Dear Parents,

Happy Holidays

One more sleep to go and we will all be able to go at a slower pace and take our time to smell the roses and enjoy the spring air. I know that I will be enjoying the time in my garden and catching up on some spring cleaning which is long overdue! I have to get the house in order for my daughter’s engagement party once she arrives back from her travels across three continents. I will also be in the office catching up on paper work and ensuring everything is ready to go for a brilliant Term 4.

Thank you to my hard working staff, both administrative and teaching, for all of their efforts this term, the children are always so well looked after and for catered for each and every day, their wellbeing is the highest priority and this is reflected in their academic achievements.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge our wonderful Armadale community, your tireless efforts to contribute to our school is incredibly special and we are very fortunate indeed to have such a devoted parent community. As I walk around the grounds each day I see the legacy of children’s and parents’ contribution to making this school a fabulous place to be educated.

I am hoping you have the opportunity to enjoy each other’s company over the break, have the children sleep in and go slowly in the mornings in their jarmies for a little while longer, recharge those batteries and do family oriented activities. For families who are travelling to near and far places, have a great time and a safe journey.

Congratulations to Amanda and Dallas Wilson!

Welcome to the world Autumn Ivy Wilson! Autumn arrived on Tuesday afternoon four weeks earlier than expected and was a wonderful surprise to us all. Mother and Baby are doing well and she is just beautiful with her Dad’s dark hair. 6W were a little disappointed that they didn’t have the opportunity to farewell Amanda at the end of term as planned, however they were incredibly excited and happy when I told them at a brief assembly on Wednesday why she wasn’t at school this week. We all can’t wait until Amanda is able to bring Autumn to school to show her off. In the meantime we are very grateful to Kate Pilgrim who has been able to step in and teach 6W this week.

Kate will be able to continue with 6W next term until our selection process for the Family leave position is completed.

End of Term Expos!

I was delighted to be able to visit the expos for the Foundation students and the Level 4’s on Wednesday. The Level 4’s proudly demonstrated their models showing various forces and pulleys at play and the Foundation students put on a wonderful “entertainment” cabaret that showcased their drama, musical and singing talents as well as magic tricks and other performances. They were an absolute delight to watch and had a very entertained and appreciative audience who loved every minute!

Accident policy

The DEECD has advised all schools to advise parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, that in the event of an accident continued over page ...
or injury at school, they are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Parents/guardians should also be aware that they can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers to cover student accidents/ injuries at school should they wish to do so.

Naplan results
Our Grade 3 and 5 NAPLAN results arrived online and we hope the individual reports will be distributed to you by the end of term. When looking at your child’s NAPLAN report, please remember that it is one measure of how your child is performing and it is taken from just a single point in time only, which was back in May this year.

Your child’s NAPLAN report shows you how your child is performing:
- Compared with other Australian students
- In relation to the National Minimum standards

I am extremely pleased to share with you a summary of our school results. Please note that where we are less than 100% in the table the remaining % states we are at the National minimum standard.

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* % of students above National minimum standard

The teachers will consider the group summary report together with the criteria marking matrix to inform their planning and teaching for next year.

2013 Student Attitude to Survey results
I was absolutely thrilled to receive our student attitude to school survey results this week which show how the students in Grade 5 and 6 feel about their student relationships, their teaching and learning and their wellbeing whilst at school. In every category (bar one) we have experienced an improvement on last year’s results and I commend all of our teaching staff who contribute to the excellent education that our students receive. Please have a look at how well we were rated by our students in Grade 5 and 6 this year and then compare this to the state mean for all schools. All of the first 9 categories are out of a possible 5 and the last 2 are out of a possible 7.

Our 5 year trend data shows that 2013 has the highest results over a 5 year period!

Staffing
On behalf of 2P students and families we would like to thank Jennifer Hemingway for her wonderful teaching and support of all students in her class. The students in 2P will miss Mrs Hemingway, but will be equally excited to welcome back Jennifer Pearse. We also extend lovely holiday wishes to Virginia Wallace and hoping she will have time to send a postcard or an email to everyone here, particularly her 4W students.
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**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

Our school has been selected to participate in this collection of data. The new data collection will provide Australian schools, parents, education authorities and the community with information about the number of students with disability in schools and the reasonable adjustments being provided for them to participate in education on the same basis as their peers. This information will also support schools and the education systems to achieve the educational goal set out in the Melbourne Declaration (2008) of ensuring that Australian schooling promotes equity and excellence and will support students with disability to achieve their individual learning goals. Parents of students who have been identified with a disability will be sent a consent form home to then send back to the school by October 7th so that the school can commence the data Collection process. The Data Collection process is based on the principles of professional trust, informed school judgement and the knowledge schools have of their students.

Should any parents have any concerns or queries once you have received the consent form, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. I look forward to the collection of data assisting the education system to reach its goal.

On that very high and rewarding note about our Naplan results, I wish you all a wonderful break and I look forward to welcoming all the students and parents back at school for Term 4 on Monday October 7th.

Warm regards,

**Rochelle Cukier**
**Principal**

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**2014 Planning**

In order to assist our planning for 2014 could parents please indicate whether their child/ren will not be returning to Armadale Primary School in 2014.

**Child/ren’s name:**
___________________________________
___________________________________

will be attending the following school:
___________________________________
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**2014 Enrolments**

A reminder to all parents with a child due to start school next year that all sibling enrolments need to be submitted to the office as soon as possible.

Please come to the office and collect an enrolment form.

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**Working Bee Donors**

Thank you to the following families for their donation to the Working Bee fund during the past week:

♦ Axup
♦ Fleetwood
Green Team News
The Green Team has been very busy the last couple of weeks. Last Thursday the senior Green Team (Levels 4 and 6) attended the Port Phillip Sustainable Schools Festival and presented a Kids Teaching Kids session to the other students. Our topic was ‘Encouraging Active Transport’ Their presentation was very well received by the other schools. (see pictures below and to the right).

At the Awards presentation, Armadale Primary was awarded the Eco Warriors award for all the great things that we have done for sustainability over the past year. As well as a certificate, we also received a new Polywood Garden bench and a $50 gift voucher for St Kilda Indigenous Nursery, which we can use for purchasing more indigenous plants for our Habitat Garden. We then went to the St Kilda Botanical Gardens for a Sustainability Celebration and some special activities such as song writing, water watch activities and an aboriginal bush food walk.

ICT News
This week the students in Levels 2-6 have been trialling a new ICT activity called GeoGuessr. It is a web based application using street view from Google Maps, where the students are presented with a multidirectional street view picture from anywhere in the world and they must use any clues they can find in the picture to try to guess the location of the picture. Even getting somewhere on the right continent will give you some points, but occasionally you will get some great clues like a street name or place name and can make quite an accurate guess. I have found that it has really sharpened up the students’ observational skills, as well as their geographical knowledge. I recommend it as a family game, perhaps even over the holidays if you have some spare time. Here is a link: GeoGuessr.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge
Congratulations to all the students who successfully completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge this year. We had 188 students complete the challenge, just over 50%, which is close to our past results. The certificates will be distributed to the schools in November and Rochelle and I will present these to the classes once they arrive. Thanks to all the parents who supported their children in participating in the challenge, by helping them select appropriate books, assisting them with entering them on the website, and sending in a confirmation email to the class teacher. We look forward to participating in the PRC again next year.

Today the entire Green Team (Levels 0-6) are travelling to the PolyTrade Recycling Centre in Dandenong to see what happens to our recyclables when they are collected from the kerbside each fortnight. We will have a full report on this after the holidays.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
Sports News

Beachside Division Athletics

Congratulations to the children who represented Southport District in the Beachside Athletics Carnival at Duncan McKinnon Track held last Thursday. There were many fine performances by our squad competing with children from a number of other districts.

Special congratulations to Harry Fox, who came first in the 10yr High Jump and will go on to the Regional finals in term 4. Well done to all the team below on being their best throughout the day and the parents who supported the squad.


Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

Footsteps Disco TONIGHT!

Tonight, Thursday 19th September, Footsteps Dance Company will be running a special fun disco to celebrate all the great efforts by all the children at Armadale Primary School in the dance program throughout Term 2 & 3. There is no cost involved and the event will be held in the MPC.

Children can wear their favourite dancing outfit if they wish.

See times below as each level has a specific timeslot in order to accommodate numbers. A reminder that parents are responsible for their children and need to be present during the disco. Parent assistance is also needed on the night.

Please see your child’s class teacher if you would like to be an official disco helper!

Footsteps Disco Times:

- Level 0 (Foundation) 6:30-7:05pm
- Level 2 7:05-7:40pm
- Level 4 7:40-8:20pm
- Level 6 8:20-9:00pm

We look forward to a fun night!

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

Grade 6 Graduation

To all Grade 6 Parents

The first meeting to discuss the Grade 6 Graduation will be held at
- 7 Sorrett Avenue, Malvern
- Thursday 10 October at 7:30pm.

If you can’t make it, but would like to be involved, please call:
Libby Brown on 0405 154 903 or Nikki Bindley on 0412 339 972
Hi everyone,

With only one more sleep to go until the break we alert you to the ‘last and final call’ for:

- The Chocolate Drive – Closed yesterday. Late monies accepted.
- Christmas Pudding Offer – Orders close tomorrow.

The Chocolate Drive. We thank the families who have already returned their monies and ask for any late payments to be made prior to close of term tomorrow.

Last and Final Call for Puddings! Order and return your form to the office today.

Save time this Christmas and grab a pudding or two or three! They are beautifully wrapped in a Mozi ‘angel and snow crystal’ design tea towel. Available in gift size, family size and gluten free there’s one to suit everyone. You can even serve it cold as a Xmas Cake. We receive $6-$9 from each pudding sold with all funds put toward playground upgrades. Please see the ad and order form on page 8 of the newsletter (credit card also welcome).

Next term we have the following PFA initiatives to look forward to:

APS Fun Run – Tuesday October 15.
Preparation is in full swing for the Fun Run to be held in the 2nd week of Term 3. The focus of the day is participation and fun with prizes offered to the children across different categories to encourage and reward effort and contribution. We have some excellent donations from local businesses including vouchers for Bounce, 99Bikes, Tennis Lessons and AMF bowling to name a few, and are thrilled to have the Stonnington Mayor, Cr Matthew Koce, join us to present the prizes at an Assembly two weeks after the Fun Run.

Hopefully you have received the sponsorship form as these have now been sent home to all children. All funds raised will be used to create more synthetic grassed areas in the school so please help your child(ren) seek sponsorship from friends, relatives and neighbours. Remember, the more money raised, the greater the chances of winning a prize!!

The house captains have started holding practice sessions on the school courts each morning before school from 8:45am starting today, September 19th. All children are encouraged to take part in these practice sessions with prizes offered to children who participate.

We will need quite a few parent helpers so it would be great if you could put aside some time on the morning of Tuesday October 15th from 9.30am-12.30pm. Class Reps will be reaching out to organise a team of helpers for the day. If you are able to help out, please email your name, child’s class and phone number to Nicki Batagol on nbatagol@hotmail.com

2013 APS Trivia Night – Friday October 25. The donations are rolling in. October 25 looks to be a great fun-filled evening so please book the babysitter now if you haven’t done so. Silent and live auctions are planned with lots of exciting items on offer - something for every taste and budget. Over the break please have a think about what you or your business contact(s) and friends/family might contribute. All donations receive advertising on the evening – no gift too large or small. We thank the families and local business who have so generously donated goods and services, however we do encourage more. Please contact Brig or myself if you need a donor sponsor form.

Lastly we thank you, our wonderful APS community, our passionate and committed teachers, support and admin. staff, grandparents, carers, and parents, for all your support and help in what has been a very busy term. We wish everyone a safe and happy family break.

Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick
0412554434 0412128164
Email: mish@mccrgroyonline.com brigid@warwick.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents
Performing Arts News

Performing Arts Award
well done to every class who has received it so far. Keep up the good work and I look forwarding to awarding classes next term!

Senior Choir Term 3
What an excellent term of Choir! We have really challenged ourselves this term by learning two songs, one in English and one in Italian.
I have been impressed with the number of dedicated members who without fault, turn up on time every week, prepared and ready to sing.
Last Friday we said farewell to Amanda with a challenging new warm up and a lovely card made by Performing arts Leader, Mia. We will miss her next term but look forward to a new teacher joining us.
Thanks again for the students who brave the cold every Friday to work as a team to produce beautiful music.

Junior Choir Term 2
Bright and bubbly even when the temperature is freezing cold, Junior Choir has been meeting every Friday morning. Having lots of fun and learning new songs and perfecting some from the first half of the year. Junior Choir delighted the School with their EnviroWeek performance of “We can save our Planet.”
Junior choir is always happy to welcome new members from Level Two and look forward to next term.

I look forward to next term as both Choirs gear up for the Holiday Season and start rehearsing their Christmas Carols for numerous performances both in School and hopefully out.

Reminder
♦ There is NO choir this week!

Thank You
To Miss Johnson, Kylie and Amanda for giving up their Friday mornings to help run Choir. Your hard work is appreciated.

Lauren Rich
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Visual Arts News

Rightside T-Shirts  By Eliza Motion 6Z and Charlie Atkins 0J
♦ Orders are due TODAY Thursday 19th September.
♦ Please hand your order forms into the office ASAP today
♦ T-Shirts $15

Christmas Cards, Calendars and Diary Orders
Students have drawn fantastic designs that can be printed on cards, a calendar and diary for you to order. Please hand your order forms into the office before 4pm on Wednesday 16th of October (Week 2 Term 4). No orders will be accepted after this date.
♦ Cards (pack of 8) $14
♦ Calendar $12
♦ Diary $17

Art smocks
It is really important for everyone to have their own art smocks, to protect your clothing from getting stained and/dirty. Please make sure you have a smock in your classroom Smock Tub. If you do not have an Art Smock you can purchase one at the uniform shop in Kew during the holidays.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Some of this term’s Artists of the Week
The Nutty Gran’s Christmas Pudding is lighter, nuttier take on Christmas Pudding.

We have developed a super moist & popular recipe, highlighting the vine-ripened & sun-dried sultanas, raisins & currants from a Turkish family in Mildura and a load of crunch, with dry roasted almonds.

Our 2013 packaging is our second fabulous collaboration with Mozi, the Victorian design icons.

Awarded Melbourne’s BEST CHRISTMAS PUDDING, Herald Sun Food, and “5 of the Best” website’s favourite in 2012.

FRANK, FOOD & ME is a culmination of Frank (my late grandfather), me, & the people who have shared their culture, recipes & lives with me.

We celebrate Australian food heritage, heirloom recipes & produce varieties from local Victorian farmers.

Kath, Founding Mother.

This year we are collaborating on SCHOOL FUNDRAISING.

Place your order below, for a pudd that will tick all your Christmas boxes:

- **Convenience**: place your order through school, & collect from school from 9th December.
- **Gifts**: Available in gift size of 400g (serves 4), and family size of 800g (serves 8).
- **Gluten Free**: a limited number of gluten free puddings are available each year, so those of us with allergies don’t have to miss out!

ORDER no.: ..............................................................

REGULAR 400g = ________ @$20
REGULAR 800g = ________ @$30
GLUTEN FREE 400g = ________ @$20
GLUTEN FREE 800g = ________ @$30

**PAYMENT**: (please circle)
- Cash enclosed  • Cheque enclosed

Please return to your school by: __________________

**Credit Card details:**

Card no. __________________________
Name on card: __________________________
Expiry: __________ CCV: __________
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Whilst all care is taken to ensure the validity of advertisements in this newsletter we take no responsibility and imply no endorsement.

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**SoccerWise**

**School Holiday Programs**

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**Location:** Blairk College
Gringlas Sports Centre
407 Tooronga Road
East Hawthorn

www.SoccerWise.com.au
Phone 0419 253 837

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**Kids & Adult Classes**

- Piano
- Singing
- Piano-&-Singing
- Other Instruments

**Keyboard Ensemble**

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**ENROL NOW**

Music Director: Dr Yvonne Ho, AAGM, FRANZCR, FAANMS
Award Winner - Victorian Women’s Honour Roll

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**Q&A Discussion Event**

**Talking About Childhood Asthma**

**Live From The Airways**

*If you have questions about your child’s asthma, you are not alone.*

**Sunday 27th October 2013**

**4pm - 6pm**

Light refreshments will be served

Ella Latham Auditorium, Main Building, Royal Children’s Hospital

Meet our Royal Children’s Hospital panelists

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A/Prof Sarah Ranganathan
- Creator of Respiratory Medicine

Prof Colin Robertshaw
- Chief of Medicine

Dr Jo Harrison
- Respiratory Physician

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**REGISTER NOW FOR THIS FREE EVENT BY 20th OCTOBER**


Can’t make it in person? Register to watch LIVE online in our first ever asthma webcast

For more information visit: www.asthma.org.au or call (03) 9326 7088
Looking For Volunteer Host Families

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in January 2014. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Brazil, France, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Thailand, Canada and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

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