Dear Parents,

What a wonderful time it is to be a student at Armadale Primary School. Every day there is so much happening in and out of our classrooms which provides our students with diverse and rich learning experiences. What I particularly cherish about these experiences is that they in some way connect education with community. If I cast my mind back exactly one week to Thursday October 25th, apart from the learning and curriculum taught in each classroom, this is what else was going on:

- The whole school had a learning focus on Health Week and on the 25th, the students in Prep were holding an orange juice and lemonade stall and selling fresh orange slices at recess. Teams of parents volunteered and by 10.30am, the juice was flowing and the excitement building. The Preps raised in excess of $600 and have made choices about the charities they will then forward the monies onto. You can just imagine the learning our Preps have gained from that activity.

- The level 4s had “Resuscitate a Mate” program, a fantastic learning opportunity as we head towards the summer months.

- Thursday afternoon, a team of parents and students, under the direction of Rachel Power and Peter Cracknell moved into the Multi-Purpose Building and started to organise tables, food and drinks for the Healthy Breakfast. Leaving at around 6.00pm that evening, those same parents and many more were back at 6.00am on Friday morning – setting up food, mixing pancake batter, setting up the BBQs, frying eggs and bacon, toasting muffins and bread, serving juices, teas and coffees and then cleaning up afterwards. I was also delighted to see many Dads (who normally can’t get to our school during the day) early in the morning firing up the BBQ and cooking the very popular egg and bacon muffins. Again, it warmed my heart to see so many families enjoying the opportunity to sit down together and enjoy a full gourmet breakfast – how often does that happen on a week day? Please see the PFA section where all the thank yous to the many Mums and Dads who helped will be made, however I can’t go without highlighting and thanking Rachel Power, for her amazing coordination and organisation of the whole event. Special mention must also be made of the following families; Robbie and Jeremy Fox, Arabella and Charles Tremlett, Jill Davies and Graeme Samuel, Abbey and Christopher Nash, Jennifer Galvin and Gary Rowley; Christine and Simon Nash, Penny and Marc Horton-Stephens, Paul and Diana Motion, and the following Mums: Kristyn Petrie; Andrea Gray; Jude Hutchins; Mish McGrory; Brigid Warwick and I apologise for leaving any else one off this list.

- Then after the breakfast, the SRC ran the “Day for Daniel”, where Oscar, Sasha, Jamie and others collected a gold coin donation to go to the charity to assist raising awareness for child safety.

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We then celebrated World Teachers’ Day and all
the children enjoyed surprising their teachers in
some way to acknowledge all that they do for their
students. I admit the sugar levels went up
somewhat but it was the message behind the treats
and gifts that were fantastic, the beautiful cards
that were made and again those celebrations
included the support of many parents.

Level 4 parents enjoyed a Cocktail Party that
evening at the gorgeous home of Libby and John
Brown (Edward’s parents) and I would like to
thank the Browns for their generous hosting of the
cocktail party. It was great to see so many parents
there all enjoying themselves.

Saturday morning brought Election Day to
Armadale and with it the opportunity to again
connect with our community with a cake stall and
sausage sizzle. A heartfelt thank you to Kim Hyde
(Clancy’s mum) for her industrious organisation
in sourcing bread, sausages and drinks and again
being here early on the Saturday morning to see it
all set up. There are many parents to indeed thank
and please all accept this as a personal thank you
for the time you devoted to this on Saturday.

Then we had the fabulous cake stall with many
delicious and delightful goodies on offer. I believe
any of the voters who came to our school to vote
bought something and did not walk away empty
handed. Thank you to all the families who baked
or donated cakes to the cake stall, you offer more
to our school than just flour, butter and sugar and
your children remember what you did.
Michelle Moffat (Freddie and Priscilla’s mum)
must be acknowledged for all her organisation,
delivery of paper plates and plastic bags to all
classes and then all the wrapping and
identification of ingredients that needed to occur
to meet the requirements of the health permit
Michelle obtained in order to sell cakes. Thank
you also to Jennifer Hemingway and Vicki Lloyd
who also assisted Michelle and gave up a great
deal of their Saturday. Thank you to all the parents
who donated cakes and gourmet delights, we
could not have done it without you. I was lucky
enough to visit the school whilst there were still
beautiful treats to choose from and my family
thoroughly enjoyed both the orange cake and the
lemon slice!

So what does this all actually mean? Extra money for the
school – yes and we are grateful for every single dollar
that is raised to help us provide an outstanding
education for your children. More than that though is
the wonderful role modelling that you provide to your
children through your school community involvement.
Yes, all of us are busy leading full lives that involve work
and other commitments and responsibilities, but those
of you who make the time to support the school in what
ever way you can, teach your children some invaluable
lessons. You teach your children to give to an
organisation, you raise funds to support less privileged
children than your own, you teach them how to belong
to a community and how to volunteer – all necessary for
people to thrive in society. You demonstrate a
willingness to make a difference, you offer support and
commitment. In return we express our gratitude and
appreciation and recognition that it takes a community
to run a fantastic school. It’s a wonderful cycle to be part
of!

Italian Day
Tomorrow, Friday 2nd November is
Italian Day and please remember
that there will be no school lunch
orders that day. All children will
enjoy a day of Italian cultural immersion activities and
culinary delights from some special mums and nonnas.
Please dress the children in red, white and green on the
day.
All parents are invited to join us for our special assembly
in the morning (weather permitting).

Student Free Day on Monday 5 November
Just a reminder to our parents that Monday will be a
pupil free day and the staff will be participating in
Professional Development at the NGV. On the Monday
preceding the Melbourne Cup public holiday, parents
need to be aware that our OOSH program will not be
running a curriculum day for children. Working parents
will need to make other arrangements for child minding
on this day. We hope all parents enjoy the Cup Day
holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back
on Wednesday November 7th.

Have a wonderful week everyone.
Warm regards,

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

LEVEL 1 BULLETIN

This week’s Level 1 bulletin is on the website for the
Prep parents under your child’s class in the
Students tab or click here.

HOUSE POINTS

Rose won this week’s house points. Congratulations to all the
children in Rose.
YOU CAN DO IT! AWARDS

1C Saskia Van Beek  For her enthusiastic and valuable contributions in promoting the Level 1 Orange and Lemonade Stall. You helped to make it a huge success!

1J Keira O’Hara  For being a persistent reader by having a go and trying really hard to read tricky words.

2E Chloe Darby  For her enthusiastic attitude to her learning and her persistence in completing all given tasks to a high standard.

2J Jayden Hoorbakht  For using the value of persistence to complete his division number sentences independently. Well done Jayden.

2P Jeongwoo Choi  For his persistence in finding and matching all of the flags and countries on the Taskworks wall!

2S Eliza Purdie  For her tremendous efforts in her reading. You have come a long way Eliza! Keep doing your very best!

2T Claudia Hayman  For being persistent and finishing the bike riding activity at the Level 2 excursion to Taskworks.

2T Samuel Fitton  For being a creative thinker and taking the basket of pegs with him, rather than running back and forth, and for encouraging others to work as a team while completing activities at the level 2 excursion to Taskworks.

2T Seby Pegler  For having a go at the cable maze even though he was very unsure at first, and for being resilient and completing a range of activities with other group members at the level 2 excursion to Taskworks.

3C Spencer Stoupas  For being persistent in applying his thinking skills to solve tricky logic and mathematical problems! Well done Spencer!

3D Hugo Birks  For consistently applying himself to all given tasks no matter how difficult. Keep it up, Hugo!

3F Yasmin Fiele  For demonstrating persistence, and using different strategies, when working on our Maths Investigation Task "The Class Party". Well done Yasmin.

3F Flossie Corsham  For demonstrating persistence, and using different strategies, when working on our Maths Investigation Task "The Pizza Shop". Well done Flossie.

4S Nicholas Harrison  For managing your time well during class activities. Well done!

4S James Gray  For displaying excellent collaboration and organisational skills in fulfilling your role as co-host of the week 4 assembly.

WESLEY MISSION FOOD FOR FAMILIES APPEAL

Each year thousands of homeless people turn to the Wesley Mission Melbourne for food and emergency accommodation. For the past ten years the school has supported the ‘Food for Families’ Appeal, collecting grocery items and toiletries to help meet the needs of homeless people throughout the next year. If you would like to donate to this appeal you can send a grocery item to your child’s classroom. We will collect these goods from the classrooms and, in early December, arrange for the goods to be collected from the school.

Thanking you.

Sarah, Isla, Elsa, Olivia M, Camilla, Olivia N 3F

SUGGESTED GROCERY ITEMS INCLUDE:
- Tinned tuna and salmon, tinned baked beans and spaghetti, pasta sauces and pasta, UHT (long life) milk, breakfast cereals, jars of vegemite, honey, peanut butter, nutella and jam, sweet and dry biscuits, muesli bars, cheese sticks, teabag, instant coffee, Milo, tins of fruit, tins of vegetables, rice and two minute noodles, baby food, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, soap, deodorant, bottles of shampoo and conditioner, face washers.

2012 HEALTHY BREAKFAST - THANKS

A huge thank you to all class reps and helpers for such a fantastic effort for our first Healthy Breakfast in the Multi-Purpose Hall.

I would also like to acknowledge the following generous donations which greatly contributed to creating such a delicious spread:
- Craig Laing (Level 3) for the fabulous bacon in the egg & bacon muffins
- Dukes Cafe in Chapel Street Windsor for supplying great coffee (we consumed a record amount!)
- Brumby’s in Glenferrie Road, Malvern for all the varieties of bread
- Toscano’s Fruit & Vegetables in Malvern Road, Toorak for the stunning array of fresh fruit
- Five:am for the yummy yoghurt squeezies they distributed from their groovy combi van
- Jalna Dairy Foods for the delicious yoghurt tubs.

Many thanks to all of the above individuals and businesses.

Finally, thanks to everyone who came along for breaky - it was a great morning!

Rachel Power
Healthy Breakfast Co-Ordinator
Hi everyone,

Healthy Breakfast

What a wonderful turnout we had for our Healthy Breakfast last Friday morning! It was a fabulous morning with lots of fresh and healthy food on offer. The children made the most of all the great produce and enjoyed a very healthy start to their day. We hope that all parents who attended enjoyed the Healthy Breakfast as much as the kids did.

There are always so many volunteers for a function like this, and it is not possible to name them all. However, a huge thank you must go to Rachel Power for coordinating the whole thing and rallying the troops. You did a sensational job Rachel!! Class Reps organised their own volunteers for each level, and, as usual, we had a great group of parent helpers who always give so freely of their time. We simply could not do it without you, and we are immensely grateful for, and appreciative of, all that you do. Rachel has written separately in this newsletter about all the wonderful people and organisations who donated produce for the breakfast, and to all of them we give our heartfelt thanks!

Friday 2nd November – Italian Day

Don’t forget that tomorrow is Italian Day and Vita has prepared a wonderful day of activities for the children. Remember to come to school dressed in verde, bianco and rosso!! For all the details of the day, see Vita’s flyer in this newsletter on page 7.

Friday 23rd November – Family Night

Our last big PFA function for the year will be the family night on Friday 23rd November. Last year’s was a wonderful occasion, with families just having so much fun that nobody wanted to go home. It was well and truly dark before the last of the parents and kids left. We’re planning on this year’s being even bigger and better, so please make sure you have the date in your diary!

Next Monday & Tuesday

As Monday is a student-free day, and Tuesday is Cup Day, we wish all our wonderful APS families a fabulous long weekend. Whether you’re just relaxing around home or heading off for a few days, we hope you enjoy your break. After the busy week or so we’ve had at school, you have all earned it!!

Have a fabulous week everyone.

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PFA Co- Presidents
PERFORMING ARTS AWARD: 3F – For showing an excellent understanding of the dance element ‘FLOW’ and for being focused and in the moment during the “Water to Ice” warm up. Well done 3F!

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES – either singing or playing an instrument

- Thank you to Lewis O’Donnell for playing the Pirates of the Caribbean theme song on the piano at this week’s assembly. An amazing performance Lewis, you should be proud!!!

Students are encouraged to perform at assembly and share their music with the school. Please contact me or your classroom teacher if you would like to play/sing for us.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

LEVEL 3 and 4 ENSEMBLE – will be on THURSDAY at 12.30pm in the Performing Arts room. Please remember to bring your music sheets.

CHOIR 2012

- SENIOR CHOIR (Level 3 & 4) – Friday 8.15am in the Performing Arts hall
- JUNIOR CHOIR (Level 2) – Friday 8.15am in the UPSTAIRS INFANT BUILDING

- The Junior and Senior choir will be performing tomorrow at Italian Day
- The senior choir will perform “Viva La Vida” at Week 6’s assembly (November 14th).

Amanda Wilson
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Visual Arts Notice

Visual Artist of the Week
Sierra Golusin 2T – For the fabulous Alien she created using the Papier Mache relief method. Sierra carefully moulded her alien’s body and painted it with an eye-catching colour scheme.

Visual Art Class of the Week  2T -
For the excellent behaviour they display in the Art room each week. You are a pleasure to teach 2T. Keep it up!

Exhibition
Have you noticed the big advertising board on the Densham Road school fence?
It is advertising the Duldig Studio’s Open Day and “Clay for Kids” exhibition in which six of our talented Level 4 students have had pieces selected to be on show. I encourage you to note the date in your calendar and enjoy this FREE event with the whole family. The details are as follows:

When: Sunday 11th November, 12.00 – 4.00pm
Where: Duldig Studio
92 Burke Road
Malvern East

Supplies for the Art Room
Thank you to the people who have brought newspapers, containers and lids to the Art Room. In the next few weeks we are going to need lots of ‘metallic’ bits and bobs, particularly:
- ring pulls (from drink cans)
- bottle tops (from beer bottles)
- small springs (from old pens)
- press studs, rivets, fasteners, etc
Please keep an eye out for these items, especially over the long weekend, and collect them in a small bag or container to bring to the Art room.

Enjoy your long weekend.

Jennifer Hemingway
Italian Day at Armadale Primary School, Friday 2 November 2012

Italian songs, Italian performers, making gnocchi, singing, art activities, gelati van, dancing and much more... these are just some of the activities planned for our Italian day.

The timetable for the day is as follows-
9-9.30am - assembly (each level performs an Italian song, school choir performance)
10-11am - activities (parent help required)
11-11.30am - recess
11.30-12.30pm - activities (parent help required)
12.30 - 1.30pm - lunchtime (parent help required to help with gelati distribution)
1.30-3.00pm - activities
3.00-3.30pm - students go back to classrooms (parent help required to pack up activities)

Some important information-
- Students dress up in Italian colours- verde (green), bianco (white), rosso (red).
- Activities will be in multi-age groups.
- Parent helper’s jobs include helping the teacher during each activity, resetting the room for the next group, and cleaning and tidying at the end of the day. A roster will be emailed out on Thursday.
- There will not be any lunch orders on the day.
- A gelati van will serve gelato at lunch time, children with allergies will be offered an icy pole.

Grazie mille and looking forward to a great day!
Vita Vampatella, Languages Co-ordinator
vampatella.vita.v@edumall.vic.gov.au
NEW SHADE STRUCTURES

I am pleased to announce that on Monday School Council agreed to engage a contractor to replace the shade structures over the sandpit and junior play equipment and construct a new shade structure over the new play structure adjacent to these. The cover over the sand pit will also be waterproof, meaning that the sand should remain dry throughout the season.

The money for these came from the proceeds of the Fun Run held earlier in the year, so it is great to see the results of parents’ and students’ hard work coming to fruition, especially with something tangible that all students will benefit from. This work should be underway in the next few weeks.

NUDE FOOD CHALLENGE

It was wonderful to see so many students bring their lunches in their Nude Food containers yesterday for our special Nude Food Challenge. The Green Team developed a very complex scoring method to ensure fairness and equity across the school. Congratulations to the two winning classes who will receive their special prize of 30 minutes free play. They were 1C with a score of 9.88 and 3w 9.82, very high scores considering the best possible is 10. The overall average for the whole school was just over 9, which is a fantastic result. We are hoping that this challenge will lead to more children bringing their food as Nude Food on a regular basis, not just for our special challenge days.

Malcolm Dow
Acting Assistant Principal
Thank you to those who took part in Walk for Prems last Sunday and joined the walkers/runners who created a sea of orange around Albert Park Lake. The weather was perfect and a great day was had by all. Special congratulations to Luke Harrington, the inspiration behind Life’s Little Treasures Foundation for running 5kms and raising over $4000 to help babies born premature and sick.
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