Dear Parents,

Harmony Day - Wednesday 12th March
Our school will be celebrating Harmony Day next Wednesday. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

The day will be a fantastic opportunity to explore and celebrate our cultural diversity at Armadale. The students will have the opportunity to dress in clothing representing their cultural background and they will also have an opportunity to taste multicultural food generously provided by parents.

Please read the section of this newsletter titled ‘Harmony Day’ for more information on the day’s events.

School Improvement Team
On Monday and Tuesday our School Improvement Team were involved in professional development at the Bastow Institute. Staff were engaged in a 2 day workshop geared toward improving educational leadership that was run by SRC Insight Consulting group. Thank you to Maggie Brown, Zaim Zeneli, Mat Sweetlove, Jocelyn Evans, Pippa Cocks and Rochelle Cukier. As a school, we look forward to embarking on a journey of distributed leadership and learning together.

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Principal's report continued ...

Inner South Region Principal Conference
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, Rochelle Cukier and Malcolm Dow are participating in the Inner South Region Principal Conference at Creswick from Wednesday 5th until Friday 7th March and the theme will be "BEYOND THE HORIZON". We know that the quality of spokespersons at the conference will inspire our leaders as we move forward.

Family Conferences
The Family Conferences will be held from 3.30 – 7.15pm on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th March for parents from Years 1-6. Prep parents do not attend these conferences. The Family Conferences provide parents, teachers and students the opportunity to collaboratively discuss your child’s learning. We encourage student voice in this process and most of the students from Grade 3-6 will have already considered their learning goals.

To attend the Family Conference, you will need to book a time by following the instructions and the links on the school website’s homepage. Please note that all of the teachers will be having a tea break from 5.30-6.00pm and that each conference will run for 15 minutes.

If you need to change your interview times after bookings have closed, please contact the school office. Please note that bookings will close at 9.00am on Tuesday 11 March.

Have a rewarding week everyone.

Connie & Peter
Acting Principals

This Week’s Awards

House Points
Rose won this week’s house points.

Artist of the Week:
Zach Larner

Art Class of the Week:
Prep P

Performer of the Week:
Emily Walters

Performing Arts Class of the Week:
3/4J

You Can Do It! Awards:
Max Stewart Prep C
Niko Tausan Prep P
Lucy Bond Prep S
Tom Hucker 1/2A
Matilda Hayman 1/2A
Martha Officer 1/2A
Lucia Martin 1/2D
Ryan Hartanto 1/2E
Heidi Axup 1/2K
Max Schmidt 1/2P
Felicity Dixon 1/2P
Quinn Suter 3/4C
Claudia Hayman 3/4C
Skye Park 3/4J
Holly Wright 3/4M
Coco Smith 3/4S
Emma Zagame 3/4W
Evan Polyzos 5B
Jamie Nguyen 5F
Jett Bolt 5F
Allison Coe 6N
Yasmin Feile 6Z

Ride2School Day Wednesday 19 March

Have you thought about how you are going to come to school on Ride2School Day?

Have you had a practice at riding to school? Remember you can also walk, skate or scoot, but there will be special rewards for those who ride their bikes, including a very special treat!

Don’t forget if you live too far away, then ‘Part Way is OK’

We will have a special assembly with some very special guests to help us celebrate Ride2School Day.

There are also some competitions for:
♦ best decorated bike and
♦ best decorated helmet
so start getting creative now.
Performing Arts News

Performers of the Week
Last week... Stella Smith, Prep P, for being an exceptionally expressive and confident performer.
This week... Emily Walters, 1/2D, for the enthusiasm and energy that she brings to the Performing Arts classroom.

Performing Arts Class of the Week
Last week... 5F for displaying passion for the Performing Arts and a commitment to excellence.
This week... 3/4J for their sense of humour and positivity that they bring to Performing Arts.

Assembly Performance
Last week... Prep P did an outstanding job of performing two nursery rhymes, See a Penny and Little Miss Muffet. Well done, Prep P! You had fantastic energy.
This week... 5B presented Naughty from the stage musical Matilda. Their outstanding voices and commanding expression gave the professional Broadway performers a run for their money!

Can you Help?
5F is currently searching for five old-fashioned ‘millet’ style brooms. If you have one that you would be letting us borrow until the end of term, please send it to Lisa’s classroom. There may be a rad point on offer for anyone who can find one!

Peter Pan Auditions
There’s two weeks to go! Have you picked up your audition pack from Lisa yet? Remember to bring your completed form on the day to your audition.
It’s a good idea to be practising your song and scene once a day between now and your audition. Try performing in front of your friends and family to build your confidence!
A reminder of the audition times...

Preps, Year 1 and 2 - Tuesday 18th March, 3:45 - 5:00pm
Year 3 and 4 - Wednesday 19th March, 3:45 - 5:00pm
Year 5 and 6 - Thursday 20th March, 3:45 - 6:00pm

Please try to not feel sad if you are not chosen to be part of the cast. There are so many other exciting opportunities to perform throughout the year.

130th Birthday Fair Performances
All the classes have been working intensively to polish and perfect their performances for the big day! Preps are singing a classic song, Year 1&2 are presenting a series of cheeky performance poems, Year 3&4 are showing off a classic series of Australian dances and Year 5&6 are showcasing some impressive musical theatre pieces. It’s sure to be a great day. Come along and let our talented performers impress you!
Yours in theatre,
Lisa Vollugi
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

The Grade 3 and 4 children have the opportunity to be involved in a Drama Club this year. The Drama Club will be held during school hours with occasional rehearsals before or after school.
Please make sure to get an application form from Miss Johnson and have it handed back by next Tuesday 11th March.

Places are limited, so if students are not chosen for this semester they may reapply next semester.
Colleen Johnson
Sports News

Year 5&6 Football Gala Day

On Friday 14 March the Year 5&6 students will be participating in a Football Gala Day.

Information will be distributed to those children tomorrow.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

Library News

SPACE SPACE AND MORE SPACE:
If you would like to add anything to the library’s theme please bring them in!

Students can now borrow from the ‘New books’ section in the library. Issue #2 of Scholastic book forms are located out the front of the library, please grab a form. J

Over the next few weeks I will be asking for donations to the library to build up at Multimedia section of Educational DVDs/CDs that students can borrow. Please make sure they are rated G or E (exempt) Classification

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

Don’t forget icypoles for sale tomorrow - only $1
Max Stewart Prep C
For showing others how to be a respectful listener. What a great role model you are Max!

Niko Tausan Prep P
For helping other children. We are lucky to have such a kind student in our class.

Lucy Bond Prep S
For speaking so confidently about her ballet experiences and working co-operatively to produce a lovely Ballet Theatre during Investigation Time. Well done Lucy!

Tom Hucker 1/2A
For being an enthusiastic learner who enjoys a challenge as well as working with different people and making new friends.

Matilda Hayman 1/2A
For being enthusiastic and encouraging everyone to be involved in all the activities at our excursion to Taskworks. No one could run through a cable maze, stomp a stump, solve a giant puzzle or complete a peg board relay with as much energy, enthusiasm, excitement and laughter as you!

Martha Officer 1/2A
For being a patient, understanding and supportive friend who always looks out for others.

Lucia Martin 1/2D
For showing great cooperation and team work and being a responsible class member during our Task Works excursion. You're a great role model, Lucia!

Ryan Hartanto 1/2E
For his positive commitment in all aspects of his learning and his mature attitude towards his peers.

Heidi Axup 1/2K
For being more confident when attempting new tasks and entering new situations.

Max Schmidt 1/2P
For showing persistence and for trying his best to do complete place value application tasks during maths. He is a good listener and questions when he doesn't understand something.

Felicity Dixon 1/2P
For her persistence in completing maths activities involving place value. A fantastic achievement!

Quinn Suter 3/4C
For his beautiful manners and the respect, courtesy and excellent getting along skills he demonstrates towards his teachers and peers. Great job Quinn!

Claudia Hayman 3/4C
For the persistence and determination to go further in her understanding of subtraction with renaming. You absolutely rock Claudia!

Skye Park 3/4J
For demonstrating what it means to 'get along' with others by her inclusivity of new friends in 3/4 J. You're such a lovely friend to people Skye :}

Holly Wright 3/4M
For always striving to be the best she can be, for maintaining a clean and tidy workspace and always offering assistance to her classmates! Fantastic work Holly.

Coco Smith 3/4S
For presenting a fantastic persuasive argument on why bullies aren't cool. You convinced me! Great job, Coco.

Emma Zagame 3/4W
For speaking clearly and confidently when presenting her ‘Me Bag’ to the class! A fantastic effort Emma!

Evan Polyzos 5B
For being such an organised techie and for his marvellous contribution to the Grade 5 slideshow about Sovereign Hill.

Jamie Nguyen 5F
For the positive commitment that he demonstrates to his studies and the persistence he shows in all learning activities

Jett Bolt 5F
For approaching all tasks conscientiously and making valuable comments to class discussions.

Allison Coe 6N
For being a confident learner who is flexible and shows a mature, positive attitude towards all tasks and situations!

Yasmin Feile 6Z
For working conscientiously throughout all tasks. You give 100% in all areas of your learning and always try your best. Keep up the good work Yasmin.
Hi everyone,

Where does the time go?
With an activity-packed four weeks of term left, we hope you have all handed in your details to your class teacher or the office so you are ‘on the list’ to join in the fun leading up to our Fantastic 130th Birthday Fair. Have you volunteered for a stall yet? Or perhaps washed some jars for our intrepid conserve and chutney cooks? Do you need to donate some quality goods to our trash and treasure? I know I loved parking a car seat and some great toys in Rochelle’s office that I hope other families might enjoy. I also spied other super toys and items that I imagine will be snapped up quickly on the day.

Please note the following for your diary:

❖ Labour Day – Holiday Monday 10 March.
❖ Harmony Day – Wednesday 12 March.
Dress up and bring a small plate!
❖ Level 6 Cocktail Party – Friday 14 March.
❖ Footy Colours Day – Friday 21 March.
❖ Easter Raffle – Monday 24 March donations begin for the draw at close of term.
❖ Prep Cocktail Party – Thursday 27 March.
❖ Our 130th Birthday Fair! - Saturday March 29.

Harmony Day – Wednesday 12 March.
Have you or your family come from another country? Harmony Day is a day of celebration of all things ethnic. The children love dressing up in their ‘national costume’ or their footy colours if that is their ‘tribe’. Please send along a small plate of food so all can enjoy the fruits of our wonderful multi-cultural community. Ideas include lamingtons, sushi, shortbread, strawberries and cream, biscotti, mini pavos, cookies or beef wellington (only joking!). Stay and enjoy the fun at the special outdoor assembly on the day. Please read Vita’s special section on page 7.

Level 6 Cocktail Party – Friday 14 March.
More on this to come.

Footy Colours Day – Friday 21 March.
Need we elaborate!? Not so into it? Ribbons or a little face paint is all you need.

Easter Raffle – Donations begin March 24
We ask that you donate an egg (or two!) to the office so we can prepare some lovely hampers and start to implement our ‘Back to the Future’ initiatives. More on this soon.

Prep Cocktail Party – Thursday 27 March.
More on this via your hard working rep – stay email-ready.

Saturday 29 March – Our Birthday Fair!
Yes, we have left the ‘pièce de résistance’of the term, and indeed the whole year, until last! The billboard is up, the press has been alerted, the production designers, grips, directors and producers are working at frenzy levels. We require more volunteers who can act to make our 130th Birthday Fair an Oscar worthy event. Come on APS, we know you are bursting with talent. Get discovered on the 29th! Please see the special section on page 8 for the full update and respond to your rep email asap.

Icy Pole Friday Tomorrow – $1.00 each if you choose to take part.

Exciting Things Happen At Armadale Primary
Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick
0412554434 0412128164
Email: mish@mcgroryonline.com brigid@warwick.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents

Jam / Preserve Makers for the School Fair
Hello to all our clever jam / preserve makers!
Prior to making your preserves/jams can you please go to the office and pick up a copy of:
1. Food Safety Procedures
2. Ingredients labels
3. Jars - if you require/if available

When you bring your goodies into the office, please tick your name off the list and write your family number on the ingredients label.

Thank you so much.

Mel Cooper & Ellen Beischer
0437 566 556 0402 339 181

Food Safety Procedures:
❖ Make food preparation area pet free
❖ Wash hands before and during food preparation (see below)
❖ Ensure all work surfaces and utensils are cleaned thoroughly prior to use

Washing hands:
❖ Wash the backs of your hands, wrists and between the fingers and under the fingernails
❖ Use soap and warm water and dry with a paper towel
❖ Wash hands again after handling garbage, using a tissue, handling pets, smoking, touching hair or changing a nappy.
Wednesday 12th March at Armadale Primary School

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The timetable for this year’s Harmony Day is as follows-

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Dressing up for the day
Students will be able to come to school in clothing that is of cultural significance, or that represents a country of their choice, or in national flag colours.

International Food tasting
We would like students to taste and share international food with their classmates. If you would like to contribute food for your child’s class to taste, please ensure it is sliced and ready to be eaten in the classroom. If there are children with allergies, parents are requested to provide the appropriate food for their child. All food provided should be able to be served at room temperature, so please, no food that requires refrigeration or heating.

Lunch
We ask parents to please provide lunch for their child as usual on the day. The food tasting will be in addition to your child’s usual lunch.

Class reps could you please check with parents providing food that there is a variety of food, the appropriate amount, (remember, it is in addition to the children’s lunch) and not too much doubling up.

Grazie, and looking forward to a wonderful celebrazione!

Vita Vampatella
Languages Co-ordinator
ARMADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
130th CELEBRATION FAIR

FAIR NEWS 4 – Thursday 6th March 2014

Dear Parents,

The big day is fast approaching, and it is wonderful to see so many parents coming on board to help make the Fair a day to remember!

Mrs Cukier’s office is filling up daily with so many generous donations, lucky jars and more!

Keep them coming!!!

And, please, help our wonderful class reps fill their rosters by offering to work on your class allocated stall.

Many thanks,
Armadale Primary School Fair Committee

Billy Carts

We already have several Billy Cart Team registrations! Its going to be a HUGE attraction at the Fair, so get a team together and start designing and building your winning entry!

We also have a very exciting judge on board from the Motor Racing industry... More details to be announced next week!

If you have any further queries or need some supplies for your team, please phone Niki Rickard 0423 945 672.

DON’T FORGET!

Lucky Jars - 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.

All students will be awarded HOUSE POINTS for each jar they bring in!

Contact Kim Hyde for more info 0412 561 520.

Trash and Treasure – Many generous donations have been delivered to Rochelle’s office for the Trash and Treasure area, and we would love more! 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.

All donations will be accepted in Mrs Cukier’s office both before and after school each day.
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**CREATIVE WRITING CLASSES**

*With Leeanne Vernon*

Does your child like to write stories? Is writing something you’d like to encourage in your child?

My classes make writing **fun and easy.**

**Details:**

St Joseph’s 30 Fitzgerald Street, South Yarra
Primary: Wednesday 4 – 5 p.m.

$20 a week

**Enrolments:**

Call or text: Leeanne 0419 357 871
Or visit my website for more details.
www.leeannevernon.com

**FREE event - Parent information night**

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**Autism Spectrum Disorder**

*presented by Glen Eira City Council*

Presented by Suzanne Wakefield, this session will provide an understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder and Aspergers Syndrome. Parents will receive practical strategies to assist children with eating, toilet training and behaviour guidance needs.

**Wednesday 2 April, 7.30pm–9.30pm**

Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette, Corner of Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield

Cost: $7 per person

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**FREE Hutch to a good home!**

- 1800mmx900mm guinea pig/rabbit hutch.
- in good condition except for roof which needs minor repairs.

Phone Rachel on 0414 462 694.

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**Vitality HUB PANTRY**

Hawskburn Village - 159 Williams Road
South Yarra 3141

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**Thinking of becoming a Foster Carer?**

Berry Street is looking for families like yours who can provide emergency, respite, short and long term care for vulnerable children.

If you have room in your heart and home for a child then we want to speak to you.

Call today to discuss about becoming a foster carer on 1800 U FOSTER (1800 836 7831) or visit [www.berrystreet.org.au](http://www.berrystreet.org.au)

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**The Sleep Well - Be Well study is coming to your school!**

Sleep Well - Be Well is run by the Centre for Community Child Health at The Royal Children’s Hospital. We want to know about sleep in Grade Prep children. We also want to know if we can help those with sleep problems and if this improves behaviour, learning, quality of life and family wellbeing.

Your school has agreed to take part in this exciting study.

Parents of every child in Grade Prep will be invited to take part. Your child will shortly bring home an information pack which explains more about the study and a brief survey.

The Sleep Well - Be Well team has enjoyed meeting the teachers in Grade Prep. We hope you will take part and look forward to your surveys.

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**UNDER 10 PLAYERS WANTED FOR PRAHRAN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

Calling all brothers, sisters, friends, neighbours and relatives born in 2004 who have not yet registered this season with PJFC.

We are only a couple of players away from establishing a third U10 team and would love to make this team a reality!!

If you know any potential U10 players, please ask them to contact Brett Sutterby on 0407 813 134 or by email: [b_sutterby@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:b_sutterby@yahoo.co.uk).

The club is offering a $30 CANTEEN VOUCHER to any member who recruits a player between now and next Sunday 9 March.