Dear Parents,

**NAPLAN Tests**
All year 3 and 5 students will be undertaking national testing from Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th May. Over the three day period they will complete tests in the areas of Language Conventions, Writing, Reading & Numeracy. All level 3 and 4 teachers have put together schedules to ensure that the testing program runs smoothly for the year 3 and 5 students and the year 4 and 6 students participate in some valuable learning and assessment activities at the same time. We would also appreciate if student absences could be minimised during this period.

**Mothers’ Day Stall**
Tomorrow we have our wonderful Mothers’ Day stall, and Susan Hucker & Kristen Steele have put in a lot of work to make this a great success. Thank you to all parents who will be assisting with the stall. The children really enjoy purchasing that special gift for mum from the stall. We are sure that these small gifts will help make next Sunday a special day for all mums and their children.

**Level 4 Camp**
What an incredible time to be visiting Canberra, with the budget handed down on Tuesday night our capital city would be buzzing with the media, political reporters, journalists and financial analysts. Our Level 4 students would be exposed to a hive of activity that normally isn’t apparent when the parliament isn’t sitting. We can’t wait to hear from all the students about their experiences. They have been enjoying wonderful weather and have toured a wide range of important sites in our nation’s capital. They have represented the school particularly well with their behaviour and insightful questioning. The staff supporting this camp for the week include Jim Cahill, Robin Nicolson, Mat Sweetlove, Zaim Zeneli, Peter Cracknell and Amanda Wilson. Other adults attending camp include Lauryn Thompson (student teacher) and Anna Day (parent).

**Swimming Thanks**
Thank you to the parents who supported our recent Level 3 & 4 swimming program by accompanying the children to and from the pool. Your support was invaluable.

**Sensational Sausage Sizzle sell out at Bunnings on Saturday May 5th**
How fortunate we are to have a fabulous group of parents who work so tirelessly, even on the weekends, to raise funds for our school. A sausage sizzle, whilst sounding quite simple, like any catering event, requires great organisational skills, time and effort into making sure it happens successfully and according to Kim Hyde (mother of Clancy in 2E and Ruby - prep 2013) there was not a sausage to be seen by 4.00pm. Even the round of extra supplies sold out and the total profit on the day was $2026.75. Our heartfelt thanks to Kim and Brad Hyde for all the organisation, setting up the rosters, and all that the day entailed. A huge thank you also to the following parents who assisted on the day:
Jill Davies, Abbey Nash, Nichola Patterson, Craig Laing, Michael Atwell, Michael Wright, Christine Nash, Parool Shah-Harrington, Kristyn Gronow, Gary Rowley, Christina Hyde, Suzanne & Michael Pain, Ben Gatehouse, Andrew McGann, David Williams, Audrey Marriner, Anthony Iezzi, Andrew Cox, Cy D’Cruz, Fiona Menzies, Paul Motion, Jeanine Purdie. Special thanks to Glenferrie Gourmet Meats (Glenferrie Road Hawthorn) for providing all of the 900 sausages free of charge and for Bakers Delight Hawksburn for assisting with the bread (the baker was a former APS student!).

**Level 2 Cocktail party**
Looking forward to seeing all of our Parents at the level 2 Cocktail party tomorrow night from 7.30pm at Remy Bar Restaurant in Glenferrie Road. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet the parents of children in the same level as yours.

**Playground Equipment Update**
The contractors have begun installing the equipment and hopefully it will be finished by the end of the week.

Rochelle Cukier & Malcolm Dow
Acting Principals
YOU CAN DO IT! AWARDS

1C Nina Van Schoonhoven For always tackling tasks to the best of her ability and more! Fantastic effort Nina!

1C Mateo Soubielle For his valuable contributions to exploring our topic about animals and their habitats. Well done Mateo!

1J Jordan Filopoulos For being organised by keeping his work area neat and tidy.

1P Emily Start For being a 5 star listener and for working hard during all her lessons.

2E Sofia Pellegrini For her insightful, positive and valuable contribution to the classroom.

2J Ryan Glenane For making a great effort to improve his fluency and expression in Reading. Good boy for having persistence!!

2J Isabella Carbone For demonstrating confidence during her very interesting news telling sessions. Excellent job Isabella!

2P Liam Cowdery For his excellent organisational skills when distributing the netbooks for ICT and taking the responsibility to re-charge them. I am very grateful Liam.

2P Luca Misapion For taking the responsibility to process book returns and book borrowing. An excellent effort, Luca.

2S Eliza Purdie For her creative and colourful poster that promotes saving water. A super effort Eliza!

2T Claudia Hayman For being a great listener, following instructions in class, and always trying her best.

3C Jack Davies For displaying great team work, confidence and excellent communication skills when leading our whole school assembly. Great job Jack!

3C Luke Harrington For always displaying a positive attitude towards learning and for always taking pride in his work. Keep it up Luke.

3D Tom Whiteman For presenting such a fantastic diorama to show the class European trip. Well done Tom.

3F Olivia Martin For displaying great team work, confidence and excellent communication skills when leading our whole school assembly. Great job Olivia!

3F Eliza Motion For joining in class and group and activities and participating positively in discussions.

3W Will Scotti For displaying great team work, confidence and excellent communication skills when leading our whole school assembly. Great job Will!

3W Harvey Marriner For showing a great improvement in the development of his arguments in his persuasive text – ‘No helmet, no bike’. A great effort Harvey!

4Z Max Hanrahan For demonstrating a significant improvement in his persuasive writing. Excellent effort Max! Keep up the good work!

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

FRIDAY 18 MAY

Armadale Primary School will be participating in the 13th annual National Walk Safely to School Day.

We encourage all children to walk to school with their parents or carers. If you can’t walk all the way, try to use public transport. If you must use the car, leave it a good distance from school and walk the rest of the way. By walking to school we are promoting road safety, children’s health, public transport and the associated benefits for the environment.

STUDENT BANKING

We have quite a few consistent savers who have already collected 10 tokens. If you want to redeem your 10 tokens for a reward item, there is a special offer for the month of May 2012. When you order a Dollarmites Lunch Box, you will receive the Dollarmites Drink Bottle free! This offer is for the month of May only. There are also other reward items available which you can see in the office. All reward items are while stocks last. Don’t forget banking day is Tuesday.

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

RED RECYCLING

Thanks to everyone for all their great contributions to the RED Recycling for soft plastics. Our collection receptacle has changed and moved. We now have a dedicated wheelie bin which is located outside the 3D and 3C classrooms, adjacent to the paper recycling bins.

Keep up the great work, it is just another way of reducing the amount of rubbish that goes to landfill.

Malcolm Dow
**Visual Arts News**

**Visual Artist of the Week** Vaishvi Patel 3C

For her excellent Alice in Wonderland Silhouette Painting. She successfully captured the feel of Alice in Wonderland and showed skilfulness when applying black paint.

**Visual Art Class of the Week** 1J

For the excellent effort they made when colouring in their castles. They are developing very good skills in using poster colour and show confidence when using paintbrushes.

**Art Smocks**

Some students still need to bring their Art smocks back to school. Smocks should be labelled clearly with your name. Smocks are stored in classroom tubs/baskets and brought to each art lesson. New smocks can be purchased from the uniform shop in Kew.

**Year 6 Art Club**

‘Acrylic Painting on Canvas’

Art Club is on next Tuesday Lunchtime 12:45-1:30. The portraits are looking fantastic and are almost finished.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

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**PARENTS AND FRIENDS FOR ARMADALE (PFA)**

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PERFORMING ARTS AWARD: 2J – For working co-operatively with each other to play the Performing Arts game “EVOLUTION”. Well done 2J, you communicated clearly with each other, demonstrated good characterization and confidently sang the song, “Stop In The Name Of Love!”

MUSICAL FOR 2012: Disney’s – “ALICE IN WONDERLAND”

Who will be involved? The whole school!
When: “Alice in Wonderland” will be performed over 2 nights – Thursday 9th and Friday 10th August.
Where: The National Theatre in St Kilda
Time: 7-8pm

PARENT HELPERS MEETING:
- Next Meeting: Monday 21st May

PROP DONATIONS
If parents have any of the following items lying around the house/shed, that they could donate to our Performing Arts department, it would be greatly appreciated.

MAD HATTER’S TEA PARTY
- 10 old chairs – to be painted for the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party!
- A colourful tablecloth or material large enough to cover a large table
- Colourful cake stands or trays suitable for a tea party!

MATERIAL
- black felt – to cut out shapes for the Level 1 & 2 costumes
- yellow felt/material (bee costumes), brown material (ants), green material (grasshoppers), black material

ADDITIONAL ITEMS
- Old stockings
- Old headbands to be made into insect headpieces
- Pipe cleaners
- Small (empty) paint tins to be painted red for the cardsmen
- Cat scratching post for the Cheshire Cats to rest on!
- Toy trumpet or old trumpet
- Old pocket watch (white rabbit)
- Cardboard, enough to make a small rabbit house and rowboat

Items can be left in The Performing Arts room in a box called “DONATED PROPS”
THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO HAVE DONATED PROPS, IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

CHOIR NEWS
- SENIOR CHOIR – Please note there will be NO senior choir tomorrow
- JUNIOR CHOIR (Level 2) – Friday 8.15am in the UPSTAIRS INFANT BUILDING
  The choirs will be learning a new song for Term 2. Please bring along your choir folders to each rehearsal.

Amanda Wilson
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

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 follow this link.

HOUSE POINTS
Munro won this week’s house.
Congratulations to all the children in Munro.
Woolworths has begun this year’s *Earn & Learn* promotion which runs until 1st July.

Start collecting stickers and put them on the sticker card coming home with today’s newsletter. One sticker is given for every $10 spent.

The Woolworths supermarket at Malvern Central has a box labelled Armadale Primary School if you want to drop the stickers in straight after shopping.

There is also a box outside the school office for the completed sticker cards.
Second Childhood is Melbourne's finest and most prestigious recycle boutique for exquisite designer label recycled children's clothing and accessories. The shop is located in the heart of Malvern in Melbourne, Australia, and is a local icon in the area, having been in Glenferrie Road for over 20 years. When you visit Second Childhood, you will be greeted with a friendly smile and outstanding customer service. The boutique is owned and run by a local mum who's "in the know" of what's hot and what's not! Second Childhood carries classic and designer fashions for ages 0-14 years. We only accept the very best, and there is a wide choice of items - you will never leave without getting yourself a quality bargain.

Burberry True Religion Ralph Lauren Kenzo Catimini ChloeConfetti3 Pommes DKNY Diesel Fred Bare Calvin Klein Willow & Finn Eeni Meeni Miini Moh Seed Country Road Minihaha Guess Kids Jacardi MissSixty Juicy Couture Big by Fiona Scanlan OneRedFly Nolita

Attachments: 2S Mothers' Day reflections; L4 Primary School to Secondary School; Woolworths Earn & Learn My Sticker Card
(Advertised material is distributed with this newsletter. Whilst all care is taken to ensure validity we take no responsibility and imply no endorsement)
28 reflected on why our mums are so special to us...

My mum comes into my room and wakes me up with a big smile. -Harry
My mum helps me ride my bike. She lets me help her make yummy salami pizzas. -Samuel
My mum is lovely, cuddly and nice. She makes me breakfast. -Raghu
My mum takes me bike riding. She helps me do my homework. -Finn
My mum makes me happy. She helps me when I’m hurt. She makes me a beautiful breakfast each day. -Grace
My mum is beautiful, kind and comforting. I love her. -Gienna
My mum helps me with my homework. She cooks with me. We like to make cakes. -Scarlett
My mum is cuddly. She cooks yummy pizza. -Riley
I love my mum because she cooks me birthday cakes and she helps me with my homework. -Dylan
My mum helps me when I’m hurt. She gives me hugs and kisses. -Tilly
My mum helps me do my homework. She cooks delicious food like pizza and lasagne. -Carlos
I love my mum because she does stuff with me like cooking. We cook biscuits. -Edward
My mum is lovely and nice. I love going shopping with my mum. -Lily R.M.
My mum cooks for me and makes delicious treats. -Sarah
My mum makes me happy. She is funny. -Eliza
My mum always gives me treats after school. -Mia
My mum loves me and she gives me lots of cuddles. -Ollie
My mum helps me do my homework. She’s cuddly and friendly. -Tom H.
My mum is cuddly and she helps me learn. -Ella
My mum makes me lovely food like chocolate covered strawberries! -Lily J.
I love my mum because she hugs me! -James
My mum is really nice. She helps me when I’m stuck on work. -Rory

TO OUR DEAR MUMS:

Thank you for all that you do for us.
We wish you a very happy Mother’s Day!
You are the bright sparks in our lives that fill our hearts with light, warmth and love.

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FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SECONDARY
HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD?

A FREE SESSION FOR PARENTS

What’s it about?
Your child’s successful transition from primary to secondary school is critical to their future.
YOU can make a real difference!
This session will present practical tips, advice and information to help you prepare and support your child.

Who should attend?
The session is aimed at parents or guardians with children in Years 5 or 6.

Who will be speaking?
Angie Wilcock, a specialist in the area of parental support and transitions, will present the session.
Angie’s work takes her around Australia, addressing parents, teachers and students.
She is the author of the soon-to-be-published book ‘The Transition Tightrope’.

How do I register?
Please register by Friday 1st June by emailing or calling the IELLEN office.
PHONE: 9510 5444
EMAIL: iellen@iellen.org.au
www.iellen.org.au

Is there any charge?
No. The session is free. It is made possible by the Inner Eastern Local Learning Employment Network (IELLEN), a non-profit government funded organisation.
This session is run in partnership with a Stonnington and Glen Eira network of government schools.

What are the details?
DATE: Tuesday 5th June
TIME: 6.30pm to 8pm
VENUE: Grattan Gardens Community Centre
40 Grattan Street, Prahran.
Light refreshments provided.