Dear Parents,

“Champions Read” Book Week Parade  
9.00am – 10.00am Friday morning
Thank you to the many parents who visited the Book Fair this week and placed orders to purchase books. It’s great to see the terrific enthusiasm that our students have for the wonderful world of books and we are grateful for your support here. All students enjoyed a very entertaining performance from poet, Raymond J Bartholomeuz, aka Brain Nankervis from “Rockwiz” and “Pictures of You” on Wednesday and on Friday our students will be treated to a musical performance for Book Week. Level Four also enjoyed a book launch at Lauriston on Wednesday afternoon. Our Book Week celebrations will culminate with the parade tomorrow morning and we hope you may be able to join us between 9.00 and 10.00am to watch a myriad of book characters come to life. I hope the weather will be kind and Malcolm Dow has assured me that there will be no Bananas or Pyjamas but the students may be in for a big surprise.

A big thank you to Sara Powell who came in to work in the library and help set up the Book Fair, giving up a few days of her family leave and Malcolm Dow, for all of their efforts in putting together another very successful Book Week program. Thank you to all the many parents who helped out at the Book Fair. I wish the children many happy hours of reading with their new books.

Staffing for 2103
Most schools are starting to look at their staffing for 2103 and I would be most appreciative if parents could finalise any sibling enrolments for Prep 2013 before the end of August and similarly if parents are exiting their children out of Armadale for next year, who are currently in Prep to Grade 5, could you please advise the office as soon as you are aware of your child’s acceptance into another setting by completing the form on page 4 of today’s newsletter. This will also help with the new enrolment enquiries I have been receiving for families moving into the area.

It is always an anxious time for our staff that are on contracts and I would like to be able to offer them security of employment for another year. I am most grateful for your support with this matter.

Parent survey for all Level 3 and 4 parents
All parents in level 3 and 4 will soon be receiving an email with a request to complete an online survey regarding the introduction of a 1:1 netbook program for level 4 students in 2013. Our School Council is keen to gauge parental support and readiness for this program before the school undertakes further steps to implement this in 2013. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete and we would appreciate as many parents completing the survey as possible.

Level 4 excursion
The Level 4s enjoyed an excursion in and out of the city today as part of their inquiry unit on Australian History. They went to the National Art Gallery of Victoria for an Australian History Tour with a particular focus on indigenous history and culture and to the Melbourne Museum to view the exhibition on the Melbourne Story. I am sure they made the most of this enrichment experience and took the opportunity to further deepen their knowledge and understanding of Australian History. Thank you to the Level 4 teachers Jennifer Hemingway, Mat Sweetlove and Zaim Zeneli for their organisation of the excursion and also the parent volunteers who accompanied the children today.

It’s always a busy week at Armadale Primary School.

Until next week.

Warm regards,

Rochelle Cukier  
Acting Principal
YOU CAN DO IT! AWARDS

1C Toby Ralph
For independently presenting information on his trip to England with confidence.

1C Henry Steele
For being persistent in applying his thinking skills to solve an alphabet problem. Well done Henry!

1J Aryana Gallagher
For offering her ideas and opinions more often to class discussions.

2E Alexie Angelatos
For demonstrating great understanding of the emotions behind her "Alice in Wonderland" reflection.

2J Sophie Challingsworth
For demonstrating confidence when working on her hard division number stories. Well done Sophie!

2P Fletcher Sutterby
For demonstrating that he is focusing on 'learning task' instructions. Fletcher is to be commended for his co-ordinated dance performances during 'Footsteps' sessions.

2P Sasha Herbaux
For constructing interesting sentences in her story entitled ‘The Beggar and the Rich Man’. The class enjoyed hearing the story.

2S Ella De Hennin
For the enthusiasm and joy she displays for reading. Well done Miss Ella on all your efforts!

2T Matilda Corsham
For being such a good friend to everyone in 2T, always trying her hardest and giving everything a go even when she is a little bit unsure.

3D Harry Fox
For applying himself enthusiastically to creating a pop up story and persevering to produce an excellent result.

3W Yasmin Edwards
For demonstrating persistence and showing great confidence when writing her poem for the Armadillo. Keep up the great work Yasmin!

3W Cecilia Hardy
For the confidence that she demonstrates when participating in group activities and when speaking in front of the class. A great effort Cecilia!

You have seen the live show, now watch the MOVIE!

To order your copy of the Armadale Primary School production of “Alice in Wonderland Jr”, please fill out the order form below. It is a great gift idea for Christmas!

Orders must be returned to the office by 9.00am on Monday 17th September in order to receive the DVDs this term.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND JR DVD ORDER $35.00 each

Student’s name: _________________________ Class: ____________

I would like to order _____ copy/copies of Alice in Wonderland Jr DVD

Please debit my credit card as below:

Amount: $ __________ ($35.00 each)

Name on Card: ____________________________

Card no: _______ / _______ / _______ / _______

Expiry Date: _______ / _______

Signature: __________________________

Order cut off date: 9.00am on Monday 17th September
Hi everyone,

**Friday 24th August – Daffodil Day**
Tomorrow is the annual Cancer Council Daffodil Day to raise money for the 1 in 2 Australians affected by cancer. Nicky Stoupas (Spencer & Mimi’s mum) will again be selling merchandise during the book parade on Friday morning. The office will also be stocking Daffodil Day products. Even a gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated. Your support really counts!

**Father’s Day Stall**
The Father’s Day stall is only a week away! Kristen Steele & Susan Hucker have kindly volunteered to organise the stall, and a note from Kristen & Susan with details of the day follows this article. Have you placed a donation in the box in your classroom yet?

**Expressions of interest - PFA Co-Presidents**
Our roles as co-Presidents come to an end this year. We are hoping to appoint two new Presidents ASAP to ensure a smooth handover. We are asking for expressions of interest so if you want to know more about this fulfilling, valued and varied role, or know someone who may be interested, please contact us.

Have a great week everyone.

Abbey Nash 0410 509 161
Jill Davies 0414 335 555
anash@nashmanagement.com.au  jill.davies@yahoo.com.au

**THANK YOU**
A big thank you to Diana Motion for washing a large amount of clothing from lost property making it ready to add to the second-hand clothing.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**HOOPTIME BASKETBALL - LEVEL 3**
On Wednesday 15th of August the level 3s had Hooptime Basketball at MSAC. We were divided into three categories which were the Rookies, two Future Stars and All Stars. The Rookies and the Future Stars were mixed and the All Stars were boy and girl teams. Future Stars 1, won their grand final and won a basketball. Everyone did a great job. Congratulations to everyone who participated. And thank you for all the parents, teachers and most of all Kate Pilgrim for organising everything.

*By Flossie, Winnie and Lexi*

**FATHER’S DAY STALL**
Hi all,
Father’s Day is fast approaching and we wanted to let you know that the APS Father’s Day Stall will be held on Friday 31st August this year.

As in prior years the stall will consist of a mix of gifts donated by APS families and gifts purchased by the school, which the children will then be able to purchase with their $5.00. The donations especially help to enhance the variety and fun of the stall and can include items such as magazines, books, sporting/gardening equipment, stationery, chocolates etc. To ensure that all Dads get well and truly spoilt on their special day, could families please donate a gift in the coming weeks. Unwrapped gifts can be left in the donation boxes that your classroom reps will have placed in each classroom. Additionally if you know of any businesses happy to donate to the stall, we would love to hear from you.

Helpers will be very welcome throughout the mornings on either Thursday 30th August for pre-wrapping, or on Friday 31st for the actual stall. Please note that the last day for donations is next Tuesday 28th as the wrapping is on Thursday 30, stall Friday 31st and Father’s Day on Sunday 2nd.

It is a lovely event to be involved in and we look forward to seeing lots of you there - coffee and morning tea provided! If you have any queries please contact us.

Thanks

Susan Hucker - 0404 392 240
Kristen Steele - 0417 703 998

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND PROGRAMS**
There are still programs available to purchase (for a gold coin donation) from the office if you missed out on purchasing one from the National Theatre.

Don’t miss out on your memento of a wonderful evening.
SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL
As mentioned last week the level 3 and 4 Green Team are preparing for their special Kids Teaching Kids activity on Monday 27 August. We are going to the St Kilda Town Hall and Port Phillip Eco Centre to participate in their Sustainable Schools Festival and Harvest Picnic. Our Green Team will be presenting a special workshop activity there, where we will be teaching other students the principles of recycling and waste management. Pippa Cocks and I will be accompanying the students on this excursion.

BOOK WEEK
We are just coming to the end of another wonderful Book Week. We have had a fantastic Book Fair where many children have purchased some great new books to add to their libraries at home. Raymond J Bartholomeuz entertained the children with his wonderful stories and poetry, and of course tomorrow we have the Book Parade and then a musical performance called “And the Winner is.....” which should be very entertaining.

I’d like to thank Sara Powell for all her great work in organising all of these activities for Book Week, and, as I mentioned last week, even though she has been on Family Leave since March she still came in to organise and run the Book Fair, so we are very much appreciative of her efforts. A big thank you also to the parents who came and assisted with the Book Fair: Vicki Lloyd, Christina Hyde, Caitlin Cox, Lisa McLellan, and Arabella Tremlett. Your help was also very much appreciated. Vicki Lloyd reminded me that this was the fourth Book Fair she had assisted us with and as Ben is leaving at the end of the year, it was her last. A special thanks to you Vicki for being such a great helper at our Book Fairs.

Malcolm Dow
Acting Assistant Principal

2013 PLANNING
In order to assist our planning for 2013 could parents please indicate whether their child/ren will not be returning to Armadale Primary School in 2013.

Child’s name: ____________________________
Child’s name: ____________________________
Child’s name: ____________________________

will be attending the following school:

________________________________________
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HOUSE POINTS
Densham won this week’s house. Congratulations to all the children in Densham.

DAFFODIL DAY
There are some great items to purchase in the office to support Daffodil Day which is tomorrow Friday 24 August:

- Bear $6.00
- Enamel pins $3.00
- Pens $2.00
- Footballs $5.00
- Wristbands $2.00
- Bulldog clips $3.00

LEVEL 1 BULLETIN
This week’s Level 1 bulletin is on the website for the Prep parents under Level & Specialist Bulletins in the Parents tab or follow this link.
PERFORMING ARTS AWARD: 3C – For the team work and enthusiasm they demonstrated when performing “Chinese Actions”. Fantastic mimes 3C!

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
- THERE WILL BE NO JUNIOR OR SENIOR CHOIR THIS WEEK DUE TO THE BOOK WEEK PARADE

ALICE IN WONDERLAND DVD
This week we’ll receive the first DVD recording of our Alice in Wonderland Jr production. We are excitedly waiting to watch the performance as audience members. The company we use to capture this special event, “Stagefright Concert Productions,” produce a final product of high quality. Unfortunately this has flowed through to the cost of the DVD which will be $35. If you would like a copy of the Alice in Wonderland JR. DVD, please fill out the form on page 2 of this week’s newsletter or on the home page of the website. Orders need to be finalized by 9.00am on Monday 17th September. DVDs will be available for collection from the school office on Wednesday 19th September.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND PHOTOS
- Proof copies will be available for viewing next week. Information will be in next week’s newsletter.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND - PARENT HELPERS’ MORNING TEA
When: Friday 24th August
Where: Performing Arts Room
Time: 10.00am – straight after the Book Week parade

Any parents can attend to celebrate the fabulous effort put in by all our parent helpers.

Amanda Wilson
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Visual Artist of the Week  Katija Sucic 3C
For the fantastic collage skills she displayed when creating her Viking Ship. She made excellent observations from the book ‘The Last Viking’ and paid attention to detail.

Visual Art Class of The Week  4S
For the outstanding Viking helmets they made as part of their Book Week activity. They look fantastic!

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 will be running this Tuesday @ 1245 in the Art Room. I will look forward to seeing you all then.

Thankyou
Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator
Dear Students & Parents

Please be advised that due to the overwhelming response to the School Banking Rewards, some of the rewards are now OUT OF STOCK for the remainder of this School year.

If your child has 10 tokens or more, we suggest you send them into school on banking day (TUESDAY) with the reward coupon of his/her choice.

**THERE ARE STILL SOME FANTASTIC REWARDS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR AND NEW EXCITING REWARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN 2013.**

Our local Commonwealth Bank School Banking Specialist is Leanne Laverty. She can be contacted on Mobile 0423 758056 or leanne.laverty@cba.com.au with any queries.

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