

Newsletter

Respect. Creativity. Excellence. Wednesday 23 September



Book Week - 'Symphony of Stories'



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Principal's news

Congratulations to everyone on another very successful term for our school. We are very proud of the growth our students are demonstrating, their achievements, and their willingness and enthusiasm in engaging with the wide range of opportunities provided.

All of this all takes a great deal of hard work and commitment from students, staff and families, and I sincerely thank everyone for their ongoing support of Ardrossan Area School.

Congratulations!

We received some very exciting news last week, with two of our teams making the **Future Anything National Showcase Grand Final**. This is an exceptional achievement and would not have been possible without the hard work of many people in providing the opportunity for our students to be part of this initiative.

Congratulations to Olivia Clifford on achieving back-to-back Showcases. All of Olivia's class submitted high-quality entries.

A huge congratulations to **Nature Protectors YP - Caitlyn & Addison** on being named **Showcase finalists**, and to **DGKJC Fix It Boys – Dan, Grayson, Kaden, Jax & Cooper** and **Paw Pal Girls - Sophia & Aria** who were **Highly Commended**.

Congratulations as well to the year 3/4s on their other entries: Brave Sisters, Friendship and Calm Corner, Friendship Forever and Kindness Crunch Collective.

We are very proud of the hard work and effort all of these teams put in. The most wonderful part was that all students were genuinely excited for the peers who have been selected as finalists. This is a true reflection of the learning culture at AAS.

Additionally, a huge congratulations to **The Gifts of Nature – Year 10 students, Isabelle, Matt, Eli and Penni** who have also been selected as **Showcase finalists**, and thank you to Chris Carroll and Amy East, who have worked so hard and supported the Year 10s with both their product and their business. We have commenced planning the logistics for the excursion to Brisbane for the 2026 Future Anything Grand Final on Monday 9 November, and we look forward to sharing these amazing achievements with our community.

Additionally, we will be holding our own **Market Showcase on Wednesday 11 November**. We look forward to the year 3/4, 5/6 and & 7, 8 and 9 students sharing the work they have been undertaking over the past two terms. Further details will be provided closer to the date, but it promises to be a great day.

We are very proud of everyone and of the learning that is taking place through the Future Anything Challenge, which is building capabilities and dispositions for learning across all areas.

Public Education Awards

I am proud to share that we nominated in four categories for the 2026 Public Education Awards

- ❖ **Outstanding New Career Professional** – Mackenzie Collins
- ❖ **Inclusive Practices in Education** - The Lighthouse – Teagan Pedler, Amy East & Margaret Roads
- ❖ **Innovation in Teaching and Learning** – Innovation in Digital Literacies: Building Capabilities for the Future – Olivia Clifford, Kylie Cook, Kallie Eglinton, Amy East & Margaret Roads

Congratulations to Mackenzie, Teagan, Olivia, Kylie, Kallie and Amy.

Additionally, I am very grateful to have been nominated for the **Excellence in Leadership Award**, and I am especially proud of our entire team for being named a finalist. This recognition reflects the collective effort, commitment and dedication of our whole AAS team.

On Tuesday this week, we had a film crew at AAS to create a short film that will be shared at the award ceremony. This was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our learning programs, achievements and facilities.

The 2026 Public Education Award Ceremony will be held on Friday 27 November at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

Term 4 events

Please keep an eye on the Term planner, Newsletter and our Facebook page for details of the events planned for Term 4. In particular, 'Save the date' for **our 2026 AAS Awards Ceremony and AAS Performance Evening** both of which will both be held on Thursday 3 December. The Awards ceremony will commence at 9.30am in the Gym and the Performance Evening will be held on the North Yard lawn, commencing from 5pm.

Our Year 12 students will be farewelled at a special **Assembly in Week 3**, Friday 30 October, commencing at 9.30am. Best wishes to Ashlee, Mikayla, Mikaylah, Sebastian, Angus and Eliza, as they complete final assignments and/or prepare for the Year 12 Exams over the term break and into Term 4. We look forward to celebrating their achievements at the Year 12 Graduation Celebration and the Awards Ceremony.

Our Whole School **2027 Step-Up Day** (Transition Day) will be held on Tuesday 24 November.

We invite everyone to our **End of Term Assembly** which will be held on Friday 25 September commencing at 1.40pm. The assembly will be followed by an early dismissal at 2pm.

We trust everyone has a relaxing break and we look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of Term 4 on Monday 12 October 2026.

Kind regards,
Margaret



Deputy Principal

Congratulations to our staff and students on another successful term. It has been wonderful to see our Reception to Year 12 students actively engaged in a wide range of valuable learning opportunities and activities throughout the term.

There have been many highlights this term, including but not limited to the excitement of Book Week and the valuable experiences provided through the Future Anything student workshops. These opportunities have helped students develop their creativity, confidence and skills in meaningful ways. We are once again very excited to have two teams, selected from more than 700 entries, representing Ardrossan Area School at the Future Anything Showcase Final in November. In addition to these two selected teams, several other AAS teams received commendations, demonstrating the high level of curiosity, critical thinking and creative thinking our students are exhibiting.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Principal, Margaret Roads, on her successful nomination as one of three finalists in the Excellence in Leadership Award category at the Public Education Awards. The Public Education Awards celebrate individuals, teams and community members whose work demonstrates measurable impact and sustained improvement for children and young people, and it is exciting to have a member of staff recognised for their work in this area. We wish Margaret all the very best for 27 November when the awards are announced.

Thank you to our staff, students and families for your continued support throughout the term. I wish everyone a happy, safe and restful holiday break, and I look forward to seeing everyone return refreshed and ready for a successful Term 4.

To our Year 12 students, I would also like to wish you all the very best for your final holiday break before commencing exams. I hope you are able to take some time to rest, recharge and prepare for the important term ahead.

Many thanks,
Amy East





7-12 Leader

It has been another busy few weeks for our Year 7–12 students, with plenty happening both at school and beyond the classroom. With the weather starting to warm up, a reminder to bring your hats along in Term 4 so you can enjoy the sunshine safely.

In Week 9, our Year 7–10 students enjoyed a fantastic camp at Dhillba Guuranda – Innes National Park, with plenty of activities, challenges and opportunities to spend time together away from school. A big thank you to Mrs Cook, Miss Schiller, Mr Carroll and Mr Miegel who helped organise and supervise the camp, and to the students for the positive way they represented Ardrossan Area School.



Students involved in the Certificate II course have continued developing valuable practical skills and gaining experience that will support their future pathways. These last couple of weeks students have been working on their Confined Spaces and Working at Heights units. They have also enjoyed site visits to Cheetham Salt, Rex Minerals and Simec Mining.

Katee and Ethan also had the opportunity to attend the Flight One Immersion, providing them with a great insight into aviation and some of the careers available within the industry. Thank you to Central Yorke for hosting this valuable opportunity to take a look at a different industry on the Peninsula.



Our Year 12 students will officially finish their time at Ardrossan Area School with their traditional breakfast and farewell assembly on Friday of Week 3. It will be a special opportunity to celebrate their achievements, reflect on their time at AAS and wish them all the best for whatever comes next.

Finishing dates for Year 7 – 12 Students:

Year 12 – Friday 30th October (Exams and final assessments to be completed in Week 4)

Year 11 – Tuesday 24th November

Year 10 – Thursday 3rd December

Year 7 – 9 – Friday 11th December

It has certainly been a busy end to the term. I hope all students, staff and families enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday break, and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the final part of the year.

Sport News



YP Zone 9/10 Basketball – Well done to Eli who competed in the Yorke Peninsula 9/10 Zone Basketball Carnival. The team won all of their three games convincingly and has progressed to the second round, which will be held in Kadina on the 15th October. We wish Eli and the team all the best.



Open Girls Football Carnival – Congratulations to Vada and Mr Clifford on representing our school in the Open Girls Football grand final. It was a fantastic achievement to make it through to the final, unfortunately they were unable to get over the line against Victor Harbor.

SAPSASA Athletics at Athletics SA Stadium - A special shout out to Piper, Ianna, Kayleesi, Braxton, Nicos and Ethan, who represented our school at the SAPSASA Athletics on 2nd September. We congratulate them on their efforts and the way they represented our school throughout the day.





Week 6, Term 3 Merit Cards



Reception

Hugo Hodge - for making noticeable progress in working hard and completing tasks to the best of his ability.

Oliver Watson - for settling into school, following classroom rules and continuing to make positive choices in learning and play.

Year 1

Christopher Reynolds - for demonstrating considerable growth in Mathematics, approaching new learning with persistence and consistently showing a willingness to attempt challenging tasks.

Liam Munn - for showing improved independence and persistence when approaching challenging tasks, with increased willingness to attempt learning without assistance.

Year 2

Max Collison - for demonstrating a focused attitude towards all learning and striving to achieve his best.

Layla Hollitt - for demonstrating resilience and perseverance when a challenge presents and producing work, she should be proud of.

Year 3/4

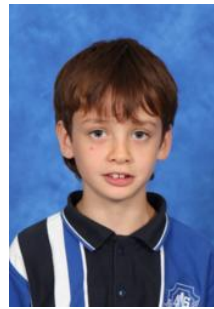
Caitlyn Anderson - for listening attentively during instructions, approaching learning with enthusiasm and perseverance, and having a go at every task.

Kaden Reidy - for applying himself with outstanding focus and determination in English and Mathematics, producing work of which he can be proud.

Cooper Robinson - for bringing an excellent attitude to school each day and consistently demonstrating positive conduct across all areas of school life.

Year 5/6

Ethan Collison - for consistently working hard in class and showing dedication to completing all learning tasks to the best of his ability.



Week 6, Term 3 GEM Certificates

Reception

Sadie Lodge - GEM Mindfulness – for demonstrating mindfulness and resilience during challenging moments, helping to create a calm and supportive classroom.

Harry Lynch - GEM Empathy – for showing empathy and kindness by helping new Mid Years students feel welcome in our class.

Year 1

Lexi Reidy - GEM Empathy – for showing empathy by going above and beyond to ensure others feel included and being consistently mindful of their feelings.

Meia Clark - GEM Mindfulness – for showing mindfulness by approaching difficult tasks with a more positive mindset, persevering when learning feels challenging and continuing to build confidence in her own abilities.

Year 2

George Rawlings - GEM Mindfulness – for choosing to practice strategies that support focus and attention when independently identifying the need for them.

Talia Thompson - GEM Gratitude – for showing appreciation for her classmates and teacher through demonstrating kindness and care through her words and actions.

Year 3/4

Dan Lodge - GEM Empathy – for noticing how others are feeling, showing kindness and lifting his classmates up.

Marley Hollitt - GEM Gratitude – for appreciating others and helping to create a caring and connected classroom community.

Sophia Boehm - GEM Mindfulness – for using mindfulness strategies to stay calm, focused and ready to learn.

Year 5/6

Koby Malden - GEM Empathy - for consistently being a kind, caring and supportive friend to those around him.

Hunter Halford-Webster – GEM Resilience – for showing fantastic resilience by never giving up, approaching challenging tasks with determination, and always keeping a smile on his face.

Ava Carty – GEM Mindfulness – for always showing kindness and consideration in everything she does, both in her learning and her interactions with others.



Highlights

Book Week



Our Book Week Community Parade was a wonderful success, with the weather putting on a show and giving us beautiful sunshine. Students proudly walked down the Main Street before heading to Walara Ardrossan Seaview, where residents were delighted to see them dressed as their favourite book characters.

This year's Book Week theme **"A Symphony of Stories,"** was brought to life through the creativity and enthusiasm of our students. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading while sharing the occasion with members of our local community.



Also, during Book Week, our Year 7/8 English students stepped in to STARBOOKS, where they unlocked the magic of reading in a whole new way.



Students chose a genre, then unwrapped a mystery book selected especially for their reading adventure. With delicious STARBOOKS hot chocolate in hand, they settled in to discover what was waiting inside their mystery book.



Father's Day Breakfast



Our Father's Day Breakfast was a wonderful way to begin the day, with students welcoming their fathers, grandfathers and other special people in their lives to school for a shared morning of food, fun and connection. Everyone enjoyed delicious bacon and egg sandwiches and the chance to catchup.

Throughout the morning, students and their special visitors took part in a range of fun activities, sharing plenty of smiles and laughter along the way. It was lovely to see families spending quality time together and making special memories.

The breakfast was a great opportunity to celebrate the important role that fathers and father figures play in the lives of our students, while also strengthening the sense of community within our school.

Year 1 Museum Excursion

On Friday the Year 1 class visited the Ardrossan Museum.

It was a great experience. Thank you to Mrs Bowman, Mrs Brown and Mrs Walkley for showing us around. Thank you to Mr Lodge, Mr Birkin and Mr Rowntree for starting the engine for us.

I like going to the Museum. - Meia

I liked the olden days shop. -Emma

I liked seeing the shop. -Lexi

I liked seeing the olden days dresses. -Hallie

I liked the little shop. - Paige

I liked looking at the whale fossils with the picture of the beached whale. - Liam

I liked the creepy doll room. The dolls were a bit scary. -Amelia

Thank you to the people that showed us around the Museum. I liked the shop outside. -Harley

Thank you for letting us see the Museum. I loved it at the Museum. - Rhyder

I liked the calculator in the olden days shop. -Henry

I like seeing the whale jaw. It was really big and I like big stuff. It was cool. -Ivy

I liked the horse, but the engine was too loud. – Christopher



Year 7-10 Camp

Written collectively by Carly, Ethan, Tyler and Jackson.

On Monday 14 September, the Year 7–10 students headed to Stenhouse Bay for our school camp in Dhillba Guuranda–Innes National Park.

After unpacking our bags and sorting out the dorms, we enjoyed some time in the sun playing sports together before heading off to explore Stenhouse Bay. We saw the remains of the old mining operations and learnt about the history of the area from Mr Meigel.

When we reached the jetty, the view was so pretty. The water was extremely clear and an aqua colour, making it easy to see the bottom. We learnt that every tagged shark in SA has swum past the jetty, which stopped us from complaining that we couldn't jump in for a swim!

Back at camp, we had some free time playing Celebrity Heads and cards. We all started talking to different people and having heaps of fun, which helped us bond and made the rest of the camp enjoyable.

The next morning started early. After breakfast and a trip back into our lovely, feet-smelling dorms to get ready, Ranger Aaron visited us. He talked about the park, its wildlife and the projects they are working on, including reintroducing animals such as bettongs and possibly bilbies. We also learnt about kangaroo ticks, snakes and some of the history of the area.

After Aaron's visit, we went for a walk along the cliffs, spotting kangaroos, emus and lizards along the way. We saw some beautiful scenery of the ocean mixed with the scrub before climbing to a lookout. Later, we set off for the beach with sports equipment and handlines. Some of us tried fishing with no luck, while others attempted to dig a hole in the side of a sand wall, which failed miserably. Instead, we made a dam out of seaweed and sand that surprisingly worked until the swell picked up and washed it out to sea. A quick dip afterwards was cold but fun.

That night, Mr Meigel made a fire and we cooked damper on sticks. Mrs Cook ran games of Spotlight and Kick the Bucket, where tactics included hiding in bushes and even swapping jumpers so we wouldn't be recognised.

On our final morning, we packed up and hit the road to explore more of the park, visiting Ethel's Wreck, the lighthouse and Dolphin Bay. Dolphin Bay was our favourite by far. The sand was soft and the beach was so pretty, with aqua, glistening water. The rocks topped off the picture-perfect beach. After a stop in Minlaton for lunch, it was time to head home.

The trip was fun and enjoyable. We would have liked more sleep, but that's just what happens on camps!



Mentoring

This term, students involved in our mentoring program have enjoyed a variety of hands-on activities designed to build confidence, resilience, persistence and positive social skills.

From planting seeds and watching our seedlings grow, to caring for our chickens, tending to the compost and baking cupcakes, students have had many opportunities to learn, create and work together. Construction activities such as playdough, Lego, marble runs and 4D puzzles have encouraged creativity, persistence and problem-solving, while scavenger hunts, breathwork and mindful movement have supported the development of self-regulation, resilience and teamwork.

Through these experiences, students have been encouraged to have a go, persevere when things are challenging, support one another and celebrate their successes. Most importantly, students have had fun whilst building positive connections.



Gerald the Goose – Year 1

Gerald has been one busy goose lately!

He hit the water paddleboarding with Linc, enjoyed some ice cream with Beau, headed off on a family adventure to Gumeracha with Harley, and helped Paige celebrate her birthday weekend in style!

These adventures mark a pretty special milestone for Gerald, as he has now spent a Goosey Weekend with every member of our class. From farms and family trips to birthday parties, motorbikes, holidays, ice creams and everything in between, Gerald has made some very special memories with our Year 1 families. While his weekend roster might be complete for now, I'm sure this silly goose still has plenty more adventures ahead!





For all who seek.

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School Holiday Hours

Monday
8:30am–3:30pm

Tuesday
8:30am–3:30pm

Wednesday
8:30am–3:30pm

Thursday
8:30am–3:30pm

Friday
8:30am–11:30am

Saturday & Sunday
Closed

Public Holidays
Closed

Bounce, Rhyme & Storytime
Wednesdays 10:30–11:30am
(During the school term)

Lego Club
Tuesdays 3:00–4:30pm

Ardrossan Area School Community Library

The 2026 Premier's Reading Challenge has closed.

Congratulations to all students who completed the challenge. Well done to the following students who returned their form before Book Week and were able to choose a book prize.

PREMIER'S READING Challenge



Science Week seems like a long time ago, but here are a few pics that didn't quite make the last newsletter. The new Lego Education - Computer Science kits were a hit.



Return your
library books.
We need
them back
MEOW!

We kindly request that books be returned before the holidays please. We have some give away books which students are welcome to choose from when they return their books. Thanks.



Where are they now?

Calvin Perrie – Class of 2022

What and where are you studying/employed?

I am currently studying a Bachelor of Secondary Teaching at Adelaide University, focusing on the subject areas of maths and digital technology.

Did you always plan this pathway? Are you enjoying the course/employment?

I did not initially plan this pathway. I started studying engineering but quickly realised I wasn't enjoying it and could not see myself pursuing it as a career. I took some time to reconsider my options and realised I wanted to pursue something where I could help others. I'm finding the course enjoyable and rewarding, as it is teaching me strategies that can help me make a positive impact on young people and the community.

What are your career plans in the future?

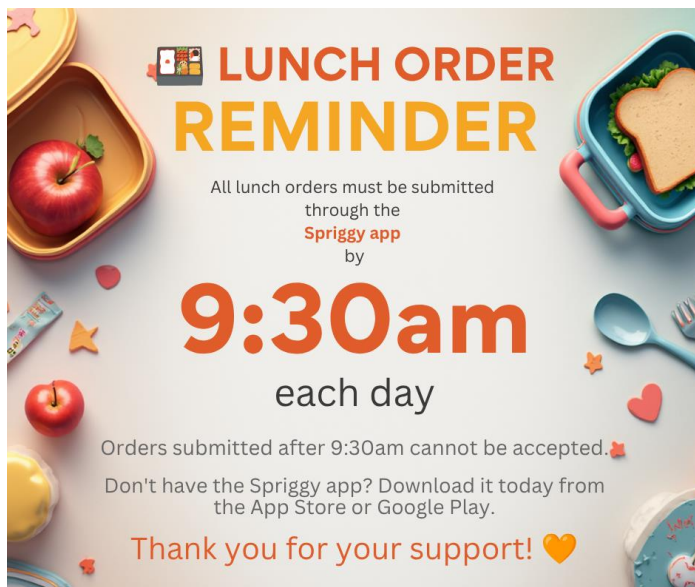
I'm hoping to complete my degree in the next couple of years and begin teaching, potentially in a rural town. Having grown up in a small country town, I would love the opportunity to give back in a similar setting.

A comment reflecting on your time at AAS?

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Ardrossan Area School. It was a great place to grow up, and I made many lifelong memories and friendships there. I'm grateful for the support and encouragement I received from my teachers throughout my schooling. They helped to shape who I am, and many of them inspired the kind of teacher I hope to become one day.



Community News



2026 Calendar Dates

15 Oct	RAP Year 10-12
19-21 Oct	3-6 Camp
20 Oct	Transition Parent Meeting @2pm
21 Oct	Music Performance @ CYS
	Certificate II Graduation
28 Oct	Kindy Transition
30 Oct	Year 12 Breakfast
	Year 12 Farewell Assembly 9.30am
	Last day Year 12's
3 Nov	Gym Jams Reception
4 Nov	YP Showcase Maitland Town Hall
	Kindy Transition
	Newsletter Publication
5 Nov	China Tour Departs
9 Nov	Future Anything Grand Final
10 Nov	Gym Jams
	Governing Council/Finance meeting
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
	Kindy Transition
	3-9 Markets 12 to 2pm
13 Nov	R-6 School assembly hosted by Yr 3/4
	Year 12 Graduation Dinner
18 Nov	Kindy Transition
24 Nov	Year 11 last day
	Step Up – Transition Day
25-26 Nov	R-6 Swimming
1 Dec	Brighton Secondary Music Tour
3 Dec	Award Ceremony 9.30am
	Performance Evening 5pm
4 Dec	Student Free Day

AFC & ANC JUNIOR PRESENTATIONS

24TH SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 5PM
5:30 start

@ARDROSSAN COMMUNITY CLUB

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH FROM 2PM

AFC @2:30PM

ANC @3PM

AFC & ANC AGM

ARDROSSAN FOOTBALL CLUB
CANTEEN AREA

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR CLUBS. MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.

2026 Ardrossan childcare survey

SURVEY EXTENDED TO 31 OCTOBER 2026!

Even if you have already completed the survey,
your voice matters. Please take a moment to complete it.



Join the local Hot Shots Program for kids aged 5+



6 WEEK PROGRAM | 45 MINUTE SESSIONS | \$50

THURSDAYS | Oct 15th, 22nd & 29th and Nov 5th, 12 & 19th

TIME: 3:30PM - 4:15PM

ARTHURTON TENNIS CLUB

BEGINNERS WELCOME!



REGISTER TODAY





JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED!

AGED 8-16

PLAY. LEARN. GROW.
FUN FOR LIFE!



Maitland Tennis Club is looking for junior players aged 8-16 to come and enjoy the game of tennis!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Everyone welcome – just bring your smile and enthusiasm!

WHAT YOU'LL GET:

- ✓ Fun, friendly and inclusive environment
- ✓ Opportunities to play in competitions and events
- ✓ Make new friends and be part of a great club community!

GIVE TENNIS A TRY!

Come along, give it a go and see why tennis is loved for life!

WHERE
Maitland Tennis Club, Rogers Terrace, MAITLAND SA

WHEN
Training sessions held 5:30pm Thursdays. Games played Saturday mornings.

INTERESTED?
Contact Georgie
0439 808 779

MAITLAND TENNIS CLUB | A GREAT PLACE TO PLAY!



FRIENDS OF OSPREY

YORKE PENINSULA

VOLUNTEER MEETING



Join us as we work together to protect and support osprey across the Yorke Peninsula.

DATE
Wednesday
30th September 2026

TIME
4:00pm – 6:00pm

VENUE
5570 Collective
5 Fowler Terrace,
Price SA 5570





DRINKS AND

MINLAGAWI NATURE FESTIVAL

- ✿ Nharangga Face Paint
- ✿ Nharangga Craft
- ✿ Cubby Building
- ✿ Earth Drums
- ✿ Nature Art and Craft
- ✿ And so much more!

When: Thursday October 8 (10am-1pm)

Where: Minlagawi Gum Flat (Old Port Vincent Rd & Gum Flat Rd, Minlaton SA 5575)



Registrations now open

Proudly supported by Nharangga Aboriginal Progress Association and Yorke Peninsula Council.

