Dear Parents,

**So much to celebrate......**

Alice in Wonderland is almost here! The excitement is nearly at its crescendo and having just seen the full dress rehearsal I know those of you who are attending tonight and Friday night will delight in this highly entertaining and visually impressive performance. May I suggest that for our preppies and level 2 students you encourage them to have a lie down as soon as they are home from school or at least a short rest, then a bath/shower, early tea and ready to leave home before 6.00pm, fully dressed in their costume, hair and make-up according to Amanda’s specifications. Please ensure you have read all the details regarding the specific drop off point for the children, which is the back stage door, as they won’t be allowed into the theatre through any of the foyer entrances. Please ensure all the children, apart from the main characters who are due at the theatre at 5.15pm, arrive on time before 6.30pm and that they are checked off by their teachers. Once they have been handed over to their teachers, you should enjoy a quick snack or drink in nearby Acland Street before returning to the theatre by 7.15pm, or of course you are welcome to stay in the entry foyer. Pre plan your parking, as it is at a premium around St. Kilda and look at the street parking signs, especially the permit signs carefully, as you don’t want it to be an unexpectedly expensive evening. Ticket metered parking can be accessed on the Esplanade, around and behind the Palais Theatre, Luna Park and the car parks behind the shops in Acland Street. If families are able to car pool, say one night each, that would be a clever way of minimising parking logistics. Please accept my suggestions as a means of reducing anxiety on your part and of course, on our children. We want them to have the most wonderful experience without being concerned about running late and not finding the stage door. If any parent is taking home another child from the National Theatre after a performance, the child’s teacher will require a note to enable them to be released into another parent’s care. The performances are anticipated to be finished each evening by 8.30pm.

Should you have any concerns regarding any of the above, don’t hesitate to contact me at all and I am happy to share my mobile number with you if you would like it.

So much work from Amanda Wilson has gone into this performance that is above and beyond her teaching duties, and the whole school community is indebted to her tireless and unparalleled commitment to this performance. I know you will join me on the night when we thank Amanda for this amazing undertaking, she is an incredibly talented teacher and we are very lucky at APS to have her.

**2012 Student Attitudes to School survey**

With so much more to celebrate I am thrilled to share the results of the recent Student Attitudes to School survey. All students in Grades 5 and 6 across Victoria who attend Government schools completed a survey in April regarding their attitudes towards school. The students were asked questions regarding their wellbeing; how stressed they feel at school, how connected they are to their peers, do they find their classrooms stimulating, do their teachers understand them, and how engaged they are with their learning. In comparison to all the other schools across the state, our strongest variables at about 90% were student morale; students not feeling stressed, student motivation, learning confidence; and connectedness to peers. In fact all of our variables are well above the state means which is a terrific validation of our Level 4 team and all our teaching and education support staff. We have shown great improvement in a number of areas since 2010, particularly where we have encouraged student voice and empowered students with their learning.

I am very proud of all our students and staff and look forward to sharing many more of our education successes with you.

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A Huge Thank you to Diana Motion (mum of Eliza 3F and Charlie 1J)

Diana Motion has again successfully procured another grant for OOSHC. This time it is for the OOSCH Homework Club and Diana applied to Stonnington Council for a community grant. She was awarded $1650.00 to purchase ipads and laptops to enable our students to engage with their homework and to further explore, investigate and enrich their learning whilst at OOSHC. Diana has also procured grants for OOSHC in the past, such as helping to establish our vegetable gardens and money for the netball group. When her husband Paul came into the office the other morning, I thanked him and asked:

“How does Diana have the time to keep writing applications”? He explained that as they are both full time working parents, it’s difficult to help in the classroom, or at special events during the day, however this is the way in which they can contribute to the school. It just summed up everything that is so great about our parent community. Thank you so much Diana and Paul, Katie of course is so excited and grateful – she’s bursting to go shopping – no surprises there!!!

Lost Property

There is a mountain of tops, jumpers and jackets that are spilling over the edges of our bins. Please take a moment or two to check if any of these belong to your children. After Friday any items not collected, will be washed and donated to our second hand uniform section. Parents may then go through these and you are welcome to purchase any items for $1.00 which is paid for at the office.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Supervised Crossing at Northcote Road

Michael our crossing supervisor has advised me that Stonnington Council is undertaking a “count” of the families that use that crossing. Please ensure that if you park your car in Rose Street, or the western side of Northcote Road, or in Beatty Avenue that you use the crossing to cross safely. It would be a shame to lose a “lollipop man” to another location.

Mathletics and Tennis awards

My apologies to those parents and students who were looking forward to these awards being presented at assembly yesterday morning. I will ensure that this will occur next week at our assembly.

The Cowdery Family

It will be a sad day for APS when we farewell Susan, Simon, Phoenix and Liam Cowdery in 2 weeks time. Not so sad for them, as they are embarking on a fabulous adventure in England managing the Powell – Cotton Museum at Quex Park. Please attend next week’s assembly when the family will share with us all some of what they will be doing. Like so many of our families here at APS, Susan has been actively involved in PFA events, attending sports days and excursions, helping in the classroom and Simon was a school councillor for a number of years, was proactive in our Facilities sub-committee and has helped on many occasions with carpentry, painting and building jobs around the school. We wish them well on this exciting stage in their lives and Susan has reassured me that they will be back in Melbourne in 2-3 years time, so it’s not a goodbye but rather; “See you later”.

Looking forward to seeing you tonight and tomorrow night.

Warm regards,

Rochelle Cukier
Acting Principal

YOU CAN DO IT! AWARDS

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<td>For using a clear voice and making regular eye contact when presenting to the class.</td>
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<td>Madi McGrory</td>
<td>For writing confidently about how she made her straw painting during Investigations.</td>
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<td>Alice Hardy</td>
<td>For her increasing enthusiasm and confidence when working with numbers. Her place value work was outstanding.</td>
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<td>Eliza Steele</td>
<td>For demonstrating confidence during the Alice in Wonderland performances Your smile is fantastic!!!</td>
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<td>For his funky dance moves during Footsteps Dance. You are a groover Ollie!</td>
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<td>For standing up straight and proudly singing the national anthem every week at assembly.</td>
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<td>For the concerted effort she puts into her learning activities and her valuable contributions to our group and class discussions.</td>
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<td>Connor Goumas</td>
<td>For participating and cooperating during Sport, and putting effort into practising his basketball skills ahead of the Hooptime Gala Day. Well done Connor!</td>
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<td>For giving 100% in all areas of her school work and striving to achieve her best in all that she does. Keep it up Tilly!</td>
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PARENTS AND FRIENDS FOR ARMADALE (PFA)

Hi everyone,

**Father’s Day Stall**

Father’s Day is on Sunday 2nd September – only 3 weeks away! – and our annual Father’s Day Stall will be held on Friday 31st August. 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. Don’t forget to look for the donations box in your classroom!

**Alice in Wonderland**

Tonight’s the night!!! After months of hard work, it all comes together tonight at the National Theatre and again tomorrow night. Good luck to all the boys and girls – what a fantastic experience for everyone. We are sure it will be a fabulous couple of nights and can’t wait to see it.

**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, contact us.

Have a great week everyone.

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Jill Davies 0414 335 555  jill.davies@yahoo.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents

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**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.

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**Mathletics Awards**

My apologies to the following children and their families who were expecting to receive their Mathletics Awards at assembly yesterday. They were hidden on my desk and were completely overlooked. I will make sure that they are presented at assembly next Wednesday.

The students are: Grace Keating, Jack Keating, Euan Stewart, Liam Cowdery and Raghu Samartha.

**Premiers’ Reading Challenge and Book Week**

Don’t forget to keep entering your books on the PRC website so that they can count towards your challenge. Book Week is now less than 2 weeks away (August 20 – 24) Mrs Powell is coming back for a couple of days to assist with the Book Fair which is very kind of her. The theme for this year’s Book Week is ‘Champions Read’ so children can use their imagination and dress up as an Olympic Athlete or any other champion, or alternatively they can come as a favourite book character. All of the short listed books for this year’s Book of the Year Awards are on display in the library.

Malcolm Dow
Acting Assistant Principal
INFORMATION ABOUT PERFORMANCE NIGHTS *TONIGHT AND TOMORROW*

PERFORMANCE TIMES: 7.15pm - 8.30pm
WHERE: The National Theatre St Kilda (cnr Barkly St & Carlisle St)
Main characters must be at the theatre by 5.15pm for hair and make-up
The rest of the students will need to arrive by 6.30pm and enter through the STAGE DOOR

Amanda Wilson
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

MAKE-UP & HAIR FOR “ALICE IN WONDERLAND”
see information sheet on home page of website

INFORMATION ABOUT PERFORMANCE NIGHTS

WHERE: THE NATIONAL THEATRE BOX OFFICE

Tickets for Armadale Primary School's production of Alice in Wonderland can be purchased on line at: http://www.nationaltheatre.org.au/

Additional tickets are now on sale until Thursday 9th August. TICKETS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR APS STUDENTS

PRICE:
$25 Adult
$20 Child < 15 years, Concession, FT student

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’
This Semester’s Art Club will be looking at Portraits and Landscapes. Students will be using acrylic paint on canvas. Can all Art Club members please bring their pictures/photos as discussed in last week’s meeting to our next class @ 12.45 this Tuesday in the Art Room. I will look forward to seeing you all then.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

SPORTS NEWS

HOOPTIME GALA DAYS - L3 WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST & L4 FRIDAY 17 AUGUST

Yesterday, a note was sent home with the Level 3 and Level 4 children regarding their Hooptime Gala days next week. The Level 3 children Gala Day is being held on Wednesday 15 August and the Level 4 children on Friday 17 August.

Kate Pilgrim
Sports Co-ordinator
Welcome to Armadale

Jim’s Cleaning
Armadale has recently been established and its business partners would like to offer the Parents of Students at Armadale Primary School an introductory offer for the duration of Winter 2012. The specific treatments are for Bathrooms, Kitchens, Ovens and Windows.

Living locally enables us to support families and small business owners in the community and it will also enable us to provide our clients with a cost effective cleaning solution; quickly, reliably and efficiently.

Call Mark and Ali on 0439 634 384 for further information regarding our services or simply email us at ali.mark@jimscleaning.net.au and we will contact you directly. We value your local support and look forward to meeting with you shortly,

Kind regards,
Mark and Ali

SPONSORS FOR SCHOOLS

Vouchers are available in all Coles stores from 13 June to 14 August and we ask that you get involved to help collect vouchers for our school.

A collection box is outside the office so please feel free to drop the vouchers in the box or give them to your children to hand into your child’s class teacher.

EARN & LEARN

Don’t forget to keep collected the stickers in the Woolworths’ Earn & Learn promotion which has now been extended until Monday 12 August. The collection box is outside the office. Thank you to the families who have already returned completed sticker cards.

Old Xavierans and Prahran Junior Football Clubs Auskick Footy Fun Day

Old Xavierans and Prahran Junior Football Clubs are hosting an Auskick footy fun day - is there any chance of getting some coverage in Stonnington leader this week.

Details are as follows:

Auskick Footy Fun Day

Presented by Old Xavierans and Prahran Junior Football Clubs

Date: Saturday 11 August 2012
Time: 9 to 10am
Place: Toorak Park

All welcome – no RVSP required and it is free – just turn up

Activities include: Sausage sizzle and footy games

Prizes for all the kids
Congratulations to all those students who are making regular deposits each week and have been awarded a Bronze Certificate (for 10 deposits) and a Silver Certificate (for 20 deposits).

For the month of August there is a special reward offer. When a student redeems 10 silver tokens for one of the Dollarmites moneyboxes (Pat, Addy, Pru or Cred), a Spen moneybox will also be included as a bonus. This offer is available only till the end of August.

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator