COMING EVENTS

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Dear Parents,

It has been another incredibly busy week for all our students and teachers and it is fantastic to see that many of our plans for 2013 are coming to fruition. This week all of our teachers have been planning in their 2013 teams and have been familiarising themselves with the new national curriculum which will be taught in schools next year. There have been some changes to our teaching structures and this planning time gives our new teams the opportunity to start to work together.

It is already shaping up to be a very exciting 2013 for everyone at Armadale Primary school.

Guess who came to dinner?

On Monday evening, all of this year’s parents and teachers who have served on School Council were invited to a wonderful dinner at Tim and Pina Martelli’s fabulous restaurant “La Lucciola”. The food was amazing, very generous portions and a tiramisu to die for. Just prior to the presentations to the councillors and in particular an acknowledgement of Bruce Hemingway and his 11 years of service on School council and 5 of those as our esteemed and highly regarded President, a particular guest came into the restaurant, much to the delight of Bruce and Jeanine Purdie, both passionate Blue’s fans. Naturally a photo opportunity couldn’t go astray so whilst juggling his own pasta dinner, Chris kindly agreed to let me take a photo. I think despite the fabulous company and wonderful conversation, this was a highlight for both Bruce and Jeanine.

Graduation

By the time you read this newsletter and think about your evening meal tonight, there are 40 very excited Grade 6 students who are getting ready for their Graduation ceremony this evening. So much has gone into this wonderful evening, the students have put their speeches together; Zaim has worked on their graduation book, Jen Hemingway has taken a huge amount of photos this year, Robin and Mat have worked tirelessly to ensure everything is in place and the amazing parent committee headed by the super organised Anne Howley has just been outstanding. I can’t wait to see how the MPC becomes transformed this evening into a magical setting for our 40 shining stars tonight.

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Principal’s report continued...

A night like this doesn’t happen by itself and there has been an incredible amount of behind the scenes work that has been undertaken by the parents on the Graduating committee. My sincere thanks and gratitude to the following parents who have made such a night possible:
Anne Howley, Theresa Bourne; Vicki Lloyd; Jen Hemingway, Jude Hutchins; Prue De Hennin; Pina Martelli; Suzanne Cilia; Andrea Gray, Rachel Power, Georgia Darby; Penny and Marc Horton-Stephens, Helen Bounos, Sasha Bennett, Lisa Walker, Lisa Le Deux, Katie Simmonds, Murray Bickerdike, Sophie Lund, Elle Giles, Stella Durnic, Maria Tsakmakis, Renato Picciani and Sia Polyzos.
I am looking forward to a really lovely evening and I expect this to be a highlight for the students for years to come.

Congratulations to Jacob Moulton
I recently had word from Caroline Moulton that her son Jacob, has finished second in the world for his age in tap dancing. Jacob and his family left for Germany at the end of November to participate in the world championships. We always knew that Jacob had talent but to come second in the world in an international arena is absolutely fantastic. After all his training and hard work, I hope Jacob is enjoying a much deserved rest in Europe. We look forward to welcoming him back next year in Grade 6.

Our fabulous Choirs
Performed incredibly well at the Jam Factory yesterday and there was wonderful feedback and appreciation from a very receptive audience sitting in the Food Court area. Congratulations to all teachers involved, in particular sincere thanks to Amanda Wilson and Colleen Johnson who have superbly led both choirs all year, providing wonderful enjoyment for our students. Thank you also to Virginia Wallace; Rosanna Caruso and Kylie Thompson for their support and involvement to both teachers and students.

Final whole school transition on Tuesday 18th December between 10.30 -11.00am
All students will move into their new classes for next year and meet their new teacher and fellow classmates. We will also be welcoming all our new students to our school and of course delighted to welcome our new Preppies for 2013. All of our students who are sadly leaving us at the end of the year will meet Mr Cracknell for an alternative activity.

Reminder about Reports
Your children’s reports will be sent home next Thursday afternoon December 20 and some reports will be different because of the current industrial state-wide ban on teachers writing comments. Whilst I recognise that some parents will be disappointed that this action has been mandated, I request that parents support our teachers as they do not take this action lightly and because negotiations have broken down, more industrial action is likely to continue into next year. Should you have any concerns about your children’s reports, please direct these to me and not to the class teacher. I wholeheartedly support the need for my staff to take this action and I hope that an agreement can be reached before the start of the school year.

Parent Coffee and Danish
All parents who have helped over the year in some way – reading in the classroom; participating on an excursion; assisting on special days and events are invited to join us for a coffee and danish from 8.30 am -9.00am on Wednesday 19th December in the Performing Arts room. Our staff would love to have the opportunity to thank you and acknowledge the help and assistance provided.

Portfolio showcase and Carols in the Quadrangle
Parents are invited to our school next Tuesday from 5.30 – 8.00pm where we will have two events for you to enjoy.
5.30pm -6.00pm: Classrooms will be open and students will showcase to their parents their portfolios demonstrating their learning for the year.
6.00pm-6.45pm: Students to sit with their parents in our grounds and enjoy a family picnic
6.45pm get in class lines ready for their performances
7.00: carols start
8.00pm: carols finish
Because our children are performing and the carols is all about the children, we ask that parents refrain from drinking alcohol during this event. You will have noticed that many public carols in the park that are being run by Counsils are notably “alcohol free”. I seek your support with this and should you have a concern regarding this request please don’t hesitate to speak to me personally.

Final assembly
Our Final assembly for the year will be on Friday 21st December at 1.00pm with the children dismissed at 1.30 prompt. Consequently, there will be no assembly next Wednesday morning.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Warm regards,

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
## YOU CAN DO IT! AWARDS

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<td>Lily Stewart</td>
<td>For her improvement in her organisational skills and her willingness to give her very best.</td>
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<td>2J</td>
<td>Samuel Stringer</td>
<td>For taking on extra responsibilities in the class and caring for his classmates, environment and his teacher. Thankyou Samuel!</td>
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<td>2S</td>
<td>Tilly Hunt</td>
<td>For her creative and imaginative design of a Christmas gift package. You are a star Tilly!</td>
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<td>2T</td>
<td>Henry Stringer</td>
<td>For concentrating on his work and writing a fantastic journal entry about a family barbeque, and for independently inserting his worksheets into his portfolio.</td>
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<td>2T</td>
<td>Polly Yeats</td>
<td>For being confident at swimming and always trying her hardest. Your swimming has improved so much!</td>
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<td>2T</td>
<td>Holly Wright</td>
<td>For being a fantastic and responsible line leader on the walk to swimming, as well as being an organised, helpful, and confident student who takes pride in her work.</td>
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<td>3F</td>
<td>Stella Stanford-Clark</td>
<td>for successfully using different strategies when solving the problem, &quot;Granny's Rug&quot;.</td>
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<td>3F</td>
<td>Nathan Hoorbahkt</td>
<td>for demonstrating persistence when writing a great short story about 'Three Old Hags'. Your story was very interesting.</td>
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<td>3W</td>
<td>Tilly Campbell</td>
<td>For consistently demonstrating great confidence and persistence when approaching all tasks, and for the enthusiasm she has shown in all areas of her learning. throughout the year. Well done Tilly!</td>
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<td>Amy Bounos</td>
<td>For always presenting your bookwork with colour, imagination and elegance. It's always a pleasure to read your work, Amy.</td>
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<td>4S</td>
<td>Lili Picciani</td>
<td>For showing confidence and persistence in your application towards schoolwork and study. Well done!</td>
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<td>Oscar Lund</td>
<td>For the appreciation you extend when you have learnt something new (and for being an infallible human calculator). Thank you for saying Thank you.</td>
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## MARSHALL WHITE AWARD

This term’s Marshall White Award recipient, Ben Lloyd, was presented with his award at assembly this week by Andrew Hayne. Congratulations Ben.

## LIBRARY BOOKS

Just a reminder to all parents and students to start gathering all the library books to return to the school for our end of year stocktake.

*Donna Brammer*

## PIANO

The piano in the Infant Hall is available **FREE** to a good home. If you are interested or have any questions, please speak with Pippa Cocks or the office.
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Armadale is now a Four Star Sustainable School
Another exciting piece of news that just came in this morning was from Sustainability Victoria informing us that we have now become a Four Star Sustainable School following our successful completion of the Biodiversity Module. The accreditation assessors were impressed with the work we had done to establish the Habitat Garden at the front of the school and a commitment to planting native and indigenous species in our school grounds, as evidenced by our recent plantings in front of the new mod 10 building. They were also very pleased with the work we had done in conjunction with Stonnington Council at the Malvern Urban Forest, to revegetate a neglected area there. Next year we will be aiming for our 5th and final star, which will be a wonderful achievement for our school, as there are very few schools in the state who have achieved 5 star status. Look out for lots of news about our work toward this goal in 2013. Please see page 6 in this newsletter for a copy of our certificate.

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We wish each and every family a restful, relaxing, happy, and fun holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2013.

Next year
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Icy poles
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Our Level 4 classes have been learning about economics, supply and demand, creating a business and a product that customers want, at a reasonable price.

On **Monday 17 December**, from 1.30pm to 3.00pm, groups will be holding a market in the MPC to sell their home-made products, such as Christmas cards, brownies, chocolates, soft toys, Frog in the Ponds, toffees, bracelets and lots more.

Prices will range from $1 to $2.50. All APS students are welcome (classes will attend with teachers) to come and support the Level 4s. Profits will be banked, so we can see how the account balance grows with interest, and will be put towards graduation costs in 2013.

Robin Nicolson, Mat Sweetlove and Zaim Zeneli
*Level 4 Teachers*
The OOSH team has teamed up with Kmart to provide presents to underprivileged children through the Salvation Army.

If you can spare a new toy for a child please leave it under the Christmas tree in OOSH and we will wrap and deliver them.

Please leave presents no later than the 20th December.

Cheers OOSH Team

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**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.

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**LEVEL 1&2 SWIMMING**

Congratulations to all the Level 1&2 children on their swimming. The program has been a great success and we hope that all the children will continue to practise their skills over the summer.

Peter Cracknell Sports Co-ordinator

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the Armadale Rockers for being runners up in the Grade 3 MSAC Basketball competition. The girls had a terrific season.
There will be NO MORE PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS for 2012. Congratulations to all the classes who received an award this year.

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES – either singing or playing an instrument

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.

- Thank you to Kuba Lambert from 3W and Lewis O’Donnell from 4N for playing the piano at this week’s assembly. Great job boys, you had the audience bopping away!!!

CHOIR 2012

- JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIR – Friday 8.15am in the Performing Arts hall. Our last rehearsal to prepare for “Carols in the Quadrangle”.
- Thank you to the Junior and Senior choir for performing at the Jam Factory yesterday. You did an amazing job, the teachers were proud of you all. Also thank you also to all the parents and families that came along to watch the students, your support was greatly appreciated.
- Pictures of the Jam Factory performance will be in next week’s newsletter.

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Visual Art Awards have finished for 2012.

Congratulations to everyone who received an award this year. The quality and creativity of the art produced by Armadale Primary students is extraordinary and most weeks it has been extremely difficult to choose one award recipient.

Thank you to all the children who worked extremely hard in the Art room and did their best to help their class earn an Art Class of the Week award.

Art Smocks

Please wash your child’s art smock over the holidays so it is clean, fresh and ready for 2013.

Art Folios

Your children will be bringing home their Art Folios during the next week. Please enjoy having a look at the art work they have created and ask them to explain the techniques they used or what they learnt when making each piece.

Many thanks,

Jennifer Hemingway
Visual Arts Co-ordinator
After many meetings, discussions and ideas suggested by the students, the Level 1’s decided to donate the money raised from their very profitable stall to 3 charities:

- World Vision - $125
- SecondBite - $200
- Prahran Mission - $200

The remaining money is being used to make a food hamper that will be donated to a local Aged Care Facility. **Level 1 Orange juice and Lemonade Stall Money**

The Level 1 students were very pleased to present $200 to the charity SecondBite at assembly yesterday.

As the students have been learning about healthy lifestyles and the importance of eating a balanced and varied diet Second Bite was a fitting choice.

"Second Bite is committed to making a positive difference to people by identifying sources of nutritious surplus fresh food and produce that would otherwise go to waste and facilitating its safe and timely distribution to agencies and people in need." [http://secondbite.org/](http://secondbite.org/)

The money donated to World Vision will: “Help families grow a range of nutritious food.

With fast growing seeds, chickens, a market garden starter pack, a fish farm and fruit trees, a family could have the tools they need to grow nutritious food for their children and plenty of extra produce to sell for income. This gift supports our work to help communities grow nutritious food, generate income and protect and revive their environments.”


Next week a representative from Prahran Mission [http://www.prahranmission.org.au/](http://www.prahranmission.org.au/) will attend our final assembly, to receive their donation. The money will go towards funding the Christmas Day lunch held at the Malvern Town Hall.

Thank you to the students and parents who supported our stall.

You have made a difference to many different people in our local and world communities!

From

All the students from 1J, 1C and 1P
For more information on these recycling tips, to find local options and to reduce your eco footprint this Christmas visit 12dos.planetark.org
SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM
Learn keyboard, guitar, violin, here at Armadale Primary School
Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, violin, here at the school. Creative Music for Schools conducts an Instrumental Music Program of small group classes at school each week aiming to give children an excellent grounding in music. Children will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument. Tuition costs from $15.40 per lesson (payable per term) and enrolments are now being accepted for term 1, 2013. Interested parents should call Sharon during office hours on 9818 2333 for more information or visit our web page at www.creativemusic.com.au

CREATIVE MUSIC END of YEAR SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERT
The school community is invited to see the Creative Music students perform their End of Year Concert
Sunny's Tuesday program concert is on: Tuesday, 18 December 2012 at 4:00 PM in the Library
Ian's Thursday program concert is on: Thursday, 20 December 2012 at 4:00 PM in the Library
Mauricio's Wednesday program concert is on: Wednesday, 19 December 2012 at 4:00 PM in the Library

School Holiday Program at Phoenix Park Neighbourhood House
Phoenix Park Neighbourhood House is running a school holiday program for primary school children on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th January.
Activities include Manga ($17.50), Jewellery ($30.00), Cartooning ($17.50) and mosaics ($30.00) workshops.
Please phone 9530 4397 for more information and to book.
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