Dear Parents,

It was fabulous to see so many parents at our Information sessions which were run at each level on Tuesday night. I am sure you are all aware that the research shows a highly positive correlation between parent involvement in their children’s education and students who are successful learners at school. Education does not start at 9 and finish at 3.30 and from birth to adulthood, parents have a positive influence on all aspects of education. Being informed about your child’s curriculum, classroom and homework expectations and school events enables a highly positive school experience for all children. Would all parents who were unable to attend the information sessions please ensure they have read the appropriate bulletin from your child’s teacher and should you have any questions regarding your child’s schooling, please ensure you make an appointment to speak with the class teacher. Next week I will be sending home a “learner’s profile” for parents to complete about their child’s learning strengths, disposition and attitudes to learning. This information is critical for our teachers to navigate a specific learning roadmap for your children. The information will also assist our teachers in forming appropriate learning goals for your students for the year which will be constructed with you at our family conferences (Years 1-6) on Tuesday 11th March or Wednesday 12th March. It is important that parents mark one of these dates in their diaries to enable you to attend with your children. Details will be available on how to book a conference timeslot in next week’s newsletter.

Thank you to all our teachers for their very professional presentations to parents and for providing an in-depth overview of the year ahead. We recognise that it is a lot of information to take in, during an evening, particularly if you have 3 children at our school, so the take home bulletins plus what is available on the website will assist with you navigating the world of school. This is a very different place to when we were all students!

Year 6 Leaders’ breakfast Friday February 21st at 8am in the Performing Arts room
Parents / carers of students in Year 6 are invited to partake in a Year 6 leaders’ breakfast on Friday 21st February at 8.00am. This is an opportunity for the Year 6’s to pledge their commitment to their leadership role and to receive their leadership badges. It is also an opportunity for the Year 6 parents to meet and mingle and share these moments of pride with a coffee and a delicious muffin. Looking forward to seeing all our parents and Year 6 leaders there.

Welcome to Armadale Family Picnic Friday February 21st
Our first major community event for the year will be our Welcome to Armadale Family Picnic which be held on Friday 21st February from 6.00pm-8.30pm. This is a wonderfully relaxed opportunity for current and new families to meet each other and to enjoy the strong sense of community that exists at APS. Please mark this date in your diary and please read the PFA section in our newsletter to glean more details. It is BYO picnic, chairs and rug for the family to enjoy and please respect our “no glassware” request. The last thing we want to see is any of our younger children with cut toes and feet. Please also bring plastic bags/esky to take your waste home with you as our cleaners would have already finished for the weekend and we don’t want furry visitors in our grounds by Monday morning!

Principal’s report continued over page...

This Week’s Events

Friday 21 February
♦ Icypoles $1
♦ Year 6 Leaders’ breakfast
8.00am in Performing Arts room
♦ School Welcome Family Picnic
from 6.00pm

Monday 24 February
♦ School Council AGM

Coming Events

Tuesday 12 March
♦ Family Conferences
3.30pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday 12 March
♦ Harmony Day
♦ Family Conferences
3.30pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday 19 March
♦ National Ride2School Day

Friday 21 March
♦ Footy Colours Dress Up day

Monday 24 March
♦ Easter Raffle donations

Saturday 29 March
♦ School Fair
Principal's report continued ...

District Swimming sports
Congratulations to those students who represented Armadale in the District Swimming sports and it was terrific to see so many children make it to the next level. Thank you to Peter Cracknell for all his administration, Zaim Zeneli and Gillian Brown for accompanying the students and all the many parents who also assisted. As I am writing this newsletter the students are competing in the swimming events, so results will have to wait until next week.

School Council AGM
Our first school council meeting for the year will commence with our AGM on Monday night 24th February. I look forward to sharing with you in next week's newsletter our Council Office Bearers for 2014. I am extremely grateful to be able to work with such a dedicated and committed group of parents and teachers.

Student Accident Insurance/Ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school. Notification from the Department of Education
I have been asked by the Department of Education to advise all our parents that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by school councils on a whole-of-school basis, or by parents/guardians for individual students. Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy/ambulance cover, or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students and visitors should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Armadale’s 130th Birthday
Saturday 29th March 2014
What a fantastic event this is shaping up to be and watch out for the Marshall White boards advertising our fair which should be appearing throughout Armadale in the next week. We have a fantastic group of parents who have been working hard on the stalls, food items, craft ideas and entertainment and we are now looking for volunteers to make, donate items and generally help out. Please find the sign-up sheets in the classrooms and if you have any items which can be donated as prizes, please let me know. Don’t forget to look at the 130th Armadale celebration page on Facebook and leave a post or a message or invite friends and family to our celebration. https://www.facebook.com/ArmadalePrimarySchool.

The Armadale Primary School Celebrating 130 Years website is now live at http://happy130armadale.wordpress.com/. As we get closer to the Fair this will be the space to visit to find out more about events and activities happening on the big day. The website is also going to form an online gallery of some of the memorabilia and history of Armadale Primary.

Have a wonderful week everyone and see you on Friday evening.

Warm regards,

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

This Week’s Awards

House Points
Densham won this week’s house points and had a same colour day today.

Artist of the Week:
Charlotte Graham

Art Class of the Week: 3/4W

Performing Arts Class of the Week: 6Z

Performer of the Week:
Martha Conheady

You Can Do It! Awards:
Lily Stewart Prep C
Olive Durack Prep P
Lucie Armstrong 1/2D
Giselle Mangano 1/2E
Emily Start 1/2K
Freddie Tremlett 1/2P
Thomas Muscatello 3/4C
Lucy Silk 3/4C
Nikola Athanasopoulos 3/4J
Sofia Pellegrini 3/4M
Lucia Tabbagh 3/4S
Lucy Yeats 5B
Olivia Martin 6N
Olivia Gladwell-Bolte 6Z
Priscilla Breadmore 6Z
Green Team Excursion
As I mentioned last week, our senior Green Team had an excursion to Federation Square to the special exhibition called The New Joneses. It demonstrated how we can live more sustainably, yet still live a modern and comfortable life. The presenters were excellent and our Green Team asked lots of really interesting questions. Thanks to Rosa and Brett for assisting us on this excursion.

Please see page 7 of this newsletter for a more comprehensive report by two of our Green Team leaders, Lucien and Conner.

Our next Green Team excursion is on Friday 14 March when we will have a special Green Team Planning Day at Malvern Town Hall. This is facilitated by Stonnington Council in conjunction with CERES, and it is a great opportunity for the students to think about and plan what they want to do this year. Once again it is only for our senior Green Team, but there will be other opportunities for our junior Green Team reps to be involved throughout the year.

Ride2School Day March 19
I am in the process of planning some great activities for our Ride2School day and I think it will be even bigger and better than last year. We have some great prizes and rewards to give out and we are really looking forward to the challenge of beating our rate for last year of 89% of students actively travelling to school.

In ICT classes we have started to look at NearMap and use the measuring tool to see how far it is from home to school and look at the best possible route to take that is safer, quieter and more enjoyable. We are really hoping that many of our students will be inspired to continue actively travelling to school after our Ride2School Day is finished.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Library News
Starting next week books in the ‘new book’ section that were only browsable can be borrowed from the library. After taking some suggestions the library is going to have a theme for each term, term 1’s theme will be announced at assembly.

Expression of interest: The library is looking at having after school borrowing sessions so that parent and child can come in and borrow together. This would be a good chance for parents to grab books that they might be interested in reading with their child. If this is something you would be interested in please e-mail: Leyshan.brett.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

Happy reading,
Brett Leyshan

Lost Property
There is a lot of lost property in the Multi-Purpose Centre. Could all parents please check it if your children have lost an item of clothing. Could parents please also check the labels on their children’s school uniform in case they have inadvertently taken home another child’s piece of uniform.
### You Can Do It! Awards

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<td>Lily Stewart Prep C</td>
<td>For her beautiful and confident singing in front of all the Preps. We loved your version of 'Little Green Frog', Lily.</td>
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<td>Olive Durack Prep P</td>
<td>For being a kind and caring friend. You help other children in class and in the playground.</td>
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<td>Mia Kliegl Prep S</td>
<td>For her honesty, helpfulness and caring nature. You are a very kind and thoughtful friend Mia.</td>
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<td>Lachlan Beischer 1/2A</td>
<td>For gaining confidence in the classroom and having a go at new things.</td>
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<td>Lucie Armstrong 1/2D</td>
<td>For showing super confidence at trying new things in year 1, including volunteering to be a green team representative!</td>
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<td>Giselle Mangano 1/2E</td>
<td>For the confidence she has displayed settling into our classroom routines and her positive attitude to her learning.</td>
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<td>Emily Start 1/2K</td>
<td>For being an organised and respectful class member.</td>
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<td>Lucie Armstrong 1/2P</td>
<td>For being a most responsible computer monitor. Thank you Freddie for always making sure that our netbooks are charged.</td>
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<td>Thomas Muscatello 3/4C</td>
<td>For speaking with great confidence and preparing such a fun and interesting 'Me bag' and PowerPoint. Great job Thomas!</td>
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<td>Lucy Silk 3/4C</td>
<td>For her enthusiasm for learning and her desire to be challenged in all areas of her learning. Keep it up Lucy!</td>
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<td>Nikola Athanasopoulos 3/4J</td>
<td>Congratulations Nikola, you are a very organised student who takes care of others and an exemplary role model to the Grade 3’s.</td>
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<td>Sofia Pellegrini 3/4M</td>
<td>For being continually organised with your belongings and your work. Your dedication to producing your best always is fantastic!</td>
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<td>Lucia Tabbagh 3/4S</td>
<td>You organised an interesting and meaningful 'Me Bag'. A fantastic effort Lucia.</td>
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<td>Lucy Yeats 5B</td>
<td>For her enthusiastic approach to her learning and her positive influence in our classroom community. You are a real asset Lucy!</td>
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<td>Olivia Martin 6N</td>
<td>For being a responsible, caring and respectful student - what a fantastic attitude you have to all your school activities, class mates and staff! You are such a positive role model to all students.</td>
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<td>Olivia Gladwell-Bolte 6Z</td>
<td>For being an excellent leader at the house swimming sports, helping organise the students and supporting the teachers. Great work Olivia!</td>
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<td>Priscilla Breadmore 6Z</td>
<td>For making an excellent start in Year 6 and showing initiative and organisation in all her tasks. Keep up the good work Priscilla.</td>
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Hi everyone,

We’ve heard some great feedback from parents who attended the Information Evening on Tuesday. Mat’s suggestion in particular, to ‘pay with cash vs. card as this will help your children understand and calculate subtraction’ was priceless. He not only impressed the group with his sharp educational insight and practical application of classroom learning but also managed to put the fear of ‘pester power’ into many a parent mind. Lots of fearful giggles ensued. Go Mat!

Coming events to note include:
- Tomorrow evening – School Welcome Picnic 6pm
- Monday 24 March – Easter Raffle donations begin for the draw at close of term.
- Saturday March 29 – Our Birthday Fair!
- Prep Cocktail Party – Meeting to discuss tomorrow. Italian Room 3.15pm
- Level 6 Cocktail Party – TBA

**Prep Cocktail Party** – Meeting to discuss your role tomorrow 3.15 in the Italian Room. Not sure where to go? Ask at the office.

**Level 6 Cocktail Party** – TBA

**Saturday 29 March – Our Birthday Fair!**

“Ask NOT what your school does for your child but ask what YOU can do for your child’s school!”

We need volunteers...and lots of them! We have wonderful, fun stalls in store that require parent help. Please put your name down on one of the many sign-up sheets around the school. Can’t find one? Go to the stairs at the MPC and put your name down today.

Need some exercise? Advertising handouts will be available for letterbox drops in your street soon. Who doesn’t love a Trash and Treasure? I’ve already packed 2 boxes of toddler toys and jigsaw puzzles. Please see the special section on page 8 for the full update.

**Easter Raffle – Donations begin March 24**

Donations begin next month. We ask that you donate an egg (or two!) to the office so we can prepare some lovely hampers. We then run a raffle with all monies going directly to our ‘Back to the Future’ fundraising theme for the year. More on this soon.

**Icy Pole Friday – It’s Back!**

Our intrepid driver has come through with the goods - literally. We ask that those who do wish to bring $1.00 for an Icy Pole tomorrow enjoy their treat.

Exciting Things Happen At Armadale Primary

Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick
0412554434 0412128164
Email: mish@migroryonline.com brigid@warwick.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents

Don’t forget icypoles for sale tomorrow - only $1

“NO HAT NO PLAY”

A reminder to all students to be Sunsmart at school. We have now implemented the “no hat no play” policy. So remember to apply sunscreen, wear your hat when outside and bring a water bottle to school each day.
Performing Arts News

Performing Arts Class of the Week
6Z for an outstanding start to their musical theatre unit.

Performer of the Week
Martha Conheady, 5B, for demonstrating leadership, confidence and creativity in the Performing Arts classroom during her class rehearsal of Matilda.

Showcase Concerts
At the end of the year, every student at Armadale Primary will be performing in a new and exciting Showcase Concert. This concert will be a chance for all students to shine and perform in front of an audience of family and friends. They will show you all of their spectacular work from Performing Arts throughout the year!

Production
Armadale Primary’s 2014 Production has been announced as Peter Pan! This is going to be an exciting and magical adventure. If you have any questions about anything related to Performing Arts, please let me know! I can be contacted at vollugi.lisa.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Yours in theatre,
Lisa Vollugi
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Toys and Games wanted
The Prep classes are always happy to accept any toys and games (in good condition) that your children may have grown out of now. We are currently in need of more doll house furniture and small figurines/dolls to make our doll’s houses more exciting. If you are having a clean out we’d really appreciate any donations for our new Preps this year.

Thank you from the Prep Teachers

Prep Bulletin
Click on this link to read this week’s Prep bulletin or go to the website and go to the Students tab and then your child’s class to read all the news.

EMA
The Education Maintenance Allowance provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children. It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible. Click here to download a copy of the application form. Please bring the completed form and your Concession Card to the office by 28 February 2014. Parents who have claimed in the past will need to reapply at the start of each school year.

More information is available at this website.
Excursion to Sustainable Living Festival

Conner: On Thursday the senior green team went to the Sustainable Living Festival to a special exhibition called ‘The New Joneses’

Lucien: The new Joneses they live completely sustainable lives, they consume less energy than average, they recycle and don’t need many new things.

Conner: Then we did a craft activity and made things out of re-used material.

Lucien: After that we had a little look around their house. They had a lot of re-used things that make the house look brand new.

Conner: Overall we learnt about how to live sustainably.

Lucien: Thank you.

130th Birthday Drawing Competition

Students from Prep to Year 6 have been working hard on their drawings for the School’s 130th Birthday Drawing Competition.

The work that has been produced is of a high standard and choosing a winner will be an extremely hard task.

Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week: Charlotte Graham 6N

For the excellent perspective she chose to draw of the school. She displays outstanding talent when drawing different textures with fineliner.

Visual Art Class of the Week: 3/4W

For the enthusiasm they displayed when sketching the school building and for the attention the paid to detail. Congratulations on your wonderful drawings 34W!

Art Smocks

It is really important for everyone to have their own art smock, 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.

Congratulations to Hugo Martin 3/4C

Hugo’s wonderful drawing of the school was selected to be used on the flyers for our school’s 130th celebration. Well done Hugo on your sensational drawing skills. Keep up the wonderful work!

Well done everyone!

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator
Dear Parents,

Thank you for your wonderful response to last weeks Fair News!

We have had many offers of help, but still need more!

Please don’t forget to put your name on the signup sheets outside your classroom, if you would like to be a stall leader, we will be listing the leaders in next weeks Fair News.

Less than six weeks until the BIG DAY!

Many thanks,

Armadale Primary School Fair Committee

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**LUCKY JARS!**

We will be having a ‘Lucky Jar’ stall at the Fair and would like to ask all students to help!

Please put a special prize in a jar (suitable for Primary aged Children), anything from erasers, little toys and trinkets to vouchers and movie tickets.

The Lucky Jars will be a very popular stall at the Fair!

There will be a collection box in each classroom from next week.

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**DON'T FORGET!**

ANY OFFER OF HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THE FAIR COMMITTEE AND ARMA DALE PRIMARY SCHOOL... IF YOU HAVE ANY TIME TO SPARE IN THE LEAD UP TO THE FAIR, OR ON THE DAY, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. CUKIER.

WE WOULD ALSO BE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR ANY DONATIONS OF GOODS OR SERVICES FOR PRIZES ON THE DAY!

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**TRASH AND TREASURE DONATIONS**

Please keep in mind that we will be holding a ‘Trash and Treasure’ drive for donations in the first two weeks of March. So start digging through the cupboard and the attic!

Items we will be accepting are; Antiques, Toys, Games, Children’s Clothing (in good condition), Brick-a-brack and Books.

Please, no broken or incomplete items.

Items will be accepted from Monday 3rd March.
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South Yarra Soccer Club
KICK START SOCCER PROGRAM
AFTER-SCHOOL

The program is designed for children with and without experience of playing soccer. We’ll introduce some of the basics of ball skills, team playing and coordination, all in a non-competitive, fun environment. Each session will include basic skills training and a game to enjoy.

WHO: Boys and Girls aged 4 to 7 years
TIME: (3.45pm for) 4pm start - 5pm
DATE: Every Wednesday during Term 1: 19th February - 2nd April 2014 (7 weeks)
LOCATION: Fawkner Park, behind South Yarra Primary School
COST: $10 per session = $70 for the program

For further information please contact:
Abdelhadi Deroune
Junior Coordinator
South Yarra Soccer Club
M: 0413 020 334
E: abdelhadideroune@gmail.com
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23 February 2014
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