



Ardlethan Central School

NEWSLETTER

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27 February 2025



Our school was bustling with activity last week as we hosted a fantastic RAP study day.
Thanks to the staff & parent helpers for all the organisation & catering

From the Principal...

Dear Families,

Mrs Lord and I have had the pleasure of travelling with the three students who are learning about trades at Temora TAFE this week. They have come back each day with new skills and a better understanding of the pathway options that they could be following post-secondary school. The work that has gone in behind the scenes to make this happen is yet another example of the great work that all the teaching and non-teaching staff do each week to ensure that no child is left behind. Between excursions, sporting events and travel between schools, staff have driven a collective distance of over 2000km this week. Thank you everyone who has left a little earlier in the day and come back a bit later to ensure that students get to where they need to be.

Mrs Sloan has had her sport hat well and truly fastened this past fortnight, she has led our school in a brilliant Swimming Carnival and is spending today at the Zone Swimming Carnival. I want to pass on my personal thanks for the work that has gone into these events.

Earlier this week we had senior students from all six of the RAP schools for their first study day. There was a great feeling in the school as students got to know each other and their teachers, who they sometimes only get to see online. Our P&C kept everyone well fed and this was appreciated by all involved.

In the newsletter is a reminder of the expectations around student use of mobile phones. The Department has strict guidelines in place to protect all members of the school community. The school decision to allow secondary students to keep phones in lockers switched off is one based on trust. Please speak to your children about this as we have had a number of cases where phones have been used in school. We would rather keep the locker system in place, but will change to a hand into the office system if we continue to have students make the wrong choices.

Finally, don't forget that breakfast is served daily. We are also happy to make a sandwich for those who need one at school. Students need only ask at the canteen and one will be made. If your child is worried about asking we are happy for a quick call to school in the morning and one will be placed in a school bag on the quiet.

Mrs Taylor

Ardlethan Central School P&C

ACS P&C GENERAL MEETING

Ardlethan Central School P&C will hold their next
General Meeting

on

Monday 17 March 2025
at 4:00pm in the school library

All welcome!



Student use of Mobile Phones in Schools Management Plan 2025

Rationale and Objectives

Ardlethan Central School supports the restrictions of mobile phones in accordance with the NSW Department of Education: Students' Use of Mobile Phones in Schools policy <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2023-0480> . Mobile phone use in schools can impact student learning and wellbeing. Restricting mobile phone use at school aims to increase focus in classrooms, remove distractions and promote positive social interaction, while reducing the potential for online bullying. **Ardlethan Central School** has strong teaching and learning practices to support students in the classroom using various forms of appropriate technology, which maximises the benefits and minimises the risks of digital environments and prepares students for life beyond school. We foster a safe learning environment which supports and enhances each child's social and emotional health through our wellbeing and learning support teams.

Ardlethan Central School has elected to use the following approach. **All mobile phones will be switched off and stored in lockers for the full school day, including recess and lunch.** This is an approved NSW Department of Education option and will limit unnecessary distractions and complement our ongoing approach to ensure every student maximises their learning and social growth in a safe and supportive environment.

Exemptions

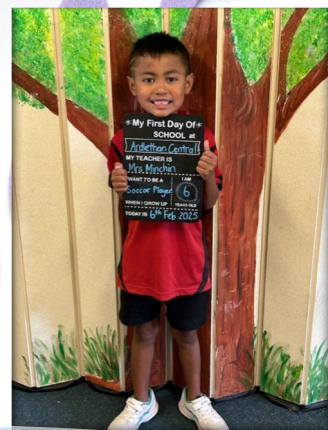
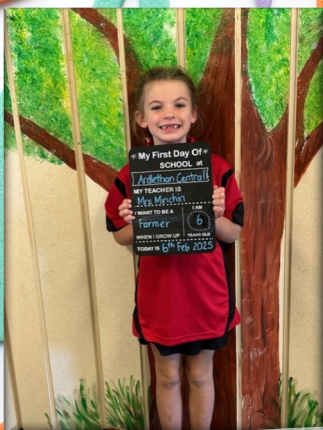
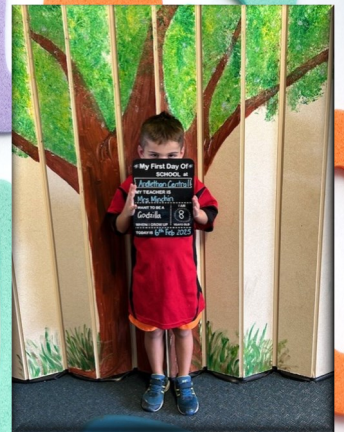
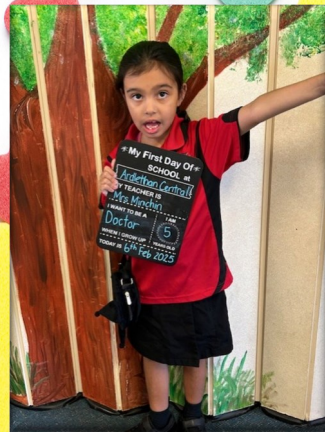
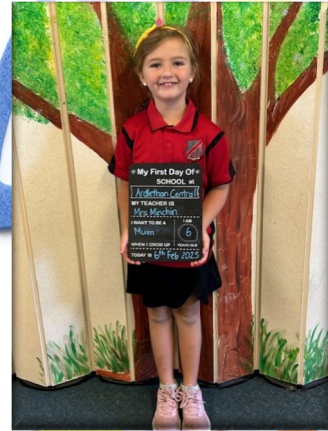
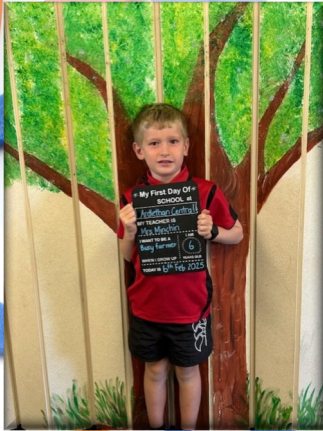
Ardlethan Central School understands there may be students who have a medical, wellbeing or learning need which will require them to access a mobile phone as defined in this plan. Please contact the school if this is the case and adjustments required can be discussed and planned for.

Contacting students

Ardlethan Central School understands there will always be emergencies when parents need to get in contact with students or vice versa during the school day. We try to keep this to a minimum, with the exception of emergencies, to avoid disturbing the students' learning. Parents and carers can make contact with the school through the school office on 6978 2046 and students will also be able to contact parents or carers through the school office if urgent.

Ardlethan Central School asks for all families to discuss this policy option with their children. Breach of the policy will result in the school contacting the family and alternate plans being enacted.

years one & two



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2025



Made for a Trade



All this week our Year 11 students Callum, Damon and Kaiden have been attending the **Made for a Trade** program at Temora TAFE.

The Made for a Trade program is designed to give students an opportunity to experience a variety of different trades to give them a better understanding of what each trade does. Through this experience it is expected that students will then pursue a trade pathway through an SBAT, VET in school in Year 11 and Year 12, or pursue a full-time apprenticeship.

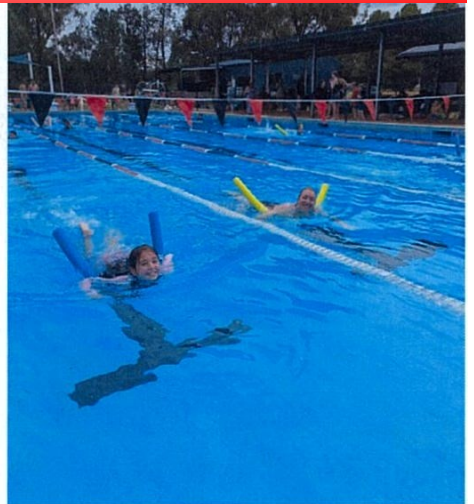
Callum, Damon and Kaiden have undertaken TAFE Trade Sessions on Carpentry, Electrical, Tiling, Welding and Plumbing over the course of the week.

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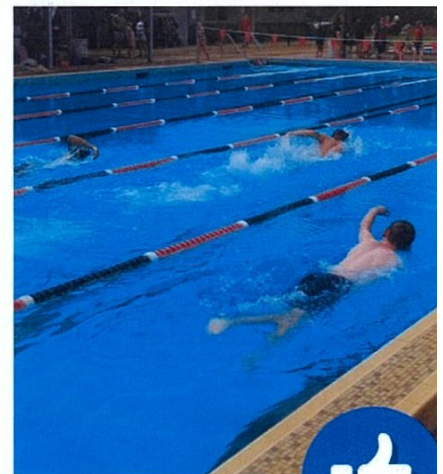
Cupcakes!





Thank you to Mrs Sloan for her fantastic organisation of our swimming carnival last Friday. Thanks also to the P&C for cooking the BBQ lunch and all parents who came to support the day. We were super impressed with the student participation and sportsmanship displayed.

Congratulations to our winning house, Warri!



For more photos visit our facebook page!



ACS Swimming Carnival 2025

On Friday 14 February 2025 ACS students attended the Ardlethan Central School Swimming Carnival.

All students who swam competed to the best of their ability and showed great sportsmanship. We saw good displays of team spirit and some students competed in every event possible. Infants enjoyed the novelty events in the little pool and showed their swimming skills in the infants 25m races. Primary and Secondary students also enjoyed the novelty races and the Student vs Teacher vs Parent race and relay.

Well done to everyone who participated and scored house and individual points.

A huge thank you to:

- all students who competed on the day;
- the ACS staff helping before, during and after the carnival;
- the P&C for organising and cooking the BBQ;
- Donna and Paul Horan for hosting us at the pool;
- parents and community members for supporting our students and those swimming in the races; and
- the wonderful volunteers who helped with timekeeping.

Without everyone who helped our carnival would not run smoothly.

Results

Warri won the House Championship—Warri 196 / Yithan 92

A huge congratulations to our Individual Winners:

		Winner	Runner Up
Primary	Infants Boys	Leo	
	Infants Girls	Isabella	-
	Junior Boys	Eric	Cooper
	Junior Girls	Sophie	Charlotte
	11 Year Boys	Harrison	Riley
	11 Year Girls	Camilla	Ella
	Senior Boys	-	-
	Senior Girls	Elise	Laylah
Secondary	Junior Boys	Jaxon	Eli
	Junior Girls	-	-
	Senior Boys	Damon	Callum
	Senior Girls	-	-

Best Dressed Winner

The best dressed team this year was Warri.

Good Luck to our Primary Students who are competing at the PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival in Arian Park this Friday!

Mrs Sloan

School Health—A Handy Reference Guide to Keep on the Fridge

At ACS we are committed to prioritising strong community health in partnership with families. We aim to minimise interruptions to learning caused by illness, while caring for the safety of our students, families and staff. **In general, a child should not come to school if they are sick.**

If your child is sick at home—Common ailments and what to do

Bronchitis

Cough is the main symptom of bronchitis, often dry at first, becoming moist after a couple of days. Other symptoms are a runny nose, sore throat and mild fever. Keep home from school until feeling better.

Conjunctivitis

The eye feels scratchy, is red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking. Keep home from school while there is discharge from the eye unless a doctor has diagnosed a non-infectious cause.

Diarrhoea

Two or more consecutive bowel motions that are looser and more frequent than normal and possibly stomach cramps. Keep home from school for 24 hours after diarrhoea has stopped.

Gastroenteritis

A combination of frequent loose or watery stools (diarrhoea), vomiting, fever, stomach cramps, headaches. Keep home from school until 24 hours after diarrhoea/vomiting stops.

Head lice or nits

Itchy scalp (sometimes), white specks stuck near the base of the hairs, lice may be found on the scalp. As long as head lice management is ongoing the child can attend school.

Impetigo (school sores)

Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted, usually on the face, hands or scalp. Keep home from school until one day after antibiotic treatment starts. Sores and blisters should be covered with watertight dressings until all blisters have dried up.

Influenza

Sudden onset fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches. Keep home from school until well.

Ringworm

Small scaly patch on the skin surrounded by a pink ring. Keep home from school for 24 hours after fungal treatment has begun.

Worms (threadworms, pinworms)

The main sign is an itchy bottom. Sometimes children feel 'out of sorts' and do not want to eat much. They may also have trouble sleeping, due to itching at night. They can come to school, but please treat and ensure careful hand washing.

In general

If your child displays any of the following symptoms they should stay at home and see a doctor: a fever of 38° or above; vomiting or diarrhoea; cough or respiratory symptoms; cold or flu symptoms; rashes of an unknown origin. If your child is too sick for school please let the school know by phone, email, SMS or written note as soon as possible.

If your child is sick at school

If your child gets sick or injured at school, the school will contact you. If your child is ill, they will go to sick bay where they can lie down and be monitored. You will be called to come and collect your child if they are too sick to go back to the classroom. For this reason it is important to keep your contact details up to date with the school, including an alternative contact—such as a relative or neighbour—who the school can call if you are unavailable.

The school will contact parents if an outbreak of any notifiable illness is known to have occurred amongst students.



School success starts with attendance

REMINDER:

- If **your child is absent** from school there is a requirement for you to **provide a reasonable explanation for the absence** within seven days. It is the Principal's discretion as to whether they deem an explanation as reasonable.

If an explanation is not received the students' absence will automatically be recorded as unjustified.

- Absences include late arrivals and early departures to and from school which also require an explanation.
- Absence notification methods that are acceptable are:** Verbal (telephone or in person), reply text to school Sentral, email or written note.
- If your child is absent because of illness for **more than three consecutive days** you will be required to provide a **medical certificate** with your absence notification.
- At times there may be a requirement for your children to be absent for **extended periods of time**. If this is the case you will need to

When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means, the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days each year	4 weeks each year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day each week	40 days each year	8 weeks each year	Over 2 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days each week	80 days each year	16 weeks each year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days each week	120 days each year	24 weeks each year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

School success starts with attendance



Parents/Carers, if your child catches a school bus please make sure they know to follow the School Bus Safety Rules:

Take your seat quickly, facing forward

Always wear your seatbelt

Stay seated when the bus is in motion

Keep the bus aisle clear

Speak quietly and be respectful

Listen to and obey the driver

Clean up after yourself

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government school 2026

If your child is transitioning to a school other than Ardlethan Central School for Year 7 in 2026 please phone the school on 6978 2046 to acquire an application form.

Spare Clothing

If you have any spare uniform clothing at home that your students have grown out of, please feel free to drop them into the school for the P&C second hand clothing pool.

All donations are appreciated and gratefully received.

Student Pick Up/Drop Off

If there is **ANY variation** to regular end of day transport arrangements for students **the School MUST be notified** by the parent or carer no later than 3:00pm.

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



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TRADING HOURS

Mon - Fri 8:30am - 5:30pm

Sat 8:30am - 12:00pm

Sun 9:00am - 11:00pm

Attention Community Advertisers: If you do not wish your articles/advertisements or name, phone number, etc to be published on the school website please contact the school by telephone or email.





NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 13TH MARCH
10:00am in the CWA Rooms

New Members Welcome!

Fees: \$10 Yearly \$5 Pensioners
\$150 Life Membership

All money raised stays in our town to help those affected by cancer.



CWA Pancake Day



Come and join us for Shrove Tuesday
on the **4th of March** and enjoy
All You Can Eat Pancakes for \$5

Where: CWA Rooms - 35 Warri St Ardllethan

When: 4th of March

Morning Session - 10am - Midday.

Afternoon Session - 4pm - 5pm

Contact Danielle for more info on 0432022904



Kids register free in February!*

Staff and families can organise a team and walk or run at our event on Mother's Day, Sunday 11 May 2025 at the Riverside Precinct Wagga, to raise vital funds for breast and ovarian cancer research.

← [Register here!](#)

*Up to two FREE Child registrations (age 12 and under) with every paying Adult or Concession registration in February.

Lest we forget
Lion's Club of Ardllethan

ANZAC DAY

FRIDAY 25 APRIL

ANZAC MARCH Meet @ Post Office 10:30am for 10:45am March	ANZAC SERVICE 11:00am Service @ Ardllethan Memorial Hall
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ANZAC LUNCH
12:00pm Memorial Hall
\$25 p.p Book with
Kerri (0435)771 887 or Ariah 62
all profits of the lunch go to the ANZAC Statue

Honourable ANZAC memorial display in the Memorial Hall

Proudly hosted by Lions Club of Ardllethan Inc.



COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL FREE SENIORS' DINNER &

Music by Grant Luhrs
in the Ganmain Sports Club
on **Tuesday 11 March** at 6:30pm

RSVP by Tuesday 4 March

Buses will leave the
Ardllethan Bowling Club by 5:30pm

If interested in attending please contact
Aileen on 6978 2382

Why did the math book look so sad?



Because it had too many problems! 😂



Lions Club of Ardlethan



2025 24th March to 24th April

96KM WALKATHON

Walk solo or as a team to raise money for the Ardlethan ANZAC statue.

GO TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: ARDLETHAN LIONS DISTRICT 2665 - TO FIND OUT DIFFERENT WAYS YOU CAN JOIN IN ON THE FUN.

PARTICIPATION FEE: \$10PP

Why 96km? It's the length of the Kokoda Trail.

FOR MORE INFO & REGISTRATION: Pop into Arianah 62 or call Kerri: 0435 771 887

FOR SALE

2007 BF Ford Falcon Station Wagon.

Vehicle is in good condition.

Registered to 9th of June 2025.

Odometer Reading of 400015kms

Price: \$4000.00 ono

Phone Mick Garrett on 0408289819

SAVE THE DATE!

Students and staff of Ardlethan Central School wish to invite the community to an **ANZAC Assembly, Lunch and an Easter Hat Parade** on **Friday April 11**

Bring a plate to share, there will be a sausage sizzle available.

Further details will be communicated in the next newsletter.

What's Happening—February/March 2025

27 February	West Wyalong Community Transport to Griffith
28 February	CWA Juniors Meeting, 4:00pm in the CWA Rooms
4 March	CWA Pancake Day, CWA Rooms 10:00am-12:00pm and 4:00pm-5:00pm
7 March	RRL Mobile Library in Ardlethan, Arianah Street, 9:00am-12:45pm
	CWA Juniors Meeting, 4:00pm in the CWA Rooms
11 March	Coolamon Shire Council Free Seniors Dinner, busses leave Bowling Club by 5:30pm
13 March	Can Assists Meeting in the CWA Rooms at 10:00am
14 March	CWA Juniors Meeting, 4:00pm in the CWA Rooms
20 March	West Wyalong Community Transport to Griffith
21 March	RRL Mobile Library in Ardlethan, Arianah Street, 9:00am-12:45pm
	CWA Juniors Meeting, 4:00pm in the CWA Rooms
24 March	Lions Club Walkathon starts—see details above
27 March	West Wyalong Community Transport to Wagga
28 March	CWA Juniors Meeting, 4:00pm in the CWA Room



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Please forward advertisements/articles for the Ardlethan Central School Newsletter and the Kelpie's Bark to: ardlethan-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au Please type **Newsletter Article** in Subject Line. **Closing time for advertisements/articles is 3pm Monday. Remaining Term 1 closing dates are 10 & 24 March, and 7 April.** Late articles will go in the following newsletter if still relevant.

