Dear Parents,

I hope you are having a wonderful week and enjoying this glorious weather whilst it lasts with the many opportunities we have to take our families to the local parks, beaches, gardens or simply enjoy being outside after a very busy school day. The school bustles with excitement and activity every day and even as writing this newsletter, the Level 4’s are enjoying an Aboriginal Culture Incursion in our MPC. This week the Level 6’s have had an Asian history excursion, the Foundation students continue their online assessments; the installation of our new shade sails were completed yesterday and all the Level 4 and 6 students are eagerly anticipating the annual house swimming sports competition tomorrow at the Richmond pool. I continue to receive very warm feedback about how settled the children are and how much they are enjoying coming to school every day to learn something new.

Unfortunately with the industrial bans still in place regarding teacher workloads beyond a 38 hour week, (even though we all know that our teachers at APS work longer than that, teachers are here at 7.30am and don’t leave till after 6.00pm) we will not be running face to face Level Information Evenings as we have in the past, except for the Foundation Students who will have their information evening on February 19th. Instead, I have asked that the teachers place a very informative bulletin or PowerPoint on our website, under each level, to communicate with you the programs implemented this year and the teachers’ expectations of their students. I do hope that the Government resolves this industrial dispute soon as this protracted negotiation is compromising the high quality programs that our school delivers. The dispute however does not compromise the nurturing, care and support that is offered to each and every student at APS. Just as today is a stop work day, all students attending our school have received high quality instruction as they do every day.

Congratulations to our new PFA executive for 2013
We had a very energized AGM on Tuesday, full of excitement and anticipation for the coming year. Jill Davies did a magnificent handover and review of 2012 and warmly welcomed and congratulated our new office bearers. The school is very grateful to the following parents:

- Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick (co-presidents)
- Kim Hyde (treasurer)
- Nicky Batagol (secretary)
- Janine Sheean (class rep co-ordinator)

Many thanks to all the Parents who were present at our meeting and for your generous support with time, commitment and energy to help us provide additional resources that otherwise our children would be without. Our new shade sails are now up over all our junior play equipment and with out the PFA support, these would never have eventuated.

Our first major event for this year will be the Welcome to Armadale Family Picnic on Friday March 1st starting at 6.00pm. All of our Armadale families are most welcome to attend, the PFA have organized ALLSPORTZ to provide games and activities for the children. Diarise the date now so your family won’t miss out!

Student Learner Profile
Thank you to those parents who have already returned these to their class teachers.

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The Italian phrase of the week is...

Che lingue parli?
What languages do you speak?

Io parlo inglese e un po’ di italiano.
I speak English and a little bit of Italian.

Introducing our 2013 College Captains,
Sho Someda & Katherine Degener
Whilst these leadership roles will further develop important interpersonal and leadership skills, they are also a very tangible way in which our senior students ‘give back’ to the school in order to support and enrich school life during their final year. At the breakfast, all the students will recite their leadership pledge thereby reinforcing their commitment to their roles in 2013. Our school leaders will receive their official badges at assembly in the coming weeks so that all students across the school are familiar with these varied roles.

Looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible next Friday at our Leadership Breakfast.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Warm regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Assistant Principal

Premiers’ Reading Challenge
Unfortunately I have been informed that there has been a delay in setting up the PRC website for 2013. As soon as it is ready for use I will show all classes in ICT and inform parents through the newsletter. In the meantime, please encourage your children to record the books they have been reading this year as they can all be counted towards the PRC total.

Bike News
Our WWW (Walking Wheeling Wednesdays) are back up and running. Yesterday was a great opportunity to enjoy some fresh air and exercise and it was great to see so many children choosing active transport options for getting to school. Our bike and scooter racks are being very well used and I’m sure everyone will agree that they make a much better storage option than what we had before. Don’t forget it is a good idea to use a lock, and it is easy to lock your bike securely to the new racks.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Parking reminder
We would again like to remind parents that it is important to obey parking restrictions around the school particularly during school drop off and pick up times. It has been reported that parents are allowing children to exit from the road side of cars and a number of parents are double parking or parking illegally outside the school. Our crossing supervisors have the ability to report dangerous drivers and we are regularly visited by council parking inspectors and the police. So please model good driving behaviour and remember to keep our children safe at all times.

Assistant Principal

School Banking Day Reminder

Don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Armadale Primary School.

Alison Crone
School Banking co-ordinator

Level 1 Weekly Bulletin

This week’s Level 1 bulletin for Foundation parents is on the website under your child’s class in the Students tab or click here.
Performing Arts News

Welcome to Performing Arts for 2013
I would like this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Lauren Rich and this is my first experience as a part time Performing Arts Teacher after completing my Teaching degree in 2011. I have worked as a Director and Theatre Manager of a youth theatre called FRESH for the past 5 years. I have also worked as a Musical Director for a camp in the US directing shows such as Beauty and the Beast and The Lion King. I am delighted to have joined such a wonderful school and look forward to getting to know students and parents alike over the coming weeks.

Performing Arts Award: 6W – For being my very first class and setting the tone for the year with their friendly demeanour and enthusiasm for Performing Arts.

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 2013
Choir will have an introductory session for both junior and senior Choir next Friday 22nd February at 8:15am ALL WELCOME! Amanda will be running choir for term 1 while I learn the ropes. Keep your eyes peeled for more information next newsletter.

The Australian Boys’ Choir – will be visiting grade 2 & 3 boys on Friday the 22nd at 10am. The purpose of this program is to run preliminary choir auditions look for musical talent and potential. Boys will participate in an informal sequence song that involves all children singing together and a simple exercise to briefly assess pitch and rhythm is great fun for the boys, which takes approximately 15minutes.

After School Music Tuition – Information provided at the office.

Thank you to all the Staff and Students of Armadale Primary for being so welcoming. I couldn’t have imagined a more positive start of the year. Thank you for the students who took the time to come up and say “Hi” on my first day and showed me around, (even big kids get nervous on their first day of school).

Lauren Rich
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Visual Arts News

Art Smocks
Please remember to bring your Art Smocks back to school if you haven’t already. If you do not have an Art Smock you can purchase one at the uniform shop in Kew.

Newspaper
We would love anyone who gets The Age to bring any unwanted papers to the Art Room. We find the large sheets cover our tables best.

Visual Artist of the Week: Imogen Bickford 2E

For the excellent family portrait she drew. She used colour pencil with confidence and paid attention to details such as facial features and clothes.

Visual Art Class of the Week: 2E
For the fabulous behaviour they displayed during their lesson and for the excellent drawings they did. Keep it up 2E!

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

This Week’s Awards

House Points
Densham won this week’s house points. Congratulations! The reward on Monday 18 February is Crazy Hair Day for all the children in Densham.

Performing Arts Class 6W
Visual Arts Class 2E

Visual Artist Imogen Bickford 2E

You Can Do It! Awards:
Toby Ralph 2A
Jack Handbury 2E
Luca Houghton Allen 2J
Jack Cooper 2P
Emily Walters 2S
Dylan McAlpine 4B
Arthur Pain 4F
Charlie Amad 4W
Ned Dixon 6W
Daisy Evans 6W
Josh Poole 6Z
Isabelle Drohn 6Z
You Can Do It! Awards

Toby Ralph 2A
For being an enthusiastic learner who created a pattern stick and used skip counting to work out how many blocks he used.

Jack Handbury 2E
For practising his active listening skills and trying hard with his handwriting.

Luca Houghton Allen 2J
For demonstrating his Getting Along skills whilst being a fantastic helper to all the other students in 2J. You're a great role model Luca!!

Jack Cooper 2P
For his quiet and conscientious approach to his work tasks and for his effort in 'Getting Along' with his 'Penguins "table group. Wonderful beginning to the school year.

Emily Walters 2S
For her vivaciousness, positivity and great enthusiasm for learning. You are a bright burst of sunshine Emily. Keep smiling!

Dylan McAlpine 4B
For making a positive start to Level 4 and for trying his best in all aspects of the curriculum. Keep it up!

Arthur Pain 4F
For his consistent and positive contributions to all class activities. Keep up the good work Arthur!

Charlie Amad 4W
For showing a positive attitude towards all aspects of his learning and completing set tasks independently. Keep it up Charlie!

Ned Dixon 6W
For being a respectful listener during our NGV tour and for actively contributing to discussions about Asian artwork and artefacts. Well done Ned!

Daisy Evans 6W
For adapting well to a new school environment and for displaying a positive attitude in developing new friendships.

Josh Poole 6Z
For showing co-operation, persistence and making a fantastic start to the 2013 school year. Keep up the good work Josh!

Isabelle Drohn 6Z
For writing a fantastic "I am" poem. You showed excellent creativity and fantastic use of a thesaurus.

Sports News

L4&6 House Swimming Sports & Trials - Friday 15 February
Tomorrow Friday 15 February all children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be involved in the House Swimming Sports and District Swimming trials for the upcoming District Swimming Sports.

Please note that no child can attend without the signed permission on the excursion levy form.

Venue: Richmond Recreation Centre
Departure: 9.00am
Return: 3.00pm approximately

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

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,

The PFA AGM was held last Tuesday and it was wonderful to see so many new faces. Jill opened the meeting and both she and Abbey were given a sad send-off as for the past two years they have achieved so much for the school in their roles as presidents. As required, all positions were declared vacant, and nominations were received and voted on. We’re pleased to advise that your PFA team for 2013 is:

- PFA Co-Presidents: Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick
- Secretary: Nicky Batagol
- Treasurer: Kim Hyde
- Class Representative Co-ordinator: Janine Sheean

A huge thank you to Kim, who once again volunteered her time this year. On behalf of the PFA team, we look forward to offering support to the parents, friends and children within the Armadale Primary School community. As always, we value your input and would love to hear from you if you have any comments or ideas relating to the work of the PFA and would especially love to hear from all willing volunteers.

Coming events to note include:
- Friday 1 March – School Welcome Picnic
- Monday 4 March – Easter Raffle
- Friday 22 March – Prep Cocktail Party

School Welcome Picnic
All parents and children are invited to our annual school welcome picnic on Friday 1 March from 6pm onwards. The picnic is held in the school grounds and is a fantastic opportunity to meet and socialise with others in the school community. The children just love it and have a fabulous time. There will be supervised sporting activities provided by our generous friends at Allsportz! for the children from 6.00pm – 7.00pm on the tennis courts.

Stay tuned for more details about the evening in next week’s newsletter and we may also be in need of a few volunteers on the night. So keep an eye out for further information, and for flyers around the school. Pack your picnic baskets, rugs, and chairs, and see you on the 1st.

Class Representatives
Each year we ask for volunteers to act as Class Representative for your child’s class. The role is a fantastic way to be more involved in your child’s class and the school community. Most importantly, it is really enjoyable and not demanding! Responsibilities include preparing rosters for classroom helpers, assisting with sausage sizzles, classroom morning teas, cocktail parties, and assisting with the Healthy Breakfast later in the year. If you would like any further information on the role, please don’t hesitate to contact us to discuss. We have received a great response so far but do require reps for 1C, 1J, 2E, 2J, 2S, 2A, 4C, 4W, 4F, 4S, 4B, 6Z, 6N and 6W so if you can help please do.

The first Class Reps meeting for the year will be held in the next few weeks – details will be advised shortly.

If you are interested in being a Class Representative, then please complete the form on our website – armadaleps.vic.edu.au – under the “Parents” and then “Forms” tab. Please return your completed form to the office by Friday 15th February 2013.

Prep Cocktail Party
The first for 2013 will be the Prep Cocktail party to be held on Friday 22nd March so prep parents please diarise the date now. Details will be provided as soon as we get the Prep Class Reps on board to discuss requirements. These parties are always a great night out, and a wonderful chance to meet parents and staff in an informal setting.

Easter Raffle – Last Day of Term
We celebrate Easter at Armadale Primary with fantastic hampers filled with Easter treats. The hampers are filled with eggs generously donated by all families. If you can afford to donate an egg or two, then please place your Easter egg/s in the basket in the front office asap so we can start making up some delicious hampers. Raffle tickets will be distributed to the children to take home in their bag on March 4 and you will asked to pay for and return them to the office by March 22. The Easter Raffle tickets are drawn at the final assembly on March 28. We really appreciate your support!

Icy Poles
Don’t forget to put $1.00 in your child’s bag tomorrow for Icy Poles.

Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick
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PFA Co-Presidents

Don’t forget icypoles are for sale tomorrow - only $1
The following athletes will be competing at the Stonnington Gift:

Olympic Gold medallist:
- Reuben Kosgei from Kenya

London Olympians:
- Josh Ross
- Melissa Breen
- Lauren Boden from Australia

Beijing Olympian:
- Jade Bailey from Barbados

There will be 40 Free Family passes at the office.

Whilst all care is taken to ensure the validity of advertisements in this newsletter we take no responsibility and imply no endorsement.
Australian Boys Choir Auditions
Saturday 16 March 2013

Boys aged 7–9 are invited to audition for entry into the prestigious and internationally acclaimed AUSTRALIAN BOYS CHOIR.

12-3pm at Auburn Uniting Church Hall, 3 Hepburn St, Hawthorn

Please call for an appointment.

9818 4818  AUSTRALIAN BOYS CHOIR

DO YOU KNOW PARENTS & CARER’S THAT ARE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN’S ASTHMA?

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria is developing a free support service, linking parents and carers with others who are able to share experiences of managing asthma well. Trained Asthma Peer Support Volunteers know what challenges parents and carers face, and can help them to manage some of their worries about their own or their children’s asthma. Support is available via our online forum for parents and carers of children with asthma, telephone link-ups with peer support volunteers, or group meetings in their area.

This is the first program of its kind for asthma in Australia. We are grateful to the Victorian State Government Department of Health for their funding support. The program is available for anyone with asthma or parents, grandparents and people who regularly care for a child with asthma.

“Talking with other parents and carers makes you realise you are not alone”

If you are interested in accessing support or becoming an “Asthma Peer Support Volunteer” log on to our website for more information, or contact Belinda on 9326 7088.

Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, violin, here at Armadale Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $15.40 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1.

Interested parents should call Sharon during office hours on 9818 2333

To find out more contact your local Asthma Foundation:

1800 278 462
asthma.org.au

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NEW LOOK ASTHMA CARE PLAN

Check out the new look Asthma Care Plan for Education and Care services. These will replace the Asthma Foundation of Victoria School’s Asthma Action Plan and Children’s Services Asthma Action Plan. It is available as a free download at www.asthmaaustralia.org.au

TRANSLATED RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Did you know that we have translated our Basic Facts information into many different languages, including Italian, Farsi, Cantonese and Mandarin. Many more languages to follow shortly! We are also able to provide you with translated Asthma Action Plans and further resources, contact us or see our website for more information

www.asthma.org.au