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Diary Dates

February

- 6th –Chromebook Information Session 6.00pm - 7.00pm
- 7th –Chromebook Information Session 9.00am -10.00am
- 8th -SAPOL Visit
- 9th -Volunteer Training Sessions 9am, 2pm & 6pm
- 12th -14th -Rm 7/8 Arbury Park Camp
- 13th -AGM & Acquaintance Night
- 16th –Assembly 10am 20th – 23rd -JP Swimming

March

8th –Sports Day 9th –Assembly 10am 13th – 15th –Year 7 Aquatic Camp

19th -Aunty Peach Show

Road Crossing Monitors



Tue 6th Feb - Mon 12th Feb Mia H, Skye H & Ayla Wright

Tue 13th Feb - Mon 19th Feb Maddi L, Asha D, Grace E

Tue 20th Feb - Mon 26th Feb Carlos G, Djuro D & Riley D

Please arrive by 8.25am

Yeah! Acquaintance Night

Tuesday 13th February.

Building strong links between home and school begins at Acquaintance Night. Knowing more about school and classroom programs provides caregivers with opportunities to encourage their children to engage more fully with school. Hence your attendance at this year's acquaintance night is greatly appreciated by all staff.



In their sessions staff will provide you with an overview of their classroom program and some of the learning practices your children will engage in. They also explain and answer questions about classroom organisation and routines.

Please come along and hear from your child's teacher, even if they have been in the class before, as programs and routines change from year to year.

If you are unable to visit on the night please be aware that staff can make appointments with parents to talk about a student's achievement, at any time, to ensure that the school and home partnership is strengthened. A booking sheet, if you require care for children for the Acquaintance Night/AGM over the age of 4, is accompanying this newsletter.

Session 1 Early Years & Upper Primary	6.00 - 6.45	Room's 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28 & 29
Session 2 Middle Primary	7.00 - 7.45	Room's 18, 22, 24, 30 & 31

Due to camp: Rooms 7/8 Acquaintance night will be on Tues 6th February 7.15 – 8.00pm (after the Chromebook meeting)

Annual General Meeting in Library

After Classroom Meetings 8.00pm Tuesday 13th Feb

See the accompanying information and nomination sheet on the back of this newsletter.

Student supervision can be provided for people who need to book their children in for care.



This will be the final hardcopy of the newsletter.

All future newsletters will be digitally sent to your APS email address and Google + , Skoolbag and posted on our website. If you still require a hardcopy in 2018 please let the office know.

Excursion and Incursion Update				
ACTIVITY	DATE/S	STUDENTS INVOLVED	LAST PAY DAY	
Year 7 Jacket		Yr 7	4.00pm 9/2/18	
Arbury Park Camp	12/2-14/2	Rm's 7/8	9/2/18	
JP Swimming	20/2-23/2	F-2	14/2/18	
Aunty Peach Show	19/3/18	Whole School	16/3/18	



Term I 2018 Program

Welcome to new and returning community members, the Ardtornish Children's Centre term I program is now available on Facebook – here are some details

Yoga Shauna from Wave Yoga is offering to provide a Mum's & Bub's Yoga course this and or next Term. If anyone is interested contact info@waveyoga.com or 0431 909 878. Staff currently attend a yoga class on Wednesdays after work and we are overflowing with requests. If you are interested in joining an adult yoga class, we might be able to help.

Circle of Security Program our work includes providing time for parents to reflect in on parenting in a non-judgmental group setting.

The Circle of Security program explores ways to understand children's emotional needs and how we might respond.

The next free, eight week course starts at 6pm on Thursday 22 February. Crèche spaces are limited. Book now.

Mindfulness is a techniques we recommend to assist all (adults and children) to better



cope with the vagaries and stresses of everyday life.

Philip Altmann's next five week evening course for adults starts on Tuesday 13 February at a cost of \$60. At \$20 Phil's, three-week course, just for men, is a bargain. It begins on Wednesday 28 February. Both start at 7pm.

Making Music – the next five week program runs from 9:30-10:15am from Monday 12 February.

Coping with **Big Feelings** – for some children starting school, kindy, child care or making sizeable changes in life can be emotionally difficult. If you wonder how to approach the situation with sensitivity and wisdom Donna will address these issues with new insights and ideas. This is a free session. Crèche - if there is enough interest. 6pm Tuesday 13 February

Remember, if you have any issues to do with your younger children we are here to assist. Drop in or give us a call to find out more or book for these or any other sessions.

82649828, 0409984495 or email john.buckell@sa.gov.au

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday 6th Wednesday 7th Thursday 8th Friday 9th

Tuesday 13th Wednesday 14th Thursday 15th Friday16th Michele Smale Mary-Anne Richards Jenni Krol 3 Muskateers



Michele Smale Mary-Anne Richards Simon Skinner

Megan E, Grace J, Amanda C

Music Tuition for 2018

Instrumental tuition is available for:

flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, guitar, percussion (drums) and piano.

Paperwork will be going home next week.

Library Borrowing and Returning

There were over 1000 books which were returned to the library on Monday and Tuesday. Well done to all the students who read over the holidays.

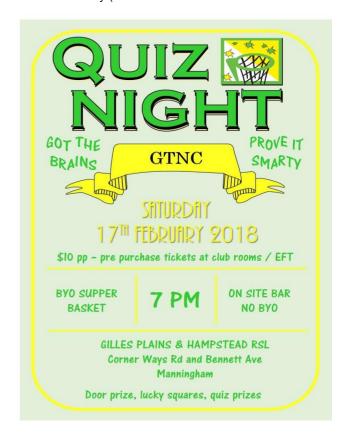
Please make sure all your holiday borrowing is returned this week. We will be issuing overdue notices next week to help remind you.

Physical Education

To get maximum benefits from PE lessons students should have sneakers (no slip on shoes) a drink bottle and the school hat. The school uniform of the polo top and shorts is quite satisfactory. (Girls may wish to have shorts underneath if they wear a dress to school.)

Navy tracksuit pants can be worn as well. Jeans are not permitted as part of the school uniform. Please avoid leather shoes when it is the day for PE as they can be restrictive for movement. If your child is unable to do PE on the designated day please send a note in their school diary.

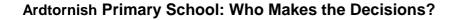
Thanks L. Halliday (PE Teacher



Ardtornish Primary School Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 13th Feb Time: 8.00pm in the library

- Hear about the school's achievements over the last 12 months
- Learn about our future directions
- Vote for your representatives on Governing Council.



Our decision making groups

At Ardtornish, parents play a key role in the way our school is run. The **Principal** is responsible for leading the staff and managing the school day to day. The **Governing Council** makes key decisions affecting the school as a whole. We also have a **Student Representative Council**, **FACE** (Fundraising and Community Events) group and **Education Group** – important groups in their own right.

What does Governing Council do?

Governing Council discusses significant issues, makes decisions and develops policies for our school within the frameworks set by the Department of Education. Members each have specific roles and coordinate a portfolio group. These groups cover: **SPORTS, CANTEEN, FINANCE, GROUNDS AND FACILITIES, EDUCATION and SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE, FACE.** Council meets regularly (about twice a term).

Who is on Governing Council?

The Governing Council has 12 members:

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- School Principal
- Junior Primary (R Year 2) staff rep
- Primary (years 3 -7) staff representative,
- 7 Co-ordinators representing each of the school Portfolios

How do Portfolios operate?

Each portfolio relates to a different aspect of the school that the Governing Council takes a direct interest in supporting and or managing e.g. sports, education, canteen, etc.

Parent representative on the governing council volunteer to take responsibility for reporting to Governing Council about the work of a particular portfolio during their time in office and coordinate their work.

The Portfolio Co-ordinator invites other parents/caregivers outside of the Governing Council to participate on their portfolio to receive input from the school community and to help them with any activities organised throughout the year. Portfolios meet regularly (about once a month/term at conveniently agreed times and places).

How can I be involved?

Parents can nominate to be a parent representative, with voting rights on the school's governing council, or they can offer to join a portfolio group to assist in its work. Everyone is welcome to nominate and no prior experience is necessary! Portfolio meetings aim to be very friendly, relaxed and enjoyable. You may like to just attend a meeting or two, to see if it's for you.

Why be involved?

- There are lots of good reasons to be involved in school decision making:
- Have fun! Everyone wants to enjoy their involvement.
- Be "in the know" and have an input into decisions
- Meet new people and develop friendships

- Discover hidden talents
- Add another line or two to a personal resumè
- Make the school a better place for your child and others
- When all else fails, remember YOU are the "someone else" others think will do it!

Feedback Sheet

1. Nomination form for election of the Ardtornish P.S. Governing Council for 2018

The Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 8.00pm in the library

As per the Ardtornish Constitution:

- All parents / caregivers who have children currently enrolled at our school are eligible to nominate for election as a Councillor.
- No person is eligible if they are:
 - A declared bankrupt or have applied "for the benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors".
 - Convicted of any offence prescribed by administrative instruction.
- Permanent employees of the Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) may stand for election but
 - Must not comprise the majority of councillor
 - Are **ineligible** to hold the position of Chairperson

The Co-ordinator of each Portfolio is represented on the Governing Council. Please read, "Who Makes the Decisions" for more information.
Governing Council Nomination Sheet 2018
I, nominate myself, or I nominate
(other person)
for a position on the Ardtornish Governing Council. Contact Number:
Signed Date
Please return this form to the front office by Friday 9th February or earlier.
Do you wish to raise a question at the AGM?
If so please submit it to the front office by Friday 9th February so there is time for a response to be properly prepared.
Name
Question:
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