Attending Acquaintance Night: Tuesday 16th February.

The first step in building strong links between home and school.

Knowing more about school and classroom programs provides caregivers with opportunities to encourage their children to engage more fully with school. Hence your attendance at this year’s acquaintance night is greatly appreciated by all staff.

On the night staff present caregivers with overviews of their classroom program and give an indication of what students will be learning. They also explain and answer questions about classroom organisation and routines.

Please come along and hear from your child’s teacher even if they have been in their class before, as programs and routines change from year to year.

If you are unable to visit on the night please be aware that staff are able to make appointments with parents to talk about a student's achievement, at anytime, to ensure that the school and home partnership is strengthened. A booking sheet, if you require care for children over the age of 4, will be sent home next week.

Session 1
Early Years & Upper Primary
6.00 - 6.30
Room's 28, 29, 27, 21, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, & 11

Session 2
Middle Primary
6.45 - 7.15
Room's 7, 8, 19, 20, 22, 24, 30 & 31

Our Vision: To empower students to create positive futures through high quality teaching.
**CANTEEN ROSTER**

- **Tuesday 9th**: Michele Smale
- **Wednesday 10th**: Jenni Krol
- **Thursday 11th**: Nicole Hall
- **Friday 12th**: Emma Sparks
- **Tuesday 16th**: Michele Smale
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- **Friday 19th**: Megan Edwards

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**Google +**

To improve communication between home and school we have established a Google Domain Name for our school (ardps.com). This allows us to assign individual email addresses to every student and parent so we can deliver notifications about school events directly to their mobile devices and computers and allow them to access additional information about school events from our ‘Ardtornish+’ community site.

To activate their membership to our new services, each parent needs to go through an initial login process and to support you to do so we have produced a video tutorial that walks you through each step. This tutorial can be accessed from a link on our regular school site at <www.ardtornps.sa.edu.au>.

The email addresses we have created for each parent to gain access to our new services consist of their full first name and family name separated by a dot e.g. steven.blackwood@ardps.com

**To sign up to our Google + community you will need to:**

- Go to <www.google.com.au>
- Click on the blue sign in button in the top right hand corner of the page
- Enter your new school created email address (as explained above - your full first and family name separated by a dot and followed by @ardps.com)
- Then use 12345678 as your password (once you’re a member you can change this)
- Once this is entered you will have to complete ‘robot writing’, please ensure you retype the password again.
- Accept Google terms and agreements
- Then look for this nine dot symbol in the top right hand corner next to your name and click on it.
- Select Google+
- Create a profile (3 quick steps)
  1. Your Name, gender & DOB
  2. Hobbies (you can skip this)
  3. Add people you know - You must add me. because I have to invite you to join our community
- Finally go to settings (in the drop down menu on top left)
- Enter your mobile phone number - This will complete the process.

**Congratulations Ardtornish Angels Netball Team**

We are very proud to say that the girls won their second in a row grand final! The amazing Ardtornish Angels won 18 to 11. The girls have been driven all year and it has shown with the girls winning back to back premierships for the last two years. Thankyou to all the parents for their help and a big thankyou coaches Lana and Alison for all they do for the girls!! Absent Jade & Zodee.

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Ardtornish Primary School

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 16th Feb
Time: 7.30pm in the library

• Hear about the school’s achievements over the last 12 months
• Learn about our future directions
• Vote for your representatives on Governing Council.

Ardtornish Primary School: Who Makes the Decisions?

Our decision making groups
At Ardtornish, parents play a key role in the way our school is run. The Principal is responsible for leading the staff and managing the school day to day. The Governing Council makes key decisions affecting the school as a whole. We also have a Student Representative Council, FACE (Fundraising and Community Events) group and Education Group – important groups in their own right.

What does Governing Council do?
Governing Council discusses significant issues, makes decisions and develops policies for our school within the frameworks set by the Department of Education. Members each have specific roles and coordinate a portfolio group.

These groups cover: SPORTS, CANTEEN, FINANCE, GROUNDS AND FACILITIES, EDUCATION and SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE, FACE. Council meets regularly (about twice a term).

Who is on Governing Council?
The Governing Council has 12 members:
• Chairperson
• Secretary
• School Principal
• Junior Primary (R - Year 2) staff rep
• Primary (years 3-7) staff representative,
• 7 Co-ordinators representing each of the school Portfolios

How do Portfolios operate?
Each portfolio relates to a different aspect of the school that the Governing Council takes a direct interest in supporting and or managing e.g. sports, education, canteen, etc. Parent representative on the governing council volunteer to take responsibility for reporting to Governing Council about the work of a particular portfolio during their time in office and coordinate their work.

The Portfolio Co-ordinator invites other parents/caregivers outside of the Governing Council to participate on their portfolio to receive input from the school community and to help them with any activities organised throughout the year. Portfolios meet regularly (about once a month/term at conveniently agreed times and places).

How can I be involved?
Parents can nominate to be a parent representative, with voting rights on the school’s governing council, or they can offer to join a portfolio group to assist in its work. Everyone is welcome to nominate and no prior experience is necessary! Portfolio meetings aim to be very friendly, relaxed and enjoyable. You may like to just attend a meeting or two, to see if it’s for you.

Why be involved?
• There are lots of good reasons to be involved in school decision making:
  • Have fun! Everyone wants to enjoy their involvement.
  • Be “in the know” and have an input into decisions
  • Meet new people and develop friendships
• Discover hidden talents
• Add another line or two to a personal resumè
• Make the school a better place for your child and others
• When all else fails, remember YOU are the “someone else” others think will do it!

The Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 16th February 2016 at 7.30pm in the library.

As per the Ardtornish Constitution:

- All parents/caregivers who have children currently enrolled at our school are eligible to nominate for election as a councillor.
- No person is eligible if they are:
  - A declared bankrupt or have applied “for the benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors”.
  - Convicted of any offence prescribed by administrative instruction.
- Permanent employees of the Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) may stand for election but:
  - Must not comprise the majority of councillor
  - Are ineligible to hold the position of Chairperson

The Co-ordinator of each Portfolio is represented on the Governing Council. Please read, “Who Makes the Decisions” for more information.

Governing Council Nomination Sheet 2016

I, ..........................................................................................................................nominate myself, or I nominate ..........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................(other person)

for a position on the Ardtornish Governing Council. Contact Number: .................................................................

Signed..............................................................................................................................................................................Date...........................................

Please return this form to the front office by Friday 12th February or earlier.

Do you wish to raise a question at the AGM?

If so please submit it to the front office by Friday 12th February so there is time for a response to be properly prepared.

Question: ........................................................................................................................................................................

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RSVP and request for child care for children over 4 years old

I will be attending the Ardtornish AGM

Name/s ........................................................................................................................................................................

I would like child care for:

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