Dear Parents,

Education Week
Next week all schools in Victoria will be celebrating Education Week to showcase all of the wonderful things that happen in Victorian government schools every day. Our focus for the week will be:

OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 22nd May
6:00 – 6:30pm Choir Performances in the MPC
6:30 – 7:30pm All classrooms open to parents/visitors.
7:30 – 8:00pm Presentation in the MPC by Jim/Rochelle
Future Directions for APS

We hope all parents will be able to participate in our Open Night program. The open classrooms will be a great opportunity to share in your child’s learning environment.

In addition to visiting your own child’s classroom on Open Night, we are extending a further invitation to visit our most senior classrooms in the new double storey complex. Each of the level four classes will be set up with netbooks for every child to demonstrate how our senior students are using computer technology to support their learning – in this case they will share with you the presentations they will be working on about last week’s camp to Canberra. (If you attended last year’s forum where we floated the concept of leasing netbooks for every senior student – you will find this particularly interesting!)

After the open classrooms, Rochelle and I will provide a short presentation on some of the future priorities of the school as detailed in our school’s Strategic Plan 2012 – 2015.

If you haven’t been up to the school over the last week, you may also take the opportunity on Open Night to have a look at our newly completed playgrounds. It was very exciting coming back from camp last Friday to see our two new pieces of equipment completed. The first picture below shows our level one and two students using the new ropes course adjacent to the existing playground equipment. The second photo below shows the new dome installed on the other side of the school grounds next to the new double storey portable. Please note that this dome is to only be used by students in levels 3 and 4 due to the height of the structure (approximately 4 metres).

The final cost of the equipment, installation and associated landscaping was around $110000. This project was completely funded through local funds. I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate our hard working PFA for raising the large percentage of funds for this project over the last two years and to also sincerely thank the many parents who have generously made contributions to our building fund over the last three years. What a wonderful addition to our great school!

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Level Two Cocktail Party
From all accounts it was standing room only last Friday night at the level two cocktail party with about 120+ parents in attendance. Congratulations to all of our level 2 reps for organising such a successful night. In addition to providing a wonderful social event, a raffle on the night raised approximately $430 for the school. On behalf of the level two parents I would like to thank the following organisations for kindly donating goods to the raffle:

- Lisa Muscatello of Accommodation Star Docklands who donated a 2 night mid week stay in a 2 bedroom apartment with water views.
- Rose Marie Stirling of Origen Imports who donated $100 gift voucher.
- Tom O'Sullivan of the Prahran Mission Cafe who donated a breakfast or lunch with coffee for 2 people.
- Carly Harris of The Good Life Clinic for donating two treatments with their osteopath Anne Marie Noble and remedial massage therapist Andre Martin.
- Jad Marinovic of Kettlebell Athletica for donating a personal training session.

School Photos
We have experienced a slight hold up with this year’s school photos due to a new formatting arrangement. We apologise for the delay in distributing these photos. I will confirm a delivery date as soon as it becomes available. Thank you for your patience on this matter.

Jim Cahill
Principal

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YOU CAN DO IT! AWARDS

1C Orlando Thomas For being a responsible Green Team leader and asking interesting questions.
1J Yasmin Martin For creating an underwater habitat using KidsPix, great computer skills Yasmin!
1P Willow Smith For using her time well during Investigations. You took some great maths photos and solved some maths problems!
2E Joe Power For being a conscientious and cooperative member of the class, with excellent focus on his writing.
2J Samuel Stringer For always trying his hardest to complete all numeracy tasks even when faced with difficulties. Well done Samuel.
2P Mia Williams For her persistence when solving vertical addition. Congratulations!
2P Hannah Glover For her amazing ability while participating in Tri-Skills.
2S James Bessell For bringing your wonderful sense of humour and positive energy into the classroom. Thank you James!
2T Will Atwell For writing a fantastic story about a man in the rain, and for having a go at using quotation marks.
3C Ned Dixon For demonstrating positive work habits and persisting with his maths investigation until he mastered it! Well done Ned!
3C Abby Ralph For her fantastic attitude towards her learning and for being focused on all her classroom work. You are a model student! Well done Abby!
3D Isabella Mangano For working so consistently to improve all her areas of schoolwork. Great work Isabella.
3F Tayla Ravnholt For always demonstrating positive work habits and group working skills and interacting positively with her peers. Also congratulations on designing a creative ‘Escher-like’ tessellation.
3F Emma Singer For demonstrating persistence when solving 4 x 4 Magic Squares.
3W Freddie Moffat For demonstrating persistence and showing a huge improvement in his handwriting. Keep it up Freddie!
4N Georgia Giles For displaying confidence and responsibility whilst acting as the House of Reps Speaker at Parliament House in Canberra.
4N Harriet Conheady For her insightful, considered and relevant questions of various presenters during the Canberra Camp.
4S Max Marriner For displaying excellent active listening skills. You paid close attention to the presenters and responded to challenging questions in an intelligent and thoughtful way. Hear Hear!
4S Sophie Hemingway For confidently communicating your deep understanding of the Australian Government during our visit to Canberra... Future politician?
4Z Joshua Start For his fantastic interaction at all exhibitions during the Canberra camp. Great work Josh.
Hi everyone,

Just a reminder about some of the events coming up in the next few weeks:

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**Mother’s Day Stall**

We hope all the Mums enjoyed their lovingly-chosen gift from the Mother’s Day stall last Sunday morning. To watch the children gather around the gift table and carefully choose what they think their Mum will love, and then have it wrapped beautifully in hand-painted wrapping paper, is really a delight. We’re not sure who enjoys it all the most – the children choosing the gifts, or the wonderful band of parent volunteers who help wrap the presents. We hope that all Mums had a truly special day on Sunday and were thoroughly spoilt by their families.

A huge thank you to Kristen Steele and Susan Hucker for all their wonderful organisation and enthusiasm in making the stall such a success. Without the willing support of so many parents, these events would not be possible, and we thank everyone who was involved in the organisation beforehand, and in assisting on the day. The joy on the faces of all the children is your reward!!

**Making a difference ...**

If you’ve ever wondered what happens to the money we raise through our fundraising programs, then look no further than our fantastic new playground equipment. As Jim mentioned earlier in the newsletter, the total cost of the new equipment was around $110,000.00. We are absolutely delighted to say that approximately 75% of this was funded by the PFA through various fundraising activities over the last few years. The current PFA team has worked hard over the last 18 months, but we would also like to recognise and thank Lisa McLellan and Natalie Graham who were the Co-Presidents for the two years before us, and upon whose fundraising efforts we have been able to build.

It certainly makes all the hard work worthwhile when we see the incredible joy on the children’s faces as they scramble all over the new equipment. Many parents who were at pick-up last Friday afternoon for the ‘official opening’ watched in amazement as just about every kid in the school climbed over every square inch of the new dome squealing with delight. It really was a joy to watch, and very heartwarming to know that everyone in the school community has contributed in one way or another to the purchase of this sensational equipment. Sincere thanks also to Jim, Rochelle and all the members of the School Council, who have spent many long hours researching, comparing, discussing, and pricing, playground equipment world-wide, in order to ensure the best and safest facilities for our children. The end results have been well worth it!

**Level 3 cocktail party – Friday 1st June**

Details for the Level 3 cocktail party have now been finalised:

- **Date:** Friday 1st June
- **Time:** 7.30pm onwards
- **Venue:** Toorak Bowling Club 9 Mandeville Crescent, Toorak
- **Cost:** $10.00 per head – light nibbles included
- **Drinks:** at bar prices
- **RSVP:** Please enclose money (cash only) and names in an envelope, and return to the office before Monday 28th May.

**PFA Meeting no. 3 – Friday 18th May**

Please join us at 9.00am in the staff room tomorrow morning for our next PFA meeting. All parents and friends are most welcome. It’s lovely to see new faces and to receive some different input. We look forward to seeing you.

**Classroom Cuisine**

Don’t forget that Classroom Cuisine can be ordered each day from Monday to Friday. You can go online at any time and place your orders, even up to 8.30am on the day the lunch is required. Just go to www.classroomcuisine.com.au and start ordering!

Have a great week everyone.

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**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 tomorrow 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.
PERFORMING ARTS AWARD: 3W – For persisting to learn the Alice in Wonderland songs and for singing with expression and enthusiasm. Well done 3W!

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 at 3.45pm in Performing Arts room

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
- Pipe cleaners
- 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 EVERYONE FOR THE DONATED PROPS, IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

LEVEL COSTUMES
Unfortunately we are unable to provide costumes for 370 students so we’ll need help from parents. In class, we’ll be making accessories but we need some base clothing for each costume. We try to encourage parents to look for items either within their own home/family or at op shops before buying new items.

We will need the t-shirts for LEVEL 1 and 2 ASAP so we can start turning them into costumes. Please bring in your child’s t-shirt named and in a plastic bag. THANK YOU for your support.

Level 1- SMALL CARDSMEN
- Black bottoms: jeans, leggings or tracksuit pants
- PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT that can have a material shape glued to it (heart, spade, club or diamond)

Level 2 – INSECTS
- All students to have black bottoms i.e. jeans, leggings or tracksuit pants
- 2P – lady bugs: PLAIN RED T-SHIRT – large black material circles will be glued to the t-shirt
- 2T – grasshoppers: PLAIN GREEN T-SHIRT – green material will be attached to the t-shirt for legs!
- 2S – dragonflies: PLAIN WHITE LONG SLEEVED T-SHIRT – glittery material will be attached to the sleeve and arms
- 2E – Bees: PLAIN YELLOW T-SHIRT – thick yellow lines will be glued to the t-shirt
- 2J – Christmas Beetles: PLAIN BLACK T-SHIRT – metallic material will be glued to the side of the t-shirt

Level 3- CLOCKS
- All students to be dressed in black; black bottoms (jeans, tracksuit pants, leggings) and a plain black t-shirt. Students will be making clocks in ART to be attached to the t-shirts.

SHOES: students will need to wear black shoes and socks for the performance i.e. jiffies, school shoes or sneakers.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT COSTUMES WILL BE PROVIDED IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS

CHOIR NEWS
- SENIOR CHOIR (Level 3 & 4) – Friday 8.15am in the Performing Arts hall
- JUNIOR CHOIR (Level 2) – Friday 8.15am in the UPSTAIRS INFANT BUILDING

Both the junior and senior choir will be singing at OPEN EVENING, which will be held on 22nd May 2012. The choirs will be singing a range of songs from their repertoire and will perform between 6pm-6.30pm in the Multi-Purpose Centre.

Amanda Wilson
Performing Arts Co-ordinator
Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week Nina Van Schoonhoven 1C
For the excellent painting and printing skills she displayed when making her Alice in Wonderland Castle. The outline represents the shapes of a castle and the colours are bright and fun!

Visual Art Class of the Week 1C
For their fabulous bug designs. They used soft pastels for the first time and showed confidence when colouring in and smudging the pastels with their fingers. Keep up the excellent work 1C!

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 again next Tuesday Lunchtime 12:30-1:30. The portraits are looking fantastic and are almost finished.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

SPORTS NEWS

SOUTHPORT DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
Tomorrow, Friday 18 May, selected children will be taking part in the Southport District Cross Country to be held at Bald Hill Park. The events will run from 9.50am and children will depart from school at 9.00am sharp and return by approximately 2.00pm.

Children require:
• Trackpant pants, shorts and runners, sport/school polo top, windcheater and coat
• Playlunch, lunch and drink/s in reusable containers
• Plastic water bottle
• School bag or sports bag

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

EARN & LEARN
Don’t forget to keep collected the stickers in the Woolworths’ Earn & Learn promotion which runs until 1st July. Collect the stickers and put them on the sticker card sent home with last week’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 and spare cards too.

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.

Last term Level 2 had an Inquiry task to interview a team leader. We had to decide who to interview and how we were going to do the interview. Charlie, Miki and I chose to email the team leaders. Charlie chose Anthony Coxon, Miki chose John Longmire and I chose our Prime Minister, Julia Gillard.
We were all happy to receive a letter or an email back. The Prime Minister said that good teams set themselves goals and then look for ways to achieve them. Miki has been invited into the rooms after one of the Sydney Swans games held in Melbourne.

By Sophie Challingsworth 2J
Dear Parents,

I have been very fortunate over the last few days to experience some fabulous Professional Development which focused on the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Young People. On Friday 11th May I attended the Generation Next Forum which had a panel of expert speakers presenting the latest evidenced based research on a number of areas: the Developing brain, Cyber bullying, eating well, Porn and its Impact on young people and the Mental health of girls. On Monday and Tuesday of this week I attended a conference on developing a Mental Health programme in schools. Again and again whenever I attend these conferences, I am affirmed by the fact that at APS we are in a very fortunate context with our children that they don’t experience the emotional and social traumas experienced at other settings. On the other hand, there are still areas of our children’s emotional wellbeing that concern me, such as their resilience in general and their ability to cope in fairly stressful situations.

The presenters talked about the recent breed of helicopter - read hovering parents - and the newer breed of lawn mowing - read paving the way- parents, doing all that they can for their children so that the road ahead is smooth and free of bumps. Whilst those intentions are honourable and decent do they really help a child’s emotional development? If the psychologists are right and if we learn from our mistakes, then how can children grow and develop if no mistakes are ever made. If we don’t ever let them experience failure, how will they experience the sweetness of a well deserved success? If all our children ever hear are compliments that inflate their self-esteem and sense of value, what will happen when in the real world they hear from a colleague in the workplace, well really you aren’t that good. Please don’t misunderstand, I want our children to be positive and have confidence and have character, but I also want them to earn their accolades, their successes and their victories. Think back to when you were children and you had to earn respect and responsibility. Think back to when you went to school, in my case I walked everyday and in secondary school caught the tram each morning and afternoon to and from Mac Rob. Think back even further to 1914 when young boys at the age of 15 signed up to represent our young nation in the Great War. In developing a Mental Health Program here at APS my goal will be to develop greater resilience in all our students, to further develop their character and to equip them with the skills to meet the hard knocks in life head on, to cope with stress and to come out on top.

At the Generation Next seminar I came away feeling quite alarmed by what is happening in the online environment, in places where as a school it is far more difficult to protect our students. In the physical world, we have out of bounds areas, rules, we can close doors and lock gates to protect our kids in school. However in the digital world, unfortunately it can just be one click from disaster.

Sue Mclean expert in Cyber bullying talked about the high profile suicides of young teenage girls who took their own lives as a direct result of cyberbullying. In the yard at our school, the children are very good at letting me know if children aren’t playing fairly or if they are playing chasey when they shouldn’t. But do I ever hear of anyone telling me about people who are cyberbullying? Our children are good friends in the real world, but they must equally be good friends in the digital world – they must become digital citizens and upstanders as to what they see happening in the online environment. Parents you must be additionally vigilant about what your children do online and it has come to light that many Mums are responsible for setting up their son’s/daughter’s Facebook account. Again, it is illegal for children under the age of 13 to have a Facebook account. Children will talk to strangers, have 900 friends and put up personal photos of them, things they will never do in the real world and I can guarantee you that paedophiles will never tell you their occupation online when they are chatting to children. In chat rooms, young girls who in real life are 11 say they are 16, men who are 30, pose as 17 year old boys. Club Penguin is open to anyone and anyone can become your friend, you can’t see the real person and have no way to know if they are telling the truth.

Why do we allow children to leave doors open in an online space, when they don’t do it in the real world. Why do we allow our children to talk to strangers online, when they won’t do it in the real world? Why do we tell things to our Facebook friends, when we have never actually met them? Why do we let our children post photos and let strangers keep them, when we would never do that in the real world?

Please be careful when setting up Skype accounts and make sure you always know whom your children are talking to. Please do not turn a blind eye when your children are online, you have a moral obligation to keep your kids safe. Do not allow phones, ipads or PCs in their bedrooms, keep everything in the kitchen where it is all visible to the whole family. If you have a teenager at home and they have a Facebook account, make sure they have you as a friend so you can keep tabs on whom they are chatting too. The last thing one of the fathers said about his teenage daughter who had committed suicide was “Why hadn’t someone told me that she was being cyberbullied?”

Wherever the safety of your children is concerned, you must never be in the dark. If you would like to go further and find out more about keeping our children cyber safe, please look up Sue McLean’s website: http://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/index.shtml

Hoping some of this helps.

Kind regards,

Rochelle
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.

Second Childhood: 44 Glenferrie Road, Malvern Vic 3144 Tel: 9509 6898 secondchildhood.com.au

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The role of a “Lollipop” person is important to our community and we need dedicated, reliable people to join our team. If you are interested and can commit to Monday to Friday, 8am – 9am and 3pm – 4pm in an ongoing role, then please call us now.

Crossings are available in the Monash, Stonnington and Boroondara districts.

Thankyou

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