Choir & Band perform at the Maitland Show
Last Friday I had the opportunity to induct and present training to our Community Mentors. This group of community members has committed to voluntarily mentor a student on a one to one basis for 2015. The role of a Community Mentor is to:

- develop a relationship based on trust, respect & empowerment
- share knowledge or experiences
- support, encourage & guide

On behalf of Ardrossan Area School, I would like to welcome and thank our team of mentors:

Kathryn Adams  
Rebecca O’Connor  
Hannah Clift  
Barry Wyatt  
Sue Dickson  
Jill Wyatt

If you would like to be a Community Mentor, please see Andrea Kuhndt in our Front Office for more information.

Student learning is the core business of schools. At Ardrossan Area School we aim to provide a respectful learning environment in all classes with a focus on successful learning outcomes for our students. Respect starts with respecting self. This requires students to approach their learning with an ‘I can do this’ attitude, the ability to persist with new or challenging concepts and skills and to seek and respond to feedback and support given by their teachers and School Support Officer (SSO). For students to do this, it is important that they have the support from their family. Families can give this by providing some predictable routines in the home such as regular bedtimes, reading each night together and encouraging their child to give things a go. The last of these relates to positive self-talk. Teaching children about positive self-talk is very important if we are to build resilient children. There are a number of useful websites that provide some information on positive self-talk. Some good places to start looking online are on websites such as Headspace, Kidsmatter, ReachOut (Australian version) and the Parenting Ideas Blog.

During pastoral care, teachers promote positive self-talk and the traits of persistence and self-improvement. We believe that all students can experience success and we aim to provide learning opportunities that assist them to be successful. It is important to remember that success is different for different people. For some in Year 2 it might be reading at level 22 in Running Records and for others it may be achieving a reading score of 300 in Literacy Pro. In senior secondary it may be completing their SACE with a VET certificate qualification, landing a school based apprenticeship or completing their SACE with an ATAR ready for university. The key is setting your own aspirational learning goal/s, short and long term, and persisting until they are achieved.

Next week is a busy week with Combined Sports Days on Wednesday (March 25th) and Thursday (March 26th). On Wednesday, the Yorke Peninsula Secondary School Combined Sports Day will be held and on Thursday 26th March the Southern Yorke Peninsula Combined Primary Sports Day will be held. Both events will be at Maitland Area School, with Ardrossan co-hosting the SYP Combined Primary Sports Day. I wish all competitors the best for each of their events.

In our last newsletter I reminded parents/carers of the next Governing Council meeting. I apologise as the correct date for the meeting is **Monday 23rd March**. The meeting will start at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start and will be held in the staff room. Four more members are still required; therefore I invite interested parents/carers and friends of the school to attend this meeting and consider nominating for Governing Council.

Due to the Southern Yorke Peninsula Combined Primary Sports Day on March 26th the planned Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday April 30th at 9:00am. Please note that the invitation from Parents and Friends to parents, carers and interested community members to a coffee/tea morning on the 26th March at 8:45am. This will be held in the Library.

Regards,

Karen Bond  
Principal
Choir and Band Maitland Show

On Wednesday the 11th of March the Ardrossan and Maitland choirs performed three songs at the Maitland Show. These songs were “Pack Up Your Troubles”, “Love of Country” and “Band Played Waltzing Matilda”.

By Georgia Lodge (Year 6)

The AAS choir has been working very hard this term to learn a number of different songs, some of which they will be assessed on in week 10. The YP band also performed songs at the show. The YP band includes Leah Rowe, Jasmine Smith, Jemma Torsney, Taliah Tulloch, Sara Hillier, Georgia Lodge, Shayna Hall, Courtney Lodge and Miss McClelland.

Congratulations to all the students who performed at the Maitland Show for such a fantastic job. The school has received many raving reviews. Well done!

REMINDERS
School lunch orders will be unavailable on Monday 23rd March.
Please return your child/ren's Student Personal Data update form to front office

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
The fifth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is on Friday, 20 March 2015. This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say Bullying. No Way! and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

On Friday Year 3-6 students will be involved in a Virtual Classroom session about Cyber Bullying via the internet. The presentation will:
- Help students identify ways to manage and prevent cyber bullying behaviour
- Encourage students to seek support if they are experiencing cyber bullying
- Encourage students to be good bystanders if they witness cyber bullying
- Help students recognise bullying online
- Provide strategies to deal with cyber bullying behaviour

R-6 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews - Monday 30th March, Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April

Information regarding the process for the Term 1 R-6 Parent/Teacher/Student interviews was forwarded home on Monday. Please ensure that you return the booking form to your child’s class teacher by Wednesday 25th May. If you are not able to attend on the scheduled dates please contact your child’s class teacher to organise a mutually convenient time. The interviews are an important part of our reporting process and so we strongly encourage all families to participate.

This term the Junior School are using ‘Heart, Hand & Mind’ as a process for students to share their achievements. At interviews students will share: something from the Heart - something which they are passionate about, something from the Hand - something they can do and something from the Mind - something they know. Through this process students are developing the language of learning and also beginning to understand some things about themselves as learners. Students will also share their individual learning goals for Term 2.

If you have any questions regarding the interviews please speak to your child’s class teacher.

Margaret Roads, Deputy Principal

Wipe Out Waste Wednesdays are back!
The Junior School are bringing back Wipe Out Waste Wednesdays. This is not compulsory but students are encouraged to participate. Certificates, DOJO points or house points will be handed out to students who present a lunchbox free from any material that needs to be binned [eg. Plastic wrap, plastic bags, a foil etc]. It would be great to see everyone involved next Wednesday.

Pack waste free food!

| Snacks in reusable containers | Avoid%
| Drinks in a reusable bottle | Disposable drink boxes, cups, cartons and bottles
| Reusable utensils when needed | Disposable forks and spoons
| A reusable lunchbox or back-pack | Pre-packaged lunches or single serve Items

Did you know that up to 50% of items in school/preschool bins come from food and drink packaging is brought from home?
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AAS Calendar

March
25th  Secondary Interschool @ Maitland AS
26th  SYP Combined Primary Sports day @ Maitland AS
27th  Junior school assembly 2:40pm in the Gym
30th - 1st R-6 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

April
Interviews

Reading Challenge

Congratulations to
Tia Black, George Bowden, Lily Coliver, Sienna Lawrie, Tyrone Linke and Jacob Williams
Sienna Cameron, Dylan Chapman, Ashlee Clifford, Mikayla Dayman, Mikaylah Elsworth, Sebastian Gorden, Seth Lawrie, Maggie Moore, Jett Pedler, Alexa Simmons and Eliza Whittaker
Bella Chapman, Serenity Gorden, Georgia Simmons and Jacob Turner
Georgina Chapman, Jake Clifford, Caitlin King, Mitch Stone, Isabelle Teakle, Nicole Whittaker and Jorja Winen
Roger Bowden and Jack Winen
who have all completed 1+ Reading Challenge sheet