Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the recent long weekend and the opportunity to spend some quality family time together on the Monday and Tuesday. The weather was glorious on both days which enabled my family to spend a great deal of yesterday outdoors.

The Curriculum Day on Monday started with an introduction and a discussion on the Government’s new policy direction which is looking at teachers meeting the performance standards. Teaching, like parenting, is a multi-layered craft and requires teachers to deal with many personalities, differences in academic abilities, variances in children’s well-being each and every day. Many school principals feel that linking student performance with teacher performance is very one dimensional and does not factor in all the other variables which may explain a student’s growth and performance. We are incredibly fortunate to have the cohort of students that we do here at APS, but you can imagine what difficulties and challenges some schools face in the more outer lying areas of Melbourne. We then continued with a very productive and practical session with our teachers having the opportunity to look at the AusVels curriculum with a particular focus on unpacking the Writing sub-strand. The teachers have a very comprehensive understanding of what to teach and how to assess writing at each curriculum level. The staff were also engaged in developing a rubric to assess the whole writing continuum from Foundation to Level 8. I would like to acknowledge the work of Connie Apostolos, who worked incredibly hard to put all the resources and materials together to run our Curriculum Day.

ICAS results

Congratulations to all the children who participated in this year’s ICAS. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments and school tests for primary and secondary school students.

A new ICAS test is developed annually for each subject in each year level by a team of subject matter experts. All ICAS tests are reviewed by experienced teachers to ensure that they accurately assess students’ skills and are relevant to what they are learning at school. Some schools use ICAS as a placement test. Other schools use ICAS results as a component of a student’s overall academic achievement for the year. While still others offer ICAS as a psychometric test to better understand what students can and can’t do at a point in time. Over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year.

I am delighted to share with you the following students who achieved a credit or a distinction for this prestigious competition. Students who achieved a credit are in the top 25% of all the students who entered the competition and those who receive a distinction are in the top 10% of all students.

Congratulations to the following students on such a remarkable achievement:

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English results
Grade 3 CREDIT: Samuel Fitton, Joe Power, Clea Robinson, Charlie Sorell, Euan Stewart
Grade 4 CREDIT: Flossie Corsham, Celia Dixon, Robbie Galvin-Rowley, Sami Skinner, Isla Tremlett
Grade 5 CREDIT: Aiden D’Cruz
Grade 6 CREDIT: Luci Gentil, Darcy Mellor, Jemima Officer

Distinctions:
- Elsa Ajani, Charlie Amad (Grade 4),
- Will Scotti (Grade 5),
- Angelique Lignos, Lewis O’Donnell (Grade 6)

Maths results
Grade 3 CREDIT: Samuel Fitton, Will Hucker, Hugo Martin, Charlie Sorell, Euan Stewart
Grade 5 CREDIT: Kuba Lambert
Grade 6 CREDIT: Luci Gentil, Sol Hashimoto, Lewis O’Donnell

What is particularly impressive about these results is that as a school we don’t use examinations as a form of assessment, nor do we teach our students to the tests, but we obviously have such fantastic teachers who are able to get the very best out of our students. Thank you very much to Peter Cracknell for all his work and organisation in providing the students with the opportunity to participate in this competition.

Congratulations to Kate Pilgrim
It gives me great pleasure to announce to the school community that Kate Pilgrim is the successful applicant of the short term contract position that was recently advertised. I know that the Grade 5/6 students will be very pleased to know that Kate will be their teacher until the end of the school year.

Forthcoming Art show on Friday December 6th 2013
As you know every second year the school has recently performed whole school musical productions, Aladdin in 2010 and Alice in Wonderland in 2012. In the alternative year, we will be showcasing our visual arts program with an Art Show. Lucy has worked with the students all year and has helped the students to create works of art on canvas. On Friday December 6th our MPC will be turned into an Art Gallery and all of the Armadale school community will be invited to the showing. Student works of art will be available to be purchased during the afternoon and at 6.00pm, Lucy will announce the winners of the Art Prizes. There will be refreshments served as well. Our student Arts leaders will be designing the flyers shortly which will advertise all the details. Mark the date in your diaries now!

End of year Christmas Church service
Our annual Christmas Church service will this year be held in our MPC on Wednesday December 4th at 2.00pm. Unfortunately we have outgrown all the spaces in our local churches and despite our MPC not having the reverence of a church, the prayers, the singing from all the children and presentation of Bibles to our graduating Grade 6 students will still be very special. Please join us for our end of year Church service at 2.00pm on Wednesday December 4th.

Armadale’s 130th Birthday March 4th 2014
Thinking ahead – Armadale turns 130 next year and we are looking for a working party to get together to help organise the celebration that will take place. If any Mums or Dads are interested and have the time, I will hold a meeting on Tuesday 19th November at 5.00pm in my office to discuss some ideas. If any parents would like to be included in this working party but can’t attend the meeting, please drop me an email with your details.

Have a wonderful week.
Warm regards
Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Sports News
Level 6 Volleyball Gala Day
Tomorrow Friday 8 November

A reminder to all Level 6 children that they will be taking part in a Volleyball Gala Day tomorrow. Information was distributed last week. Parent assistance will be needed so if any parents are available to help, please see your child’s class teacher.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

KidzBodz Healthy Eating Challenge
Week 3 (this week)

- Boost your brain power by eating seafood at least twice this week.
**Assistant Principal**

**Movember**

Thanks to Brett Leyshan, our Integration and ICT support person, four of our male staff members have committed to Movember, which is all about supporting and building awareness of men’s health issues. We are all busily cultivating our Movember Moustaches, (some more successfully than others, mine should start to be visible by about the 28th November). There is a dedicated website for our team, called the Armadale Amigos, and you are welcome to check it out [here](#) and if you feel so inclined, make a donation to the team.

**Active Travel to School**

With the weather improving and the daylight hours growing, it is a great time to think about becoming more active, and what better way than the trip to school. As you all know we have been in partnership with Bicycle Network Victoria to foster active travel to our school and whilst we had an initial surge in numbers, we have settled back into a predominantly car based mode. Perhaps you could link up with neighbouring families to organise a small group to walk, ride, skate or scoot to school together. It is not only healthy, but also a great way to socialise on the way to and from school. BNV have donated some bike related prizes, which we will be handing out to regular cyclists, so look out for those.

**Year 5 Netbooks**

An email was sent out last week to all current year 4 parents regarding the netbook program for next year. If you didn’t receive that email, it means that the email address you have recorded at the office is incorrect, so you will need to rectify that with the office staff. A parent information session on the Netbook Program will be held on **Wednesday 20 November at 5pm in the Library** to explain how the program will operate next year.

Malcolm Dow

Assistant Principal

**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.

**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, teabags, 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 and face washers.

*Isla, Flossie, Dean, Evan, Christian, Amy 4F*
You Can Do It! Awards

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<td>Tanvir Singh 0J</td>
<td>For excellent listening and using his words to solve problems with friends. Great improvement Tanvir!</td>
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<td>Isaac Miller 0P</td>
<td>For playing bingo co-operatively and confidently reading each word.</td>
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<td>Harry Stewart 2A</td>
<td>For your positive attitude towards learning. Even when you are not sure, you will still have a try.</td>
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<td>Maya Hurwitz 2E</td>
<td>For her increasing confidence and enthusiasm in all areas of her learning.</td>
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<td>Tabitha Ingham 2J</td>
<td>For always following instructions quickly and quietly. Tabitha confidently completes all her set tasks. Well done!</td>
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<td>Harry Atwell 2P</td>
<td>For settling back into his school routine after his time at school in the mountains during winter. Welcome back we all missed you.</td>
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<td>Sascha Tausan 2S</td>
<td>For the wonderful contributions he makes to class discussions. Keep up with your wonderful efforts Sascha!</td>
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<td>Jules Vodicka 4B</td>
<td>For his increasing confidence in his 50's club challenge. Keep practising Jules, you can do it!</td>
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<td>Evan Polyzos 4F</td>
<td>For participating effectively, sharing and contributing mathematical ideas and strategies to problem solving challenges</td>
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<td>Jamie Shaw 4F</td>
<td>For demonstrating persistence when working on his learning tasks. Keep up the good work Jamie</td>
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<td>Sami Skinner 4S</td>
<td>For inviting another student to join your group of friends during play. You are a kind and caring boy, Sami.</td>
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<td>Martha Conheady 4W</td>
<td>For being a co-operative and helpful member of the class, and approaching all her work with great</td>
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<td>Jas Wheatley Cox 6N</td>
<td>For showing confidence and organisation skills whilst assisting Mr Cracknell to sort, prepare and present ICAS awards.</td>
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The 5 Keys of YCDI! Education

Our core purpose is the development of young people’s social and emotional capabilities, including:

- **Confidence**
- **Persistence**
- **Organisation**
- **Getting Along, and**
- **Resilience.**

Central to the development of these 5 Key Foundations is instilling in young people 12 Habits of the Mind, including:

- **Accepting Myself**
- **Taking Risks**
- **Being Independent**
- **I Can Do It**
- **Giving Effort**
- **Working Tough**
- **Setting Goals**
- **Planning My Time**
- **Being Tolerant of Others**
- **Thinking First**
- **Playing by the Rules, and**
- **Social Responsibility**
Friday 11th November

Remembrance Day in Australia commemorates the sacrifices of the armed forces and civilians during times of war, and in particular, WWI. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, a minute's silence is observed across the country in memory of the Armistice at that time in 1918.

The Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal is a significant contributor to the work of the RSL in Victoria. The money raised is used to help those in need including both serving and former members of the Australian Defence Forces and their dependants.

Items are available to purchase from the office to support The Poppy Appeal.

Foundation News

This week’s Foundation bulletin is on the website under your child’s class in the Students tab or click here to go the Level and Specialist Bulletins page on our website.

Some cases of head lice have been reported in the Foundation classrooms. Please check your child’s head this weekend and advise your child’s teacher if you find head lice. Once treatment begins, your child can return to school.

Parents and Friends for Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

Only 6 more weeks to go!
Can you believe it? It seems Christmas always comes at a rush this time of year; however we still have some wonderful things to enjoy before summer break on December 20.

The Healthy Breakfast next Friday November 15 – 7.00-8.45am.
A great fun morning with a few surprises.
Please check school bags this week for the flyer as well as Rachel Power’s special section in the newsletter on page 6. For those not familiar, this is a wonderful family event where children, parents and carers alike can sample a ‘full service breakfast buffet’ the likes of which we have never encountered before. Please talk to your class rep. to see how you might help. The memories I have of manning the Prep Pancake Stall, mixing the batter, pouring and flipping the pancakes before serving the hungry hoards eagerly looking on are priceless!

The Art Show on Friday December 6 – 4.30 - 6.00pm.
Please see Rochelle’s section for news on this exciting event.

We would like to thank everyone in our community for enabling us to successfully meet all targets in our 2013 ‘Greening of APS’ initiative. So much so we have some funds left to put toward our 2014 APS Initiative: ‘Back To The Future’.
In 2014 we would like to look back and celebrate our 130th birthday as well as look forward to renew our children’s education spaces. The much needed repaing of the Infant Hall will be the first celebration of this. Please pass our heartfelt gratitude to your children, parents, carers, extended family and local traders.

We would also like to thank Head Records and the Lestock-Kay / Mellor family for their wonderful Trivia Night donation. We acknowledge that more thanks will follow once all details are finalised.

Christmas Carols in the Quadrangle on December 16.
Enjoyed by all. More on this next week.

Icy Pole Friday tomorrow!
Please bear in mind that we don’t want our children to feel ‘entitled’. One of our core values at APS is resilience so feel free to use your discretion tomorrow – we do.

Exciting Things Happen
At Armadale Primary.

Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick
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PFA Co-Presidents
It’s that time of year again when we have our terrific Healthy Breakfast

The real aim is to educate the kids about the importance of a nutritional breakfast, but it’s also a great opportunity for us all to get together and have some fun.

We start at 7.00am with a delicious menu including fruit juices, yoghurt, fresh fruit, cereals, egg and bacon muffins, toast, coffee, tea and fantastic pancakes!

The cost of this event for APS students has been included in the students’ Term 4 Excursion Levy.

For all other family members we ask a nominal amount of:

🍎 $4 for each adult and $2 for (non APS) children, to be paid at the office before Friday 15th November.

Each year level is responsible for a food stall, so if you are able to help out on the day, please contact your class rep or look out for their email requesting helpers to fill the roster. It is always great fun to be involved and you can work up an appetite at the same time!

We look forward to having breaky with you!

Rachel Power
Healthy Breakfast Co-ordinator
Performing Arts News

Performing Arts Award - 4W
for learning their Christmas song so quickly.

Choir

Choir is on Friday @ 8:15!

Senior Choir in the Performing Arts room.
Junior Choir will be in the Science Room.

Please ensure you are on time with your choir folder.
Junior Choir please remember your shower cap.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Assembly Performances

♦ The Junior (Level 2) choir will be performing a song at next week’s assembly, on Wednesday 13th November at 9.00am.
All parents and relatives are invited to attend.

♦ We are looking for some talented dancers or singers (preferably a group) to perform in assembly this term. If you are interested please see me during recess on Friday.

After School Music Tuition – Information provided at the office.

Until next week,

Lauren Rich
Performing Arts Co-ordinator
rich.lauren.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Visual Arts News

Visual Art Class of the Week 0P
For the wonderful choices they made when applying colour to their charcoal drawings.

‘Clay for Kids’ Exhibition
When: open for viewing on:
♦ Saturday 9th November 1pm-2pm
♦ Sunday 10th November 12noon-4pm
♦ Monday 11th November 12noon-4pm

Exhibitions and children’s activities will take place on Sunday 10th November

Where: The Duldig Studio, 92 Burke Rd, East Malvern
A very big congratulation to the following students whose work has been selected for this exhibition:
♦ ‘Converse Shoe’ by April Van Schoonhoven (Year 6)
♦ ‘3 Dinosaurs’ by Stephanie Murphy (Year 5)
♦ ‘Cricket Equipment’ by Ned Dixon (Year 5)
♦ ‘Flower’ by Milla Burgemeestre (Year 5)
♦ ‘Octopus’ by Mia Vodicka Georgiou (Year 6)
♦ ‘Elephant’ by Lilly Baxter (Year 6)

Wednesday Lunchtime Art Club (Grade 6 students)
This Wednesday lunchtime any year 6 students from 6W are welcome to come to the Art Room for a lesson with Clay. We will have the lunchtime to create a 3D sculpture, you can bring along your lunch. Please see me if you are interested.

Visual Artist of the Week

Alfie Holuigue 0P
For the excellent garden he created using charcoal and poster colour. He paid attention to detail and displayed fantastic skills in drawing and painting.

Art Smocks
It is really important for everyone to have their own art smocks, to protect your clothing from getting stained and dirty. Please make sure you have a smock in your classroom Smock Tub. If you do not have an Art Smock you can purchase one at the uniform shop in Kew.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator
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**PLAYBALL BASKETBALL**

**TEAM TRAINING, MSAC**

**FRIDAYS TERM 1 2014**

**TEAM TRAINING AT MSAC**
Playball Basketball is now taking registrations from current Prep to Year 3 Boys & Girls to commence a Term of Basketball Training in Term 1 2014 at MSAC, Albert Park on Fridays from 4:00PM.

**COMPETITION TERM 2**
Term 1 training by Playball coaches prepares children for competition against other new teams starting Term 2. Register a Training Team for Term 1 by downloading a Team-Registration-Form at www.playballbasketball.com

**ALREADY PLAYING**
Enter a new Team for Playball Competition at MSAC
**TUESDAY YEAR 5 & 6** 4:00-6:00PM
**FRIDAY YEAR 1 TO 4** 4:00-7:00PM

**CONTACT**
Simon: 9585 6123
info@playballbasketball.com
Playball: An affiliated association of Basketball Victoria
www.playballbasketball.com

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**IT’S TIME TO TRADE IN YOUR DOLLARMITES TOKENS FOR A REWARD.**

Congratulations for being involved in the School Banking program this year. If you have collected 10 or more silver Dollarmites tokens you MUST redeem them for a reward before the end of Term 4 as you won’t be able to use these extra tokens next year. The Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year so collect them now.

Select the reward item(s) you want by completing the coupon on your rewards card and take it, along with your 10 tokens per reward, to school with your next School Banking deposit. 8 exciting new rewards are coming in 2014!

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