Dear Parents,

END OF TERM

We have reached the end of Term 2 and hasn’t it gone quickly! So much has happened, with NAPLAN testing, the senior swimming program, Education Week activities, Level 6 Camp, student reports and much more. They say times flies when you are having fun or busy and we have definitely experienced both this term. We will have our final assembly at 1.45pm in the hall on Friday with a dismissal time of 2.30pm. I hope everyone has a fantastic time over the school holidays, and if you are going away, I wish you a safe and enjoyable trip.

NEWS FROM ROCHELLE

Speaking of travel, we had a lovely email from Rochelle the other day telling us all about her fantastic trip and the adventures she is having. We were all just a tiny bit envious when she mentioned that her next stop was relaxing in the Greek Isles, especially as we were freezing our way through another frosty morning. She said to say hello to everyone and said that she is looking forward to seeing everyone next term.

LEVEL 4 EXPO

This week I had the pleasure of visiting the Level 4 classrooms to see their Expos on the investigations they had done this term on the topic of biodiversity and interdependence of species. It was wonderful to see the depth of learning that occurs when children explore information for a real purpose and have to present that information to others. It is clear that the learning is richer and more relevant this way. Thanks to all of the Level 4 teachers for the work they have done to assist the children in readiness for these Expos.

ARMADALE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

I was thrilled to learn this week that we have two premiership basketball teams. The two Armdale Primary girls basketball teams played in the Grand finals at MSAC on Friday night - and both won the premierships. What a fantastic achievement! We are all very proud of them and all their hard work over the season.

The teams were:


Thanks to all the parents who supported the girls in their endeavours, especially to Andrew Ajani (coach for both teams), John Dixon, who was manager for the Rockers, and Kim Fleetwood & Chris Noblet, who were managers for the Parrots. I look forward to seeing their trophies at tomorrow’s assembly.

BOTTLEBRUSH HEDGE and GARDEN BORDERS – THANKYOU

Thanks to our hardworking parents, Carmine Fusco, Jason Vickery and Ray Skinner, our bottlebrush hedge has been planted and mulched, and already looks fantastic. Thanks also to the Houghton-Allen family who came to school a few weekends ago and installed some fantastic borders around the vegie gardens. Thanks Luca, Mina and Nigel, they look fantastic and are really helping to keep the beds neat and tidy. These two projects are great examples of what can be achieved when parents work in partnership with the school on projects to improve the environs.

This Week’s Events

Friday 28 June

♦ Last day of term - assembly at 1.45pm and children dismissed at 2.30pm

Coming Events

Monday 15 July

♦ Term 3 commences 9.00am

Tuesday 16 July

♦ L4 & 6 House Athletics Day

Cut these dates out and keep them on your fridge

Level 4 Camp

A reminder to all Level 4 parents that the $50 deposit for the children attending camp is due back at school by next Friday 28 June.

Virginia Wallace

Level 4 Camp Co-ordinator

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CONGRATULATIONS AMANDA WILSON

Amanda Wilson has announced that she is expecting her first child in October with her husband Dallas Wilson. Amanda will continue working until the Term 3 holidays in 6W and will then take Maternity Leave for the remainder of 2013.

We are very happy to announce that Kate Pilgrim, an experienced and well known Armadale Primary School teacher, will be taking her place in Term 4.

MATHLETICS AWARDS

Congratulations to Lexi Picciani, Areeb Mohammad and Raghu Samartha, who received special Mathletics achievement Awards. These will be presented at tomorrow’s assembly.

I hope they continue to enjoy themselves playing basketball!

Thanks, Emma

Malcolm Dow
Acting Principal

Parents and Friends for Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

YAY for the Holiday!

Last call for the Scout Raffle and Teacher Awards:

Scout Raffle – Please return your tickets along with money in the envelope provided to your class teacher or the office.

ASG NEiTA Awards for Inspirational Educators – nominations open.

The Scout Raffle - Please remember that APS retains $1.50 from each $2 ticket sold so please get behind this fundraising initiative. All monies will go toward our ‘greening of APS’ goal which includes more synthetic grass for playground areas along with seating and shade provisions.

Don’t forget to nominate your favourite teacher for an award - Let’s recognise and reward our teachers for all the wonderful work they do too! The National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) is an independent national awards program where parents, school boards/councils and students can publicly acknowledge and reward their inspirational teachers and principals - please discuss with your child a particular teacher who has inspired or encouraged them and take the time to go online to nominate them.

Again, nominating is easy. Visit the NEiTA website www.neita.com.au or call 1800 624 487 to receive a nomination form. Nominated teachers receive a congratulatory NEiTA Certificate of Nomination and become eligible for NEiTA State and National Awards.

These awards provide a wonderful opportunity to show our teachers how much we appreciate and support them. Nominations close 31 July.

Have a safe and wonderful and break and we look forward to seeing you all next term!

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PFA Co-Presidents

This Week’s Awards

House Points

No house points were Awarded this week.

Head Lice

A number of cases of head lice have been reported throughout the school. Could all parents check their children and please advise your child’s class teacher if you find head lice.

Once treatment has commenced your child can return to school.

OOSHC News

♦ OOSHC will begin at 2:30pm on Friday for the last day of term.
Sports News

Level 4 & 6 House Athletics
Tuesday 16 July

Departure at 8.55am sharp
**Please be at school by 8.50am**

Please remember to return the payment & permission envelope by Friday 28th June.

Any parents who are able to help on the day please send a note via the Class teacher or return the slip in the previous newsletter.

*Peter Cracknell*
*Sports Co-ordinator*

The Importance of Childhood & Play

Presented by Kathy Walker
Wednesday 24 July
7.30pm—9.30pm
Glen Eira Town Hall—Theatrette
Cost: $6 per person

Sometimes it seems that it is increasingly difficult to give your child a childhood given their exposure to so many adult concepts. This presentation highlights the importance and richness of play and how learning life skills, self-esteem and resilience are all promoted through encouraging and allowing children to play.

To book online, visit
Www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact Council’s Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Going Bush

Presented by Doug Fargher
Wednesday 31 July
7.30pm—9.30pm
Glen Eira Town Hall—Theatrette
Cost: $6 per person

Remember climbing trees and jumping in puddles? Playing in nature was an important part of growing up for most of us. Research suggests that children who spend more time outdoors in nature are happier, healthier, stronger, smarter and more social. This presentation looks at ways of reconnecting our children with nature and the outdoors.

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Www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact Council’s Service Centre on 9524 3333.

2014 Enrolments

A reminder to all parents with a child due to start school next year that all sibling enrolments should be in by the end of Term 2 - next Friday 28th June.

Please come to the office and collect an enrolment form.

Congratuations

*The winners of the Circus Tickets from last week’s newsletter were:-*

Stoupas Family
Shah Family
Ritson Family
Allen-Lyons Family

Book Covering

*There are a number of new books in the library that need to be covered and would greatly appreciate parents taking home a bundle over the holiday to cover ready for the new school term. If you are able to take some home for a sneak peek, please contact the office.*

School Photos

The special photo orders from Schoolpix are at the office awaiting collection. If you have ordered one, please come to the office before the end of term.

Thank you.

Lost Property

Could all parents please regularly check the lost property in the MPC as we have a large amount of unclaimed clothing. We also ask that parents check the labels on clothing to make sure that their children have not inadvertently brought home the wrong child’s clothing.
Performing Arts News

PERFORMING ARTS

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD: Class 0P for their excellent work using rhythm and beat to move around the room.

CHOIR 2013

Choir is on this Friday 8:15am
Senior Choir is in the Performing Arts room.
Junior Choir is in the Science Room.

NEW MEMBERS are always welcomed. Please come and see me if you have any questions about either Junior or Senior choir and would like to join.

Do you play an instrument and would like to perform in Assembly? Please see me A.S.A.P!

AFTER SCHOOL MUSIC TUITION – Information provided at the office.

‘til next week,
Lauren Rich
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Foundation Bulletin

This week’s Level 1 bulletin for Foundation parents is on the website under your child’s class in the Students tab or click here.
Time Poor? Happy to Help!!!!

Jim’s Cleaning Armadale would like to offer the Parents of Students at Armadale Primary School an opportunity for a free quote on any of your Cleaning requirements. The specific treatments are for Bathrooms, Kitchens, Ovens and Windows. However, we can assist with any of your needs, no matter how big or small.

Living locally enables us to support families and small business owners in the community and it will also enable us to provide our clients with a cost effective cleaning solution; quickly, reliably and efficiently.

Call Mark and Ali on 0439 634 384 for further information regarding our services or simply email us at ali.mark@jimscleaning.net.au and we will contact you directly. We value your local support and look forward to meeting with you shortly,

Kind regards,

Mark and Ali.
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