



Ardlethan Central School

NEWSLETTER

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13 March 2025



*Megan and Caitlin recently had the experience of meeting the Governor of NSW when they attended a Vice Regal Afternoon Tea in West Wyalong.
L-R: Steph Cooke MP, Megan, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Caitlin, and Danielle Garrett, CWA & ACS P&C*

From the Principal...

Dear Families,

This week, I have been speaking to a number of students about how they can lift each other up. I know that in the primary rooms they have been looking at what makes a good friend and how to choose kind. With Harmony Day around the corner it is a good time to reflect on what we can do to support each other to be the best we can be. A school is a place where mistakes happen, poor choices occur at times, and people sometimes turn their sad to mad. It is also a place where forgiveness is everywhere, second, third and even more chances are given, and families and schools work together to help kids become the adults they want to be. The students at Ardlethan are lucky to be surrounded each and every day by a community who care deeply for them. This is not the case in all communities and is something to be valued.

On the 11th of April we wish to invite the community into the school for an ANZAC service, followed by a shared lunch and then an Easter Hat Parade to end the school term. Students will be working together to make their creations at school. This will allow every child to have a hat they can share as they move around the staging area in a display of wow and wonder. School will provide the sausages for the shared lunch and we invite each family to bring something in to share with the community.

The first week of the canteen was a hit with students and the pizzas looked delicious. It is another example of the hard work that the P&C do in supporting the students at ACS. I know they are always keen for more team members to join them in doing great things for the school and community.

Mrs Speirs is currently on leave and Mr Thornton has been doing a great job in relieving her position while she takes some time out. Please reach out to him if you have any concerns about your child.

We are currently seeking some small rosemary plants to help create a remembrance garden. If you have any small plants you would like to donate to the school that would be lovely. We are looking to purchase some, but if we could get some that are local we would love to share in the building of a community linked garden space.

NAPLAN has started for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. As this is a checkpoint for a moment in time we have not made a big deal of it and we will continue to support each child as they move through this process.

Uniforms

There are a number of students who are coming to school in shoes that are not part of the uniform, with Crocs being the main issue. If there is a reason that a student is not able to wear school shoes or trainers, please let the school know, otherwise can they please go back to wearing shoes that are safe in all learning environments. We also have a number of girls who are wearing shorts that are quite short. I have had to alert a few girls that parts of their body are on show that they may not wish to have displayed. Please help us in keeping everyone safe by encouraging students to wear their school uniform correctly, this includes the wearing of black shorts to school.

Have a great rest of the week.

Mrs Taylor



ANIMALS OF THE DREAMING

We invite families to join us for this engaging experience of storytelling and music while introducing participants to a wide variety of unique and wonderful animals from the Taronga Zoomobile.

All welcome!



Brewarrina Elder, Colin Hardy OAM

**1:30pm
Friday 21st March
Ardlethan Central School**

You're Invited!

Students and staff of
Ardlethan Central School
wish to invite the community to an

**ANZAC Assembly and
Easter Hat Parade**

on **Friday April 11**

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

**ARDLETHAN
CENTRAL
SCHOOL**



2026

**KINDERGARTEN
ENROLMENTS
OPEN NOW**

Please contact the school
for further information



RAP Summer Sport Trials

The RAP Summer Sport Trials were held at Barellan on Tuesday 25 February 2025. The sports included were Cricket, Touch Football, Basketball, Tennis and Lawn Bowls. Students from across the RAP Schools attended the trials, including Ardlethan, Aria Park, Barellan, Hillston, Lockhart and Oaklands. It was a successful day with all students participating well and displaying ghreat sportsmanship.

Tew, Matilda and Eli attended the trials.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected in RAP Teams:

- Trew—Open Girls Touch Football
- Damon—Open Boys Basketball
- Callum—Open Boys Basketball

Students will compete with the RAP Teams throughout the year. Good luck to all RAP Teams.

Jessica Sloan



School Magazine Survey—Have Your Say!

Do you want the school magazine that comes out at the end of each year:

- ☐ in it's present hard copy format; or
- ☐ on a thumb drive; or
- ☐ not at all—you see enough in the newsletters, reels on Facebook, etc.

Please tick your preference and return this slip to the School Office. Thank you.

PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

On Friday, 28 February, the PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival was held at Arianah Park Swimming Pool. Laylah, Camilla, Ella and Sophie represented Ardlethan Central School.

All students participated to the best of their abilities and made the school very proud of their efforts.

Congratulations to Camilla for achieving 11 Years Girl Champion and Ella for winning 11 Years Girl Runner Up! These achievements are greatly deserved, as Camilla and Ella competed in every event on the day.

We finished 3rd in the Aggregate Trophy—which is a huge effort as we only had four students competing!

A huge thank you to parents and families for transporting and supporting our students.

Good luck to Ella and Camilla at the Riverina Swimming Carnival held in Week 7 in Leeton.



Important Sport Dates

Thursday 27 March Term 1 Week 9

PSSA Netball Trials

Friday 2 May Term 2 Week 1

ACS Cross Country

Friday 6 June Term 2 Week 6

ACS Athletics Carnival

RAP Boys Open Basketball, Wednesday 5 March

RAP Boys Open Basketball was held on Wednesday 5 March this year. Beau, Jack, Zac, Abhijot and Aiden (HCS) were joined by Archie (BCS) and Damon (ACS), who headed to Griffith Regional Sports Centre to take on teams from around the region. All the boys worked great together and quickly got comfortable playing as a new team.

First up we faced the well-practised Leeton High team. The boys worked hard in both offense and defence, with Aiden, Abhijot and Damon all managing points on the board, and Archie coming up with a huge rejection late in the game.

We didn't have time to cool off before our second game of the day, where we faced host school, Wade High. The RAP team found their feet and worked together to keep the game close for its majority. Abhijot dominated the scoreboard with 12 points, and Aiden, Beau and Jack added to our total score.

The last game of the day for RAP was against a strong Yanco Ag team. The RAP boys started strong, despite a number of giants on the opposition. Aiden, Damon and Abhijot all scored points, with Zac sinking the final two points for the RAP Opens basketball campaign.

It was great to watch the team work closely together and have fun with it. Thank you to the team and the parents who transported students to and from the venue. Looking forward to seeing what we can do in 2026.

Amy Blacker



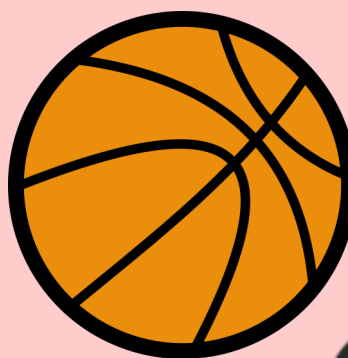
RAP Touch Football Carnival, Thursday 6 March

RAP was represented at the Touch Football Carnival in Wagga Wagga on Thursday, 6 March, by Tilly, Georgia and Elsie (APCS), Kacey, Zali, Harper, Dakota and Lily (BCS), and Trew (ACS).

The girls played three tough games against opponents from all over the Riverina, giving them the opportunity to develop skills in all aspects of the game.

It was great to see the teamwork, support and resilience throughout the day in warm conditions against more fancied opponents. Thank you to the parents, carers and staff that provided transport and support for the team on the day.

Tim White, Head Teacher, RAP



Ardlethan Central School P&C News

P&C CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Just a reminder that any money raised from the P&C Easter Fundraiser is due back at school by Friday.

If you would like to direct deposit these funds the bank details are:

Ardlethan Central School P&C
BSB: 325 185 A/C: 03966141

Please let the school know if you have paid by this method.

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!

Snacks and fruit:

☐ Red Rock Sea salt chips 28g	\$1.50
☐ Cobs Natural Sea salt Popcorn	\$1.00
☒ Grape cup	\$0.80
☒ Watermelon wedge	\$0.50
☒ Fruit salad (seasonal)	\$4.50
☒ Homemade Pikelet with jam	\$1.00

Frozen/Cold Food:

☒ Juicies (Wildberry OR Tropical Gf)	\$2.00
☒ Moosies (Chocolate Gf)	\$1.50
☒ Vanilla Dixie cup (Gf)	\$2.50
☒ Dairy Farmers Yoghurt (Vanilla or strawberry)	\$2.00

Drinks

☐ Milkshakes (300ml – Chocolate, Strawberry, Caramel, Vanilla)	\$3.00
☐ Juice Bomb (Flavors vary)	\$2.30
☒ Water 600ml	\$1.50
☒ Juice Box (Tropical, Apple, Orange)	\$1.50
☒ Berry Smoothie (300ml – milk, mixed berries, vanilla yoghurt)	\$3.50
☒ Cold OR Hot Milo	\$2.00
☒ Nippers Iced Milk Poppa - Choc and Strawberry	\$2.00

Ardlethan Central School Canteen Menu

*Enquire about any dietary requirements, substitutes can be arranged
*All rolls, bread and wraps are served on whole meal
*All main meals will range from 140-250g depending on guidelines per product
* Everyday foods ☒ Occasional foods ☐



Sandwiches, Rolls (+\$1), wraps: (Specify if roll, wrap or sandwich. Rolls extra \$1)

☒ Sweet chilli chicken	\$5.20
☒ (grilled chicken, cheese, lettuce, sweet chilli sauce, cucumber)	
☒ Ham Salad (Ham, lettuce, tomato, grated carrot, avocado, mayo)	\$4.30
☒ Tuna Salad (Tuna, lettuce, tomato, grated carrot, avocado, mayo)	\$4.30
☒ Curried Egg Salad (curried eggs, mayo, lettuce)	\$4.50
☒ Salad (lettuce, tomato, grated carrot, avocado, beetroot, mayo) -	\$4.00

Open Mondays Only

Cooked Hot Food:

☐ Pita bread pizza (Supreme, BBQ chicken, Cheese)	\$4.00
☒ Lean Beef Bolognese on spiral pasta (optional parmesan)	\$5.20
☒ Pulled chicken quesadillas (cheese + corn + filling + gauc)	\$5.50
☒ Cup of homemade chicken noodle soup	\$4.00
☒ Meatball sub (Spaghetti meatballs on a roll with cheese)	\$5.50
☒ Chicken Burger (Lettuce, tomato, cheese, mayo, flame grilled chickenfillet)	\$5.50
☒ Bacon and egg roll	\$4.50
☒ Chicken and gravy roll	\$5.50
☒ Hamburger (Homemade beef patties, cheese, lettuce, tomato, sauce, beetroot)	\$6.00
☐ Meat pie 180g	\$4.50
☐ Popcorn chicken cup	\$3.00
☒ Flame grilled fillet	\$2.30
☐ Noodle Cup - Beef and Chicken	\$2.50

Toasties:

☒ Ham, cheese and tomato	\$3.50
☒ Ham and Cheese	\$3.00
☒ Cheese	\$2.50



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 contact the principal and complete an application form for extended leave **prior** to the leave that is being taken. It is the principal's discretion whether this application will be approved or declined.

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

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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

Student Absences

All absences must be explained by parents/ carers as per *Department of Education Student Attendance policy*.

If a student is **LATE, A PARENT/CARER MUST** do one of the following:

- bring the child to the office and give a valid explanation for the lateness;
- reply to the SMS sent out for being absent;
- send a note to school with your child following the absence; or
- email or telephone the school beforehand.

If a student is **AWAY FOR A WHOLE DAY OR MORE, A PARENT/CARER MUST** do one of the following:

- reply to the SMS sent out for being away;
- send a note to the school with your child on their return; or
- email or telephone the school.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



THE KELPIE'S BARK

COMMUNITY NEWS 13—26 March 2025



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Lions Park, Aria Street
OR
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Fridays
9:30-11:30

For further info please email
Cortney at storrer19@gmail.com



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Ardlethan

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

Sat 8:30am - 12:00pm

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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.



UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH NEURODIVERSITY*

(AS, PDA, ADHD, ODD etc)

1 April 2025

VENUE: La Scala Function Centre
Bagtown Inn

TIME: 9.30am- 2.45pm

WHO IS IT FOR?

- Parents/ Carers
- Allied Health Professionals
- Support Workers
- NDIS Service Providers
- All Ages and Stages Welcome

**Still Waiting for Diagnosis? highly recommend you come along*

\$50 to Register

(payment details sent with ticket)

Contact Griffith Autism Support Group if you require financial assistance



Tips and Strategies with Sue Larkey



Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided!

Unsure if workshop is for you? Contact Dene

CONTACT DENE

Phone Number:
0411 718 763

E-mail:
dbeltrame15@bigpond.com

Lest we forget

Lion's Club of Ardlathan

ANZAC DAY

FRIDAY 25 APRIL

ANZAC MARCH

Meet @ Post
Office 10:30am for
10:45am March

ANZAC SERVICE

11:00am Service
@ Ardlathan
Memorial Hall

ANZAC LUNCH

12:00pm Memorial Hall
\$25 p.p Book with
Kerri (0435)771 887 or Ariaiah 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 Ardlathan Inc.

Dance 2873 Outreach

About us

Miss Tash is the owner and teacher at Dance 2873, also farmers wife and hospital cook. I started dancing in a small rural studio just like Dance 2873, falling in love with dance. My passion is sharing the love and joy of dance to rural communities. At Dance 2873 we teach dance keeping in mind the unique needs of our rural families.

Outreach

Introducing Dance 2873 Outreach! Online Dance classes are available in 2025! No need to travel to experience Dance, do it in the comfort of your own home. Visit our Facebook or Instagram page @dance_2873 for all enrolment and class details. Dance classes designed specifically for our rural kids by a rural dance teacher!

Online Dance Classes with a difference!

How it works

Every Tuesday join us at a class time that suits your family best for the style of dance you would like to try - Ballet, Jazz or Musical Theatre. Classes catered towards school age and up!

Pay per term or per week and receive the Zoom link for the classes you have enrolled for each week.

All classes are taught live by Miss Tash and will cumulate in a unique concert video at the end of year without needing to travel.

Miss Tash will also aim to make it to a town near you throughout 2025 so we can catch up in person as well!



Contact us:

natasha.levick@yahoo.com

0457 230 557

@dance_2873





LEETON

2025 OPEN GARDENS

Relax & be inspired

Easter Monday 21st April

10am - 4.00pm

\$25 for a variety of gardens including morning tea.

Single garden \$5. Tickets & Maps available ON THE DAY at Leeton Visitors Centre (9.30am-12pm), and at all gardens.

Cash or EFTPOS at Visitors Centre; Cash only at gardens.

CWA garden lunch available. Town Band; Raffle for Leeton Hospital Auxiliary. Garden talks featuring the "famous" Nick, *The Happy Harvester's Table* Instagrammer.

Online booking via facebook (search *Leeton Garden Club*), or direct at: ticketebo.com.au/LeetonOpenGardens2025



Search Facebook for
Leeton Garden Club

Online ticket link @ fb
or use QR code



HELP SAVE OUR LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES!



We urgently need your help to stop cuts to regional and rural health services, such as removing essential drugs and equipment for Intensive Care Paramedics from non-Category A and B stations and vehicles and closing the NSW Health Pathology lab at Cootamundra Hospital.

These cuts will result in the further loss of services, cause longer delays in treating illnesses and further strain already overstretched regional healthcare services.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pop in to the School Office
and sign the Petition
situated at the front desk.



Lions Club of Ardlethan

2025 96KM WALKATHON

24th March to 24th April

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 Ariah 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



Ardlethan Hospital Auxiliary

General Bi-Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 1 April 2025

At 10:00am in the CWA Rooms

All members and new
Welcome to attend





INC. No. Y0311 221

ABN 54 751 423 767

Ardlethan Show Society Update

Coming off our AGM held in February, our Society is happy to welcome newly elected Executive Committee Member, Andy Lynch, to the post of secretary. Other than that, all other positions remain the same as last year, with Marcia Ryan as President; Simone Williams, Senior Vice-President, Margie Rees as Treasurer, and Tessa O'Hare as Junior Vice-President. We wish them all another successful year ahead.

Also in February we sent three delegates to the Group 9 AGM held in Griffith. We noted that all regional shows are showing signs of dwindling member numbers and show events, particularly of the show-rides nature. We acknowledged that we all need to become more imaginative if we want our annual shows to remain an important part of the rural scene going forward.

It's that time again, and it comes around seemingly faster each year, when we need to think about our annual agricultural show and come up with concepts and ideas to continue to make it an interesting and educational experience for locals and visitors alike. Please come along to our volunteer clean-up day and put any of your ideas forward for consideration at this year's show.

It was decided to organise a much-needed clean-out of the storage shed that stands on the southern side of the Carmichael Pavilion, which will be followed by a bbq lunch on 6 April, so Simone humbly asks all of you strong and healthy young people to offer just one hour of your time to give us a hand on that day if you could please, starting from 10am. Phone Simone on 0428 782 180 to let her know if you can help.

A Show Steward's meeting will also be held on 5 and 6 April in the clubhouse to update and exchange ideas for this year's exhibitions. All stewards are asked to come along and get information and judges names at the Showground. Just drop in and talk to Marcia, Simone and Andy.

Congratulations to Cortney Clark on becoming our very own Citizen of the Year for 2025 within the Coolamon Shire. Marcia recommended that Cortney open the Show for 2025 which received a resounding endorsement from all those present at the meeting.

What's Happening—March 2025

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 on previous page
27 March	West Wyalong Community Transport to Wagga
28 March	CWA Juniors Meeting, 4:00pm in the CWA Room



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If you do, send an email to the school at: ardlethan-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au
with your email address and it will be emailed to you every fortnight

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 24 March and 7 April.** Late articles will go in the following newsletter if still relevant.

