Dear Parents,

Welcome back to you all from what I am hoping was a wonderfully relaxing and reinvigorating break where you took the opportunity to spend cherished moments with your family and friends. We were certainly treated to some glorious sunshine over Easter especially considering we are half way through our autumn season. My holidays were lovely, with much pottering in the garden, feasting with family and friends, seeing movies and going to the Comedy Festival. There is always much to do in and around Melbourne and we are very fortunate to reside in such a liveable city with many opportunities for entertainment and of course the footy is back! Just a quick reminder that our mornings are much cooler now and it would be great to ensure the children have a jumper with them each morning and a raincoat in their bag in case of inclement weather.

Excursion forms and levies
With so many bits of paper to juggle and slips to return to school, complicated by the number of children you have, it is not surprising how many permission forms and notices do get mislaid at home and placed in a special location never to be seen again, some mysteriously don’t make it home at all. Do not despair – should you need a replacement form, just jump on the website and download another one. We always feel for the students that miss out on specially organised events because the permission form has not been returned. Legally we are required to have your written consent for all activities and therefore seek your co-operation that this happens. We also are happy to come to special arrangements with payments for those families experiencing genuine financial hardship as we want all our children to be included and enriched by the learning our curriculum provides.

Foundation Take Home Reading Information Night
Thank you to our fabulous foundation team : Pippa, Connie, Jen and Pauline for their very engaging presentation to our Foundation parents on Tuesday evening about the take home readers which will be coming home next week in the students’ red library bags. It was a great opportunity to find out about how to encourage your children to read and engender a love of reading books together and I was delighted to see so many parents there that evening.

A lovely kind gesture from Kayla Thompson
I am always encouraging our students to be kind-hearted and generous of spirit and to think of others before themselves. It gladdens my heart when I find out that our students choose to be like this of their own volition. Kayla Thompson of 2S spent part of her holidays creating things which she then sold at her parents work. Rather than keeping the money for herself she donated it to children far less privileged than her at the Jodie O’Shea orphanage in Bali. Colleen Johnson visited the orphanage during the January school holidays when she was in Bali and has inspired our children to help. Our SRC leaders were so impressed with Kayla’s initiative that they themselves decided to award her with a good citizenship award at our assembly on Wednesday. What a great role model Kayla is to the rest of the school, and congratulations to the SRC for their recognition of her efforts. Never underestimate the power of one.

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Armadale Fathers - we need you!
Armadale Primary School is the very first school to hold a sausage sizzle at the new MASTERS hardware store in Hawthorn East at 742 Toorak Road, on the corner of Tooronga Road on Saturday May 4th between 9 and 4pm. We are asking all dads who are available to give up an hour of your time on that Saturday to cook sausages, to help set up, to collect the money and to serve the food and to clean up afterwards. Brigid Warwick, one of our dynamic PFA presidents is coordinating the whole event but there is no way she can do it all on her own and we know how great you are with a BBQ.
Please consider this request and if you can help out our school for an hour or so please email myself at cukier.rochelle.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or directly to Janine Sheean at janinesheean@gmail.com. Furthermore, after you have helped out you can go and play inside this huge new store, it’s apparently bigger than Bunnings!! Thank you in advance to anyone who can help out and all proceeds from this fundraiser goes towards the greening of the school.

Jewish Religious Education
Just a reminder to our APS families if you would like your children to have Jewish RE on Wednesday afternoons please just send me a note or email and I will set up a class again.

Level 6 Cocktail party
The Level 6 families are very keen to connect with each other very early this year and I know I am looking forward to seeing as many families as possible tomorrow evening. A huge thank you to Dunia Wright (Holly and Amber’s mum) for very generously opening up her home to host this evening.

School Council
Our school council will hold its first meeting for the year on Monday April 22nd at 7:00pm at the school. I look forward to be able to share some exciting news with you after this meeting.

Student-free days
A reminder to parents to note the following student-free and public holiday in your diaries: next Thursday 25th April is Anzac Day and the school will be closed and Friday 3rd May is a Curriculum Day and students will not be required at school.

Applications for Year 7 Placements
Information will be distributed this week to all Year 6 students to begin their formal ‘Application for Enrolment’ for Secondary School placement in 2014. The department also provides a range of information for parents about this important transition by following this link.

Assistant Principal

Thank you Ray and Tonga
I would like to say a big thank you to Ray Skinner and Tonga Kelly for the work they continually do around the school. Their latest contribution has been on the stage area, repairing the decking and the railing to keep it safe and usable. This work is so important in schools, as it can become so expensive to have even relatively minor work carried out. Their next projects include installing a solar security light at the front entrance and reinforcing the door on the sports shed to make it more secure.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge
I have been working with all classes in Levels 2-6 in ICT this week to ensure that they are familiar with their usernames and passwords for PRC, and understand the process for adding books onto their reading list. I would appreciate it if you could assist your children in the selection of appropriate books, and the recording of these on the PRC website at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/. The website also has lots of information about the challenge, but if you are still unsure about any aspect of the challenge, please contact me.

Green Team Leaders
Our Green Team Leaders, Daisy, Lilly and Joe, have compiled some great Green Team Tips. Please look out for them on page 5 in this week’s newsletter.

Beyond Primary is an email newsletter specifically for parents with children starting secondary school next year. You can subscribe here.
I would encourage all parents of Year 6 children to take the time to read through all of this information carefully.
Please note that the Application for Enrolment Year 7 - 2014 needs to be returned to your child’s current teacher no later than Friday 17th May 2013.

Parents of children in Grade 5 who are starting to think about secondary placements should visit a number of schools during Education Week (20th- 24th May) and attend Open evenings and Information nights to gain a feel for the right secondary school for your child. Should you wish to discuss any concerns you have about a secondary placement, please don’t hesitate to pop in for a chat as I have spent all of my teaching career in secondary schools, mainly teaching VCE classes.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
We had a fabulous Harmony Day with the students dressing up in cultural clothing, food to share and parents and grandparents sharing their stories. Thank you again to all parents who provided food, and those who helped during the Harmony Day activities. Also I would like to especially thank the following parents, and grandparents who came in to speak with the students. The students were fascinated to listen to the stories about life in other countries from:

- Tim Martelli (Elliana 4W)
- Alicia Tadini (Mateo 2P)
- Alessandra Argese (Lulu 4F)
- Avneesh Singh (Birinderjit 2J)
- Frank Bugge (Nonno of Freddie 4W & Priscilla 2E)
- Mish McGrory (Madi 2P, Mia 2A)
- Jadvicka Findling (grandmother of Clea 4S Liadan 6Z)
- Heide Robson (Josephine 2S)

Some comments from students:
‘On Wednesday 27th March APS celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is about all cultures getting together. There are a lot of children at APS with lots of different backgrounds including France, Germany, England, India, England, Greece, Hong Kong, America, Italy, Ireland and Scotland. We heard stories, sang songs and shared food from different cultures and we dressed up to represent our backgrounds. It was really fun!’
Claire and Amy 4W

‘We saw many costumes from around the world, and we enjoyed listening to stories from parents and grandparents from Poland, India, Italy, Germany and Argentina.’
Edward and Mia 4W
Performing Arts News

Performing Arts Award: Will be in next week’s newsletter.

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

GET EXCITED CHOIR IS BACK NEXT WEEK!! 26th of April 8:15am

A reminder that BOTH choirs will rehearse Friday MORNING - as of Term 2.

Senior choir will be in the Performing Arts room at 8:15am.
Junior Choir will be in the Science room at 8:15am.
I look forward to an awesome term of choir. Again I ask that you take commitment to choir seriously and arrive on time with your choir folders. I will be taking over from Amanda in term two but luckily for us Amanda has agreed to donate her time to assisting. Thank you Amanda!

New comers are welcomed to begin choir in Term two. So if you haven’t given choir a go or have missed out in Term 1 please come along.

After School Music Tuition – Information provided at the office.

Till next week.

Lauren Rich
Performing Arts Co-ordinator
Email: rich.lauren.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week
Luci Gentil 6N
For the excellent Monochromatic Self-Portrait he painted. Keep up the fantastic work.

Visual Art Class of the Week
2A
For the skill they displayed when using charcoal to draw pirates. They look fantastic!

Thank you.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

House Points
Rose won this week’s house points. Congratulations to all the children in Rose who enjoyed an ‘inside out’ day today.

You Can Do It! Awards:
Catarina David 0C
Lachie Stott 0J
Alfie Holuique 0P
Zeke Abbott 2A
Jack Gatehouse 2E
William Challingsworth 2P
Siobhan McGann 2S
Dean Angelopoulos 4F
Tommy Handbury 4W
Kayziah Masefau 6N
Kuba Lambert 6W
Tayla Ravnholt 6Z

Visual Artist
Luci Gentil

Newspaper
We would still love any unwanted/used newspapers for covering tables. Please feel free to drop off the papers directly to the art room. Thank you to everyone who brought in newspapers last term.
Italian Phrase of the Week

La frase per la settimana

The Italian phrase of the week is...

Ti sono piaciute le vacanze?

Did you enjoy your holidays?

Ted e Oscar 4N

Vita Vampatella
Language Co-ordinator
vampatella.vita.v@edumail.vic.gov.au
Ph: 0422 428 153

Green Team Tips of the Week

JOE:
Reduce your carbon footprint! Leaving your car at home twice a week can cut greenhouse gas emissions by 1,600 lbs per year.

LILLY:
Turn off lights in your room to save electricity and save money. Also don’t leave lights on when you’re not home as it can cause a big electricity bill and is not environmentally friendly.

DAISY:
If you go to school in a car, ask if you can walk to and from home at least some days, and you'll reduce air pollution and traffic congestion - and save money.

Joe, Lilly and Daisy
Green Team Leaders

Sports News

Hockey Gala Day Level 6
As part of our Sport Education Program, children from Level 6 will be participating in an exciting Hockey Gala Day to be held on Friday, 26th April. Children will be involved in a series of round robin modified games with other schools in our district. Detailed information has been distributed to all students today.

Date: Friday, 26th April
Venue: Footscray Hockey Grounds, Fogarty Ave, Spotswood
Departure: 8:55 am sharp
Travel: Bus
Return: approximately 3:00pm
Cost & Permission: Included in the Term 2 Excursion Levy

Level 6 children will bring home a notice of upcoming Gala days.

TriSkills Gymnastics Term 2 Level 0 & 2
Our TriSkills Gymnastics program has commenced. A reminder that children require:
♦ Shoes and socks off 5 minutes prior to the lesson
♦ No jewellery or watches

Swimming Term 2 for Level 4 & 6
Swimming commences Monday 22nd April at the Lauriston Girls’ School Swim Centre Huntingtower Road, Armadale on:
Monday 22nd April
Tuesday 23rd April
Wednesday 24th April
Tuesday 30th April
Wednesday 1st May
Thursday 2nd May
Tuesday 7th May
Wednesday 8th May
Thursday 9th May (9 lessons).
Each lesson will be approximately 40-45 minutes with trained swimming instructors provided at the following times:
♦ 4W & 4F (9:30-10:15am)
♦ 4C & 4S (10:15-11:00am)
♦ 4B & 6N (11:00-11:45am)
♦ 6W & 6Z (11:45am-12:30pm)

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator
You Can Do It! Awards

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<td>For trying to do all classroom activities despite having a broken arm. Fantastic effort Catarina!</td>
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<td>Lachie Stott 0J</td>
<td>For not giving up when faced with something tricky. Great persistence Lachie!</td>
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<td>Alfie Holuigue 0P</td>
<td>For playing footy fairly and for remembering to return the class’ football at the end of playtime.</td>
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<td>Zeke Abbott 2A</td>
<td>For improved handwriting, especially lower case letters.</td>
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<td>Jack Gatehouse 2E</td>
<td>For always demonstrating positive work habits and striving to achieve his best in all that he does.</td>
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<td>William Challingsworth 2P</td>
<td>For showing persistence in completing his holiday recount and for concentrating on the correct formation of lowercase letters.</td>
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<td>Siobhan McGann 2S</td>
<td>For a wonderful reflective piece of writing about Autumn. A fantastic effort Siobhan!</td>
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<td>Dean Angelopoulos 4F</td>
<td>For the positive commitment that he demonstrates to his studies and the persistence he shows in all learning activities</td>
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<td>Tommy Handbury 4W</td>
<td>For demonstrating a positive attitude and making a confident start to the new term. Keep it up Tommy!</td>
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<td>Kayziah Masefau 6N</td>
<td>For showing great skills, sense of rhythm and enthusiasm during our first Footsteps Dance session - keep it up, Kayziah!</td>
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<td>Kuba Lambert 6W</td>
<td>For working cooperatively in class and for always putting in 100%. Well done Kuba, you’re a great role model!</td>
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<td>Tayla Ravnholt 6Z</td>
<td>For making a confident start to term 2 and displaying persistence and organisation on a daily basis. Keep up the great work Tayla!</td>
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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

Cooking Club

Cooking club starts next week. Term 2 participants are: 4W: Sara and Tilly, 4F: Lily, 4B: Mimi, 4C: Lily and Thea.

Thank you for your expressions of interest. We have a waiting list for Term 3.

Term 2 members will receive their confirmation letters today. We look forward to our first session next Wednesday.

Jennifer Drew, Jocelyn Evans and Pippa Cocks
Parents and Friends for Armadale (PFA)

Welcome back everyone!

We hope you had a wonderful break and are refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

As always at Armadale we have a lot of exciting things planned, including:

- **Level 6 Cocktail Party tomorrow evening**
- **Master’s Sausage Sizzle – 4 May**
- **Mother’s Day Stall – 10 May**
- **Level 2 Cocktail Party – 10 May in the MPC**
- **Level 4 Cocktail Party – 24 May at The Mt Erica Hotel**

Level 6 parents and staff, we know you will have a great time tomorrow evening. Please contact Leanne if you haven’t already done so regarding your RSVP. We know you will enjoy what will be one of the final celebrations of your child’s time at APS.

We are now calling for all keen ‘sausage flippers’ to come on board and help us out at Master’s in Tooronga on May 4. We are only asking for an hour of your time between 9 and 4pm, unless of course you would like to do more. Come on gentlemen, we know how much you love to BBQ! Come on ladies, volunteer your partners and they can pick up some home handyman bargains too. Please advise your class rep asap so we can develop a roster for the day.

The Mother’s Day Stall on May 10 is also fast approaching so please read the special inclusion from Kristen and Susan as to how you might help and don’t forget to send in a small gift with your child so they can place it in the box in class.

The Level 2 Cocktail Party on May 10 will be held in the MPC with delicious catering provided by our very own Kim Fleetwood from Urban Entertaining and with BYO grog we are looking forward to a cheap and cheerful evening. Stay tuned for more information on this.

Level 4 parents we hope you have diarised your Cocktail Party next month to be held at The Mt Erica Hotel. More on this next week.

Lastly, we would like to thank you all for your generous donations regarding the Easter Raffle – we raised just over $1,000 which will be put toward the children’s APS turf fund. We also hope those that won hampers weren’t too ‘hyper’ over the holidays.

*Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick*

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PFA Co- Presidents

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**Level 2 Gardening Club**

We would like to say an extra special thank you to Kelly Simpson and her husband Niall, Poppy in OP’s mum and dad, for all the hard work they did in the garden over the school holidays. They emptied out the compost bins, let the compost dry out for about ten days, then they came back and put the dried compost back into the compost bins. Our compost was just slime, but now the microbes are doing their job and composting the waste and we will soon be able to add it to the garden beds. They also planted some broad beans, and brassicas. Thank you very much for all your hard work. Thank you also to Kelly for helping with gardening club on a Wednesday.

Please note next week’s gardening club will be on Tuesday 23 April at 1.30pm.

We need your autumn leaves...

In order to keep our compost healthy, we need donations of leaves, lawn clippings, worm castings, manure or any organic matter that we can add to our compost. If you have anything you could contribute, could you please deliver it to the area behind the level 2 portables, near the compost bins. This would be very much appreciated.

Thanks

Vita and Kelly

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**Mother’s Day Stall 2013**

Get your $5 ready as the Mother’s Day Stall 2013 is on Friday 10 May to get ready for Mother’s Day on Sunday 12 May.

Donation boxes have been placed in the classrooms by our busy class reps (thank you), for families to donate a gift or two. Please pick up something small and lovely when you are out shopping and put it (not wrapped) into the box in your classrooms. If your company has any gorgeous bits and pieces or ‘end of lines’ please contact us as they would be gratefully accepted and appreciated. Ideas are: magazines, socks, vases, jewellery, cosmetics, hand and body lotions, shower gels, soap, tea and coffee mugs, candles, chocolates, aprons, stationary, scarfs, frames, anything sporty etc.

Also, if you enjoy being part of this event, we would love for you to join us for the pre-wrap (over coffee) on Thursday May 9 from 12.30pm-3.30pm or for THE STALL on Friday 10 throughout the morning until 2pm/ish (more coffee) to help the kids choose their presents with much love and deliberation (awwww) and then wrap them in our individually hand painted paper by our resident artists (thanks Lucy). All will be held in the Italian room.

Please call us with questions, donations or if you would like to be involved.

Susan Hassett 0404 392 240 or Kristen Steele 0417 703 998
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Chess Coaching

Games & Prizes to be won!

Where: New Performing Arts Space
When: Wednesday Lunchtimes
14th April – 19th June 2013
Cost: $85 per term ($65 for 2nd Sibling)
Benefits: Strategic thinking, improved self-esteem, attention span in class, lateral thinking, team work, analytical skills.

For more info contact Phil on 0421 901 530

Forward this section in an envelope marked “Chess Coaching” with your name to your school office.

Child’s Full Name: ________________________________
Grade: ______
School: ________________________________________
Email: ____________________________

Payment Due: Wednesday 24th April

Cheques: Payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”
EFT: ____________________________
** please place child’s name on transaction
$85 cash: □ cheque: □ EFT: □

PSW QUALITY APPAREL

Dear Parents,

From Monday 29th April:
You can purchase your school uniform from PSW’s Kew East store during the following times:

TRADING HOURS
Monday
CLOSED
Tuesday - Friday
8:30am - 5:00pm
Saturday
8:30am - 2:00pm
Sunday
CLOSED

PSW EAST KEW
12 Strathclyde Street, East Keon, VIC, 3102
Phone: 02 9499 7899

PLEASE NOTE: Store hours may be reviewed/changed to meet demand. PSW will communicate any changes to store trading hours with your school.

Can you open your heart & home to a child today?

Berry Street is looking for families like yours who can provide emergency, respite, short and long term care for vulnerable children.

If you have room in your heart and home for a child then we want to speak with you.

Call today to discuss about becoming a foster carer on 1800 U FOSTER (1800 836 7831) or visit www.berrystreet.org.au

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