



Ardtornish Newsletter

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Diary Dates

June

- 1st – 4th – Writers Festival Rm's 7,8,9,10,18,21,22,24,30 & 31
- 5th – Rainbow Casual Clothes Day
- 8th – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- 10th – School Photos
- 15th – School Photo – Make Up Day

Road Crossing Monitors

Wed 3rd June – Tues 9th June
Minela S, Cooper T, Sonia D

Wed 10th June – Tue 16th June
Kobe G, Riley B, Tate R

Wed 17th June – Tue 23rd June
Noah C, Karel W, Maddison J

Please arrive by 8.25am

Chickens, Drones and Dance!



At Ardtornish we are celebrating learning and being back together as a school community. Several events were planned for safe student participation and enjoyment.

Wednesday, May 27th was National Simultaneous Story time in Australia and New Zealand, where one focus book is read at the same time in schools and libraries across the two nations.

This year the book was "Whitney and Britany Chicken Divas" by Lucinda Gifford. The children were entertained with a retelling by Mark Hansen (Principal) and Deb Pryor (Deputy Principal) dramatically reading the humorous story of two chicken performers and their foxy friend. All the children watched a film of the reading in their classrooms and loved seeing Mark and Deb bring the story to life.

The whole school came together in the playground to dance to Meghan Trainor's, "Better When I'm Dancing," a routine we have been practising for weeks. This was a joyous celebration of music and dance and students were thrilled they were being filmed by the school drone. We are looking forward to watching the movie of our whole school's energetic dance performance led by Miss Lennon.



The SRC (Student Representative Committee) have also been filming and editing the staff performing to "Walking on Sunshine" by Katrina and the Waves and very soon students will enjoy watching their teachers having fun with this happy and uplifting song.

The last few months have been stressful for everyone and our students, staff and community have all felt the strain caused by Covid-19 restrictions on our school and home-life but now we are enjoying a gradual return to normalcy and celebrating being able to learn and be together.

Tracey's Care Column



It's not easy being a parent/carer, in fact, it can challenge us day to day.

Dr. Justin Coulson has prepared some fantastic videos and has some great resources that support parents/carers on this journey.

He is conducting a live webinar on Monday 1st June 6.30pm called

THE SECRET TO CALM KIDS & A HAPPY HOME

Here is the blurb...

What do you do when your child is losing the plot?

On a recent coaching call with a desperate mum, her four year old crashed into the room and started screaming. She was upset about everything. I listened as Mum tried her best to calm her little one, but things only got worse.

I asked the mum to repeat a couple of sentences after me. I spoke. She repeated. Within 20 seconds her four year old was sitting happily on her lap, colouring in while that mum and I continued our conversation. Within two minutes the little one was outside playing with her big sister.

It's not magic. I can show you how. No yelling, no threats, no bribes. Just calm, confident parenting, and a happy home.

If you are interested go to <https://www.happyfamilies.com.au/> and click on 'sign up' tab for the free webinar on Monday 1st June 6.30pm. The webinar will be available to watch the following day if you are not free on Monday.

You will find many helpful podcasts and resources on this website to help bring more happiness into your family.

Here's to more joy and happiness in our lives! ☺

Tracey Cooper
Pastoral Care Worker



Hi, here is the latest from the Ardtornish Children's Centre

The Ardtornish Kindergarten is open & operating normal hours.

However, the Family and Community programs have not yet resumed. We are guided by State Emergency Management Committee. Current advice is that Family and Community programs and services at the Children's Centre are not able to safely recommence until at least June and quite possible not until term three (20th July).

Physical distancing limitations will affect some services, such as playgroups and Twilight Play, more than others. Still, it is hard to predict what will actually happen. Be assured though that we will post updates as soon as we have greater clarity.

We do hope that families are managing to endure this crisis. Please contact us on 0409 984 495 if there are any questions or issues we can assist you with.

Free Webinars...

Parenting through COVID-19 a 1-hour webinar on Friday 29 May

- Predictability, routines and traditions
- Technology safety
- Talking to your children about COVID-19
- Understanding your child's behaviour.

You will have the chance to ask questions. To book: [Register for](#)

[Friday, 29 May 2020, 10.00 am - 11.00 am](#)

The Parenting SA Website has a collection of interesting webinars at:

<https://parenting.sa.gov.au/parenting-seminars-and-videos>

including the recent Justin Coulson and Kristy Goodwin video :

[Children and screens: adapting to this new reality \(YouTube 1.32 hours\)](#)

We do really miss you! All the best ☺

Regards, John Buckell

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Free Parenting SA webinar

Handling sibling conflict proactively so they fight less and stay connected



Free parenting webinar

Are you tired of sorting out sibling conflict? Want better relationships and less stress in your family?

Register to hear Madhavi Nawana Parker talk about:

- why it is normal for siblings to fight
- how to reduce conflict by being proactive
- how conflict can be a chance to build children's skills and strengthen relationships
- keeping yourself calm and positive.

Register at <https://handling-sibling-rivalry.eventbrite.com>

You will also receive a link to view the webinar recording after the event. This session is designed for parent/carers of children 4-12 years.



Madhavi Nawana Parker,
author, counsellor and Director of
Positive Minds Australia

Tuesday 16 June

When: 7.00pm – SA, NT
7.30pm – Qld, NSW, Vic, ACT, Tas
6.15pm – Eucla
5.30pm – WA

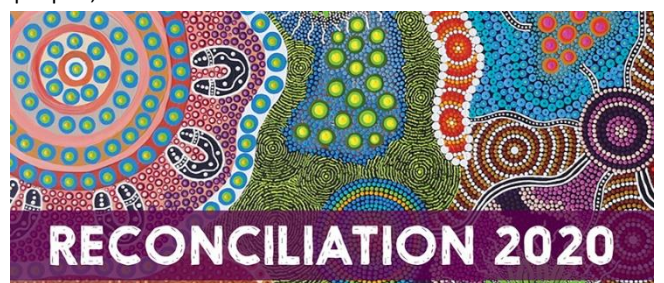
Absences

Please remember to send a text to 0447 467 152 or ring 8264 8099 everyday your child is away and provide reason illness or family and your child's class.

National Reconciliation Week 2020

The theme for 2020, "In this together," is now resonating in ways we could not have foreseen when it was announced last year, but it reminds us whether in a crisis or in 'reconciliation' we are all in this together.

The National Reconciliation Week 2020 theme reinforces that we all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and culture.



School Photos

Wednesday 10th June

Family photo envelopes and spare student photo envelopes are available from the front office.

Have you child's memories captured forever.
Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP payment envelopes and remember these helpful points.

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other – you can pay for all children in the one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Use the shootkey on your envelope to order online.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given, cash, cheques and money orders only in envelopes.
- For photo enquiries phone 8132 1148 or Email enquiries enquiries.adl@msp.com.au

School Uniform

Reminder for school photos

All students are required to wear the correct uniform/dress code at all times

Our school uniform consists of red t-shirt, red jumper, red school jacket, blue school hat, blue shorts / blue skirts / blue pants / blue skorts – with no stripes and logos.

- Dress - blue & white (can have fine red line check)
- **Year 7's ONLY** blue shirt and blue jacket
- Shoes - plain sandals (summer); school shoes, sneakers, flat ankle boots.
- No jewellery except for studs or sleepers or a watch.
- No make-up / nail polish / fake nails.
- Headwear (headbands, hair ties etc.) is only white, black, Blue or red.
- No hats needed from Term 2 through to 1st September.

School Card 2020

School card is a subsidy for Materials and Service Charges (School Fees) if you think you are eligible for school card click the link below to complete the online version.

[School Card 2020 Online Application](#) and then click applications, Form A Income Audit – Online Version.

Below is the income limits for applications lodged in 2020, based on the families gross income in 2018/2019. To qualify for school card your families' gross income must be below a certain limit. This limit depends on how many dependent children you have.

Number of dependent children	Gross annual income limit	Gross weekly income limit
1 child	\$60,264	\$1,159
2 children	\$61,340	\$1,180
3 children	\$62,416	\$1,201
4 children	\$63,492	\$1,222
5 children	\$64,568	\$1,243
More than five children	Add \$1,061 for each dependent child	Add \$21 for each dependent child

There is a Form B Hardship, change of circumstances or are self-employed. This form is for people who have experienced a significant change of financial circumstances from July 1st last year until the end of February this year. e.g. Unemployment. You will need to provide proof of income – e.g. Payslips or Centrelink information.



Rainbow Clothes

Friday June 5th
Dress in rainbow casual clothes
Bring a gold coin donation to raise money for a new portable PA system
Payment can be made via QKR or cash donation

Please remember to wear school appropriate clothing - t-shirt or longer sleeves and covered footwear.

Uniform Donations

If anyone has any uniform items you are able to donate to the school for spares, it would be greatly appreciated.

Giant Stick Insect Maths

with Room 6



On Monday, while reading a story, we learned that the world's largest stick insect comes from Borneo and measures 56cm long. We put two rulers together to see how long that is and **IT'S HUGE!!** It was as long as Mrs Hodges' jumper. When Mrs Hodges checked on the internet, she found out that there is now an **even bigger** one in China that is 64cm long!

On Tuesday we drew our own Chinese Giant Stick Insects on 64cm long pieces of cardboard and investigated things in the classroom that are longer, shorter or the same length as our stick insects.

Measuring is fun!

