Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those parents in our community who continually give to our school of their time, their donations, and their help in the classroom and do it without complaint. So many of you contribute to this school on so many levels and the teachers and students are incredibly grateful for your input. Just this week alone, we have had School Council on Monday Night, PFA on Tuesday, Book Fair Selling on Wednesday, today parents helped sort out chocolates for our Chocolate Fundraiser, and also today a wonderful army of parents wrapped presents for the Father’s Day stall and tomorrow there will be more Mums and Dads helping to sell the presents and then there will be more parents braving the elements at the District Athletics. Most of you tonight will be helping the children get ready for the Book Parade and I hope you can stay to watch the children at our Parade on Friday morning. Next week, more of you have volunteered to help out with Italian Day.

We probably never take the time to acknowledge all your help and support and we are incredibly grateful. None of these extra-curricular activities would ever run as well as they do if we didn’t have your help. I constantly have prospective parents telling me about the wonderful things they have heard about Armadale Primary School and the very inclusive parent community. Hopefully everyone accepts this as a personal thank you and acknowledgement of your ongoing support.

Book Week: Read Across the Universe

Thank you to the many parents who visited the Book Fair this week and placed orders to purchase books. It’s great to see the terrific enthusiasm that our students have for the wonderful world of books and we are grateful for your support here. All students enjoyed a very entertaining performance from the African Drumming group on Wednesday and today our students were treated to a musical performance “Space Jump”. Our Book Week celebrations will culminate with the parade tomorrow morning and we hope you may be able to join us between 9.00 and 10.00am to watch a myriad of book characters come to life. I hope the weather will be kind and Malcolm Dow has assured me that if there is inclement weather, our parade will be in the MPC.

A big thank you to Sara Powell who came in to work in the library and help set up the Book Fair, giving up a few days of her family leave and Malcolm Dow, for all of their efforts in putting together another very successful Book Week program. Thank you to all the many parents who helped out at the Book Fair. I wish the children many happy hours of reading with their new books.

Father’s Day Stall – Friday 23rd August

(ALL dads stop reading and skip to the next part)

Tomorrow, our wonderful PFA is running the Father’s day stall, superbly lead by Kristen Steele and Susan Hucker. Thank you to all the Armadale families who have donated presents for this stall and Mum if you can please remember to pop $5 in an envelope in the school bag on Friday morning to enable the children to purchase a gift for Dad, or a special Uncle, friend, or even Granddad. The children do get quite distressed if their money has been left on the kitchen bench at home. Thank you again to all the Mums and Dads for helping out with the wrapping of the gifts and the whole Father’s day Stall.

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Staffing for 2014
Most schools are starting to look at their staffing for 2014 and I would be most appreciative if parents could finalise any sibling enrolments for Prep 2014 before the end of August and similarly if parents are exiting their children out of Armadale for next year, who are currently in Prep to Grade 5, could you please advise the office as soon as you are aware of your child’s acceptance into another setting by completing the form below on this page. This will also help with the new enrolment enquiries I have been receiving for families moving into the area. It is always an anxious time for our staff that are on contracts and I would like to be able to offer them security of employment for another year. I am most grateful for your support with this matter.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Warm regards,
Rochelle Cukier
Principal

District Athletics - August 23rd
Congratulations to all students who have been selected to represent Armadale Primary School at the District Athletics. We wish you all the very best in your various events and you should be incredibly proud of your sporting achievements to get so far. I hope the weather is kind to you on the day and many thanks to Peter Cracknell for organising all the students and a huge thank you to those parents who will be attending on the day and assisting with supervision and supporting our students.

District Athletics

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’s name: _______________________

Child’s name: _______________________

will be attending the following school:
___________________________________
___________________________________

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.

Enrolment

This Week’s Awards

Visual Artist Edward Cooper
Visual Art Class 4F
You Can Do It! Awards:
Poppy Morrison 0C
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Calista Yap 0P
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Tom Coath 2J
Lucy Silk 2P
Henry Stringer 2S
Tom Walters 4B
Celia Dixon 4C
Claire Sorger 4C
Christian Lignos 4F
Nikola Athanasopoulos 4S
Elliana Martelli 4W
Charlie Amad 4W
Ashur Petrie Harman 6N
Charlotte Graham 6N
Jamieson Kennedy 6W
Yasmin Edwards 6W
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Enrolment
Hi everyone,

We know we are asking a lot from you at the moment however we would just like to remind everyone of why we work so hard and ask so much from you for our kids.

The plain fact is that we are becoming increasingly dependent on fundraising to maintain our exceptional standards in educating our children from Prep through to Level 6. The funds raised directly benefit the children inside the classroom and help maintain and upgrade facilities outside in their important social and play environment. Unfortunately, tuition fees alone do not cover the running costs of our primary school.

More specifically, we have identified the key need for more synthetic grass and shade areas for the school playground for 2013 to enable the children to utilise more of the available space in imaginative play and activities at both recess and lunch. (not to mention the loss of our shade cloth in the playground due to high winds which needs to be replaced before the summer sun hits – a high cost which was not foreseen).

We have both minor and major fundraising events each year which directly contribute to all our children’s needs. As always, we appreciate any help you can offer. We hope you can take the time to ‘cherry pick’ which event(s) you may be able to help with financially or time-wise and look forward to working with you.

Please also remember that each PFA activity is specifically targeting student needs as identified by the PFA only. Other activities such as Book Week, Healthy Breakfast and Italian Day are also major important events that keep our children engaged in learning but are all initiated by APS and have our full endorsement.

If you can assist and would like to participate, take on a leadership role or have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email either Brigid or myself directly. If you have any concerns we would also like to hear them directly.

We thank you for your support – as do all our kids.

We request help for the following if you can:

- Chocolate Drive and Father’s Day Stall – check your email inbox.
- Election Day Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle – Saturday September 7.
- 2013 APS Trivia Night – Friday October 25.

More on these next week.

Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick
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Email: mish@mcegoryonline.com
brigid@warwick.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents

Level 2: Parent Reading Information Night

Date: Monday 2 September
Time: 6.30 – 7.00pm
Place: Performing Arts Room

We invite parents to a reading information evening.
We will address how you can support your child with their reading at home.
We look forward to seeing you,

Level 2 Teachers

Coming PFA Events

- PFA meeting Tuesday 20 August
- Chocolate drive Thursday 22 August
- Father’s Day stall Friday 23 August
- Christmas Pudding drive early September
- Election Day cake stall and sausage sizzle Saturday 7 September
- APS Trivia Night Friday 25 October

Foundation Bulletin

This week’s and last week’s Foundation bulletins are on the website under your child’s class in the Students tab or click here to go the Level and Specialist Bulletins page on our website.
Assistant Principal

Book Week - Read Across the Universe
Book Week is underway and running along beautifully. We have had our Book Fair and thanks to Sara Powell and a number of parents who assisted her, have managed to sell a huge number of books to the delight of many of our students. We have also had our two performances; the Wala African Dance group and Perform Musicals doing Space Jump. Both of these performances have been very well received by the students and teachers, and helped create a great festive atmosphere for Book Week. We are really looking forward to the finale – our Book Parade tomorrow morning. If the weather is inclement we will still run a parade in the MPC. Thanks again to Sara for all the work she puts in behind the scenes to create a fantastic Book Fair as well as all the work she does on a weekly basis, along with Pauline Eldredge, to keep our library humming along beautifully.

EnviroWeek 26-30 August
Next week we will be involved in EnviroWeek, where all the classes will be taking on a range of Sustainability Challenges. Here is a link to the EnviroWeek website, run by Cool Australia. It was great to have Jason Kimberley here as Principal for a Day last week, and he has helped guide each level with their special challenge for the week. It would be great for parents to get involved too and try some of the challenges at home. Here is a list of the challenges that each level is doing:
- Foundation: Go Fresh – Nude Food
- Level 2: Tree Hugger – Reduce Paper Use
- Level 4: Waste Warrior – Go Tap – no bottled water
- Level 6: Sparky – Reduce energy use

The website link above will direct you to some specific ideas for each of these challenges.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge
Just another reminder that the Premiers’ Reading Challenge finishes at the end of August, so all the students in levels 2-6 should be working towards their required amount of books. It is important to check that your child has read the minimum of Challenge books, as we have discovered a few cases where children have many books recorded on the website, but not enough challenge books to meet the criteria. If your child has read enough books to meet the challenge (this message will appear on the website), could you please send a message to your child’s classroom teacher confirming that they have read the books entered on the website, in order to complete the challenge.

Working Bee Donation
For those parents who will be unable to attend the Working Bee on Saturday 31 August, 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

Expiration Date: _____ / _____  Cardholder’s Name: __________________________

Signature: __________________________

Thank you to the following families who made a donation to our Grounds Fund:
Scotti, Iezzi and Motion

Assistant Principal
Daffodil Day 23rd August

The office will be selling Daffodil items during Book Week this year and if you are visiting the Book Parade on Friday, why not pop into the office to buy something for this worthy cause.

You can also send money to school with your child during that week (along with their Father’s Day money perhaps?)

I am sure they will love this year’s
- gardening Dougal Bear $6.00
- footy $5.00,
- wristband $2.00
- or one of the other items we will be selling.

Nicky Stoupas (mum of Spencer 6N, Mimi 4B, Nicholas 0P) will also be doing her annual Daffodil Fundraising on Friday 23rd August.

Please remember to bring some change along to the Book Parade or look out for her before or after school today or tomorrow.

Pens $6, Pins $5, Magnets $4, Footies $7. Or gold coin donations greatly appreciated.

Armadillo Survey

Dear Parent Community,

On the 8th of August, 2013, a survey was issued in the newsletter and via email about the future circulation of the Armadillo yearbook. The survey asked if you were happy for your family to receive one copy only of the Armadillo rather than one copy per child. Voting closed at 11:45pm on the 21st of August.

We had a large number of responses, with the overwhelming majority of you supporting a one-copy-per-family circulation (see graph below).

As such, we will now proceed with issuing one copy per family. (Where there is a year 6 student in the family, an additional yearbook will be printed).

The two positive outcomes from changing to one copy per family, include, an increased use of colour photos and a reduction in the overall consumption of paper.

Thank you for your participation and support.

Mat Sweetlove
Armadillo Co-ordinator

Student Absences

Thank you for the feedback from the parents who have used our new online absence system to register your child’s absence from school via the school website.

The link is on the home page of our school website on the slider bar under the photo gallery.

Click on the link ‘Student Absence’ and you will be taken to a form which, once completed, will be emailed to the school.

We hope this new system will be easy for parents to use, but all feedback is welcomed. Please let us know what you think by emailing us at armadale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Armadillo Survey

Answer Choices | Responses
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TRUE | 82.42%
FALSE | 17.58%
Performing Arts News

Performing Arts Class of the Week:
No award for this week

Choir

There will be NO Junior or Senior choir at 8.15am this Friday due to the Book Parade.

However, there will be choir rehearsals for both choirs during their lunch break on Friday.

♦ Junior choir will have a rehearsal between 1.30-2.30pm.
♦ Senior choir will have a rehearsal between 12.30-1.30pm.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Assembly Performances
If you would like to perform in Assembly this term please see me at recess on WEDNESDAYS to arrange a performance.

After School Music Tuition – Information provided at the office.

Until next week.

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

Visual Arts News

Level 2 Federation Square Excursion
On Friday 16th all Level 2 students went to Federation Square for the day. Students were taken around the outside of Federation Square and we were told all about what was there beforehand and how Federation Square was built. We also found out about the pattern of triangles that covers the building. The pattern consists of triangles, combined together to make a bigger triangle and then that bigger triangle is combined with bigger triangles, and again repeated. This pattern can go for infinity! We also visited the Ian Potter Gallery and Screen Worlds and played in the Birrarung Marr Playground. What a fun day!

Art Smocks
It is really important for everyone to have their own art smocks, to protect your clothing from getting stained and dirty. Please ensure smocks are thick enough to prevent paint from coming through onto clothing, cotton smocks are not the best when working with wet media. If you do not have an Art Smock you can purchase one at the uniform shop in Kew.

No Need for Newspapers this Term
Thank you so very much for bringing in Newspapers throughout Term 1 and 2. We have a huge supply at the moment, so at this stage (most likely the whole of Term 3) we won’t be needing any old newspapers from home. Thanks again!

Visual Art Class of the Week
4F
For the outstanding job they did working in teams to decorate their Book Week frogs. Keep it up 4F.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Visual Artist of the Week
Edward Cooper 0J

For the enthusiasm he displayed when making his rocket. Excellent woodwork skills Edward!
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<td>For using and helping others to use strategies such as talking and listening to solve problems. Well done Poppy!</td>
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<td>For always trying to do his best! You should be so proud of your efforts Jack!</td>
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<td><strong>Axy Park 0J</strong></td>
<td>For being persistent and not giving up when making pom-poms with our buddies. A tricky activity that required lots of patience. Well done, Axy!</td>
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<td><strong>Giselle Mangano 0P</strong></td>
<td>For concentrating when writing and for looking at words closely when reading.</td>
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<td><strong>Calista Yap 0P</strong></td>
<td>For making a great effort to look after her belongings. Well done!</td>
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<td><strong>Maya Hurwitz 2E</strong></td>
<td>For the persistent attitude she has displayed when working hard to complete classroom tasks within the allotted time.</td>
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<td><strong>Tom Coath 2J</strong></td>
<td>For using the You Can Do It foundation of Persistence in all of his Numeracy activities. Keep it up Tom!!</td>
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<td><strong>Lucy Silk 2P</strong></td>
<td>For the confident predictions and articulate observations she contributed to our 'Dissolving Experiments'. Great work, Lucy!</td>
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<td><strong>Henry Stringer 2S</strong></td>
<td>For working enthusiastically and co-operatively during Investigations. Keep it up Henry!</td>
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<td><strong>Tom Walters 4B</strong></td>
<td>For actively being engaged in this week's lesson on Empathy. You demonstrated seeing two points of view on an issue. Keep it up, Tom!</td>
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<td><strong>Celia Dixon 4C</strong></td>
<td>For showing a positive and consistent effort towards all activities and for her active and respectful listening.</td>
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<td><strong>Claire Sorger 4C</strong></td>
<td>For consistently aiming to improve her learning outcomes and for displaying a positive and engaged attitude to her work. Well done!</td>
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<td><strong>Christian Lignos 4F</strong></td>
<td>For the effort he has put into posing questions for investigation and the details he has been adding to his presentations. Keep up the good work.</td>
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<td><strong>Nikola Athanasopoulos 4S</strong></td>
<td>For the persistence and enthusiasm you display with every class activity and for regularly sharing your ideas during class discussions. Eccellente!</td>
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<td><strong>Elliana Martelli 4W</strong></td>
<td>For showing great confidence when completing sequences using forward rolls and cart wheels in Tri Skills. A fantastic effort Elliana!</td>
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<td><strong>Charlie Amad 4W</strong></td>
<td>For participating enthusiastically and making valuable contributions to class discussions. Well done Charlie!</td>
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<td><strong>Ashur Petrie Harman 6N</strong></td>
<td>For reading persistently in order to complete and achieve the Premiers’ Reading Challenge - well done Ashur, keep it up!</td>
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<td><strong>Charlotte Graham 6N</strong></td>
<td>For confidently and positively teaching a group of foundation students to play a Maths game - what a wonderful sight to see you all so engaged!</td>
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<td><strong>Jamieson Kennedy 6W</strong></td>
<td>For working co-operatively with Yasmin on her Italian Project and for displaying good research skills. Great work Jamieson!</td>
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<td><strong>Toby Yeats 6Z</strong></td>
<td>For being a co-operative member of the class and engaging very well in discussions about empathy. You showed respect towards other class members and contributed well to our discussions. Great work Toby!</td>
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Italian Day at Armadale Primary School
Friday
30 August 2013

Special Assembly
9-9.45am - all welcome

Italian songs, cooking, art activities, gelati van, dancing and much more... these are just some of the activities planned for our Italian day.

Special performance of ‘Cenerentola’, Cinderella, a modern take on the popular fairy tale, in Italian and English

Students dress up in Italian colours, verde (green), bianco (white), rosso (red)

The **timetable** for the day is as follows-

- **9-9.45am** - Special assembly (on the stage)
- **10.30-11am** - Activities (parent help required)
- **11-11.30am** - Recess
- **11.30-12.30** - Cenerentola Performance and activities (parent help required)
- **12.30-1.30pm** - Lunchtime (Parent help required with gelati)
- **1.30-3.00pm** - Cenerentola Performance and activities (parent help required)
- **3.00-3.30pm** - Students go back to classrooms (parent help required to pack up)

Some important information:
- Activities will be in **multi-age groups**.
- Parent helper’s jobs include helping the teacher during each activity, resetting the room for the next group, and cleaning and tidying at the end of the day.
- **Lunch orders will be available as usual**.
- A gelati van will serve gelato at lunch time, children with allergies will be offered an icy pole.

Please complete form below or email Vita if you are able to help on the day

**ITALIAN DAY HELP REQUEST**

I am interested in helping on **Italian Day** Friday 30 August.

Name ________________________ Mobile no.____________________ email ____________

My child/ren’s name/s and class ________________________________

I am available at the following time/s: _________________________

Grazie mille and looking forward to a great day!
Vita Vampatella, Languages Co-ordinator, Beatrice Venturin, Italian Language Assistant
vampatella.vita.v@edumail.vic.gov.au
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Malvern Cricket Club Juniors Registration - Boys and Girls

Registration is now open for U11, U13 and U15 players for Malvern Cricket Club Juniors. Practices are typically held on Wednesday and Thursday nights at Malvern City Oval (next to the Town Hall) and home games are held at Central Park, T. H. King Reserve, Menzies Reserve, Gardiner Park and Basil Reserve. Teams are fielded on Friday nights, Saturday and Sunday mornings. This year the club will also be fielding a Wednesday evening Girls team (age bracket 12-16 year olds).

Applications are also open to our Pathways Programme, an intra-Club competition for U10 players which is held on Friday nights and Saturday morning.

For further information and to register by mail: visit http://www.malverncricketjuniors.com.au and download an application form.
To register in person: come to the Registration Day Sunday 1st September 9.30 am – 12.00pm at the Malvern Cricket Club (next to the Malvern Town Hall). Registrations close on Friday 6 September.
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Escape to the Peninsula this school holidays and be rewarded

Coast and Country Getaways are offering you a great school holidays escape package. Combining accommodation in one of our gorgeous beach houses, along with activity vouchers for the whole family to keep everyone happy.

With an easy commute to the city, you can base yourself at the beach, but still feel connected to all that goes on in Melbourne.

**Option One:**
Book any of our gorgeous 3 bedroom homes* for a minimum of 3 nights in Blairgowrie, Rye or Safety Beach and receive, free:
- One pamper session at Endota or Marlo Day Spas
- One $100 voucher for kids school holiday activities (tennis, golf or art/craft)

*Houses include: Blairgowrie Beach Shack, Blairgowrie Bella, Sunset on Scott, The Perfect Beach House, The Front Beach Shack, Carinya, Whitenest Apartment, Coveside, Rye Beach House

**Option Two:**
Book one of our 4 bedroom homes** for a minimum of 3 nights in Blairgowrie or Sorrento and receive, free:
- Two pamper sessions at Endota or Marlo Day Spas
- Two vouchers for kids school holiday activities (tennis, golf or art/craft)

**Houses include: The Front Beach House, Aristines, Capri Grove, Tallarook Beach House

Please view our web site for details of the homes.

Valid 2013

For bookings contact
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