



# Ardtornish Newsletter

Term 1 Week 1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

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## Diary Dates

### February

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

### March

- 8<sup>th</sup> –Sports Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> –Assembly 10am
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> –Year 7 Aquatic Camp
- 19<sup>th</sup> –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.

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| <b>Session 1</b><br>Early Years & Upper Primary | 6.00 - 6.45 | Room's 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28 & 29 |
| <b>Session 2</b><br>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       |



**Ardtornish Children's Centre**  
News Update from John.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:john.buckell@sa.gov.au)

## CANTEEN ROSTER

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

Michele Smale  
Mary-Anne Richards  
Jenni Krol  
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Tuesday 13th  
Wednesday 14th  
Thursday 15th  
Friday 16th

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)

Dads, mums, family & carers, are you interested in better understanding your child and building their confidence? Reflecting on your parenting? Learning new skills?

**Book now for 2018**  
**A free, eight week**

### Circle of Security Workshop

Focusing on children birth – 8years

Thursday 22 Feb – 12 April  
6-7:30pm, crèche from 5:30pm  
Light meal provided for all  
Limited Places – call to discuss!

Ardtornish Children's Centre  
2 Saarinen Avenue, St Agnes  
Call 82649828 for enquiries

# QUIZ NIGHT

**GTNC**

**SATURDAY**  
**17th FEBRUARY 2018**

\$10 pp - pre purchase tickets at club rooms / EFT

**BYO SUPPER BASKET** | **7 PM** | **ON SITE BAR NO BYO**

**GILLES PLAINS & HAMPSTEAD RSL**  
Corner Ways Rd and Bennett Ave  
Manningham

Door prize, lucky squares, quiz prizes

# Ardtornish Primary School

# Annual General Meeting

## Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **Ardtornish Primary School: Who Makes the Decisions?**

#### 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 resumé
- 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.

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### 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..... Contact no.....

Question: .....

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