Dear Parents,

It was a very early morning yesterday, up and awake before 6.00am to collect Anita Frankel and bring her to school before 7.00am where we met Virginia Wallace, Rosanna Caruso and Malcolm Dow who were already at school and had started loading the bus. Many parents and students were already here, talking excitedly about activities and cabins and of course the disco which was being held tonight. The students couldn’t wait to board the bus, some a little anxious and others keen to say goodbye to Mum and Dad. The buses finally took off at 7.35am and I received a text message at 11.30am from both Malcolm and Virginia to say that they had arrived at Camp Rumbug and all were safe.

They are expected to arrive back at Armadale PS at 6.00pm on Friday evening and should there be any significant changes to that, the school will send out a SMS. Should you have any concerns in the meantime, please don’t hesitate to contact me at the school.

Father’s day stall
A huge thank you to Kristen Steele and Susan Hucker for all of their hard work and superb organisation to run a hugely successful Father’s Day stall last Friday. Thank you also for the wonderful army of parents who volunteered to help the children choose their gifts and to beautifully wrap the gifts. The open space upstairs was transformed into a world of gorgeous gifts, cellophane, painted wrapping paper and ribbons. Every child came downstairs with a smile and a precious gift that was carefully selected for their dads. I hope that all of our Dads enjoyed their special day and were lavished with extra cuddles and kisses. I remember when my children were little and asked “Why is there a special day for Mothers and Fathers and not one for children?” My reply was, “Everyday is kids’ day, everyday you are special to me” They seemed quite happy with that.

Farewell to the Marriners
We have to sadly farewell another Armadale family for hopefully only a short time. Audrey, Jason, Max, Harvey and their little brother, Tommy will be staying in Austria for about 6 months and experiencing a wonderful adventure within the mountains in Austria. Harvey and Max will be attending a small village school in the countryside with only 100 children, located quite close to the Swiss border. The bad news... Harvey and Max’s school starts on Monday as the summer holidays have come to an end in Europe and all schools are starting the new year. But I am sure they will have a fantastic adventure whilst they are away, we look forward to many emails and postcards and on behalf of the entire school community we wish the Marriners well and look forward to welcoming them home in our new year.

Staffing for 2013
Thank you to all the parents who have already indicated that their child will not be returning to Armadale Primary School next year. Just a courtesy reminder to those of you who already have secured a place in another setting, could you please advise us as soon as possible so I may have an indicative guide of our total enrolment which will inform our staffing needs. Your co-operation with this matter is very much appreciated.

Planning Week
All of next week will be the opportunity for teachers to plan collaboratively in their teams the curriculum for next term. The class teachers will be involved in planning on the following days and a specialist or a replacement teacher will continue to take the class for their normal program. All students are of course still required at school.

Monday 10th September - Level 4
Tuesday 11th September - Level 2
Wednesday 12th September - Level 3
Thursday 13th September - Level 4
Friday 14th September - Level 1

I know all the teachers appreciate and enjoy this opportunity to plan an exciting and engaging curriculum for your children.
Acting Principal’s report continued …

I came across this recently from Andrew Fuller and thought it timely to share with you. You are welcome to print it off and leave it on your fridge.

How to be happy
The art of making yourself happy is something we can all learn and practise. No one is happy 100% of the time. Life has its ups and downs. Even so there are some sure fire ways to increase your happiness.
1. Don’t wait to see if you are having a good time. Instead of going to places and seeing if it is fun decide in advance to have fun regardless of the circumstances. Enjoy the day regardless of the weather. Make the most of the occasion regardless of the company.
2. Go outside and play. You were told to do this as a kid and I’m telling you to do it again, play more. Go for walks, throw a dog a stick, skip, sing loudly or imagine yourself to be a spy passing through enemy territory. Whatever does it for you. Make a promise to play more.
3. Develop deep friendships. Your friends are your true wealth, value them and see them regularly. Let them know how important they are to you. Most people only have two close friends so don’t fool yourself into believing you are less popular than most people.
4. Increase the closeness of extended family. Keeping in close contact with your family gives you a support base for difficult times and also strengthens your sense of where you come from. Feeling you belong in a family is a powerful way of being happy.
5. Play to your strengths. Have a good long hard look at yourself. What are you good at? Make a commitment to develop your skills, talents and abilities as much as you can. If you don’t develop your own unique talents the world misses out.
6. Seek out groups that most strongly value what you have to offer. Finding the niche where your abilities are valued is the basis of success.
7. Avoid social groups where your unique attributes are not valued. Not everyone is going to like you or think you could amount to much. Get used to it. Accept that it is so, and then get out of their way.
8. Live in the dreamtime. Find and follow your passions. Dream big dreams and make a promise to yourself to live a wonderful life.
9. Laugh a lot more. Find people, shows, books, films and situations that make you laugh and surround yourself with them.
10. Have something bigger than yourself to believe in. Think about the contribution you can make while you are on this planet and do it.
11. Love as much as you can - and then love some more.

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Somers Camp
On Tuesday 11th September, 18 of our level 4 students are attending Somers camp at Somers on the beach and will enjoy 9 days of environmental and outdoor activities, duty groups, making new friends with students from other schools and learning about bush cooking, crafts, and canoeing. I know that our Level 4s who are going will have an amazing time and everyone who has been to Somers states that it is one of the highlights of their Grade 6 year. Kate Pilgrim will be attending the camp as the district co-ordinator and Mat Sweetlove will be attending as the visiting teacher from our school. Both Kate and Mat will be replaced whilst they are out of the school. Parents of the students attending will have received a separate circular which details departure times from Armadale Primary School on Tuesday, but should there be any concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me at school.

Sunsmart School
As we are a registered Sunsmart School, the children need to be wearing their hats from the beginning of September each time they are outside and when they are in PE classes, sports and excursions. We will start implementing this again from Monday 10th September so it is important that all children have their hats at school with them from Monday onwards.

Best wishes Amanda for your Long Service Leave!
Amanda and her husband Dallas will be flying out on Saturday to enjoy a week in Hawaii with friends and then they embark on a cruise around North America to Alaska. We wish Amanda all the very best for a wonderful holiday and a well deserved break after Alice in Wonderland. While Amanda is away, her classes will be taken by Gillian Brown. We look forward to seeing Amanda relaxed and refreshed for the start of Term 4.

Have a wonderful week.

Warm regards,

Rochelle Cukier
Acting Principal

HOUSE POINTS
No house points were announced this week.
Hi everyone,

Father’s Day Stall
We hope all the Dads enjoyed opening their beautiful presents on Father’s Day as much as the children enjoyed choosing them. Sincere thanks once again to Kristen Steele & Susan Hucker for making it all happen!

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser
Yes, it’s that time of year again! Once again, Robbie Fox will be co-ordinating this fabulous fundraiser for the school, so please keep an eye out for notices regarding the delivery and selling of chocolates, and dates for returning money. Thank you to all parents and children for supporting this important fundraiser.

Looking ahead ...
There are some dates coming up in term 4 that you should put in your diaries now, because although they seem a way off at the moment they will be upon us before we know it!
- Friday 19th October – Healthy Breakfast
We had to cancel this last year because of uncertainty over the completion of the school hall and various other factors. So, this year’s will be bigger and better than ever! It’s an absolutely wonderful morning, so put the date in your diary now and we will provide more details closer to the date.
- Friday 26th October – Level 4 cocktail party
Level 4 Class Reps will be in touch with all level 4 parents regarding the details for the final cocktail party of the year.
- Friday 23rd November – Family Night
This was a huge event last year, and promises to be even better in 2012. We’ve made it in late November this year, as most people’s diaries get out of control in December. So, diarise it now, and all details will be provided early in term 4.

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. So far, we haven’t heard from a single person!! It really is an important role within the school, so please have a think about it and consider whether you would like to contribute in this fun and fulfilling way. Please don’t hesitate to come and talk to us at any time!

Have a great week everyone.

Abbey Nash
Jill Davies
0410 509 161 0414 335 555
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PFA Co-Presidents

YOU CAN DO IT! AWARDS

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<td>Carlos Maciel Pizzorno Bazzo</td>
<td>For working diligently on his 'Yellow Box' tasks. Keep up the great work Carlos!</td>
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<td>Jackson Wang</td>
<td>For listening carefully to instructions and making a concerted effort to complete all his learning tasks well.</td>
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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.

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**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**

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**‘Alice in Wonderland Jr’ Photo order form**

*Please enclose cash or cheque (payable to Ian Wallace) in an envelope and return to the office - all orders need to be returned by 3.30pm on Friday 14 September*

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To view the ‘Alice in Wonderland Jr’ photos taken by Ian Wallace follow [this link](#).
PERFORMING ARTS AWARD: 2T – For demonstrating excellent improvisation skills when participating in the activity “FREEZE TAG”. Well done 2T, great acting!!!

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
➢ 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
There will be NO SENIOR CHOIR for the last two weeks of term (Friday 14 and 21 September) as I will be on leave.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND DVD
If you would like a copy of the Alice in Wonderland Jr DVD, please fill out the form on page 4 of this week’s newsletter or on the home page of the website.
DVD orders need to be finalized by 9.00am on Monday 17th September.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND PHOTOS
• Photos taken by Ian Wallace can now be viewed by following this link. When ordering, please make a note of the photo number eg “photo 9 of 506” and complete the order form on page 4 of today’s newsletter
• Prices are:
  4” x 6” $4.00
  5” x 7.5” $5.00
  6” x 9” $7.50
  8” x 12” $15.00
  12” x 18” $33.00
• Please return your order with cash or cheque payable to Ian Wallace
• Photos are printed on matte Kodak Endra professional paper at a specialist printing works
• The images will be improved and cropped where necessary to ensure the best results
• All orders must be returned by 3.30pm on Friday 14 September.

Amanda Wilson
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

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.

Visual Artist of the Week
Luka Jevtic 1J

For the excellent skills he displayed during the woodwork workshop, Luka cut wood confidently with a saw and stuck his pieces together carefully.

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’

There will be no Art Club this week due to ‘Somers Camp’. Students will continue to work on their paintings in Term 4 during lunchtime on Tuesdays.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator
Better Buddies Program in Term 3

Level 1 and Level 4 Buddies continue to enjoy and embrace the Better Buddies Program at Armadale Primary School. Recent activities have included story time together during Book Week, a book launch and time spent helping level 1 students with Mathletics.

Posters, endorsed by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, are on display in the stair well of the infant hall that buddies have completed together, focusing on social skills that children are encouraged to practise at school and at home. Stickers are added to the posters as children begin to demonstrate regular cooperation, honesty, respect and responsibility. In addition to this, including others, caring and helping others, valuing difference and friendliness are other stickers children are working towards adding to their posters.

Since level 2 and 3 students have been participating in a buddy program of their own, meeting once or twice a term, we asked some questions to buddies across the levels, to find out what they think…

What do you like about buddy time?

1C Aidin- It makes me happy!!

1J Sebastian- We get to work together with our caring buddies.

2E Alice- We get to talk to each other.

What has been your favourite activity?

2E Jamie- Making the cube with our buddies.

4N Adam- The buddy hand-shake.

How does the buddy program help you?

2S Owen- Learn more things and have someone to talk to.

4S Aspa- I get to experience how the minds of little kids work.

It is great to see positive and supportive relationships amongst the student body, particularly ahead of term four and transitions to new classes next year.

Jennifer Drew, Olivia Horton-Stephens and Emma Bickerdike

Buddy Coordinator and Buddy Leaders
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.

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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DONATIONS WANTED
If any parents would like to donate second-hand bed linen and towels it would be greatly appreciated. We plan to donate them to a charity assisting flood victims n the Philippines. Please bring the donations to the OOSHC office.

Katie Wallman
OOSHC Director

LEVEL 4 SOCCER GALA DAY PARENT HELPERS
Next Friday 14 September the Level 4 children will be taking part in a Soccer Gala Day. We will be needing parent support on the day. If you are able to help, please see your child’s classroom teacher.

JUNIOR GREEN TEAM
Hi my name is Marcus and my name is Jade. We are Green Team leaders from 2P.

Yesterday the Junior Green Team leaders went looking for rubbish around the school.

We found 3 bags of rubbish in 10 minutes! It is a real problem.

So we had a good think and we would like you to help us. Could you please:

- Talk to your child about littering
- Reduce plastic brought to school in lunch boxes
- Encourage your child to be responsible e.g. pick up any litter and put it in the bin

Remember the 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

Thank you for helping to keep Armadale Primary clean.

Marcus and Jade
MSAC BASKETBALL is proud to present the following school holiday basketball programmes for the upcoming September/October 2012 term break:

24th & 25th September MSAC Beginner/Intermediate Camp $130 pp (9am-3pm)
24th & 25th September MSAC Advanced Camp $130 pp (10am-3pm)

26th September MSAC Shoot 500 Clinic $75 pp (9am-3pm)

27th & 28th September MSAC Beginner/Intermediate Camp $130 (9am-3pm)
27th & 28th September MSAC Junior Dribblers Camp $95 (10am-2pm)
   (Lowered rings for junior beginners 5-8 years Boys & Girls)
27th & 28th September APC Elite Girls’ Camp $90 pp
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Don’t forget our weekly skills sessions from 4:00-5:00pm Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays if you would like to work on your skills after school during school term.

For more information on all basketball programmes go to www.msacbasketball.com.au and register online, email admin@gaze.com.au or phone 9699 2204.
FREE Reiki and Kinesiology Sessions
599 Dandenong Road ARMADALE

As a way to introduce myself and offer something to the local community, I am offering my services free during September for Reiki and October for Kinesiology.

If you would like to experience either of these modalities and have an hour free on a Saturday morning, I would be delighted to hear from you.

Reiki Session
A fully clothed process (with shoes removed) lying on a massage table. The practitioner gently lays hands on various parts of the body, starting with the head, and finishing with the feet. Most commonly experienced is a drastic reduction in stress and an extreme sense of relaxation similar to that after a massage, but generally more profound and longer lasting.

Kinesiology Session
Whilst lying fully clothed on a massage table, very gentle pressure is applied to the arms and legs in various positions to identify muscle functioning. These results, combined with the principles of Chinese medicine, are used to identify ways in which overall wellbeing and performance can be increased. Gentle, non-invasive techniques are used to reduce stress, increase energy levels, identify food intolerances, strengthen body systems, just to name a few common outcomes.

I look forward to hearing from you,
Liz Rawson
0429 321 367
Cert IV Kinesiology, Reiki II
Member AKR ARC

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Monday 25 September - Friday 6 October 2012

East Hawthorn Centre, Bialik College Gringlas Sports Centre, 107 Tooronga Rd East Hawthorn

Holiday Tots: 2-4yrs with parent participation (45 minute session)
Appropriate for children aged 2-4 yrs. Children explore our Kinder Gym circuits and tumble, roll, jump and balance using all our gymnastic apparatus including trampoline, bars, rings, beams and floor activities. The 2-4yrs session is with parent participation.

Holiday Tikes: 4-6yrs (2 hour session)
Appropriate for independent children aged 4-6 yrs. Children are broken up into age/skill based groups to learn how to tumble, roll, swing and balance or build on existing gym skills. A variety of different games and activities each day using all our gymnastic apparatus including trampoline, bars, rings, beams and floor activities.

Holiday Kids: 5-12 yrs (8 hour session)
Appropriate for Primary school aged children of all levels. Children are broken up into age/skill based groups to learn how to tumble, flip, swing and balance or build on existing gym skills. A variety of different games and activities each day using all our gymnastic apparatus including trampoline, bars, rings, beams and floor activities.

Holiday Extreme Kids: 7 years and over (2 or 3 hour session)
Appropriate for children aged 7 and over of any level. Go wild in the gym with extreme stunts and skills. The program brings together elements of circus, dance and gymnastics to give you extreme fun! Cross hand apparatus, aerial rope, tightrope, trampoline stunts and tumbling and artistic balances, breakdancing and hip hop moves.

Go online for session times and prices
www.fitnessforfun.com.au
To Book: Phone 9529 4445  Email info@fitnessforfun.com.au

Let's walk for Africa

Raising funds for the Grandmothers of Africa

Sunday 9th September 2012

Route One - 10km registration at St John’s at 9am
Route Two - 5km registration at St John’s at 10am
Route Three - 2km registration at St John’s at 11am
Route Four - Walk around the church registration at 11.30am

No booking required
Make a donation or find some sponsors

After the walk enjoy a simple meal of African soup and bread

Join us for our Social Justice Sunday Service from 12.30 to 1.30pm

For further information about the event, please call 0405 016 535 or email stjohns.elsternwick@ucappep.net
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