



Ardtornish Newsletter



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Diary Dates

February

6th- Acquaintance Night & AGM
7th – Norwood Pool - Rm's 4/6/8
12th-14th Arbury Park Camp
Rm's 8 & 11
16th – PUPIL FREE DAY

March

1st – SAPSASA Swimming Carnival
7th – Sports Day
11th – Public Holiday



Road Crossing Monitors

Wed 31st - Tue 6th Feb
Isla G, Sienna H, Rylee B

Wed 7th Feb – Tue 13th Feb
Rhea Vivek, Molly H

Wed 14th Feb – Tue 20th Feb
Lillie W, Cassidy C, Sovereign H

Please arrive by 8.25am

The Joy of having a Chromebook comes with responsibilities for its appropriate use.



Excited students from Room 10 – Olivia, Allegra, Laura, Jacob, Zac & Archer

Students entering year 4 begin to use a personal Chromebook to support their learning. They use it to access online information and engage with digital learning programs.

All students who use a Chromebook at school are required to first sign the Ardtornish 'Chromebook User Agreement', by doing this we ensure that they understand and are committed to following the agreement at all times, in every lesson, and with every teacher, because it keeps them and others safe. This supports their learning and enables them to properly care for the digital device they use. Students are agreeing to:

1. Only use the name and password provided by the school to log onto the Ardtornish Primary School network, 'Google Apps' or any other digital device.
2. Only do set learning activities on my Chromebook, when at school, unless they have been given permission by a staff member to do something else.
3. Not access any YouTube clips, or listen to music, unless directed to, by a staff member.
4. Use reliable and safe internet sources for information and seek adult support to check any sites that appear to be untrustworthy.
5. Treat Chromebooks with care and respect, by carrying, using, storing them safely, and reporting any damage immediately to school staff.
6. Not change the Chromebook's applications or operating systems software.
7. Use an avatar or image of an object (not a person's photo) as a profile picture, to maintain privacy, and always use the wallpaper set by the school.
8. Use email only when directed by school staff.
9. Not access or store offensive images or audio on the Chromebooks or other school digital devices (iPads and Computers).
10. Not share any personal information - addresses or contact numbers over the internet.
11. Fully charge the Chromebook every night, in preparation for the next school day.
12. Promptly report to staff any inappropriate material that is accidentally accessed at school and to my caregivers, if accessed at home.
13. Always be cyber safe and respectful of others: no online harassment or bullying.
14. Report cyber bullying immediately to an adult rather than responding to the perpetrator.

Smart Watches are not allowed to be worn at school.

The use of Smart Watches, that are capable of connecting to the internet, are not allowed under DfE's Mobile Devices policy which requires all students to keep personal devices 'off and away' between the start and end of each school day.

Students are not permitted to access their personal devices at any time during school hours, unless they have received an approved exemption from the school to use the device for a specific, agreed reason. This means both physical access and remote access (e.g. connecting with the personal device via hotspot or using paired headphones).

The school Mobile phone and personal devices policy can be viewed here: [Mobile Device Policy](#)

PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday 16th February

Safety around Schools

We want to ensure the safety of children, pedestrians and motorists around our streets and schools.

Parents and caregivers have a great responsibility to ensure children stay safe in school zones and have a key role in educating children about road safety.

Helpful Tips for Parking around Schools

- Allow enough time to take the child to the school gate safely without rushing.
- Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones. They are designed to keep children safe.
- Talk about signs and traffic lights with your child. Identify and discuss places where it is safe to get in and out of the car.
- Teach your child how to cross the road using the "Stop, Look and Listen" process —stop at the kerb, look and listen for traffic and then decide whether it is safe to cross.
- Park a few streets away and walk your child to school. This is also good exercise and helps teach your child road safety rules.

Please Note: Council officers patrol school parking in the morning and afternoon during school terms.

School Zones

Drivers must slow their vehicle to 25 km/h in a school zone at any time, day or night, when a child is present. A zigzag white line is also usually marked on the road to let drivers know they are approaching a school zone.

School Crossings

You cannot stop within 20m of the approach side or 10m of the departure side of a school crossing. This road rule applies to all pedestrian crossings.

Kiss and Drop

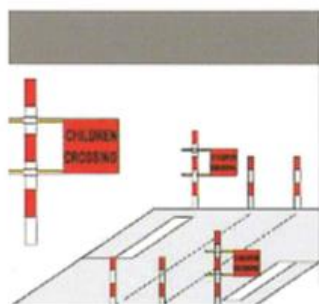
These are areas near the school gates for you to drop your child off safely and quickly. The intention is that drivers do not wait in these zones and that they stay in their vehicle so queues are minimised.



School Pedestrian Crossing

The school crossing has white and red striped posts. The speed restriction of 25 km/h applies at any time when a child is present to slow down to be safe and take care of children.

For safety reasons, please ensure that you and/or your child cross at the school crossing whenever possible.



Term 2024 Dates

Term 1	January 29 th – April 12 th
Term 2	April 29 th – July 5 th
Term 3	July 22 nd – September 27 th
Term 4	October 14 th – December 13 th

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday 13 th	Jenni F
Wednesday 14 th	Deborah M
Thursday 15 th	Anna Mc
Friday 16 th	Kristen V
Tuesday 20 th	Jenni F
Wednesday 21 st	Jenni F
Thursday 22 nd	Tui M, Deneice P
Friday 23 rd	Anthea B

Reminder to update your child's classroom number on QKR! for the 2024 school year. This way your child's lunch order goes to the correct classroom!

Parents must always sign in at the front office if they visit the school outside of drop off and pick up times

This is a safety procedure so all adults on our grounds are identified. Adults on our grounds during the day must sign in at the front office.

Late arrivals or early departures, parents need to go through the front office to sign their child in/out and collect an early departure or late slip to give to their child's teacher.

Have you returned all your holiday borrowed books from the Library?



Please return all library books as students with overdue books will have limited borrowing until all books are returned. Any issues please see Library staff. Thank you.

Year 6 Jacket Orders

Year 6 jackets are \$60. Year 6 students have been to the office to try on their blue commemorative jackets this week for sizing. If you would like to come to the office and try the jacket on with your child, you are most welcome. Order forms were sent home Wednesday this week.

Please return order forms and pay deposit of \$20.00 by 4pm, Wednesday 14th February.

Pupil Free Day

Week 3 - Friday 16th February

Staff Professional Development

On this day staff will be undertaking training in the use of a new spelling approach based on the latest research into how students best learn to spell.

Student Medication

Please make sure that your child's medication and health care plan are updated, and returned to the front office.

Swimming Dates 2024

Junior Primary Swimming (F-2)

Term 2, Week 9 - 25/6/24 – 28/6/24

Year 3 – 5 Swimming

Term 3, Week 2 – 29/7/24 – 2/8/24

Please remember to name everything that comes to school with your child

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications are now online.

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

- STEP 1** Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard
- STEP 2** Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.
- STEP 3** Complete all mandatory fields.
Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.
- STEP 4** Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.
- STEP 5** Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.
Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.



sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

Ardtornish Primary School Annual General Meeting Selecting Parent Representatives

Tuesday 6th 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 twice a term, usually week 3 & 8.

Who is on Governing Council?

The Governing Council has 12 members:

9 parent reps, the principal and 2 teacher reps.

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.

Nomination sheets were sent out Tuesday. If you would like to make a nomination and you didn't receive a nomination sheet, please collect one from the front office.

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PARENT & TEACHER ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

Week 2 – Tuesday 6th February 2024

At either **6.00pm – 6.45pm** OR **7.00 pm - 7.45 pm**

PLEASE NOTE: There is only one session for Room 20 7.00pm-7.45pm

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 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.

Teachers offer two sessions with a maximum of 15 families per timeslot.

Visit the website below to book your preferred time. Please book as soon as possible.

For parents that do not have internet access, bookings can be made directly through the front office.

Child Care Arrangements for parents who cannot make alternate arrangements

To support families to attend the acquaintance meeting and/or the AGM, we offer limited childcare for families **unable to make alternative** childcare arrangements.

Please book online through the same link as the Acquaintance Night

Students over the age of 4 are supervised in the library. Younger children cannot be accommodated. After 8.00pm children move to Computer Room 1 to make way for the AGM in the Library.

- Students are not able to play in the yard unsupervised and need to be in supervised care.
- School rules apply to all students on the grounds and no bikes / scooters should be brought.

On the night parents are asked to sign their children in and out of care in the Library or if after 8.00 pm in Computer Room 1.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these instructions.

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Simply enter this code and press "Go"



Enter your details



Select the class teacher



Select the time that suits you best



When you click **FINISH**, your Acquaintance Night time will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly