Dear Parents,

Canberra Camp

Last week I was very fortunate to attend the Canberra Camp with the Year 5 and 6 students and teachers. What a wonderful educational experience is offered in Canberra for everyone and I wholeheartedly recommend it as a family trip if you have never taken the children. We were able to experience both Old and New Parliaments, tour both lower and upper houses, learn about the history of Federation in the Museum of Australian Democracy, the electoral processes, passing a bill and making a constitutional amendment, tour the National Museum, the National Gallery of Australia, the High Court where we saw the Chaplaincy in Schools case being heard, the Royal Australian Mint, Questacon, the Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian War Memorial. There were so many highlights of the trip and what stood out for me was when our school leaders, Tilly, Stephanie, Winnie and Will laid a wreath on behalf of Armadale Primary School at the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier at the Australian War Memorial. It was an incredibly moving moment with all the children bowing their heads for a minute’s silence and Tilly reading the Ode. I am sure that this will stay with the children for many years to come.

Our students were exemplary during the whole camp and I was bursting with pride with all the wonderful feedback we received from the guides and education officers at the places we visited. They all commented on the children’s behaviour, disposition towards learning, how articulate they were and their insightful questions. It was certainly a pleasure for me to experience it all with the children. I would also like to acknowledge the incredible commitment and dedication to the children which was demonstrated by all the teachers. This dedication was also commented on by the manager of Camp Cottermouth, Jenny, who said that she had never had a school group in before with such dedicated and wonderful teachers! The teachers looked after all of the Year 5 and 6 camp attendees for four days straight and 24 hours per day, and the children were all returned safe and sound having had a fabulous time. Looking after other people’s children comes with an incredible responsibility and you add to that: a long bus trip, a fully packed four day itinerary, 9 meals, morning and afternoon teas which cater for everyone’s tastes and sensitivities, 3 nights sleeping away from home in shared accommodation and a plane trip which involves 100 boarding passes and 300 pieces of luggage. Please also remember that the teachers do not receive any extra pay or time in lieu for leaving their own families for four days and take on the responsibility of looking after your children at an interstate camp.

On behalf of the whole school community I would like to extend a most heartfelt thank you and gratitude to our fabulous teachers:

- Zaim Zeneli (Camp Leader)
- Jennifer Hemingway
- Gillian Brown
- Kate Pilgrim
- Malcolm Dow
- Peter Cracknell
- Rosa Salemme

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This Week’s Events

Monday 19 May
- Swimming lessons commence Years 3-6

Tuesday 20 May
- Swimming lessons Years 3-6
- School Tours at 10.00am and 2.00pm
- Open Evening 4.30-6.30pm

Thursday 22 May
- Swimming lessons Years 3-6

Friday 23 May
- Swimming lessons Years 3-6
- Walk Safely to School Day

Coming Events

Monday 26 May
- Swimming lessons Years 3-6

Tuesday 27 May
- Swimming lessons Years 3-6

Wednesday 28 May
- Swimming lessons Years 3-6

Thursday 29 May
- Swimming lessons Years 3-6

Friday 30 May
- Swimming lessons Years 3-6
- Years 1&2 Cocktail Party please RSVP as soon as possible
Thank you to those parents who popped in and said thank you or wrote personal emails to our teachers and thanked them, and especially to Janine Sheean for her beautiful letter and gorgeous basket of treats from Philippa’s for our teachers to enjoy. We are very grateful to you!

I will present the annual report to our school community and this will be followed by a presentation by Malcolm and I on Cyberbullying and keeping children safe in an online environment.

Both children and parents are welcome to attend this session which I anticipate will conclude at around 6.30pm.

Return of Lice
We have had some sightings of NITS in children’s hair recently and I urge parents to be vigilant if your children are itchy and scratching. Please do not be embarrassed if they are found in your children’s hair, they are incredibly resistant to treatment and are not an indication of poor hygiene. Please refer to the following link which will help with lice infestations and management from the Department of Health [http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/)

If all parents could do a thorough check and treat where necessary we may be able to curtail the spread. Could I also please request that all our girls with hair at shoulder length or below have it tied up daily in a ponytail, plaits or pig tails to assist with this.

Return of Lice

Thank you to Acting Principals: Connie and Kylie

It was very reassuring to be able to leave the school in the capable hands of both Connie and Kylie. Thank you both for looking after the school so wonderfully well!

Education Week

All schools across Victoria will be celebrating Education Week from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd May. Education Week is a fantastic opportunity for government schools to further promote the wonderful things that take place in schools every day of the year. This year’s Education Week program will have a particular focus on exploring Science in the classroom.

We would like to warmly invite all parents to join in the Education Week celebrations on Tuesday May 20th for our Open Day.

During the day, school tours will be conducted at 10am and 2pm. Our classrooms will be open to parents from 4.30 pm to 5.30pm. At 5.30pm in the MPC, I will present the annual report to our school community and this will be followed by a presentation by Malcolm and I on Cyberbullying and keeping children safe in an online environment.

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National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)

All students in Years 3 and 5 participated in a series of tests this week as part of the National Assessment Program (NAPLAN). Students completed four separate tests in the areas of numeracy, reading, writing & language conventions. The test timetable for the week was as follows:

- **Tuesday 13th May** – Language Conventions (40 minutes – Years 3 & 5)
- **Writing** (40 minutes – Years 3 & 5)
- **Wednesday 14th May** – Reading (45 minutes Year 3, 50 minutes Year 5)
- **Thursday 15th May** – Numeracy (45 minutes Year 3, 50 minutes Year 5)

The results of these tests will be reported to parents later on in the year. I would like to remind our parents that these assessments are just a snapshot of how your child is performing in these assessments. They are not a true reflection of your child’s overall strengths, talents and abilities.
Mother’s Day stall: Thank you to our wonderful Mums

Our first thank you is to Kristen Steele and Susan Hucker who did another amazing job organising this year’s Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 9th May. Thank you to the large contingent of mums who wrapped and wrapped and wrapped over 2 days. What an awesome effort. Can I also say that there is some serious hidden talent amongst the parents of this school! I know all the children were delighted by the gifts for purchase and I hope all our Armadale families enjoyed a very special Mother’s Day! Thank you very much to my Armadale Family for my beautiful Mother’s day gift and card, it was very much appreciated.

Enrolments for 2015

We are well into our enrolment process for Preps in 2015 and it would be appreciated if all parents who have children ready for Prep in 2015 have their enrolment forms submitted before June 27th 2014. This is particularly important for any siblings who need to be enrolled in Prep for next year.

Cross Country

Good luck to all the children participating in tomorrow’s Cross Country event at Bald Hill Park.

National Volunteer Week on now – 12-18 May - Thank you to all school volunteers

National Volunteer Week is on now until Sunday 18 May 2014. I would like to recognise the valuable contribution made by our school’s dedicated volunteers, who give up their time and use their expertise to provide our students with the very best learning and development opportunities. Education Minister Dixon has written a letter to thank all school volunteers (please see below) for donating their time and expertise, as part of National Volunteer Week celebrations.

Working Bee Thank you

We are incredibly fortunate to have parents who gave up part of their weekend to help out our school on a fairly wet and miserable Saturday morning. You helped to make our school grounds look amazing and cleared our drains and gutters. Please read Malcolm’s section for a more detailed thank you. Could all parents who attended please accept this as personal thank you and an acknowledgement of our gratitude for your support.

Swimming for Years 3-6

Swimming begins next week at the Lauriston Girls’ School Swim Centre on:

- Monday 19th May
- Tuesday 20th May
- Thursday 22nd May
- Friday 23rd May
- Monday 26th May
- Tuesday 27th May
- Wednesday 28th May
- Thursday 29th May
- Friday 30th May

Each lesson will be approximately 40 minutes with trained swimming instructors provided at the following times:

- 5F & 45B 9:30-10:10am
- 6Z & 6N 10:10-10:50am
- 3/4C & 3/4S 10:50-11:30am
- 3/4M & 3/4W 11:30am-12:10pm
- 3/4J 12:10-12:50pm

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

Prep Bulletin

Please click on the following links to read this week’s news from your child’s classroom:

- Prep bulletin

Click on this link to go to the bulletin page or go to the Students tab on the website and then your child’s class for all the latest news.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Warm regards,

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Assistant Principal

Working Bee
Many thanks to all the parents and students who came to help at our Working Bee on Saturday. Unfortunately it was a little bit wet and drizzly, but our small but very dedicated team worked tirelessly to get through everything on our task list. All the drains were completely cleared, paths and grounds swept, new additional bike racks were installed, a new fence erected, internal work done in classrooms, and security lights installed, as well as many other cleaning and maintenance tasks. Without this very valuable help the school would need to pay many thousands of dollars to achieve the same outcome, money that would need to come from our precious local fundraising efforts. We would much rather spend that money on special projects, of which we have many on the priority list. Thanks to all of the following: Ray Skinner, Sarah Barlow, Michelle Moffatt, the Larner family, Alastair Stott, Kylie Couper, Matt Saggers, Niall Holden, Laurie Conheady, Anita Archer, Pam and Trevor Johnson, the Dixon family, Jeanine Purdie, Justin Mastores and Emily Atkins. (Apologies for anyone who has been left off the list, we go mainly from the sign-in book and our failing memories!) Don’t forget that if you weren’t able to attend we would really appreciate you making a contribution of $30 in lieu of attending. As we spent over $400 in materials and equipment, any donations in this regard would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to the following families who have made a donation to our Grounds fund: Chamberlain, Tremlett, Castine, Hashimoto, Kelly, Warwick, Moffatt, the Larner family, Alastair Stott, Kylie Couper, Matt Saggers, Niall Holden, Laurie Conheady, Anita Archer, Pam and Trevor Johnson, the Dixon family, Jeanine Purdie, Justin Mastores and Emily Atkins. Please see page 8 in the newsletter for the payment form if you would like to donate.

100% Nude Food
We are getting closer to our goal of becoming a 100% Nude Food school and removing the outside rubbish bins. Hopefully many of you have already made the change and are noticing that the food in your children’s school lunches is becoming healthier, and less expensive as you buy in bulk and avoid the unnecessary packaging. If not it would be great if you could start getting these containers ready and work out a routine or system that suits you best. Like any changes, it is the adjustment period that is the hardest, once the change is made, it just becomes a habit. Please make sure that all the containers are named so that if they are lost they can easily be returned.

Canberra Camp
It was wonderful to have the opportunity to accompany the Year 5 and 6 students on the Canberra Camp. It was a great experience and I was very impressed by the levels of focus and interest at all of the places we visited. It is a very different camp to our other outdoor adventure camps. At Canberra there is quite a lot of sitting and listening. It was great to hear so much positive feedback from the various guides and presenters who remarked on how attentive and astute our students were. These people would see hundreds of schools per year and it is a great reflection on our students.

Education Week
As part of Open Day for Education Week next week, Rochelle and I will be presenting a session on Cybersafety. This is a very important topic and is only growing as the students use digital technologies and social media more and more each day. We will take you through some of the important issues and show you the best source for assistance, guidelines and information. The presentation will be in the MPC at 5.30pm on Tuesday 20 May, immediately after the open classrooms from 4.30– 5.30pm

Walk Safely to School Day
As part of our ongoing support of active healthy travel to school, we are participating in the national Walk Safely to School Day next Friday 23 May. The website has all the details, as well as links to a free app for your phone that records how far you walk, as well as a competition for students, where they can win a Samsung Tablet. Let’s hope the weather stays kind to us next week so that we get as many children walking (or riding, scooting or skating) as possible.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
ARMADALE PRIMARY IS GOING.......... 100% NUDE!
(WITH THEIR FOOD)

This term we are moving toward 100% Nude Food. That means all our food will be in reusable containers.

On World Environment Day (Thursday 5 June) we will remove all rubbish bins from the school grounds.

SO START GETTING ORGANISED NOW! AND HELP MAKE ARMADALE A TRUE WASTE FREE SCHOOL

THE EARTH WILL THANK YOU
Performing Arts News

Peter Pan
The Peter Pan ‘notice board’ is in the front window of the Multi-Purpose building, next to the stairs. Please have a regular peek at this board to learn about upcoming rehearsals and various Peter Pan related information.

Peter Pan is now on facebook! Please ‘like’ our page, Peter Pan: An Armadale Adventure to keep up with all Production related information and excitement!

Do you have these items?
We’re searching for some items that are needed for production. If you have any of these that you are able to donate (or let us borrow), it would be greatly appreciated!
- Single mattresses (2 needed)
- Artificial leaves, vines and flowers
- Cotton ropes
- Large tree branches/bamboo
- Fake fur pieces
- Fabric pieces
- An old, rickety wooden table

We’re also still searching for any Mums or Dads with basic carpentry skills who may be able to help in the construction of some basic set pieces for the show. We’d be very, very grateful if you could help us in any way!

Yours in theatre,

Lisa Vollugi
Performing Arts Coordinator
vollugi.lisa.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Visual Arts News

Artist of the Week:
Tess Davies 1/2A

For the creativity she displayed when making her Mother’s Day flower and her excellent choice of colours and paper.

Art Class of the Week: 1/2P
For the excellent skills they displayed when making their Mother's Day cards.

Art Smocks
A number of students still do not have an art smock. If you do not have an art smock please make sure you get one over the weekend and put it in your classroom’s Art Smock Tub. These can be purchased from any uniform shop. Just look for the material similar to a rain jacket, the cotton smocks are not as effective.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Mother’s Day Thanks

Whilst sitting up in our beds ripping the beautiful wrapping paper from our gifts and reading tear jerking handmade cards we always think of the other 300 APS mums doing the same. What a lovely thought.

Please accept our grateful thanks for making Mother’s Day so wonderful by donating your time as well as your wrapping, sorting and gift choosing expertise:

Sarah Barlow, Mel Larner, Fi Richardson, Nikki Rickard, Sandra Schill, Linda White, Sian Johnson, Kate Millard, Natalie Graham, Dimity Milllear, Georgie Officer, Carbine Fusco, Ray Skinner, Maree Filopoulos, Bronwyn Colman, Kelly Simpson, Christine Theodoropoulos, Nikki Bindley, Mish McGrory, Sally O'Connell, Jodie Klijnsma, Kate Nelson, Sarah Smith, Cherie Vickery, Penny McGann, Mel Cooper, Anna Hill, Jane Portnoy, Ellen Beischer, Andrea Gray.

And especially these lovely mums who helped out on both days: Georgie Handbury, Katie Chamberlain, Sallie Hill, Lisa Conheady, Lisa Stewart.

Also a big thank-you to four companies / people who were generous in contributing gifts:
- Style Your Home (Nikki Rickard),
- Alexander Brands (Sian Johnson)
- Sue Seccull (Georgie Handbury) and
- Catherine from Poured.

Happy Mother’s Day.

Susan Hassett & Kristen Steele
You Can Do It! Awards

Ailie McLaughlin  Prep C
For always trying to do her best and giving everything a go. Keep it up Ailie!

Isabel Zarner  Prep P
For offering to write, on behalf of all the Preps, a letter to Vita so that she could help us use our basil.

Harrison Michelsberg  Prep S
For the terrific and creative responses he gives to questions. Well done Harrison!

Lucy Hunt  1/2D
For her wonderful efforts and enthusiasm during tri-skills!

Jack Handbury  1/2E
For his enthusiastic approach and positive effort in working towards improving his learning.

Priscilla Moffat  1/2P
For being highly focused when doing her maths assessments. Well done Priscilla!

Henry Stringer  3/4C
For the great care and detail he demonstrated in completing his 'Falling from Space' drawing. You captured the idea so perfectly. Well done Henry!

Ella De Hennin  3/4C
For her amazing enthusiasm towards all her learning tasks and her tremendous efforts and hard work. You are truly a wonderful student. Keep it up Ella!

Thea Coull  3/4J
For demonstrating persistence with all aspects of her writing. Thea has shown great improvements and we are very proud of her!

Nate Portnoy  3/4M
For understanding how important respect is in the classroom and for finding new ways to focus even when things get tough. Fantastic display of persistence and resilience Nate!

Oliver Edmonds  3/4M
For always having a positive attitude in the classroom and for continually finding new ways to problem solve when his work becomes difficult. Keep on trying Ollie!

Mimi Stoupas  3/4W
For showing a positive attitude in all areas of her learning and completing set tasks independently. A great effort Mimi!

Samir Skinner  5B
For his insightful and informative comments while visiting Canberra. Your understanding of Australian Democracy is impressive Sami!

Isabella Cullity  5B
For endeavouring to do her best in all aspects of school life and for her kind and empathetic personality. You are a real asset to 5B!

Rose O'Donnell  6N
For the exemplary behaviour and attitude she displayed whilst representing the school in Canberra. You are a great ambassador Rose!

Eliza Motion  6N
For embracing all the Canberra Camp activities with an admirable amount of interest, enthusiasm and appreciation. Congratulations Eliza!

Ned Dixon  6Z
For displaying a fantastic attitude towards his learning throughout our trip to Canberra. You displayed excellent leadership and maturity while visiting all of the exhibitions. Great work Ned!

Olivia Power  6Z
For displaying confidence throughout the entire Canberra Camp trip. You asked many inquisitive questions and displayed advanced knowledge at all of the main attractions. Well Done Olivia!

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
Sports News

Southport District Cross Country
A large number of Year 3-6 children have been selected to represent Armadale Primary School at the Southport District Cross Country to be held at Bald Hill Park tomorrow Friday 16th May. Information has been distributed to all children involved.

A reminder to be at school by **8:55am sharp**. These events will run from 9:50am as detailed in the program outline below.

Program outline (approximate times only):

- 9.45am-10.00am Welcome
- 10.00am-10.15am Outline of running course for competitors
- 10.15am-10.45am 9/10 Year Boys event
- 10.45am–11.15am 9/10 Year Girls event
- 11.15am–11.45am 11Year Boys event
- 11.45am–12.15pm 11 Year Girls event
- 12.15pm–12.45pm 12/13 Year Boys event
- 12.45pm–1.15pm 12/13 Year Girls event
- 1.15pm-1.30pm Conclusion

We look forward to a fun day.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Convenor

Student Banking

Congratulations to the following children who have qualified for a Dollarmites Bronze Certificate for making 10 deposits this year.

These certificates will be presented in the classroom later in the week.

- Alice Hodgkinson  Prep P
- Alexia Sideropoulos  Prep S
- Elke Chadwick  Prep S
- Mia Kliegl  Prep S
- Harrison Michelsberg  Prep S
- Poppy Holden  1/2A
- William Strangward  1/2D
- Henry Steele  1/2D
- Jack Handbury  1/2E
- Eliza Steele  3/4S
- Coco Smith  3/4S
- Clancy Hyde  3/4W
- Samuel Stringer  3/4W
- Luke Vickery  34W

If you have ordered a reward item with your tokens, please check for a note in your deposit wallet which will advise you when it is available for collection from the office.

Alison Crone

Working Bee Donation

For those parents who were unable to attend the Working Bee last Saturday 10 May, we would be grateful if you could make a $30 contribution to our Working Bee fund for ongoing maintenance. Please complete your details below:

- [ ] I would like to make a $30 (or other amount) donation to the APS Grounds fund

Family Name: ________________

Pay by:  [ ] Cash  [ ] Cheque  [ ] Credit Card

- [ ] Direct Deposit to Armadale PS Account BSB 083 298 A/C No: 02 891 1383

Please note on your direct deposit transaction your **Family Name & Working Bee**

Amount: **$30.00** or **$_______**

- [ ] MasterCard  [ ] Visa

Expiry Date: _____ / _____  Cardholder’s Name: ___________________________

Signature: ___________________________

Working Bee Donation
Donations Sought for the Armadale Primary School Building Fund

15th May 2014

Armadale Primary School is financed by a combination of government and community (ie parent) funding. The government funding largely covers teacher salaries, cleaning costs and basic maintenance, while school improvements such as the installation of the synthetic grass, shade sails, landscaping etc are more often than not the outcome of local fundraising events.

In addition to the great fundraising work undertaken by the PFA for school improvements, the school also benefits from donations to our registered Building Fund for general repairs and maintenance. The money raised through donations permits the school to undertake the necessary maintenance beyond the minimum provided for in government budgets and to ensure the safety and comfort of our students and staff. In some cases it has included the repair of leaky roofs so our children and staff do not sit amongst buckets of dripping water. More recently it has included new heating in the Upper Infant classrooms so they can work in comfort over the coming winter months.

Last year Armadale Primary School parents kindly donated approximately $8,000 to the school’s Building Fund. The money donated was primarily used to paint the Infant Hall which had become tired and in desperate need of a lift. This year the Facilities Committee has identified as a priority the painting of the three infant classrooms, and if money permits, the replacement of the tired and worn carpets in the office.

Donations to the Building Fund in 2014 currently sit at $70.00 (from two visitors to the school during the 130th Birthday Fair), so we have a long way to go to achieve our goal of $10,000 to make the lower level classrooms and office a pleasant and safe environment for our students and staff.

Accordingly we are launching a campaign to raise the necessary funds. Through the remainder of Term 2 we are asking parents to contribute to the Building Fund as they have in the past and take advantage of the donation’s tax-deductibility in the lead up to the end of the financial year.

Donations can be made via internet banking or through completing the form below and returning it to the office. A tax deductible receipt will be issued for each donation. A weekly tally of our efforts will be published in the Newsletter and assuming sufficient funds are raised, planning to undertake the project(s) will begin in Term 3.

Thank you in advance,

Laurie Conheady (School Council Treasurer) on behalf of the Armadale Primary School Council Finance Committee in conjunction with the Facilities Committee

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Armadale Primary School Tax-Deductible Building Fund Donation

Amount: $ __________  Family Name: ________________

☐ CASH  ☐ CHEQUE  ☐ Direct deposit into APS Official Account BSB: 083 298 Account Number: 028911383 – please include YOUR SURNAME/BUILD to identify your donation

☐ CREDIT CARD - VISA or MASTERCARD ONLY
Card Number: __________ / __________
Expiry Date: __________ / __________
Cardholder’s Name: __________________________ Signature: __________________________
Whilst all care is taken to ensure the validity of advertisements in this newsletter we take no responsibility and imply no endorsement.
Did you know that the average Stonnington Garbage Bin contains 50% food waste?

Stonnington residents are now eligible for discounted compost bin or worm farm packages, with FREE household delivery!

Residents simply need to undertake a short online composting or worm farming tutorial and successfully complete a simple quiz to claim their prize.

To participate, visit the Compost Revolution website at http://compostrevolution.com.au and select 'Stonnington Council'.

* Please note: there is a maximum of one compost bin or one worm farm per household / establishment.