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Public School News by Jane Cozens

Welcome to Artarmon Public School in 2009 ...

The Artarmon Public School (APS) community welcomes Mrs Judith Learmonth as our new Deputy Principal. Judy comes to us with 38 years of experience within the Department of Education, beginning in country schools around Orange and with her latest position being at Berowra Public School.

The deputy principal provides support for the principal and has an active role within the school, from Kindergarten to Year 6, co-ordinating staff and students. Mrs Learmonth is looking forward to meeting the parents and especially the students and has heard much about the merits of APS from our past principal Michael Simmons, whom she has known for many years through their work in education.

Judy's first impression of Artarmon PS was about its physical appearance: "such a pretty school". She loves the beauty of the old-style buildings, the well maintained gardens - especially the majestic jacaranda trees that were in full bloom when she spent a day in December meeting the staff and organising the 2009 school year.

Judy is the mother of two grown children and five grandchildren. She has a keen interest in gardening, sewing, reading, going to movies and eating out. She is an active member of her local Rotary Club thus having an appreciation of the merits of involvement within one's local community. We wish her all the best at Artarmon.



Mrs Judy Learmonth, Deputy Principal

And farewell ...

Farewell to our canteen supervisor Christine Phillips. Many in the Artarmon community will know Christine as she has been serving us (literally) for the past 18 years - that's around 360,000 meals to the odd 4000 children who have passed through the school in that time. Christine is taking up a new position at Chatswood High School, following many APS students. We would like to thank her for all she has done.



Christine Phillips

Multicultural Festival – welcome new families

We would also like to welcome all the new families to the school this year and encourage them to join in a "Multicultural Festival" on Sunday 1st March from 3pm – 6pm to celebrate the multicultural diversity in our school. The Festival will include food stalls, craft stalls, performances and games to involve all cultures and all family members. The stalls, performances and games will be on both Thompson Oval and the Infants School grounds.