



# Ardtornish Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3 – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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## Diary Dates

### February

- 18<sup>th</sup> – FACE Meeting 3.30pm  
Room 9/10  
20<sup>th</sup> – Softball Carnival  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Pupil Free Day  
26<sup>th</sup> – Choir Cluster Rehearsal

### March

- 1<sup>st</sup> – SAPSASA Carnival  
5<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Day  
8<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day  
11<sup>th</sup> – PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> – 9/10 Aquatic Camp  
20<sup>th</sup> – Athletics Carnival

## Road Crossing Monitors

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
Aria E, Isabelle C, Asha D

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
Jordyn C, Maddison R, Erin M

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Mar – Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
Sophie M, Lia K< Kiara T

*Please arrive by 8.25am*

## Brightpath Assessments: supporting students to become better writers



Over the next few weeks teachers will collect writing samples from every child in the school to assess their writing development. Once these samples are obtained teachers will use the Brightpath assessment and reporting software to make highly reliable assessments of student achievement based on classroom writing tasks.

The systematic collection of school-wide data supports us to rigorously evaluate both the effectiveness of our teaching and each child's learning.



Kai and Ashleigh with the Brightpath writing prompts

The Brightpath software allows us to compare your child's writing results against a range of samples from other children to determine the skills they presently possess and what their next learning challenges should be. The software supports teachers to make assessment judgements, track student growth over time and compare performances across year levels.

Foundation children produce a single recount while all other children from Years 1- 7 are required to write two texts, over the next few weeks, with one being a narrative (story) and the other being a persuasive text, where they express their opinion about a set topic. This term students will be challenged to argue the merits of owning an exotic animal pet such as an elephant, giraffe etc. as a pet.

For the past two years, teachers at Ardtornish have used this system to closely analyse student work and identify their next learning steps. This system makes a greater contribution to student learning as they gain insights into student development.

All teachers in the school place their students on the same scale. Teachers can then view the spread of ability in their class and the overlap of ability across year levels.

As soon as teachers have assessed their students they can view their performances in relation to the calibrated exemplars, performance descriptors and teaching points.

The information we gain from this process is shared with parents during interviews and in written reports. Most importantly we share the results with students so they are understanding clearly what their next learning goals are in relation to writing

## New Governing Council Established for 2019

Five parents joined our existing council members on Tuesday night to form our 2019 Governing Council. Immediately following the election of members, portfolio roles were assigned to each person and Catherine Nairne, pictured here, was unanimously elected to the role of Chairperson.

At the meeting we farewelled past members and thanked Danielle Sturtzel for the wonderful contribution she's made to our school over the past seven years in a wide range of roles, including being the chairperson.

In the next few days parents will receive an invitation to join a portfolio group. These groups give parents an opportunity to contribute to the life of the school as members of the following committees: fundraising (FACE), sports, canteen, Community Liaison – including OSHC, grounds and education.



**Pupil Free Day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Excursion and Incursion Update			
ACTIVITY	DATE/S	STUDENTS INVOLVED	LAST PAY DAY
Pancake Day	5/3/19		1/3/19
SAPSASA Softball	20/2/19	Rms 9/10	5/3/19
Zoo Snooze	3/5-4/5	Room 28	1/5/19
Zoo Snooze	24/5-25/5	Room 19	15/5/19
Zoo Snooze	7/6-8/6	Room 20	29/5/19

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday 19th  
Wednesday 20th  
Thursday 21st  
Friday 22nd

Michele S  
Mary-Anne R  
Evelyn C, Emma S  
PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 26th  
Wednesday 27th  
Thursday 28th  
Friday 1st

Michelle S  
Mary-Anne R  
Megan K, Emma S  
Kellie F, Stacey C, Nicole I, Emma S



# Coping in a Busy World

A four-week  
Mindfulness course

**Mondays 18 February – 11 March**  
**7pm-8:15pm**

Presented by Philip Altmann,

[www.mindfulclassroom.com.au](http://www.mindfulclassroom.com.au)

**Subsidised cost for local families \$40,  
\$120 for teachers**



Houghton Districts Football Club  
1877 Lower North East Road, Houghton

**Junior players still required for 2019!!!**

Under 7-Under 10 (born 2009-2012) mixed age groups  
and U12 girls (born 2006-2009)

Register now at [www.sandf.com.au/registrations](http://www.sandf.com.au/registrations)

Season registration \$120 for all age groups.

When ORS Sports Voucher of \$100 is used, out of pocket cost is only \$20!

For further information contact:

Kyron Lovell – Junior Football Director  
[hdf:juniors@gmail.com](mailto:hdf:juniors@gmail.com) or 0409 284 886



Houghton Raiders



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



Ardtornish Children's Centre 2019 Term One Program

The new term program and flyers for individual activities are available on our **Facebook** page at <https://www.facebook.com/ArdtornishCC/>. We are running a free, evening, eight-week **Circle of Security** program starting on Wednesday 13 March; Philip has a four-week evening **Mindfulness** program starting next Monday 18 Feb, (\$40/person); and **Twilight Play** will run from 5:30-7pm on Wednesday 27 Feb with a Teddy Bear's Picnic theme. Thursday 28 March will have a games theme. **Cycle Saturday** will have two separate programs on Saturday 16 March - one for beginners with training wheels starting at 10am and a second for more confident riders at 12pm & it's free.

**Playgroups** – for infants up to about two years on Monday and Thursday mornings in the Children's Centre, and on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 in the Ardtornish Playgroup on Lutyens Avenue. **Coffee mornings** on assembly mornings starting this Friday 15th Feb 8:45-10am. **Autism SA** are running a Foundations Skills program all day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Lutyens Avenue,  
St. Agnes S.A. 5097



Playgroup is a place for children under school age to have fun and make new friends. It provides children the opportunity to interact with others and take part in group activities

## 2019 Term One Session Times

Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.30am  
Fridays 9.30 – 11.30am  
Saturday 9.30 – 11.30am



## ALL WELCOME!!

Contact the Ardtornish Children's Centre for more  
information: 8264 9828

WEBSITE:

<http://www.ardtornps.sa.edu.au/pages/playgroup.htm>

Welcome back to the new school year – drop in anytime or give us a call if you would like to join any sessions, or have any thoughts about how we might support and work with you, your young children and family. Cheers,

John Buckell

Community Development Coordinator

82649828, 0409984495 or email [john.buckell@sa.gov.au](mailto:john.buckell@sa.gov.au)

## Absences and Exemptions

If your child is going to be away for longer than three days whether it be holiday/illness/family reasons an exemption form needs to be completed (available from the front office). If your child is away unexpectedly e.g. sick please ring 8264 8099 and press 3 to leave an absence message or text 0447 467 152 to let the office know.

## Tracey's Care Column

It is so wonderful to be back from holidays. I hope you all found some time to relax and unwind after a busy year.



For me, to get the benefits of relaxing, I need to be intentional, like strolling along the beach, sitting on the verandah sipping a cup of tea listening to the birds singing whilst reading my favourite book, walking my dog along the creek in the fresh air, playing Rummikub or go-karting with my boys. These are a few of the activities I really enjoyed that helped me to relax during my break. As a parent, I have to remind myself to look after me so I can best look after my children.

It is my privilege to be the Pastoral Care Worker supporting the Ardtornish community.

Part of my role is to support parents. I am here to listen, provide resources and referrals if required.

When you get time check out these great resources relating to parenting & relationships. They have been helpful to me, I hope they are for you.

### Websites

[www.developingminds.net.au](http://www.developingminds.net.au)

[www.marklemessurier.com.au](http://www.marklemessurier.com.au)

[www.familyrelationships.gov.au](http://www.familyrelationships.gov.au)

### Facebook Groups

Generation Next Community

VIA Institute on Character

Developing Minds Child/Teen Counsellors, Therapists and Teachers

My working days are Tuesday and Thursday 10am – 3pm.

I can be contacted by

phone 8264 8099

email [tracey.cooper775@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:tracey.cooper775@schools.sa.edu.au)

or call by the front office and see if I am available.

I look forward to seeing you.



**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7:30-9:00pm**

**Presented by Cath O'Loughlin, CEO of Childhood Cancer SA**

- Hear how they are helping 400 families
- Discover opportunities to be involved

*A free event, with supper provided*

Held at Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church,  
600 Milne Rd, Banksia Park [www.ttguc.org.au](http://www.ttguc.org.au)



## SRC Executives

This year, 10 Year 6/7 students were selected as executive members and they will now be responsible for running the meetings, that occur 3 times a term, and planning and managing the SRC's work.

### Congratulations to

Danika Low, Isabel Goerner, Jada Rodgers, Emily Rawson, Jordyn Cook, Asha Duldig, Samantha Martin, Hayden Nairn, Cody Belshaw and Tyson Nottle.

## Modbury High School Tours for Year 8 - 2020

Contact MHS Front office for more information or to book on 8264 1955

9.30am - 10.30am

- Thursday 14th March
- Thursday 21st March
- Thursday 2nd May
- Friday 3rd May



**The Heights School**  
Preschool - Year 12

- Educating young minds
- Serving our community
- Instilling values and embracing our future

**Building Better Schools.**

The Heights School has received a \$10 million grant to provide new buildings with state of the art furniture and equipment to enhance student learning. Planning has already commenced.

### School Tour



### You're Invited

Please join our school tour followed by the opportunity to meet our Principal, Nigel Gill, for refreshments and a conversation about your child's education in a relaxed atmosphere on

**Monday 4th March 2019 from 9:00am to 10:15am**

Are you looking for a **leading school** for your child as they enter Year 8 schooling?

The Heights School would love to share it with you

Bookings are essential. Please book online at <http://theheights.sa.edu.au/tour> or contact Dani Camillo 8263 6244

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Website [www.theheights.sa.edu.au](http://www.theheights.sa.edu.au)



**Government of South Australia**  
Department for Education

**Pancake Day 2019**

**Term 1, Week 6, Tuesday March 5**


**When** — Lunch time

**How much** — \$1 per pancake

**Why** — Pancake sales will go directly to local UnitingCare organisations to support South Australians in need.

**Ordering** — Pre-order your pancakes on QKR! or send money orders to room 9/10

*Please return your orders by Friday March 1st*





**Est. 1861 HAWKS**

**MODBURY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**  
HOME OF THE MIGHTY FIGHTING HAWKS

**SWOOP WANTS YOU!**

**TO PLAY FOOTBALL IN THE UPCOMING 2019 SEASON STARTS IN APRIL!**

**GAMES PLAYED ON FRIDAY NIGHTS AND SUNDAYS**  
REGISTRATION ONLINE: [WWW.MODBURYHAWKS.DIOO.AU](http://WWW.MODBURYHAWKS.DIOO.AU)

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME FOR SEASON 2019  
ALL GROUPS U8S TO U19S - MODIFIED RULES  
ALL GROUPS U12 TO U15 - PREMIERSHIP GRADES  
GIRLS TEAMS U10S, U12S, U14S & U16S  
TRAINING FOR YOUNGER GRADES (U7-10) COMMENCING FIRST WEEK OF MARCH

MIFFC IS A PROUD FAMILY CLUB WITH ENDOGENOUS PLAYERS & QUALIFIED/CERTIFIED COACHES

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT SHARREN 0818 848 810  
FOR ALL GRADED ENQUIRIES PLEASE SEND TO [MIFFC.ARM@MAIL.COM](mailto:MIFFC.ARM@MAIL.COM)

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES CLUB KIT, INSURANCE, MEDICAL COVER AND SOCIALS. BOOKING CODE 80001

**VACANCIES FOR ALL GRADES STARTING AT UNDER 7'S**  
**UP TO 16'S AND GIRLS TEAMS AVAILABLE**

# Arbury Park Camp Rooms 7/8/11

