Dear Parents,

It has been another very busy week at our school with our students afforded a range of extracurricular activities to participate in. These activities which the school offers on a regular basis are additional to the normal curriculum a school provides; hence they are called “extra-curricular”. Many additional hours of organisation and administration go into the preparation of these for the students to enjoy. For example, last Friday students were able to access GATEWAYS programs here at Armadale, the Level 4s enjoyed a Tee-Ball Gala Day, the Level 3 students participated in Creative Dance workshops. On Monday the Level 4 students had further Family Life sessions, on Tuesday and Wednesday the Level 2 students enjoyed an excursion to the Ian Potter Centre of Australian Art Gallery at Fed Square.

Tomorrow, we will have GATEWAYS here again at school and in the afternoon we will have our whole school experiencing their first transition program for 2013 and again our incoming Preps for 2013 will have their third transition afternoon. Our wonderful teachers work tirelessly to ensure this additional provision for your children is of an excellent standard.

Whole school transition Program begins Friday afternoon
On Friday 16th November, from 2.15pm onwards all the children in the school will transition up to their Level for 2013. We want the students to have a greater experience of what their next Level looks like, what the classrooms might be like and be able to familiarise themselves with the learning experiences and expectations that the next developmental level will bring. We recognise that this experience will not necessarily be their classmates or the teachers they are placed in for the transition program are not the classrooms they will definitely have for 2013. Nor will the students they see in these classes necessarily be their classmates or the teachers they have for 2013.

I have included a table below which illustrates the Levels students are currently in for 2012 (column 1), and what Level the students will move up into in 2013 (column 2). I have also indicated what these Levels will be called when the Australian Curriculum is introduced in 2013 (column 3).

I will also communicate other curriculum changes to you via the newsletter as all state schools in Victoria will start to implement the new National Curriculum, known as AusVels in 2013. Please don’t stress if you feel you know little about the new National Curriculum, we are all moving on it quite slowly and initially the changes will be quite minimal. I will also be running information evenings which will explain all the changes to you. But in the meantime please don’t hesitate to ask me anything if this appears strange to you.

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Congratulations to Will Hutchins and Jack Mangano

Both Will and Jack were declared joint winners for the Encouragement Award at The Duldig Gallery for their clay sculptures from Alice in Wonderland. The Duldig Gallery had their open day last Sunday and the boys were presented with their award in the afternoon. The Judges discussed how only a few sculptures from some local schools were chosen and that a panel of judges voted to choose the winner/s. The Judges hoped that all the young artists would continue and that they felt they were all very talented and that the gallery supported young artists at the beginning of their careers. Congratulations to you both and continue to pursue those artistic and creative talents that you have.

Congratulations to Lucia Tabbagh in 2T and “Thank you”

Lucia surprised us all on Monday morning when her Mum brought in an envelope containing $24.00. What is this money for asked the office ladies? Is it for chocolates, or for swimming? No, said Lucia’s Mum, “It’s for the school”. Lucia’s Mum then went on to explain that Lucia had baked cupcakes on the weekend and then she sold them to people she knows and she is donating all the money raised to go to the school. On behalf of the entire school community, I extend a very big thank you to Lucia and commend her unselfish thoughts and very generous act of kindness. I am always delighted when children are able to demonstrate generosity towards others and are community minded and have obviously had the right values modelled to them by their parents.

Whole school Photo on November 21st at 9.00am.

We will be having our whole school photo taken on Wednesday morning November 21st at 9.00am. Please note that we will shift our assembly to the afternoon that day with a starting time of 3.00pm. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause parents who wish to attend our Assembly.

Our School Council Sub-committees will be held next week. Parents and community members are welcome to attend these

Facilities on Tuesday November 20th at 5.15pm
Main agenda items include:
1. Location of 4 new Manchurian Pears
2. Working Bee tasks
3. Shade structure update
4. School Holiday work – painting, steam cleaning, windows?
5. Other items

Curriculum on Thursday November 22nd at 8.00am
Main agenda items include:
1. Review of the Learning and Teaching Policy
2. Introduction to Aus Vels

Finance on Friday November 23rd at 8.00am
Main agenda items include:
1. Finance reports
2. OOSHC report
3. Cleaning Contract
4. Booklist quotes

Prep 2013 Information Evening on Tuesday November 20th at 6.30 pm in the MPC

I look forward to welcoming our 2013 Prep parents to this information evening where our teachers and leadership team will present to you comprehensive information relating to your child’s start to school.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Warm regards,

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

GRADUATION MEETING
Monday 19th November

The next graduation meeting for interested Grade 6 parents will be held at Lisa Le Deux’s home at 74 Wattletree Road, Armadale on Monday 19th November at 7.30 pm.

All welcome.

HOUSE POINTS

Munro won this week’s house points. Congratulations to all the children in Munro.

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.
YOU CAN DO IT! AWARDS

1C  Tess Davies  For the effort she puts into making her Investigation presentations so informative. Well done Tess!

1P  Harry Stuart  For working hard during Investigations and confidently sharing his information with the class.

1P  Robert Stangward  For the great effort he made writing interesting questions during Investigations.

2E  Jamie Shaw  For beginning all tasks quickly and quietly and consistently demonstrating persistence when completing tasks.

2J  Max Dixon  For displaying enthusiasm and confidence during his "Read with the Teacher" reading rotations. You're improving every day Max!!

2S  Lily Ritson Morrison  For improved efforts in her work habits. Keep it up Lily!

2T  Finlay Galvin-Rowley  For reflecting on, and writing about the Level 2 excursion to the National Gallery, and for using beautiful handwriting.

2T  Alexander Drohn  For enthusiastically participating in the group discussions about different pieces of artwork on the Level 2 excursion.

3C  Jett Bolt  For showing a positive attitude to all aspects of her learning and completing set tasks independently. Well done Jett!

3D  Jaxon Doelling  For voluntarily doing more times tables practise and for his detailed Treasure Island map. Love your enthusiasm!

3F  Max Officer  For the fantastic letter he wrote to "Mrs Heffley from the school principal", as part of his novel project.

3W  Isabelle Drohn  For showing great enthusiasm and demonstrating her knowledge about States of Matter during our ‘Solids, Liquids and Gases’ Incursion. Well done Isabelle!

3W  Sam Start  For showing an interest in all activities and demonstrating his knowledge about States of Matter during our ‘Solids, Liquids and Gases’ Incursion. Well done Sam!

4N  Finn Patterson  For the settled and positive manner he has shown during class activities over the past several weeks - keep it up, Finn!

SPORTS NEWS

LEVEL 1 & 2 SWIMMING LESSONS
A notice was sent home today with all children in Level 1&2 and is on page 10 of today’s newsletter.

JUNIOR SCHOOL HOUSE SPORTS - LEVEL 1 & 2 MONDAY 26th NOVEMBER
All children from Level 1 & 2 will be involved in the Junior School Sports to be held at Romanis Reserve/Orrong Park (Melways Ref 58 J6) commencing at approximately at 10:00am and finishing at 12.30pm. Children will rotate through a number of different fun sport activities with the emphasis on participation, fun and working together as a team. All children will need play lunch in named bags/containers. Children should also bring a plastic water bottle. Children are asked to wear at least one article of clothing in their house colour (Densham - Blue, Munro - Green, Rose - Red, Northcote - Yellow) e.g. T-shirt, ribbon, socks, shorts.

It is most important that all children wear their school sunhats, be sunsmart and wear suitable footwear. Parents, family and friends are welcome to come along, and join in the fun. We require parents to walk with children to the park. If you can assist please speak with your class teacher. We look forward to a fun day.

HOOPTIME REGIONAL FUTURE STARS FINALS
Congratulations to the following children who were part of the Hooptime finals last week: Ava Nielsen, Areeb Mohammad, Jack Davies, Finn Abbott, Hugo Birks, Martha Conheady, Lexi Picciani and Flossie Corsham. Thanks also to Jill Davies and Amber Collins for transporting and supporting the children.

Peter Cracknell
Hi everyone,

Tomorrow at 9am – PFA meeting in staff room. All parents & friends welcome.

Friday 23rd November – Family Night – 6.00 to 8.30pm
Bring the whole family along for our Family Night on Friday 23rd November. Lots of entertainment for the kids, including free jumping castle, face painting, air brush tattoos, and creating friendship bands. Great food for everyone, including BBQ (sausages and hamburgers), sushi & rice paper rolls, icy poles and soft drinks. And, of course, a bar for the adults with beer, wine, champers and our fabulous Pimms! Entry is a gold coin donation at the gate.

Icy poles
Don’t forget to put $1 in your child’s bag for icy poles tomorrow.

Abbey Nash  0410 509 161  anash@nashmanagement.com.au
Jill Davies  0414 335 555  jill.davies@yahoo.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents

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.
PERFORMING ARTS AWARD:

4N – For working co-operatively as a team at the Media Roadshow Incursion and for demonstrating excellent performing arts skills when acting in their own Green screen Television Show and Talk show Radio Show. Well done 4N!

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES – either singing or playing an instrument

• Thank you to Emily Walters from 1J for singing and playing the piano at this week’s assembly. Beautiful playing Emily, what a star!

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.

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

• Thank you to the senior choir for performing “Viva La Vida” at this week’s assembly. The audience loved watching you perform this fabulous song by Coldplay. Also, well done to the 5 ballet dancers who performed movements to the song, you showed confidence and grace, beautiful girls!!!

Amanda Wilson
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Visual Artist of the Week

Camilla Boyle 3F
For creating a beautiful Christmas Card design. You combined traditional Christmas images and bright colours in your drawing. A very festive work of art!

Visual Art Class of the Week

4S - For the persistence you have shown whilst creating your stitched paper squares. Great attitude 4S, keep it up!

“Clay for Kids” Exhibition
Last Sunday Duldig Studio in Malvern East held the “Clay for Kids” exhibition showcasing sculpture works created by local Primary students. Six of our Level 4 students; Rose Power, Jack Mangano, Will Hutchins, Lewis O’Donnell, Amy Bounos and Milla Alekna, had pieces selected for display in the exhibition. It was very exciting for these students to see their work on show together with artworks created by accomplished artists. Several families from Armadale Primary attended the exhibition and were surprised at the high quality of the work the students had produced. Will Hutchins and Jack Mangano were presented with encouragement awards by ex-Stonnington Councillor Judie Hindle and Rose, Lewis, Amy and Milla were given a participation prize for having their work selected for exhibition. Well done to all these students!

Supplies for the Art Room
Thank you to the people who have left supplies for me in the Art Room. Very soon we are going to need lots of ‘metallic’ bits and bobs, particularly:

◆ ring pulls (from drink cans)
◆ bottle tops (from glass bottles)
◆ small springs (from old pens)
◆ press studs, rivets, fasteners, etc

Please keep an eye out for these items and collect them in a small bag or container to bring to the Art room.

Jennifer Hemingway
Dear Parents

WALKING WHEELING WEDNESDAYS
As part of our emphasis on Sustainability and student health and wellbeing we are introducing a new initiative at school called Walking Wheeling Wednesdays. The idea is to get students into the habit of actively travelling to school once per week and show them how easy, fun and achievable active travel is all the time. The aim of nominating one day of the week as a day of active travel, is to create longer-term, habitual changes in active travel frequency. The Green Team will be responsible for doing a head count each Wednesday to see how many children actively travel to school. We can access some great prizes and incentives to encourage the children to participate. Please talk to your children about how you would like to join in on WWW. Don’t forget if you live too far from school there is a special provision for you called: Part Way is OK, so that you can park the car a few blocks away from school and walk the rest of the way.

I will be discussing with Bicycle Network Victoria about other initiatives that they may be able to assist us with in order to make our school more bicycle friendly, such as installing new bike racks and undertaking a Bike Ed training course.

WORKING BEE
Our first and only working bee for the year will be held on Saturday 24 November from 9-12. We have a few gardening and tidying to do to keep our grounds looking nice, and a special project of digging four large holes for four new Manchurian Pear Trees that will be planted to give shade to our new play equipment and passive seating areas. If you have some spare time on this day please come and lend us a hand, even if it is only for an hour or so. Any gardening tools that you are able to bring for use on the morning would be greatly appreciated too.

GREEN TEAM EXCURSION
One of the prizes that our school was awarded for being Green School of the Year was a free excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens Children’s Garden to have a session on Minibeasts. I am currently negotiating a suitable date and will let all the Green Team students know. It will be a great opportunity for the Green Team to celebrate our achievements this year.

Malcolm Dow
Acting Assistant Principal

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Recycling your E-Waste reduces landfill
It also save precious resources, and reduces the amount of energy and water used when making new products and packaging.

Registrations are essential and places are limited.
Go to www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/ewaste or call 8290 1333. Open to Stonnington residents only.
Armadale Primary School
Walking Wheeling Wednesdays

Get your family and friends together and walk, ride, skate or scoot to school every Wednesday.
Malvern Primary School Spring Fair

Come and enjoy Malvern Primary School bumper Spring Fair on Sunday 18 November.

This year’s fair has more than 60 stalls and rides including food & drinks, books, sporting equipment, toys, cakes, jams, plants as well as rides for children of all ages, animal farm and plenty of fun family activities.

Admission is free.

What: Malvern Primary School Spring Fair
When: 10am to 4pm
Sunday 18 November
Where: 17 Tooronga Rd Malvern

Murrumbeena Primary School’s

Ladies Market Night!
An opportunity to relax and catch up with friends, shop up a storm & treat yourself to a great night out!

Thursday 15th November 7.00 – 9.30pm

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Mini Massages
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Valid until 15/12/12. (Ts&Cs apply)
Taste of Melbourne has kindly provided the school with free admission tickets to the session from 12.00 -4.00pm on Friday 16 November.
The first 15 people to come to the office and tell us where on the new website you can find the uniform price list will receive a free ticket to this session.

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - 2013 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**

After 2 fun filled years, the Armadale Blue Devils are losing a few members so numbers are dwindling!

I am wanting to gauge interest in keeping an Armadale PS team going and playing competition basketball during 2013.

There are two competitions that the Blue Devils have been involved in which run on **Tuesday** afternoons and **Saturday** afternoons (from 1pm). Both comps are played at **MSAC**.

Please email me for more information if you are interested. I am happy to manage the team, but we would need to appoint a coach.

Jo D'Cruz  
jo.dcruz@yahoo.com.au

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During November PSW are offering a 5% discount on uniform. Click here for more details.
Dear Parents,

The Swimming Program gives each child an opportunity to enjoy physical activity as well as gaining a valuable life skill. Activities to develop confidence in water, swimming stroke development and water safety aspects will be covered in the intensive program beginning Friday 30th November. This program complements the school PE program and all children are expected to attend.

Term 4 Swimming Arrangements for Level 1 & 2 - Swimming lessons for Term 4 will commence for Level 1 & 2 children on Friday 30th November. They will be held at the Lauriston Girls’ School Swim Centre Huntingtower Road, Armadale. This year we are running an intensive swimming program on the following dates over two weeks:

- Friday 30th November, Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Thursday 6th, Friday 7th, Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th, Thursday 13th, Friday 14th (9 lessons).

Each lesson will be approximately 35mins with trained swimming instructors provided at the following times:

- 2T & 2S (9:30-10:05am); 1C & 1J (10:05-10:40am); 1P (10:40-11:15am); 2J & 2P (11.15am-11.50pm), 2E (11.50am-12:25pm)

Cost & permission: Included in the Term 4 Levy sent out at the end of term 3

Transport: Teachers will supervise the walk to and from the pool.

Swimming Items:

- To assist with the changing process it is recommended that children wear their bathers to school under their school uniform, prior to walking to the pool. (NB Girls should wear one piece design and boys ‘speedo’ style) Please remember to supply underwear for your child when changing after lesson.
- Goggles are highly recommended and need to be provided by parents prior to the commencement of the program. There will be no borrowing of goggles from the pool.
- Named swim caps will be provided by Armadale Primary School and are included in the cost for all students. These will be distributed to each level 1 & 2 child at the beginning of the program. Additional caps will be on sale for $5.00.
- Children need to also bring a towel and labelled swimming bag/sports bag. A plastic bag is not recommended.

ALL SWIMMING ITEMS AND CLOTHING MUST BE NAMED

Parent Assistance Required

Teachers require any parents who are able to assist with walking children to/from the pool and assist with supervision/changing. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the form and tear off slip below and return to your child’s class teacher if you can assist.

Parents of all children are welcome to attend swimming lessons and observe progress after the first lesson.

Medical Information

Children can be exempted on medical grounds. The confidential medical swimming exemption form available from the office needs to be completed, signed by parents and returned to the office prior to the commencement of the program so that adequate supervision can be arranged.

PARENTS – PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO SWIM IF THEY HAVE HAD DIARRHOEA WITHIN THE PAST SEVEN DAYS.

If you have any further queries please contact me or your child’s class teacher.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co ordinator

SWIMMING PROGRAM TERM 4 2012 – PARENT ASSISTANCE

Please note the school departure time is approximately 30mins prior to the lesson at the following times:

- 2T & 2S (9:00am); 1C & 1J (9:35am); 1P (10:10am); 2J & 2P (10:45am) 2E(11:20am)

- PARENT ASSISTANCE  YES, I can assist with supervision with walking to/from the pool and supervision on the following dates. (please circle) Friday 30th Nov, Monday 5th Dec, Tuesday 6th, Thursday 8th, Friday 9th, Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Thursday 14th, Friday 15th Dec OR

- All days (please circle)

Name.................................................. Phone No’s...........................................
Child’s Name.............................................. Class..............................................

Please return directly to your child’s class teacher by Friday 23rd November if you can assist