Better Buddies Framework which we are implementing at AAS. It is an initiative designed to create friendly and caring school communities where bullying is reduced. Buddy systems are designed to support children in their first year of school through working with older students as role models. Better Buddies enables younger children to feel safe and cared for while older children feel valued and respected.

Each of the kindergarten students starting school next year have been paired with a Year 6 buddy. The buddies have been getting to know each other during the sessions at the kindergarten and will also meet when the kindergarten students start their transition visits to the school later this term as well as during regular Tuesday visit to the library.

From the Deputy’s Desk

Congratulations to the following Choir students who performed at the Weetulta Strawberry Fete on Saturday 7th November: Mollie Rowntree, Olivia Ephgrave, Alannah Herd, Ebony Wheare, Emma Whittaker and Kimberly McKibbin. The performance was well received by the community. Thank you to Deb Schwartz for organising the performance and to families for transporting the students. We appreciate both the students and the families time and effort to support this community event on a weekend.

We still have passes available for the Community Site at the Credit Union Christmas Pageant, which will be held this Saturday. If you would like some passes or further information please visit the Front Office.

On Tuesday 17th November, the Kindergarten and all Reception - Year 6 students will attend a performance; ‘G’Day Asia’. It will be held in the School Gym at 2pm. The cost of this performance will be covered by the school. The show has high level student participation and gives students an introduction to Asian culture.

Margaret Roads, Deputy Principal

SAPSASA TENNIS & CRICKET

Last week I played SAPSASA Tennis in Adelaide. I won a few games, made new friends and thought it was a good experience.

Jack Winen

Last week I played SAPSASA Cricket at various venues in Adelaide. We won 3 games during the week. I took 2 wickets and made 50 runs.

Archer Rowntree

Credit Union Christmas Pageant

We have requested 30 passes for the Community Site at the Credit Union Christmas Pageant to be held in Adelaide on Saturday 14th November. Please put your name down at the Front Office if you would like to reserve some passes. This will be a ‘first in - first served’ basis.

Presentation Night DVD

I would like to order _____ copies of the 2015 Ardrossan Area School Presentation Night DVD. I understand the cost will be $10 per DVD.

Name ____________________________
Signature ___________________ (Parent/caregiver)
Date ______________

Please return this slip with payment of $10 to the Front Office by 1st December 2015.
**Merit Cards - Week 4, Term 4**

| Reception K Hocking | Lucas McKibbin – for improved neatness in handwriting  
| Buaya Hamka – for making huge improvements in his reading  
| Year 1 K Eglinton | Seth Lawrie – for excellent learning during the money topic  
| Sebastian Romano – for great effort with his writing  
| Sienna Cameron – for a great attitude towards all areas of her learning  
| Year 2/3 J LeFeuvre | Cohen O’Connor – for making good choices on school outings  
| Paige Day – for improved confidence in reading  
| Philip Newton – for being honest in all situations  
| James George – for willingly involving himself in all learning tasks  
| Year 3/4 P Clark | Jake Clifford – for fantastic enthusiasm towards his learning  
| Elsa Yunia – for always using manners and listening to instructions  
| Year 5/6 A Nixon | Blair Fullston – for demonstrating great initiative and responsibility in ATSI activities  
| Ebony Wheare – for being very helpful on camp  

**Lions Youth of the Year**

Congratulations to Hannah Goldsworthy who has recently participated in the Lions Youth of the Year.

**November AAS Calendar**

- 13th: Whole school assembly @ 2:40pm. Hosted by Year 11
- 16th: Year 12 Accounting xam
- 16th: Governing Council Meeting
- 17th: G’Day Asia
- 20th: Beach Party Disco – P&F
- 23rd: Student Free Day
- 24th: School Captain panels
- 25th – 27th: Year 11 First Aid course
- 26th: Year 12 Formal
- 26th: Band performance at Minlaton District School presentation night

**Kids' Club**

Week 6: Friday 20th November - Christmas Celebration