Welcome to 2016

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A note from Karen – please see separate Principal’s Report inserted

Over the recent summer break, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I want to assure the AAS community that my prognosis is good and my doctors are talking cure. I have undergone surgery and am soon to commence chemotherapy followed by radiation therapy. This pathway to cure unfortunately takes time and I need to receive all therapies in Adelaide. In order to ensure that the school continues its improvement journey with consistency, I have chosen to step out of the school for terms 1 and 2. The Education Director, Joann Weckert, Margaret Roads and I have discussed this decision and Margaret Roads has agreed to step up to the Principal role over this time. I believe that Margaret will provide the leadership and consistency that the school needs to keep our improvement agenda moving forward. At times I will return to Ardrossan between chemotherapy rounds to enjoy the fresh air and to heal. I hope that all of our students and their families have a good start to the 2016 school year. I look forward to returning once my health allows.

Kind regards,
Karen Bond

Can you help?

The annual Ardrossan Area School Sports Day is approaching (18th March) and we are appealing to parents and volunteers from the community for assistance. To ensure that as many events as possible can be held on the day we are asking for help with setting up, management of events, time-keeping, marshalling, and packing up. No experience in athletics is required and any help would be appreciated, even if it is for only a small period of time.

If you're able to assist, please ring Andrea or Carolyn at the front office on 8837 3025 or email me at: Andrew.lawless579@schools.sa.edu.au

Thank you in advance
Andrew Lawless
PE and Sport Coordinator

School Counsellor: Leonie Peterson

I am the School Counsellor for 2016. In this role I will work with students, parents / caregivers and the broader community to optimize student learning.

The school counselling service offers:

- support to encourage attendance, behaviour and learning at school
- help to manage relationships with family, teachers and peers
- support to manage issues of concern
- crisis responses
- course and career guidance
- advice, support and referral to support services beyond the school

As School Counsellor I will also advocate for students, promoting student voice and leadership within the school.

As well as being School Counsellor, I have other teaching responsibilities but devote time each day from recess to lunch to counselling and providing support to individuals and groups of students. I will inform students about how they can make a time to talk to me. Parents / Caregivers are welcome to phone the school to speak to me or email to make an appointment.

Email: leonie.peterson338@schools.sa.edu.au

Welcome to our new teachers
Samantha Florance and Cherie Beech
Dear Students and Parents

I am hoping to gain your support and input for the proposed skate park project. I have been asked to oversee this project by the Ardrossan Progress Association. The project is only new and we are currently in the stages of looking at Government Grants as well as finding plans/layouts to suit the area available. The area in question is the "old tennis courts" opposite the school oval. There will be an expression of interest letter placed in the school library for students and parents to sign. The more signatures we get the better the chance of making the plans come to fruition.

Kind Regards

Rhys Neale
Ardrossan Progress Association
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