



# NEWSLETTER

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Cruze



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**PrincipalSnap**

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## From the principal....

### Parents and Carers survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our online survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable, and I would like to share with you a summary of what you told us. 100% of respondents indicated they feel welcome at the school, that their child feels safe at school, and that their child has a staff member they feel confident in turning to for support and assistance. As a school, we are very proud of these results. Creating an environment that is welcoming and where every child feels safe and cared for is the first critical step in providing the necessary opportunities for children to thrive and succeed at school. From your responses, where we need to improve is with our communication. 30% of respondents indicated they have not been adequately informed in regard to school activities, with 23% of respondents also indicating they have not been adequately informed about their child's progress. These results clearly indicate we need to improve our methods of communication. To help facilitate this improvement, we have consolidated the number of communication modes we use. We will no longer use School Stream as a communication platform, but to compensate we have updated and reinvigorated the school website. We will ensure that the website is always up to date with the current newsletter, permission notes and photographs. The website has a school calendar of events, and you can use the website to pay any course or excursion fees.

### School Captains

I could not have been prouder than I was when I watched our school captain nominees give their speeches last week. Raidyn Hackney, Indilee Menzies, Cruze Batterham, Alicia Popple and Mikayla Arnall all spoke with passion, commitment, and a huge amount of pride in their school. It is a huge achievement to be able to stand up and talk in front of your teachers and your peers. All four did an outstanding job and should be incredibly proud of their efforts. As principal, it is comforting to know we have such high-quality candidates who want to take on active roles in leading Ardlethan Central School. We will induct our 2022 leaders at next week's Presentation Assembly.

### Presentation Day

I look forward to catching up with all our parents and carers at Tuesday's Presentation Assembly.

**Reminder that only immediate parents and carers are to attend, and all guests must be fully vaccinated and sign in at the front office.** It will be a fantastic opportunity to reflect on the year that has been, and to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students, staff and community.

As always, if you have any questions or queries please give me a call at the school.

Grant Lloyd



Ardlethan Central School's wellbeing practices are informed by a Positive Behaviour for Learning whole school approach. We aim to create a positive, safe and supportive climate in which students can learn and develop. This approach involves the school community working together. All our staff are responsible for explicitly teaching behaviour expectations and providing consistent positive feedback to students.

When our students demonstrate **Respectful**, **Responsible**, and/or **Resilient** behaviour a 'Fast and Frequent' raffle ticket is given to them. This raffle is then drawn once a fortnight and small prizes awarded.

Important: All Visitors to the school grounds must COVID check in and show proof of double vaccination. Masks are mandatory indoors. Thank you for your cooperation.

## School Calendar—Term 4 2021

Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9 K-6 Swim School	Dec 10 K-6 Swim School
Dec 13	Dec 14 Presentation Day	Dec 15	Dec 16 Christmas Church Service Students' last day	Dec 17



### RETURN OF LIBRARY BOOKS

There are still some students with outstanding library books. If parents, students, grandparents and carers could please have a good look around and return any you find to the school in the next two weeks that would be very much appreciated.

Thank you in advance.



### Second Hand Uniform Items—Available from the Office



Hats	\$5
Tracksuit Pants	\$3
Tracksuit Pants – new with tags	\$10
Jackets	\$5
Jumpers	\$3
Polo	\$2
Sports Bags	\$3

### Lost Property Reminder

The office has accumulated a fair collection of jackets, jumpers and hats that have been left around the school grounds and handed in as lost property.

**If these are not claimed by 16 December they will be cleaned and added to the second hand clothing pool for sale.**

If you think any of them might belong to you please come and have a look.



### SCHOOL STREAM APP—DISCONTINUING USE

**Please be advised that as of 10 February 2022  
the School will cease using the School Stream App**

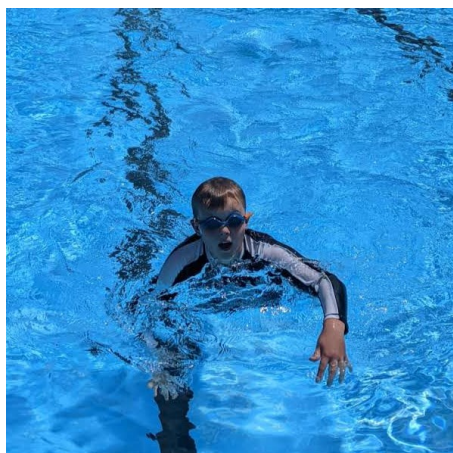
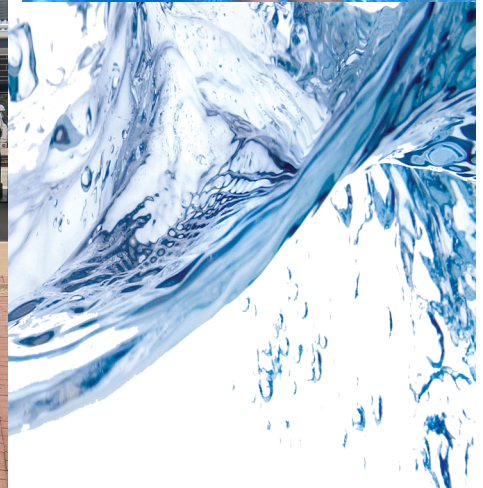
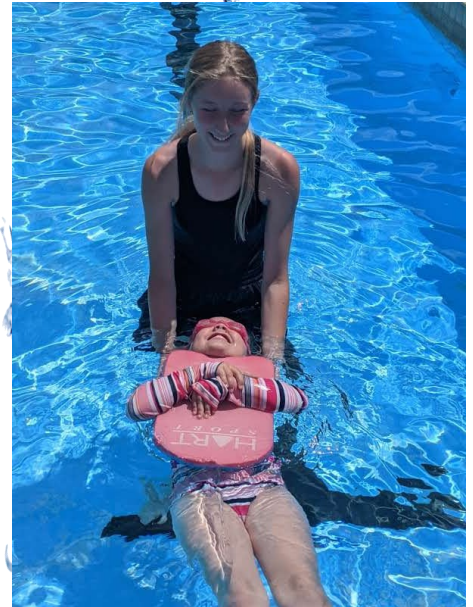
If you are currently using the app to communicate with us regarding student absences or anything else an alternate form of communication will need to be used.

Absences can be advised via telephone 02) 6978 2046  
by email: [Ardlethan-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Ardlethan-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
or via the website Contact Us tab at [Ardlethan-c.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://Ardlethan-c.schools.nsw.gov.au)



**K-6 SWIM SCHOOL**

This week students in Kindergarten to Year 6 have been enjoying attending Ardlethan Swimming Pool daily to help them learn or improve on their swimming skills. As the photos show, the students are having a great time.







### Kindy/1/2 News

K/1/2 have been learning about persuasive text. They were asked to write a letter as if they were Santa requesting new snacks.

Dear Kids

I don't like MILK AND COOKIES!! Please give me something else please like butter toast or jelly and Sprite.

From Santa (Allie Neyenhuis)

Ho, Ho dear children I am sick of those cookie and milk. You have to give me some other food so I don't get fat. Give me Gingerbread men and chocolate milk. Don't forget my Coco Cola and I will give you lots of presents.  
(Camilla McDougall)

Ho, Ho, Ho Dear kids

I am sick of milk and cookies because I have to eat them every year! I want something else like cake, tea, coffee, pizza or fish. I hate cookies and milk.  
Ho, Ho, Ho

From Santa (Eva Power)

Dear Kids

Please don't give me cookies and milk as I'm allergic to them. I would like noodles.

From Santa (Jesse James Sharp)





### CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please ensure you notify the School to let us know of any change of address or other contact details. Thank you.

**KEEP US UPDATED  
SO WE CAN KEEP YOU UPDATED**



For the safety and hygiene of our students we ask that you

**PLEASE KEEP ANY DOGS SECURE AND OUT OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ALL TIMES.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

## SCHOOL PICK UP VARIATIONS



**Safety**matters

If there is **ANY variation** to regular end of day transport arrangements for students the

**School MUST be notified** by the Parent/Carer. Preferably by 2:45pm but no later than 3:00pm

Parents/Carers picking students up from within school grounds **must first report to the office and sign in/COVID check in.**

These measures are put in place to protect our students and we thank you in advance for adhering to them.

Please phone the school on 6978 2046 to advise of any variations.

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free.

In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.



### CLOTHING LABELLING

As we all know, school uniforms can be expensive, especially if items continually go missing and need to be replaced.

Please ensure that all students' school clothes, including hats, are labelled clearly so any lost items can be returned to their rightful owners.

A white out pen or laundry marker works well.