Newsletter

Respect. Creativity. Excellence. **Wednesday 4 November**

Farewell Year 12s



We wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.
May the next chapter bring you success, happiness, and endless opportunities.

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Principal's news

It is hard to believe we are already at the midpoint of Term 4. It has been a busy start to the term, with many exciting things happening around the school as we approach the end of what has been a very successful year for AAS.

New enrolments

Welcome to Gracie, Rory and Noah, who joined us this week. We look forward to you and your families being part of our school community.

Year 12 Students

It was wonderful to celebrate the end of Year 12 with Ashlee, Mikayla, Mikaylah, Seb, Angus and Eliza along with their families, at the Year 12 Breakfast and Farewell Assembly on Friday. The students are currently undertaking exams and finalising assignments this week.

We look forward to the Year 12 Graduation Dinner on Friday 13 November, as well as further recognising our Year 12 students at the 2026 AAS Award Ceremony on 3 December. Year 12 results will be released by the SACE Board on Monday 14 December.

Future Anything Grand Final

As our school community would be aware, we have been working with Future Anything and Nicole Dyson, the founder and CEO of Future Anything, over the past few years, as their work aligns closely with our focus on developing capabilities.

We are very proud to share that out of the 700 teams from across Australia who applied for this year's national finals, just 38 made it through to the 2026 Future Anything Challenge Grand Final - and two of them are from Ardrossan Area School.

This follows our success last year with Never in the Rough (Overall Runner-up team) and Bottle Top Dojo Congratulations to - **Nature Protectors YP – Year 3 students, Caitlyn and Addison.** Their innovation is bird feeders built from locally sourced recycled materials to help endangered native birds, and to our Year 10 team, **The Gifts Of Nature – Isabelle, Penni, Eli and Matthew** who turn unused and discarded fruit into snacks and gifts, cutting food waste.

We are also very excited to announce that Ardrossan Area School is a finalist in the **Team of the Year Awards.** The Team of the Year Award honours schools whose collective efforts embed innovation and entrepreneurship into their school communities. It is a wonderful acknowledgment of the work which is taking place at AAS.

The Grand Final will be held Monday 9 November at the Thomas Dixon Centre in West End, Brisbane. The students will be traveling to Brisbane with the teachers who have supported their ideas: Mrs Oliva Clifford, Mr Chris Carroll and Mrs Amy East.

If you would like to support our teams, livestream tickets for families, staff and students are free and available at https://events.humanitix.com/2026-future-anything-challenge-grand-final

AAS Market Day

This year, we have participated in two Future Anything Challenge streams. The Year 3-6 students have been working with the Market Boss program, and the Year 7-9 students with the Side Hustle program. To showcase the learning which has occurred through the programs, we are excited for our Market Day on Wednesday 11 November between 12noon and 2pm. We warmly invite our school community to attend the Market and maybe make a few purchases. Please see further information in this newsletter.

China STEAM tour

We have very excited to have five of our Year 11 students participating in the China STEAM Study Tour, which has been coordinated by Central Yorke School. Aleisha, Archie, Mark, Lily and Macey will be heading off this Friday for what promises to be a wonderful educational and cultural experience. Students from across the four SYP Area Schools - Central Yorke School, Minlaton District School, Yorketown Area school and AAS – are participating. This is another fantastic example of how our schools are working together to provide opportunities for our students.

A big thank you to Ms Jaynelle LeFeuvre and Mr Oscar Tan, who are the lead teachers, and to everyone supporting the opportunity. The 14-day tour, coordinated by CBT holidays, will include visits to **Beijing, Xi'an, Hangzhou and Shanghai.** We look forward to following their travels and hearing all about the experience when they return.

2027 Staffing news

We look forward to welcoming two new teaching staff to our AAS team in 2027.

Ms Chelsea Webber will be teaching Secondary Mathematics, and Mr Cooper Henwood will join our Primary team. Chelsea has previously worked in Area Schools, and is currently teaching at Cowell Area School. Cooper has recently moved to our community, and you may have seen him around the school on some relief days.

Both Chelsea and Cooper will be at AAS for our 2027 Step-Up Day.

2027 Step Up (Transition) Day

Our 2027 Step up Day will be held on Tuesday 24 November. This day gives students the opportunity to experience their 2027 year level. It is a valuable experience for all students and supports both our Reception transition to school program and our Year 6 transition to middle school program.

YP Combined Schools Showcase Concert and Music at AAS

Congratulations to everyone involved in the YP Music Program. The 2027 Showcase Concert will be held this evening, Wednesday 4 November, commencing at 6.30pm at the McKnight Theatre, Maitland Town Hall.

I extend my gratitude to Mrs Debbie Schwartz for her ongoing dedication to both the YP Concert Band, and the Instrumental Music program at AAS.

Congratulations to our AAS students who will be performing this evening: Isabelle, Molly, Summer, Archie, Oscar, Aiden, Cooper, Eli, Evie, Nicos and Indie.

Enrolments for the 2027 IMS programme are still open. If your child is interest in learning to play a woodwind instrument, please contact the Front Office.

Next year, Music will continue as a specialist subject in our Primary section.

End of year events – Save the dates

We look forward to celebrating the 2026 school year with our community at the **AAS Awards Ceremony and Performance Evening** on **Thursday 3 December**.

The final **Student Free Day** for the year will be on **Friday 4 December**. On this day, staff will be finalising the 2027 Site Learning Plan.

Kind regards, Margaret



Amy East

Deputy Principal

We are now well in to Term 4 and there is plenty to celebrate and look forward to across our school community.

I would like to start by wishing all our instrumental music students the very best for their YP Showcase tonight. I hope they enjoy the opportunity to share their hard work, dedication and musical talents with family, friends and the wider school community.

As a school we are delighted to welcome our incoming 2027 Reception students who are commencing their half-day and full-day transition visits. These visits are an important part of our transition program, providing children with opportunities to become familiar with their new learning environment, build relationships with staff and students and develop confidence as they prepare to officially commence school in Term 1 2027. We look forward to getting to know our newest learners and their families more over the coming weeks.

It is a very exciting time at AAS with our Year 10 students, Isabelle, Penni, Eli and Matthew, and our Year 3 students, Caitlyn and Addison heading to Brisbane on Monday for the Future Anything Showcase Grand Final. The teams have been working incredibly hard to develop, refine and prepare their ideas for this national event, and we are so proud of their efforts and commitment. We wish them all the best for Brisbane and look forward to sharing about their time when they return.



Adding to the excitement, our site has also been nominated for the Future Anything Team of the Year Award. This nomination is a wonderful recognition of the work we have undertaken with Future Anything, alongside the broader work of our school community, over the past three years. It is a testament to the creativity, collaboration, innovation and commitment of our students and staff. We are incredibly proud to be recognised and look forward to celebrating this achievement at the national event.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to our Year 12 students, Mikayla, Mikaylah, Eliza, Angus, Seb and Ashlee, who have officially completed their final scheduled classes. We enjoyed celebrating this significant milestone with them on Friday with an assembly and whole school arch. Over the coming days, these students will continue to work to complete to their final school assessments and examinations. We wish each of them every success as they take these final steps towards completing their secondary schooling. There are still some wonderful opportunities ahead to celebrate our Year 12 students, and we look forward to sharing in these special occasions at their Graduation Dinner on Friday the 13th and our Awards Ceremony on Thursday, December 3rd**.**

Our Student Leadership Group has also been working collaboratively and enthusiastically behind the scenes to organise an exciting Colour Run event in Week 9 for all students. The group has been busy mapping out the course, sourcing equipment and working through the many details involved in bringing this event together. We look forward to seeing their hard work come to life and providing a fun opportunity for our whole school community.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our Whole School Step Up Day on Tuesday, November 24th. This is a valuable transition opportunity for all students to experience their classes and learning environments for 2027, helping them build confidence, establish connections and become familiar with the next stage of their learning journey. Step Up Day is an important part of our strong whole-school transition program.

Alongside our incoming Reception transition visits, our Year 6 students are also continuing their preparation for the move into secondary schooling. Over the past few weeks, and continuing into the coming weeks, our Year 6 students will participate in combined learning experiences and classes with our Year 7/8 students. These opportunities support students to become familiar with secondary learning expectations, develop new relationships and build confidence as they prepare to commence secondary school in 2027.

We are also looking forward to celebrating a significant milestone for our Year 6 students with their Year 6 Graduation Lunch on Thursday, December 3rd. This will be a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the completion of their primary school years before they embark on their next exciting chapter of commencing high school in 2027. Invitations will be shared with parents and caregivers for this special celebration, and we look forward to having families join us in recognising this important achievement.

It is wonderful to see so many exciting opportunities, achievements and milestones taking place across our school. We look forward to celebrating these moments with our students, staff and families as we continue to finish the year on a positive note!

Many thanks,
Amy East

Jason Clifford



7-12 Leader

It has been a busy few weeks across the secondary school, with plenty happening both in and out of the classroom as we head towards the end of the year.
Our Year 10–12 students attended the RAP presentation, an opportunity to reflect on the choices they make and the importance of looking after themselves and others. These experiences provide valuable learning beyond our usual classroom programs.

We also celebrated our Year 12 students at their farewell breakfast and assembly. It was a chance to share a few memories, enjoy breakfast together and recognise their contribution to Ardrossan Area School. We wish them all the best as they complete their remaining assessments and take the next steps beyond school.

Youth Opportunities is another exciting opportunity for our Year 9 students, supporting them to build confidence, set goals and develop skills they can use at school and in everyday life. Last week they had a full day's experience with Pasha heading into their Term long program in 2027.
Through Sporting Schools funding, students are also getting the chance to try gymnastics and table tennis. It is always good to offer something different, get students moving and perhaps uncover a few hidden talents along the way!

Coming up, we have fishing with RecFish to look forward to. Students will have the opportunity to develop their fishing knowledge and practical skills before putting them to the test. Hopefully, the fish are willing to participate too!

A reminder to families that the final school day for Year 11 students is **24th November** while Year 10 students finish on 3rd of December. We encourage everyone to make the most of the remaining weeks, stay on top of their work and finish the year well.

Regards,
Jason Clifford



Certificate II Resources and Infrastructure

On Wednesday 21st October we held the Celebration Ceremony for the Certificate II Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation students for 2026. Congratulations to Jack, Curtis, Ace and Seb on graduating from this year's class. We are thrilled for you and your achievements and hope this qualification helps set you on your future pathway.



As a school we are extremely proud to be able to offer this course locally on the Yorke Peninsula in partnership with TAFE SA through the Yorke Peninsula Schools Alliance (YPSA) as one of the Flexible Industry Pathways (FIPs) available to our young people.

Thankyou to John (TAFE lecturer) for your strong guidance, patience and passion in your delivery of this course. Also thankyou to Cherie Beech, Pathways Advisor for her support and guidance in helping make these opportunities happen.



Thankyou to Rex Minerals for their continuing support through the provision of PPE gear, Immersion days, school visits and site visits. Thanks also to Cheetham Salt and SIMEC for allowing site visits also which helps to make the course as authentic as possible.

We are grateful for the collaboration between all Yorke Peninsula Schools for their collaboration which makes these opportunities possible.



If you or a student you know would be interested in completing a course like this please get in touch with Ardrossan Area School.

Week 10, Term 3 Merit Cards

Reception

Sarina Kandel *- for consistent effort in class, dedication to her work, and for always being a kind and caring classmate.*
Aleira Glover *- for excellent effort and progress in reading and developing her tricky word knowledge.*

Year 1

Harley Barty-Gatty *-for showing wonderful growth in his participation in learning, confidently communicating when he needs a break and making positive choices when supported with feedback.*
Rhyder Peterson *- for demonstrating resilience and a positive attitude when faced with challenging tasks, approaching his learning with persistence and always with a smile.*

Year 2

Amanda Peralta-Hinojosa *- for consistently putting effort into her phonics and handwriting lessons.*
Hudson Hodge *- for effort with his handwriting and showing greater independence with self-correcting his work.*

Year 3/4

Addison Glover *- for excelling in Location and Transformation and confidently applying her mathematical thinking to challenging tasks.*
Shayla Eastley *- for outstanding reading of informational texts and confidently sharing her understanding during Guided Reading.*
Phoebe Mullins *- for shining in Big Ideas in Number and demonstrating excellent place value thinking and strategies.*

Year 5/6

Cooper Hicks *– for consistently showing kindness and respect, and for being a caring friend and valued member of our class.*
Cameron Stone *- for consistently working hard in class and showing a positive attitude towards his learning.*
Noah Thompson *– for consistently trying his best, persevering through challenges, and showing determination through all areas of his learning.*



Week 10, Term 3 GEM Certificates

Reception

Tate Lodge *- GEM Mindfulness – for showing mindfulness by taking opportunities to reflect and make positive choices in the classroom.*

Anakin Glazbrook *- GEM Gratitude – for showing gratitude by always being excited and appreciative of the opportunities given to him.*

Year 1

Christopher Reynolds - *GEM Empathy – for consistently demonstrating kindness, empathy and respect towards others, offering support to those around him and setting a wonderful example by always striving to meet classroom expectations.*

Lincoln Jen *- GEM Mindfulness – for developing strong and positive relationships with peers, showing kindness and cooperation during class activities and building resilience by persisting with school tasks even when they feel challenging.*

Hallie Oster *- GEM Mindfulness – for showing growing bravery and resilience, approaching each day with courage and demonstrating kindness and care towards those around her.*

Year 2

Luna Kennedy *- GEM Mindfulness – for showing resilience in her morning routines and building confidence in all areas of her learning.*

Harriett Rowntree *- GEM Mindfulness – for building her confidence and demonstrating resilience in her phonics and spelling lessons through increased participation and positive 'give-it-a-go' mindset.*

Year 3/4

Spenser Clark *- GEM Empathy – for leading with kindness, lifting others up and making our classroom a great place to be.*

Grayson Shailer *- GEM Gratitude – for showing a generous spirit through sharing with others and appreciating the joy of giving.*

Eddy Ruciack *- GEM Empathy – for having the courage to be an honest upstander and doing what is right, even when it isn't easy.*

Year 5/6

Oscar Cheyne *- GEM Empathy - for consistently showing kindness, respect and care towards other in all areas of school life.*

Angel Pavlou *– GEM Mindfulness – for always demonstrating a calm, kind and thoughtful approach to her learning, friendships, and interactions with others.*

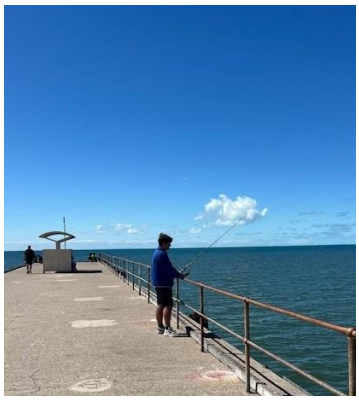


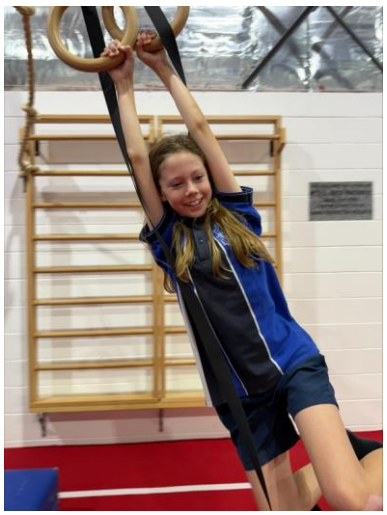

CLASS OF
2026
Wishing You All the Best

Highlights

Outdoor Education

Our Stage 1 Outdoor Education students – Vada, Buya, Jacob, Noah, Mark, Archie, Ace and Curtis – have been putting their activity planning and preparation into practice with fishing sessions at Ardrossan Jetty. Students have developed practical fishing skills, worked as a team and reflected on their successes and what could be improved for each session. We are hoping to fit in one final trip, weather permitting, as we bring Outdoor Education to a close for the year!







Variety Games

A selection of Ardrossan Area School students recently attended the School Sport SA Variety Games regional event at the Copper Coast Sport & Leisure Centre in Kadina. Students enjoyed participating in a range of activities including boccia, gymnastics and basketball. It was a wonderful day of teamwork, inclusion and encouragement, with students showing great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the event.

R-6 Gymnastics

Tri - Skills GYMNASTICS Sessions with Megan!
As part of this 4-week unit, R-6 students will develop control, confidence and creativity through the GYM-steps program!







Kindy Transition

It is exciting to welcome our 2027 school starters to our school this week as they take their first steps on their learning journey with us.

We can't wait to see them start school in 2027 and watch them learn, grow and shine as part of our school community!



Class of 2026



NOW AND NEXT: YEAR 12 JOURNEY AND BEYOND

ASHLEE CLIFFORD





A little about me: I love the beach and spending time with those I love, as well as baking.

Subjects Studied: Food and Hospitality, English, Community Studies, and Essential maths.

Post-school Aspirations: : I will be taking a gap year working, and then hopefully look into going into a trade of some sort.

Favourite memory of AAS: There has been so many mmories made in the last 13 years so it's hard to pick one, but I think in reception when we used to throw our beanie boos over the power cable with them sometimes going on the roof would definitely have to be a highlight.

Something you are grateful for from your time at school: Growing up and around the same people since kindy, watching the people that I am the close to change and grow into the people they are today.

Advice to future Yr 12 Students: Don't leave all your work until the last few weeks, try to complete tasks when you get them so you aren't stressed as the end. But also most of all have as much fun as you can and try not to stress so much.

NOW AND NEXT: YEAR 12 JOURNEY AND BEYOND

MIKAYLA DAYMAN





A little about me: I love going on walks, learning new things and spending time with friends and family.

Subjects Studied: : Chemistry, Physics, English and General Maths

Post-school Aspirations: I'm hoping to go to university in Adelaide next year to study a bachelor of Medical Radiation Science, majoring in Radiation Therapy.

Favourite memory of AAS: Filming vlogs in Year 9 and 10 Science with the girls, all dressed up in our goggles and lab coats.

Something you are grateful for from your time at school: I was lucky enough to go all the way through my schooling with the same people. Being part of a small, close-knit class meant watching everyone grow and change as people. I'm also grateful for the support from my teachers and the opportunities I've been given throughout my time at AAS.

Advice to future Yr 12 Students: Choose subjects you enjoy and are interested in, because it makes the year so much more enjoyable. Don't put too much pressure on yourself and make sure you enjoy the time you have with your friends.



NOW AND NEXT: YEAR 12 JOURNEY AND BEYOND

MIKAYLAH ELSWORTHY





A little about me: I love listening to music, playing guitar, painting, and enjoy my own space but love making memories with people who are important to me.

Subjects Studied: : Visual Art, Nutrition, English, Food and Hospitality.

Post-school Aspirations: I'm excited to enjoy life without the stress of school, spend more time with the people I love, and have more opportunities to pursue my interests in art and music. I plan to take more time to figure out what I want for my future and hope to have a career in something I enjoy so work never feels like work.

Favourite memory of AAS: My favourite memories at AAS were exploring the Adelaide central markets during the Food and Hospitality Camp, selling my second prize artwork from a local exhibition, and finishing Maths.

Something you are grateful for from your time at school: Having the freedom to pursue something I really enjoy in Visual Art, directed by a supportive teacher who genuinely cared about my success, and building lifelong friendships.

Advice to future Yr 12 Students: Choose subjects you enjoy and try your best, but remember that school is only a small part of your life. Use the year to discover what matters to you and what makes you happy.

NOW AND NEXT: YEAR 12 JOURNEY AND BEYOND

SEB GORDON





A little about me: I am interested in anything hands-on, enjoy driving around for fun, and staying active is important to me.

Subjects Studied: : General Maths, P.E, Food and Hospitality, Nutrition.

Post-school Aspirations: Work, buy a house, and stay in touch with my mates.

Favourite memory of AAS: Playing Basketball at lunch with the lads.

Advice to future Yr 12 Students: Manage your time well and don't overcomplicate things.



NOW AND NEXT: YEAR 12 JOURNEY AND BEYOND

ANGUS INGRAM



A little about me: I love everything about fitness. Running, cycling, gym, football, and any other sports.

Subjects Studied: PE, Nutrition, Food and Hospitality and Maths.

Post-school Aspirations: Electrical Apprenticeship and Personal Training course.

Favourite memory of AAS: Basketball at recess and lunch.

Something you are grateful for from your time at school: The connections I have built across the different schools I have been to.

Advice to future Yr 12 Students: Year 12 is better than Year 11 because you get more study lessons to work on major assignments.

NOW AND NEXT: YEAR 12 JOURNEY AND BEYOND

ELIZA WHITTAKER



A little about me: I love the beach, animals, travelling and being outdoors. I spend a lot of my time reading books and listening to music.

Subjects Studied: Biology, Essential Maths, Earth & Environmental Science and General English.

Post-school Aspirations: I plan to take a gap year before pursuing a Bachelor of Science majoring in Marine and Wildlife Conservation at Adelaide University.

Favourite memory of AAS: My favourite memory would be going on school camps where I created memorable moments and shared many laughs with friends.

Something you are grateful for from your time at school: I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn and expand my knowledge in areas of interest. I'm also very grateful to have been surrounded by such respectful, friendly and academically driven classmates.

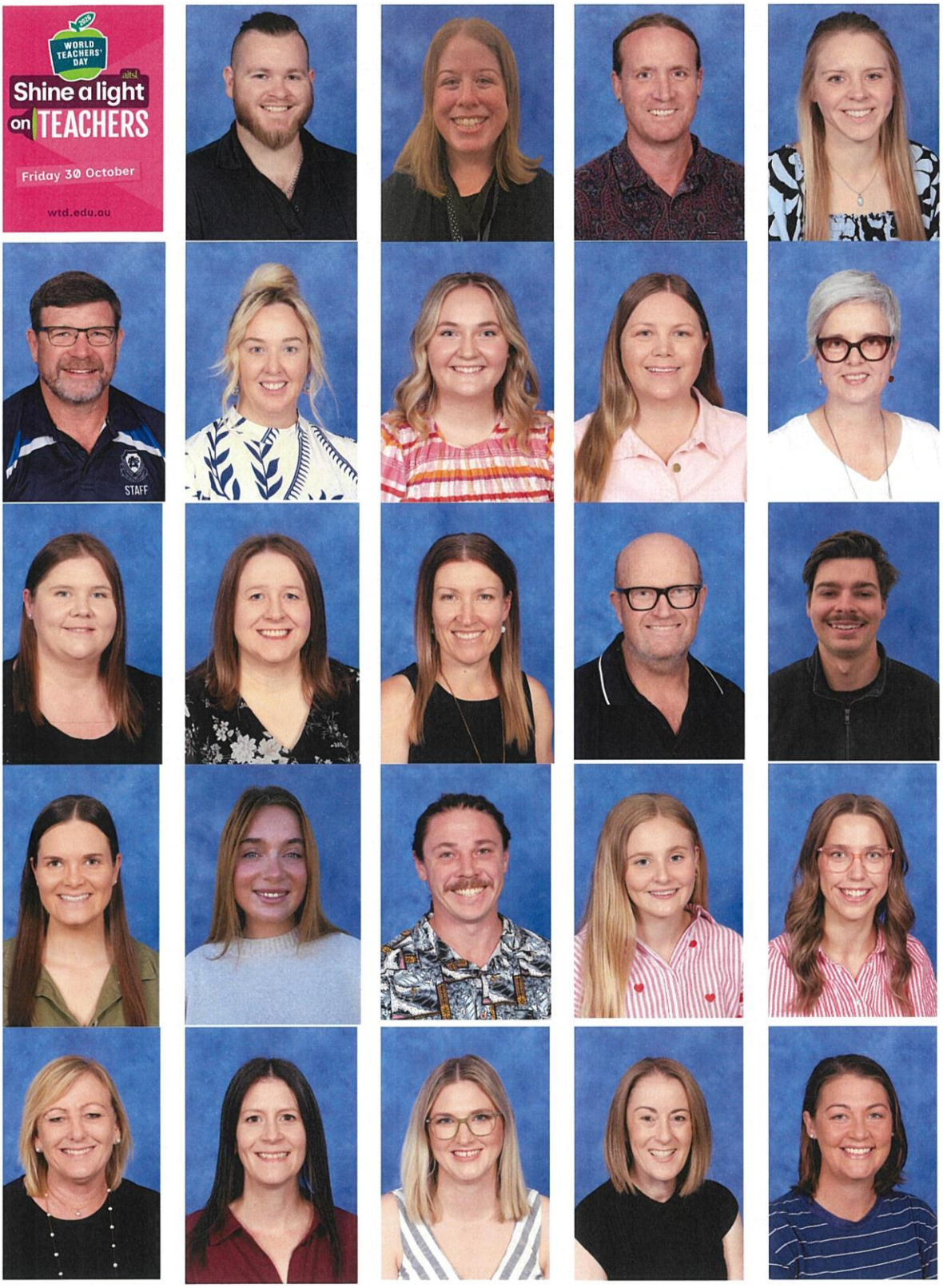
Advice to future Yr 12 Students: Work hard and give your very best in every assignment and test. You're only in Year 12 once, so have fun, make the most of it and give your absolute all. A friend of discipline is an enemy to idleness.

On Friday 30 October, we celebrated our teachers who inspire, support and empower our children and young people every single day.

From lightbulb moments to helping someone find their way, teachers make a difference in ways both big and small. This World Teachers' Day, we are shining a spotlight on their incredible impact.

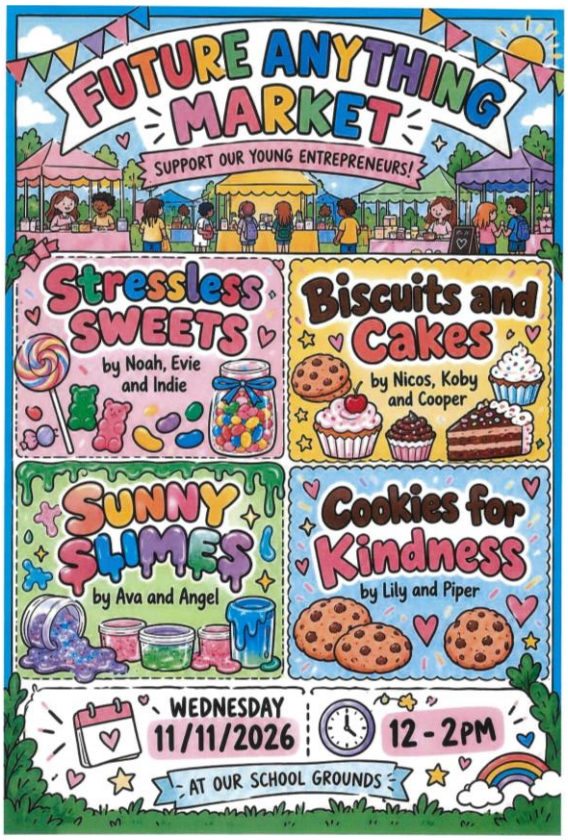
A big thank you to all of our AAS teachers this World Teachers' Day!

We celebrate and appreciate everything you do.



Future Anything Markets
11 November 12-2pm

Cash only











Where are they now?

Bianca Holdsworth – Class of 2019

What and where are you studying/employed?

I recently completed my Diploma of Early Childhood Education through ELC Training, and at the start of this year I was promoted to WAWI (Baby Room) Team Leader at Maitland Family Centre.

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

I've always been passionate about supporting children's learning and development. When I left school, my goal was to pursue a career in education and eventually become a teacher. Life had other plans for a little while, and I explored different opportunities in dental assisting and administration before finding my way back to what I truly love—early childhood education. I genuinely love the path I'm on now and feel lucky to do something I'm so passionate about every day. Stepping into a Team Leader role has been an exciting milestone, and I'm looking forward to seeing where this career takes me, with the hope of continuing my studies and growing even further in the education sector.

What are your career plans in the future?

For now, I'm enjoying building my experience and skills in early childhood education and embracing the opportunities that come with my Team Leader role. Eventually, I'd love to continue my studies and transition into teaching, where I can keep making a positive impact on children's learning and development, or even help with the development of assisting Ardrossan with a care program to support local families more.

A comment reflecting on your time at AAS?

My time at Ardrossan Area School was incredibly valuable, and I still have close friendships with many of the people I went to school with. Growing up and attending school in a small town made the transition into adulthood and the workforce much easier, with a strong sense of community and support always around me. No matter which career path I explored, it was comforting to bump into or hear from, teachers who were genuinely interested in how I was going and willing to offer guidance and encouragement. Those connections and experiences have played an important role in shaping the person I am today.



2026 Christmas Pageant passes

The school has obtained some passes to the 2026 Christmas Pageant Community Site (Wakefield Street). These are available to our school families and can be collected from the Front Office. Everyone will require a wristband except children aged 3 years and under.

The Christmas Pageant is Saturday 14th November

Community News

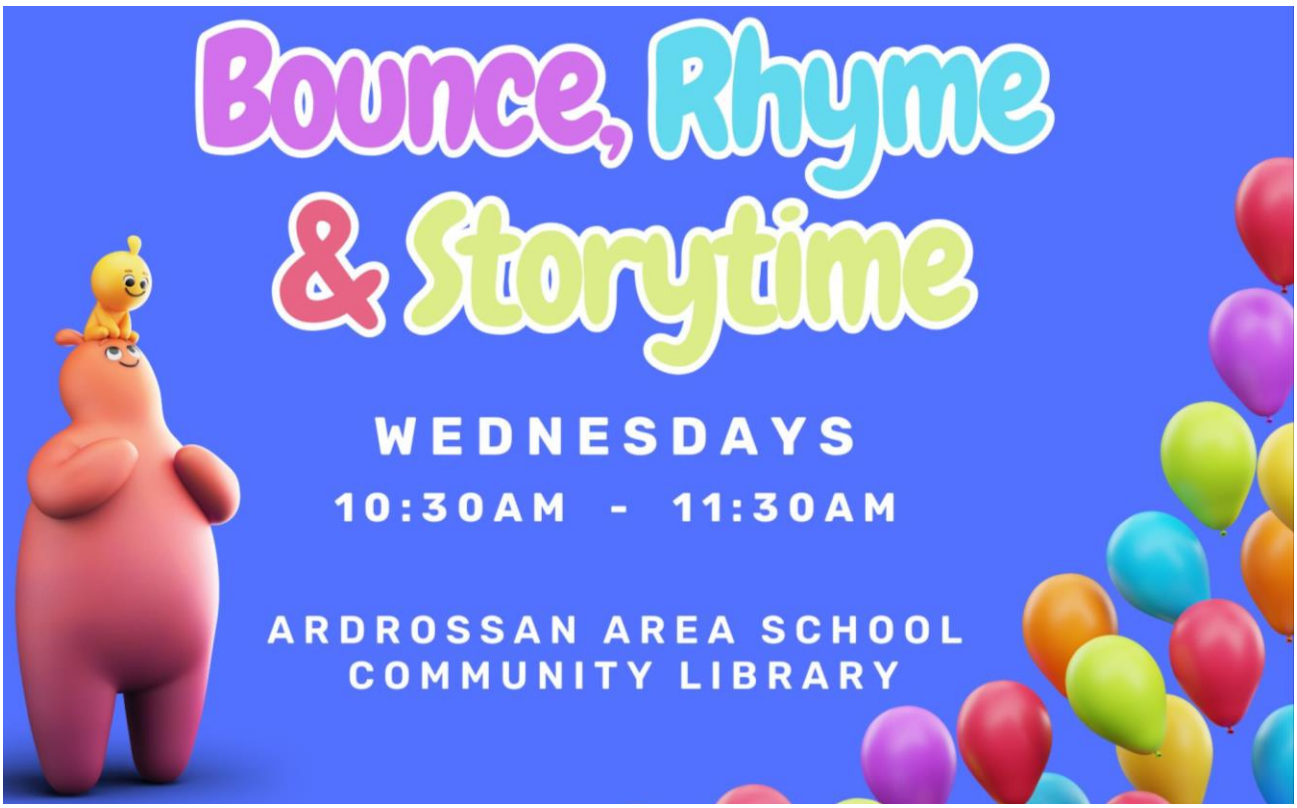




2026 Calendar Dates

5 Nov	9am Physics examination
6 Nov	China Tour Departs
	9am Biology examination
	Essential Mathematics examination
9 Nov	Future Anything Grand Final Brisbane
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
	Music Tour
24 Nov	Year 11 last day
	Step Up – Transition Day
25-27 Nov	R-5 Swimming
1 Dec	Brighton Secondary Music Tour
3 Dec	Award Ceremony 9.30am
	Year 6 Graduation lunch
	Performance Evening 5pm
	Year 10 last day
4 Dec	Student Free Day
8 Dec	Governing Council dinner
9 Dec	Newsletter Publication
10 Dec	R-11 Semester 2 Reports available on Daymap from 2.30pm
11 Dec	Whole School Assembly hosted by SLG 1.40pm
	Early Dismissal 2pm


SAVE THE DATE
Award
CEREMONY
DEC 3 | 9:30AM
SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
Performance
EVENING
DEC 3 | 5:00PM
NORTH YARD


Bounce, Rhyme
& Storytime
WEDNESDAYS
10:30AM - 11:30AM
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