Dear Parents,

So far so good....

I am into the fourth week of Acting Principal and pleased to announce that the school is still standing and so far we haven’t experienced any major disasters. I am actually quite enjoying the role and it never ceases to amaze me how busy the job can be. Despite having a well planned day, many interruptions occur through phone calls, sales people and the email traffic is also an enormous distraction. We will be welcoming Jim back on Monday with open arms and the students will be pleased to know that my office will once again be open next week and they are welcome to pop in for a chat and visit. I would like to acknowledge and thank Peter Cracknell for his valuable support over these two weeks as the Assistant Principal, Malcolm Dow for his support as Assistant Principal for two days, Christine for keeping the school running smoothly and both Robin and Kylie who volunteered to be Assistant Principal for a day. Thank you also to all the staff for their ongoing dedication and commitment to their job. Each and every day they go beyond the call of duty to ensure that your child experiences an incredibly rich and successful learning journey at APS.

Staff Professional Development Day Friday May 4th

Just a reminder to parents that this will be a pupil free day and OOSHC is offering a Curriculum Day program to parents who would like to make use of the program. Look out for the details on page 8 of this newsletter. On this day, the staff will be involved in developing a whole school writing program. The school has engaged a highly regarded educational consultant, Julie Shepherd, who will be working with the teachers to facilitate the development of a best practice writing program. We are looking forward to working with Julie and witnessing the germination of this program.

Raincoats in every school bag

We are currently being treated to a wet week in Melbourne and given the current La Nina dominance we are likely to experience more wet weather this winter. I am still quite dismayed by the lack of raincoats and jackets on the children at playtime and lunchtime and on our local walks. The level 3 and 4 students are currently walking to and from school to participate in the Intensive swimming program and I request that you provide a raincoat or a waterproof hooded jacket for your children. We will postpone the swimming lesson in very heavy rain, but not if it is a light shower or only drizzling.

Gateways program comes to Armadale

I am very excited to announce that from May to June the school will be hosting GATEWAYS on Friday mornings. Students with a particular passion and interest in a specific area have already been selected by their teachers to participate in these engaging programs. It is very important that if your child is selected they must bring the forms back the next day or they could miss out.

Mothers’ Day stalls

With Mother’s day fast approaching on Sunday May 13th, our wonderful PFA takes care of all the worry of what to buy Mum, by holding a Mother’s Day Stall. This year they will hold two stalls, one on Thursday May 3rd just for the Level 4 students, and another on Friday May 11th for the rest of the school. Both stalls will be held upstairs in the Infant Building and the students will be called grade by grade to purchase something lovely for mum. In Art classes this week, students have been painting the wrapping paper that will be artistically wrapped for each present. DADS – your job is to ensure that your children are given $5.00 for each gift they purchase. If there are some gifts still available after all the grades have been at the stall, then students will be given the opportunity to purchase a second gift or one for grandma. Thank you again to our PFA and in particular to Kristen Steele (Eliza 2J and Henry 1C) and Susan Hucker (Will 2T and Tom 1C)
Footy cards at school
We all love to follow the footy and it’s great to see the children involved in hobbies such as collecting and trading their footy cards. Just a gentle reminder to parents that if you give permission for children to bring their cards to school, then it is their responsibility to look after their cards. The school cannot be held accountable for lost or mislaid cards. Should you wish to speak to me further on this matter, please do not hesitate to do so.

Parents Victoria Online Conference 2012
6am Sunday 20 May to midnight Saturday 26 May (Australian time)
PARENTS of primary and secondary students, in all states, territories and countries, are warmly invited to take part in this year’s online conference, to be held next month by Parents Victoria, in Australia. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet from 6am Sunday 20 May to midnight Saturday 26 May. No special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser (speakers are an advantage but are optional). The online discussions will be very easy to join in, online resources will be provided, and guidelines about how to participate will be available. You don’t need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part. Join in for all days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

The exact day-to-day conference program will be emailed to those who register shortly before the conference begins. Topics include Celebrating Public Education, Bullying, Multiculturalism, Languages Other Than English (LOTE), Mental Health, Travel to School and School Payments.
Register online at no cost.
The Parents Victoria Online Conference 2012 website will open at exactly 6am on Sunday 20 May at: http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv/

School Council Sub - Committee meetings.
The next round of School Council subcommittee meetings will be held next week. Whilst each of these committees has a core membership, the meetings are open to any school parents who would like to attend. The work undertaken by each subcommittee helps to shape the recommendations that are presented to our School Council for consideration.
If one of the agenda items below is of particular interest to you, then please feel very welcome to come along and join in this meeting.

- **Facilities** Tuesday 1st May 5:15 pm in Jim’s Office
Main Agenda Items: Paving in front of the MPC, update on Weather Vane, New Playground Equipment Update, Signage around the school & External Seating, Line Marking, Troughs/ drinking, External painting

- **Curriculum** Thursday 3rd May 8:00am in the Library
Main Agenda Items: Review of the Grade placement Policy

- **Finance** Friday 11th May 8:00am in Jim’s Office
Main Agenda Items: OOSH C Program Reports, Ratification of Accounts for March & April, Credit Card Expenditure

Warm regards
Rochelle Cukier
Assistant Principal

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YOU CAN DO IT! AWARDS

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<td>For being a responsible and respectful student on our excursion to the zoo. What a great role model you are Toby!</td>
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<td>1J</td>
<td>Sebastian Chamberlain</td>
<td>For always making sure our classroom is neat and tidy. Great organisation skills Seb!</td>
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<td>Thomas Dixon</td>
<td>For asking great questions about the animals he saw on our excursion.</td>
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<td>2S</td>
<td>Tilly Hunt</td>
<td>For working diligently and following instructions well when completing the reading task on ‘Water’. Well done Tilly!</td>
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<td>3C</td>
<td>Annika Green</td>
<td>For demonstrating great enthusiasm for learning and persisting with her maths challenges. Keep it up Annika!</td>
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<td>James Pratis</td>
<td>For his positive and enthusiastic attitude when completing his Literacy activities! Great work James!</td>
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<td>Areeb Mohammad</td>
<td>For demonstrating a positive effort to work towards achieving the personal goals that he set for himself.</td>
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<td>Holly Lovell</td>
<td>For the positive effort that she puts into tasks and working conscientiously on her learning activities.</td>
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<td>Charlotte Gatehouse</td>
<td>For demonstrating a positive attitude in all areas of her learning, and for settling to her work quickly and completing all set tasks. Keep it up Charlotte!</td>
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<td>4N</td>
<td>Massimo Martelli</td>
<td>For always demonstrating excellent work habits, good manners and being a cooperative, helpful student at all times - keep it up!</td>
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Hi everyone

Desperately Seeking Sausage Sizzlers!
As you would all be aware by now, APS are holding a sausage sizzle outside Bunning’s in Burwood Rd, Hawthorn, on Saturday 5th May – that’s just over a week away! Despite numerous articles, emails, and plain old begging, we still have only four volunteers who have offered to help on the day. Kim Hyde, along with husband Brad, has organised every detail for the day. All you have to do is give up two hours (one, if that’s really all you can afford), don an apron, cook a few snags, or sell a few drinks. Easy!! Plus it really is lots of fun, and, of course, helps APS with some much-needed fundraising.

Kim is particularly looking for volunteers in the 9.00 – 11.00am time slot, but also at other times throughout the day. If you can help at all, then please contact Kim asap on either 0412 561 520 or kimhyde@virginbroadband.com.au.

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!

Level 2 cocktail party – Friday 11th May
The Level 2 cocktail party is two weeks away! Details are:
Venue: Remy Bar Restaurant
283 Glenferrie Rd, Malvern
Time: 7.30pm onwards
Cost: $25.00 per person
Drinks: Tapas and Spanish band, included in price
Available at bar prices

Level 2 parents – contact your Class Rep with any queries.

Mother’s Day Stall – Friday 11th May
With about two weeks until Mother’s Day, here is an update from Susan Hucker & Kristen Steele on this year’s Mother’s Day stall, including special arrangements for the Level 4s:

Get your $5 ready as the Mother’s Day Stalls are nearly here!

We will hold a special Mother’s Day Stall for Level 4 next Thursday May 3rd due to their camp the following week, then a follow-up with Levels 1, 2, & 3 on Friday 11th May to get everything ready for Mother’s Day (yippee) on Sunday 13th.

Donation boxes have been placed in the classrooms by our busy class reps (thank you) for families to donate a gift or two. So far we have received only 17 donations. Please pick up something small and lovely when you are out shopping and put it into the box in your classrooms as we are worried that we may have to split the socks and share the soap! If you work for a company with ‘end of lines’ we’ll gladly help you clear them out. Ideas are: magazines, socks, vases, jewellery, cosmetics, hand and body lotions, shower gels, soap, tea & coffee mugs, candles, chocolates, aprons, stationery, scarves, frames, anything sporty etc.

If you enjoy being a part of this event then we would love for you to join us for the pre-wrap over coffee on Thursday May 10th (after drop-off) or on Friday 11th (throughout the morning) to help the kids choose their presents with much love and deliberation (awwww) and then wrap them with our individually hand painted paper by our 370 resident artists (thanks Lucy!) All will be held upstairs in the infant hall.

Please call us with questions, donations, or if you would like to be involved.

Susan Hucker 0404 392 240
Kristen Steele 0417 703 998

Have a great week everyone.

Abby Nash 0410 509 161
anash@nashmanagement.com.au
Jill Davies 0414 335 555
jill.davies@yahoo.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents

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
House points will resume next week.
**PERFORMING ARTS AWARD:** 2P – For persisting to learn the lyrics to the song “Zip-a-dee-doo-dah” and for demonstrating confidence when performing in small groups to the rest of the class. Well done!

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**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

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**UPCOMING EXCURSION – THE GRUFFALO’S CHILD – L1 & 2**  
On Thursday 3rd May, the Level 1 and 2 students will be travelling by bus to the Alexander Theatre at Monash University to see the performance “The Gruffalo’s Child”. The students will leave school at 12.30pm for a 1.30pm show. The show will run for 1 hour, allowing the students to return to school by 3.30pm. This performance is to “tune in” students to our musical “Alice in Wonderland” and to support activities relating to musical theatre.

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**PARENT HELPERS MEETING:**  
- Thursday 3rd May, 3.45-4.15pm, in the Performing Arts building.

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**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

**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”*

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**THIS WEEK’S REHEARSALS (LEVEL 4):**  
*Rehearsals may change on the day*  
**Friday:** Scenes 1, 2, 5 & 6 (9-9.50am), Scenes: prologue, 3 & 4 (11.30-12.10pm)  
**Monday:** Scenes 1, 2, 5 & 6 (9-9.50am), Scenes: prologue, 3 & 4 (11.30-12.10pm)  
**Tuesday:** Scenes 1, 2, 5 & 6 (9-9.50am), Scenes: prologue, 3 & 4 (11.30-12.10pm)  
**Wednesday:** Janet – Flowers  
**Thursday:** Colleen – dancers, dodo bird and rock lobsters. Amanda – Sea Creatures

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**JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH – PERFORMANCE REVIEW by Winnie, Olivia and Camilla (3F)**

On Wednesday the 18th of April all the level 3s and 4s went to the Kingston theatre to see the performance James and the Giant Peach. The level 3s went on buses and the level 4s went on a train. The reason we went was to get an idea of how to act and the kind of costumes we should use for our school production “Alice In Wonderland” which we are hoping will be a big hit! The actors did lots of singing and dancing, it was awesome! They engaged us with; colourful props, creative costumes and the wonderful characters they played. They also engaged us by when the camera crew came on to interview the two terrible aunties, they turned the camera to the audience. Everyone was standing up and trying to get in the view of the camera. The characters played their roles really well; we thought the performance was great!

**ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES – either singing or playing an instrument**
- Students are encouraged to perform at assembly and share their music with the school. Please contact me or your classroom teacher if you would like to play/sing for us.

**CHOIR 2012 – will begin this week (Friday 20th April)**
- 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 senior and junior choir will be performing their Term 1 songs on Wednesday 2nd May at 2.45pm.

Amanda Wilson
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**CONGRATULATIONS**
To Jaclyn Riordan - the youngest player ever in the 75 year history of Lakeside Golf Club to win a tournament.

**LAKESIDE GOLF CLUB**
**STROKE AMBROSE PAIRS**
**ANNE JOHNSTON TROPHY**
**PLAYED AT ALBERT PARK GOLF COURSE on SATURDAY APRIL 14TH, 2012**

Won by:
**Jaclyn RIORDAN / Leigh CAIL**

61.25

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

**PRESENTATION OF YEAR 6 LEADERS’ BADGES**
The badges for our Year 6 Leaders will be presented at our next assembly on Wednesday 2 May. As our level 3s and 4s are involved in their swimming program on that day, the assembly will be held at 2.45pm for that week only.

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**CANBERRA CAMP**

Important notice for all Level 4 students going to Canberra:

- the buses depart APS at 7.30am on Monday, May 7.
- You need to be at school between **7.10 and 7.15am**, in order to:
  - hand in any medicines,
  - have your name marked off the roll and
  - load your luggage onto the bus.

Parents, please note that our students **cannot** take mobile phones on camp - any contact needs to be made through the school.

Thank-you,
Robin, Zaim and Mat
2012 Season
U12 GLADIATORS - GIRLS
BE A PART OF HISTORY

The Gladiators are pleased to announce that we are entering our first ever Girls only Under 12 football team this season in the YJFL. We are seeking girls to fill a team and would love to see you. No experience is necessary.

Training is on Friday nights at Righetti Oval, Kooyong from 5pm-6pm (Off Elizabeth Street – 59D3). This is not far from Kooyong Tennis Club.

Matches are starting Sunday May 6th and we typically play at 1.00 pm. There will be six matches at home and six away and the travel to away games is no further than Kew/Surrey Hills.

If unsure come down to training and give it a go. It’s lots of fun!

Contact David Hooper on 040203533 or Email Under12Girls@GIJFC.com

- Fun
- Fitness
- Friendship
- Family Friendly environment
- Community Football Competition

Girls Football is the FASTEST GROWING SPORT in AUSTRALIA. GO GLADIATOR’S

Come and enjoy Junior Soccer

Based in Fawkner Park, South Yarra Soccer Club is a well established and vigorous Club.

We have vacancies in our Junior Girls Squads.

If you are interested in trying soccer, developing skills, learning teamwork and having fun, come along to training session and get a feel for the game and the Club.

Who: Girls aged from 9 years to 11 years old. Beginners very welcome. Bring a friend and make new friends.

Where: Fawkner Park South. Training on field Cordner Oval in SE of Park near bottom of Pasley Street

When:
- Games - U11/U12 Girls - Sun mornings

What: More info from the Club website www.southyarrasc.com.au Or email craymond@southyarrasc.com.au on 0421639756
SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

Learn keyboard, guitar, flute, clarinet, violin, drums, here at Armadale Primary School

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, flute, clarinet, violin, drums, here at the school. Creative Music for Schools conducts a School Music Program of small group classes here at school each week. We aim to give children an excellent grounding in music. Children will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $14.00 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2.

Interested parents should call Sharon during office hours on 9818 2333 for more information. You can also access our web page at www.creativemusic.com.au

HAWTHORN SECONDARY COLLEGE
Information Evening/Open House/College Tour

Come see how we build foundations for your child’s educational success.

7pm, Thursday 26th April
Burgess St, Hawthorn East
Website: www.hawthorn.vic.edu.au
Phone: 9823 3247

Our Individually Year Learning approach and school values produce results and outcomes with students and parents:

- Stellar VCE results (25% higher senior success rate than previous years)
- Students and parents rate their secondary College and VCE preparation schools
- Comprehensive Year 7 transition program
- Pre-service, school-wide bullying prevention program

Collect your tokens, then swap them with your School Banking Co-ordinator for cool rewards.

Money Box
10 Tokens
Now available

Wallet
10 Tokens
Not available

Drink Bottle
10 Tokens
Now available

Lunch Box
10 Tokens
Now available

Watch
10 Tokens
Now available

Handball
10 Tokens
Available: February 2012

Booklight
10 Tokens
Available: May 2012

Pen Pod
10 Tokens
Available: July 2012

USB
10 Tokens
Available: October 2012

Help your child learn to spell successfully
Small group lessons given in a positive and supportive environment so learning is fun.

After school weekdays and weekends
Phone 0434 985 986
Sally McNabb
Reading Recovery/Masters Ed/Primary teacher

Spelling lessons for primary school children
LOST GLASSES
On Monday 23 April at 3.20pm a pair of gold framed glasses with stars. If found please call Yalenka on 0431 737 318.

Armadale Primary School OOSHC
Friday 4th May
Curriculum Day
Today we will be having a curriculum day at school. We will be doing art & craft, cooking, sport, movies and lots of games. At lunchtime if the weather is nice we will walk to Union Street Park for lunch and a play. 8:00-6:00pm
Transport: Walking
Cost: $55 per child (CCB reduction may apply)

Child’s Name:___________________________________________________
I consent to my child taking part in this excursion and where the leader in charge of the excursion is unable to contact me, or it is otherwise impractical to contact me, I authorize the leader in charge to:

- Organise medical transportation for my child
- Consent to my child receiving such medical or surgical attention as may be deemed necessary by a medical practitioner,
- Administer such first aid as the leader in charge may judge to be reasonably necessary.

Signature of Parent/Guardian_________________________________________   Date:_________________________

REMINDER
Garden Working Bee this Saturday
We are in need of child and parent helpers this Saturday 28th April from 11 am till 1pm. We will be filling the new veggie beds in the front of the school, pruning the front plants and filling the kids’ sandpit.

Attachments:
(Advertised material is distributed with this newsletter. Whilst all care is taken to ensure validity we take no responsibility and imply no endorsement)