Dear Parents,

It has been another very exciting week at Armadale Primary that started with the beautiful Art Show on Friday, The Level 6’s enjoyed a Gaelic Football Gala Day, the students in Prep and Level 2 are continuing their swimming program, the teachers are planning in their new teams for their teaching in 2014 and yesterday afternoon, the students experienced the final of their transition program into the next year level. Tonight the Grade 6’s will be experiencing their much longed for Graduation evening and tomorrow, the Level 4 and 6 students will have a casual clothes day hosted by the SRC with a gold coin donation for the victims of the recent typhoon in the Philippines. The children in Prep and Level 2 will have their casual clothes day on Monday, December 16th as they will have completed their intensive swimming program by then. The Grade 6 students are also looking forward to tomorrow when they welcome back some of the Grade 6 group from last year to share their strategies and tips for success at secondary school and enjoy a luncheon together.

**Fabulous Art show**

Those parents who visited the Art gallery (our transformed MPC) last week were in awe of the wonderful rainbow of colours which greeted you as you entered the building. Our very talented and creative Lucy constructed a wonderful gallery of portraits, which students, parents and teachers all admired and enjoyed. It was a fabulous opportunity to showcase our Visual Arts and the budding Picassos and Monets which we are so fortunate to have. Congratulations to all the Art Show prize and award winners, you deserve to be thoroughly proud of your efforts. For a donation, these Art works could be purchased and taken home and I am delighted that two thirds of the portraits have gone home. I realise that Friday was a busy time for many parents with competing demands from cricket training and swimming etc, and if you would like to be able to have your child’s painting at home please either pop into the school and leave a small donation at the office, or send it in an envelope to school with your child and they will bring it home that day. Any paintings not purchased – and I can’t imagine any of our parent community would not want such beautiful paintings in their home – will be recycled at the end of next week. There were some outstanding paintings which I had my eye on!

On behalf of the whole school community I extend hearty congratulations to Lucy on our inaugural Art Show and thank her very much for all the work she put into making it such a wonderful event. Thank you also to all the teachers and students who assisted Lucy and in particular Sarah Ritson and Lily, the arts leaders: Mia, Milla and Rebecca, Mish McGrory and Leanne Baxter who looked after the refreshments, Michelle Moffat and her team who readily accepted the entry fee and donations and would anyone else who assisted please accept this a personal thank you.

Principal’s report continued over page...
This Week’s Awards

You Can Do It! Awards:

Tess Davies 2J
Charlotte Gatehouse 4C
Isla Tremlett 4F
Chloe Darby 4W

House Points

Munro won this week’s house points and had 10 minutes extra play today.

Principal’s report continued ...

Staffing for 2014

I am delighted to be able to share with you our staffing model for 2014 and am very excited about our new teams and the professional interaction that these teachers will enjoy.

Prep
Connie Apostolos, Pippa Cocks and Angela Sozzi

Year 1 and 2
Kylie Ashton, Jen Drew, Pauline Eldredge, Jocelyn Evans, Jenny Kourkouvelis, and Jennie Pearse

Year 3 and 4
Rosanna Caruso, Colleen Johnson, Mat Sweetlove, Virginia Wallace, and a new teacher to be advised next week

Year 5
Gillian Brown and Anita Frankel

Year 6
Robin Nicolson and Zaim Zeneli

Specialist Teachers

Visual Arts: Lucy Gorman
LOTE: Vida Vampatella
PE: Peter Cracknell
ICT: Malcolm Dow

Performing Arts: to be advised next week

Integration Aides
Rosa Salemme, Jane Hutchins
I look forward to confirming an Integration Aide position, a Performing Arts teacher and a graduate position next week.

Meet your next year’s teacher on Tuesday 17th December 10.30 -11.00am

All the children will be involved in their final transition of 2013 when they meet their teacher for next year on Tuesday. They will go to their new classrooms and find out who they will be in the class with. We will also be meeting our new preps and any new students to our school on Tuesday as well.

Student Leadership roles 2014

I am delighted to share with you the leadership roles which were assigned to the Grade 5 students yesterday afternoon. The Level 6 teachers, Malcolm Dow and I were very impressed with the calibre of their speeches and the thought and preparation which had gone into these. I hope the students are excited about the opportunity that these roles present as the students can now think about how they can make these roles their own. Some students were naturally disappointed about the role they had been assigned and we all know that not everyone can be the school leader, just as not everyone will become a school principal - not sure how many people actually want that role? Being resilient and bouncing back is part of learning. The challenge for all the students is not in being given the role today, but in 12 months from now to look back and evaluate: “What did I do in my role for APS? What difference did I make as a leader and what impact did I have on the other students?” Grade 5’s, this accountability process starts from Day 1 next year.

The Arts: Milla Burgemeestre, Eliza Motion, Allison Coe
Assembly: Tayla Ravnholt, Kaziah Masefau
Culture and Community: Jas Wheatley Cox, Jamieson Kennedy
Environment: Athena Gallagher, Lucien Catrice, Conner Bourke
House Captains:
Densham: Jaxon Doelling, Venetia Tsakmakis
Munro: Henry Hayman, Millie Bennetts
Northcote: Mark Allen-Lyons, Olivia Gladwell-Bolte
Rose: Ned Dixon, Olivia Martin
ICT: Harry Xi, Spencer Stoupas
Library: Isabelle Drohn, Cecilia Hardy
Media and Communication: Priscilla Breadmore, Anais Herbaux
School Leaders: Stephanie Murphy, Tilly Campbell, Winnie Laing, Will Scotti
Sports: Yasmin Feile, John Kartsaklis, Emma Singer, Marco Misaipon
SRC: Carla Gee, Ava Nielsen, Aiden D’Cruz, Will Purdie
Student Activities: Nathan Hoorbakht, Yasmin Edwards
YCDI!: Charlotte Graham, Rose O’Donnell, Kuba Lambert, Olivia Power

Congratulations to all the students and we look forward to working with you in 2014 and look forward to the changes you will bring to the school. Thank you to the Level 6 team for all their guidance and assistance with the application and selection process.

Principal’s report continued over page...
Thank you Robin!

Last week you will remember that the leadership team was experiencing outstanding professional learning at the Bastow Institute and we left Robin in charge of the school. Thank you Robin for all your dedication and commitment to ensure the school continued to run as smoothly as always.

Gateways Challenge

Over several weeks I have been working with four Grade 6 students who were selected to represent Armadale at the regional finals at Bialik College on November 28th. “The Armadillos” - Darcy Mellor, Angelique Lignos, James Gray and Lewis O’Donnell gave up many lunchtimes to train for their 4 challenges which involved problem solving, mathematical and scientific formulas, an understanding of Steampunk in 1901 and a number of Shakespeare’s plays and characters.

Thankfully I enlisted the help of Mrs Frankel with the mathematical formulas. I was delighted when the students came back from that challenge to inform me they were placed 3rd in their regional finals and were now off to State Finals at Box Hill High School, competing with interstate schools from Canberra. These next challenges were extremely hard and whilst our Armadillos performed incredibly well they just missed out on a finals placing.

Many thanks to Sheena, Jen, Deb and Julia, our Armadillo mums who ensured the children arrived at venues safely and brought them back to school.

Welcome back to Robbie

Robbie and his dad Gary finally made it home safely after such a long ride and he wanted to say thank you to everyone for all your generous donations and that his ride was indeed an awesome adventure. Well done Robbie!

The end of the year is fast approaching and I am sure that your Christmas shopping is well underway. Don’t forget our last day is Friday 20th December and the children will be dismissed at 1.30pm!

Have a wonderful week.

Warm regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Congratulations to all 4 students and I hope they take the opportunity to participate in many more challenges in high school.

KidzBodz Healthy Eating Challenge

Week 8 (this week)

♦ Eat two pieces of fruit each day this week.

Week 9 (next week)

♦ Try to eat no junk food all week.

Sports News

Foundation & L2 Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons continue for Foundation & Level 2 students tomorrow Friday 13th December with the final lesson.

A big thank you to the teachers who supervised the children during the program and the parents who assisted with walking the children to and from the pool. Thanks also to the teaching staff at the Lauriston Swim Centre.

Swimming reports will be sent home with the school reports next week.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator
I received the very large set of Premiers’ Reading Challenge certificates for all of the students at Armadale who successfully completed the Premiers Reading Challenge. I have asked our Library Leaders, Josh Poole and James Gray, to assist me when I go around to the classrooms to present these certificates. Congratulations to all of you who successfully achieved the challenge and we look forward to doing it again next year.

Polywood Seat
We were very pleased to receive delivery of our new Polywood seat, made from recycled plastic bottles. It was the prize we were awarded from the Port Phillip Eco Centre’s sustainable schools Festival earlier in the year. The Stonnington Leader newspaper came to record the handing over of our prize, so look out for that in next week’s local paper. We have placed our new bench seat over in the synthetic grass area by the tank, and it is already getting very good use, as you can see.

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Library News
All library borrowing for the year finished last Friday 6th December and all books need to be returned by tomorrow Friday 13th December.

You may have received an email from the Oliver system letting you know which books are overdue.

Wishing you all happy holidays.

Sara Powell

School Banking
This week was the final week for student banking this year. Banking will resume on Tuesdays in Term 1 2014.

Alison Crone
School Banking Co-ordinator

Lunch Orders
Please note that the Beatty Avenue Milk Bar will not be supplying any lunch orders next week.

Beatrice Venturin
Italian Language Assistant

Cara Armadale PS Community,
I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me so warmly to your wonderful school.

Thanks to all the staff for being so helpful when I had just arrived and didn’t know where to go and what to do as well as during the whole period of my stay. In particular I acknowledge Vita’s help, teaching and advice.

A special thank you goes to the Ralph family for hosting me at the beginning of my stay, we had a lot of fun together!

I had a wonderful experience here at Armadale PS as well as in Australia in general, which I’ll remember for all my life.

I hope you will continue learning my wonderful language and visiting my awesome country with the same passion I noticed in these months.

I will miss you all!

Beatrice Venturin
Italian Language Assistant

Grazie Beatrice and good luck in your future endeavours.

From all of us at Armadale Primary School.

Vita Vampatella
Languages Co-Ordinator

Notizie d’italiano
I would like to say un grandissimo grazie to Beatrice Venturin, our Italian Language Assistant, who had her last day at Armadale PS yesterday. We have been very fortunate to have Beatrice working with us since Term 2. She has contributed to Italian Day, camps, planning and producing resources, as well as assisting the students during their Italian lessons with small group activities. I have also been able to speak and practise my Italian with Beatrice every day, and I am grateful to her for helping me improve my language skills.

Grazie Beatrice and good luck in your future endeavours.

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## You Can Do It! Awards

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<td>Charlotte Gatehouse 4C</td>
<td>For her fantastic contributions to our class throughout the year. You have been an excellent role model, great friend and support to all your classmates. Thank you.</td>
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<td>Isla Tremlett 4F</td>
<td>For the informative research project, &quot;How to Predict Weather if you are not a Meteorologist&quot;. Your PowerPoint was very interesting and well presented.</td>
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<td>For participating keenly in all classroom activities and demonstrating a positive attitude towards all aspects of her learning. An excellent effort Chloe!</td>
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### Foundation News

This week’s Foundation bulletin is on the website - click [here](#) to go the Level and Specialist Bulletins page on our website.

### Wesley Mission thanks

Thank you to all the families who donated goods for the Wesley Mission ‘Food for Families Appeal’. Your donations were greatly appreciated. The groceries will be distributed to thousands of people in need of emergency accommodation and food.

_Flossie, Isla, Amy, Evan, Christian and Dean 4F_

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### The 5 Keys of YCDI! Education

Our core purpose is the development of young people’s social and emotional capabilities, including:

- Confidence (academic, social)
- Persistence
- Organisation
- Getting Along, and
- Resilience.

Central to the development of these 5 Key Foundations is instilling in young people 12 Habits of the Mind, including:

- Accepting Myself
- Taking Risks
- Being Independent
- I Can Do It
- Giving Effort
- Working Tough
- Setting Goals
- Planning My Time
- Being Tolerant of Others
- Thinking First
- Playing by the Rules, and
- Social Responsibility
Hi everyone,

“You better not shout…. you better not cry…”

Unfortunately there’s been a bit of both in our house this past week. The children are tired and so are we.

As we count down to next Friday we look forward to a break from routine and some hang-out time to recharge our batteries – not to mention partying and presents! We also look back on what has been a wonderful year for our children. New shade cloth, synthetic turf, new interior paint and lovely trees. Fun activities like the trivia night, the fun run, welcome cocktail parties, mother’s and father’s day stalls, the Easter raffle, Movember, puddings, book week, school camps, the OOSHc Halloween party, the healthy breakfast, the art show, our level 6’s graduating, our children making new friends and learning new skills, our teachers helping our children be the best they can be in all things…the list goes on.

Exciting Things Happen At Armadale Primary

And we thank each and every one of you for this.

Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick
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brigid@warwick.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents

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**SRC COLOURED CLOTHES DAY FOR THE PHILIPPINES**

On Friday 13th December SRC are having a coloured clothes day to raise money for the people affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

Please wear coloured clothes and bring a gold coin donation.

Thank you
Congratulations to the following students for winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize:

1st Prize Euan Stewart 4C
2nd Prize Angelique Lignos 6W
3rd Prize Jasminder Sanger 2S

Visual Arts News

2013 Whole School Art Show

A very big thank you to everyone who came along to the Art Show last Friday. It was wonderful to see you all and to celebrate all the wonderful art work the students have done. All your generous donations were much appreciated.

A very special thank you to the wonderful parent helpers:
Michelle Moffat, Sarah Ritson, Mish McGory and Leanne Baxter.

I could not have done this without the support of the parents, teachers and of course the students. Well done everyone. The show was an absolute success, thanks to you all.

Art Smocks to be taken home and washed

Please take your smocks home over the holidays to wash and bring them back the first week back at school in 2014. Thank you!

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Performing Arts News

Choir

Last week’s choir excursion was wonderful. The choirs performed at the Jam Factory (pictured below), a local community centre and McKinley House aged care home.

The choir performing at The Art Show last Friday

Please note there are no more choir rehearsals for the year.

Thank you to the choir members for their hard work throughout the year.

Lauren Rich
Performing Arts Co-ordinator
rich.lauren.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
130th Birthday for Armadale Primary School

It’s nearly 2014….and you know what that means…..Happy 130th Birthday Armadale Primary School!

We have some wonderful activities and lots of fun planned but to limit our costs we need your help…..

We are hoping to tap into the wider APS community and your talents and ideas - we would love as much help as possible. We are hoping to utilize the wonderful resource of you all.

Our aim for our celebration is to combine modern day APS with our wonderful history and allow our community to experience some fun of past years in a wonderful day of celebration....

◊ Do you know a photographer who will take the 130 birthday whole school photo for us?
◊ Do you have a contact in a band who may like to play at our APS family/community celebration day on the 29th March?
◊ Do you know a performer who would love to do some tricks or dance or......?
◊ Do you have some ideas/contacts for historical activities that would be fun for our kids to experience; such as a spinning wheel, a game or another handicraft....
◊ Can you think of some innovative marketing opportunities?
◊ Do you know where we can source some marquees or tables and chairs for the day?

Remember we are just after your help with names or ideas......you don’t have to come to any meetings if you don’t wish to (although we would love you to) - we will follow it up....we just want your help, support and ideas!

We are so lucky at APS to have such a resourceful community-

So PLEASE if you have or know someone who may help us then please email or contact your class rep or Sarah Scotti on s.scotti@hotmail.com.

Thanks so much and have a wonderful festive season.
Whilst all care is taken to ensure the validity of advertisements in this newsletter we take

*Please note: We will be closed Sunday 26 January. Layby will be unavailable in January and February.

PSW are offering 5% off all uniforms in-store until Saturday 14 December. This promotion is a great opportunity for parents to prepare early for the 2014 school year and helps relieve some of the pressure placed on families in January’s Back-to-School Period.

Follow this link to the school website for details on pricing and the location of PSW.

PSW will be closing down for holidays from:

Final day: Friday 20 December 2013
Services resume: Monday 6 January 2014
Does your child love performing?

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Glen Iris

Term 1 Observational Drawing & Painting Program 2014

1. Feb 3 4 5 8
2. Feb 10 11 12 15
3. Feb 17 18 19 22
4. Feb 24 25 26 Mar 1
5. Mar 3 4 5 8
6. Mar 10 11 12 15
7. Mar 17 18 19 22
8. Mar 24 25 26 29
9. Mar 31, April 2, 5

Observational Drawing
Acrylic Painting
Clay Modeling
Pastel Drawing
Acrylic Painting
3D Object
Mixed Drawing Media
Acrylic Painting
Pastel Drawing

Birds in Museum Collections
Your Favorite Fairy Tale
Decorative Pots with Lots of Fruit and Leaves
Musical Instruments
A Moonlit Garden
Small Toy World
The History of Hands in Art
Let’s Look Closely At Vegetables
Eggs for Easter

Time & Cost
Monday - Tuesday, Wednesday classes
4:00 – 5:30 pm $33.00 (GST incl)
(age 5 – 12)
As per Term Program listed above

Saturday – Observational Drawing
2:30 – 4:30 pm $38.00 (GST incl)
(age 8 – 18)

Each week changes depending on Terry’s ideas

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