Dear Parents,

What a fantastic week of showcasing we have had at Armadale Primary School with Education Week this week. Our school is also highlighted on the Education Department website with our activities planned, particularly for tomorrow being the SRC pyjama day to raise money for the Jodie O’Shea Orphanage in Bali.

I hope all of you have been able to visit the school at some point and see your children at work and at play and enjoying the many curriculum based learning activities and extra-curricular activities that are provided by the school. I received wonderful feedback on the evening from parents in the classrooms about how much the students are enjoying their learning and the difference that their teachers are making. It was a great opportunity for all of our teachers to receive some well-deserved feedback. To those parents whom I didn’t get the chance to speak to, I would love you to send me an email about what you have seen within the school and in your child’s classroom.

On Tuesday night for our open evening; we were treated to a beautiful performance from our senior choir and then a very entertaining one from our junior choir and I would like to acknowledge and thank the work of Lauren Rich, Amanda Wilson, Colleen Johnson and Kylie Ashton who put in additional hours on top of their teaching load to offer the opportunity for our children to sing, connect and belong to a choir.

This was then followed by a very memorable presentation from the blind guitarist, Lorin Nicholson. Rather than have me share my reflections I asked one of parents, Andrew Bounos (Amy 6W) who was there on Tuesday night if he wouldn’t mind sharing his with me from his perspective as a parent.

This is what Andrew had to say:

Dear Rochelle,

A big thank-you to all the wonderful staff and students for organising and participating in yesterday’s open day at the school. It was an opportunity for all to celebrate the many and varied talents of the students and applaud the exemplary job being done by all in making Armadale such a great school to be a part of.

My wife Helen and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening and in particular the awe-inspiring presentation and musical performance by Lorin Nicholson later in the day. What an inspiration this gentleman is! Lorin blew everyone away, speaking candidly yet lucidly about his own life experience (he was diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa at age 4 and currently has less than 6% of normal vision). He is a living advocate for perseverance in the face of adversity. It was truly humbling hearing how many of life’s hurdles he has overcome and then some!

His message no doubt was well received by all in attendance and particularly the students that were lucky enough to be able to stay behind to listen to him speak and play his guitar.

As I write this I’m listening to one of Lorin’s CD’s that I purchased on the night.

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Those that have heard Lorin play will attest to his mastery of the six string and I would recommend his music to anyone. He is undoubtedly an accomplished musician with heartfelt renditions of both his own and other’s pieces.

During his talk, Lorin narrated to us a true story about his dream as a teenager to ride his bike from his home town of Tamworth to the beach at Port Macquarie some 270 km’s away which he successfully achieved (despite many obstacles) with the support of his family. The book he subsequently wrote about this adventure “The Amazing Race” is an easy to read testament of true grit when the going gets tough and I would suggest to anyone who would like to inspire themselves or their children to borrow one of the several copies now available in the school library and marvel at the determination shown by this remarkable human being.

In 2010, Lorin’s love of cycling (with support from Vision Australia) led him and his brother Dean (also diagnosed with RP) to triumphantly complete the first ever tandem bicycle crossing by a legally blind person from Perth to Sydney. Today being ride, walk or scoot to school day, we will all be thinking of Lorin Nicholson and his amazing achievements. My year 6 daughter Amy and I will be dusting off our tandem and doing our little bit for the event and lo and behold any hills that get in our way!

Finally, there is a distinct possibility that Lorin will be revisiting Armadale again in the not too distant future. I for one will aim to be there and I implore everyone who gets the chance to see him speak and perform next time around do so and in the meantime perhaps check out some of his work online at www.lorinnicholson.com

Yours Sincerely

Andrew Bounos

Thank you so very much Andrew and I hope that your feelings are replicated by all our parents at APS. I also had an email from Jo D’Cruz about her feelings after Lorin’s presentation and this is what Jo said:

An amazing man and the kids and I all spoke on the way home about never giving up no matter how hard things are. One of my favorite quotes is, “You never know how strong you are until strength is your only option”. Lorin was a shining example of that. Thank you, Jo.

I am also very proud of the way that Lewis O’Donnell and Aiden D’Cruz spoke at our assembly on Wednesday morning about their reflections on and recollections of Lorin’s performance. The boys were given no prior warning to speak, they spoke from the heart and I was highly impressed by the level of detail they recalled. Well done boys! A number of parents kindly donated to Lorin’s charity on Tuesday night via gold coin at the door, if you forgot or would like to make a donation, please drop into the office or slip it into your child’s bag in an envelope to be left at the office. The school is keen to support Lorin as much as possible.

Kathy Walker Presentation

Another parent presentation which you may be interested in is being held at the Carnegie Library on Wednesday 29th May and is being presented by Kathy Walker. The topic is ‘Understanding children’s behaviour: survival tips for parents’. Kathy is a highly regarded early childhood educator and we are implementing elements of her pedagogical practices in our school. The cost is only $6.00 and you must register online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au.

A book review from James Gray, one of our library leaders.

James Gray
6W
Interviews
Lachlan Stott 0J

James: What is your favourite book?
Lachlan: “Ten thousand sheep get driven home.”
James: Do you like it?
Lachlan: It has a happy ending
James: So do you like all books with happy endings?
Lachlan: Yes
James: What is your favourite part?
Lachlan: The end of the book
James: Who is your favourite character?
Lachlan: Dave
James: Who is he?
Lachlan: He owns the sheep
James: Who would you recommend the book to?
Lachlan: My mum and dad and my sister and brother
James: Thanks for doing this book review, Lachlan

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Bon Voyage Connie
Connie Apostolos is taking 5 weeks long service leave from Monday and we wish her and her family a wonderful holiday overseas. We welcome Mary Rodder during that time to look after Class C. Angela Sozzi will return from leave on Monday 27th May and I would like to acknowledge and thank Kate Pilgrim for all the work she has done with 2S.

Cybersafety Forum for Parents in Level 6
I am looking forward to sharing with you our reflections from this forum and we hope that it was of some use in helping parents keep their children safe online.

Stonnington Leader is visiting our school
Today at 10.00am a reporter and photographer came to our school to take a photo of our SRC leaders and students in their pyjamas, promoting their fundraiser for tomorrow. The SRC is becoming increasingly globally minded and outward thinking which is a great thing to see and I was delighted by the initiative shown by them to want to donate to the Jodie O’Shea orphanage in Bali. We are hoping that enough money will be raised to buy the children at the orphanage some digital cameras. Looking forward to the children having a wonderful day on Friday.

Level 4 Cocktail Party Friday 24th May
The last of our cocktail parties should not be the least and I am looking forward to seeing as many Level 4 parents as possible at this event. Make sure all the babysitters are booked and you can all enjoy the evening.

Level 6 Camp
Our Level 6 students have been dreaming about penguins, flying foxes, the Nobbies, surf beaches and sleeping in cabins. That’s because their camp is only 4 sleeps away!

On Monday morning, 70 students and 6 staff will head off down to Phillip Island for their 5 day camp at the Phillip Island Adventure resort camp. If you look at their website, http://piar.cyc.org.au/general-information/. It is not like the camps I used to go to, so I have no doubt that the students will have an amazing time. Thank you in advance to the Level 6 team; Robin, Zaim and Amanda who have put in many hours into the organisation and planning of the camp. Our camp would not be possible without these teachers being as committed and dedicated as they are.

Accompanying these teachers will be Peter Cracknell, Nick Honeywood (Robin’s student teacher), Ben Eretz (Anita’s student teacher), Beatrice Venturin (our Italian assistant), Andrew Bounos, and myself, swapping over with Malcolm on Wednesday. To our Level 6 parents, we will all take wonderful care of your children and we hope you enjoy a slightly quieter household with one less person for 5 days.

Whilst Malcolm and I will both be at camp on the Wednesday, Virginia Wallace will be in charge and the Level 4 students will lead the assembly that morning.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Warm regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Working Bee
Thank you also to the Fleetwood, Coull & Portnoy families for their donation to our grounds fund.

UpWords
If any family has the game UpWords that they would like to donate to the school to help one of our students, could you please bring it to the office. Thank you.

The Italian phrase of the week is ...

Cosa ti metti questo venerdì?
What will you wear this Friday?

Mi metto il pigiama.
I will wear my pyjamas.

Ted e Oscar 4N
Assistant Principal

Walk Safely to School Day
We had a great turnout for our Walk Safely to School Day. Thank you to all the families who are making a real difference to their own health and the health of our environment by choosing a more active mode of transport to and from school. Even if it is just one or two days a week, it can still make a real difference, and develops really good habits in the children which may carry on to later in life.

Cybersafety Session
Thank you to all the Level 6 parents who came to our Cybersafety Session in the Library this morning. It is an ever growing issue that can be addressed by some good practices and protocols being developed and is a one of the many areas of learning where a strong partnership between home and school is so critical.

Good 2 Go Program
We have had a quite a few families book their children in to the Good 2 Go program in the coming school holidays, however there are still a few places left for Armadale Primary Students. The Good 2 Go program is a 2 day course for 8-12 year olds teaching them the skills necessary to be confident active travellers. This is a great opportunity for Armadale students to become better skilled when actively travelling to school. The best news is that because of our special partnership with BNV, we are able to offer a limited number of places free of charge (normally $50). Please note that this is during the July school holidays and runs from 10.00am – 2.00pm. Students in this program would not be able to be at Holiday Program on those days.

For entry please email or phone Alex Hender at BNV
email: alexh@bicyclenetwork.com.au
phone: (03) 8376 8822

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

SRC Pyjama Day & Raffle
Jodie O’Shea Orphanage, Bali

Tomorrow, Friday 24th May SRC are running a special pyjama and movie day to help raise money for the Jodie O’Shea Orphanage in Bali.

Please come in your pyjamas and bring a gold coin.

♦ Movie
Everyone is invited to watch a movie during lunch, so bring a small pillow, blanket or teddy and join in the fun!

♦ Raffle
Please bring a further $1 to enter our raffle for a $50 Build a Bear voucher.

Thank you.

SRC

This Week’s Awards

Performing Arts Class 2S
Visual Artist Amy Catrice
Visual Art Class 2S
You Can Do It! Awards:
Coco Gallichio 0C
Pascale Mogford 0J
Catalina Addis 2A
Birinderjit Singh 2J
Indiana McKenzie 2P
Christian Fernandez 4C
Celia Dixon 4C
Lulu McLaughlin 4F
Evan Polyzos 4F
Jett Bolt 4S
Clea Robinson 4S
Charlie Sorell 4W
Aiden D’Cruz 6W
Joe McKenna 6W

Parents and Friends for Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

Remaining events for this term include:

♦ Level 4 Cocktail Party – Tomorrow evening at The Mt Erica Hotel from 7.30pm.
♦ Scout Raffle – Tickets distributed 17 June. Win a car, camper trailer or overseas holiday!

Level 4 parents, have a wonderful time at The Mt Erica tomorrow night!

The Scout Raffle offers some wonderful prizes. We will be distributing ticket books to each child next month – more on this to come.

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

House Points
Rose won this week’s house points. Congratulations to all the children in Rose who will enjoy 10 minutes extra play.

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Thank you.  SRC
Performing Arts News

Performing Arts Award: 2S - for their excellent Xylophone playing and for remembering that “Every Good Boy Deserves Fruit FACE”.

Choir 2013

Open Night
Choir had its first performance of the term on Tuesday night. Senior Choir performed first with a warm up round and then went straight into “Fix you” by Coldplay lead by some talented trios of singers. Senior Choir finished their performance with Sia’s “Bring Night”. Junior Choir capped off the night by giving an insight to what a Choir rehearsal looked like complete with breathing exercises and rehearsal of songs.

Thank you for all who attended and for both Senior and Junior Choir’s hard work.

Choir is on this Friday 8:15am
Senior Choir is in the Performing Arts room.
Junior Choir is in the Science Room.

New Members are always welcomed.
Please come and see me if you have any questions about either Junior or Senior choir and would like to join.

Do you play an instrument and would like to perform next Wednesday in Assembly? Please see me A.S.A.P!

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

Final T-Shirt Designs will be finished in Visual Art Classes this week
All students will participate in the ‘Rightside T-Shirt Design Contest as part of this term’s Visual Art program. Everyone will come up with a design that could be printed on a T-shirt. Our focus will be on Sustainability/Caring for our Environment. This focus will complement our school’s journey to becoming a Green School. The winning design will be printed onto T-shirts which can be purchased by students. 100% of the profits from the shirts go directly back to our school to fund art education.

Visual Artist of the Week
Amy Catrice 4F

For the care and effort she made when printing and painting her ‘Living Things’ piece. It looks fantastic!

Visual Art Class of the Week 2S
For their excellent T-shirt designs. Keep up the fantastic work 2S!

Art Smocks
We are doing Printing and Painting all this term so it is really important for everyone to have their own art smocks. 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.

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 has been dropping off newspapers so far.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Foundation Bulletin

This week’s Level 1 bulletin for Foundation parents is on the website under your child’s class in the Students tab or click here.
Level 6 Sport tomorrow
Please note that modified sports activities will take place at school. All children will need to bring runners to school on Friday.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

Sports News

District Cross Country

Last Friday 15th May, 47 students went to represent Armadale in the District Cross Country. The 9-10s ran 2km and the 11-13s ran 3kms. The cross country was all day and the 9-10 boys were first, followed by the 11 year old group and lastly the 12/13 competitors. There was a medal ceremony for 1st, 2nd & 3rd for each event. Everyone put in a fantastic effort and gave one hundred percent.

The students that were involved with the cross country were:

We also congratulate the following children who finished in the top eight and will now go on and compete in the Beachside Division Cross Country. Charlotte S (pictured) - 2nd, Daisy E - 8th, Will S - 4th, Lewis O’D - 6th, Isla T - 8th, Holly L - 7th and Winnie L - 6th.

A big thank you to the teachers and parents who supported the team.

Charlotte S & Nick H (Sports Leaders)
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.

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- 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

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<td>For using her words nicely when speaking to class mates and always getting involved and having a go.</td>
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<td>For making good choices and becoming a great listener and an attentive learner.</td>
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<td>For demonstrating resilience whilst being taken ill at school. You are a brave boy Birin!!</td>
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<td>For presenting her investigation into the result of too many trees being cut down. You gave us all something to think about. Thank you.</td>
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<td>Christian Fernandez 4C</td>
<td>For being a polite and respectful student and for demonstrating excellent getting along and resilience when interacting with his peers. Well done Christian!</td>
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<td>For engaging positively and enthusiastically during our excursion to the Glen Iris Wetlands. A wonderful effort and terrific attitude Celia!</td>
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<td>Lulu McLaughlin 4F</td>
<td>For demonstrating positive work habits and actively participating in class discussions.</td>
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<td>For his creative crossword clues that he developed in relation to the weekend’s activities.</td>
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<td>Jett Bolt 4S</td>
<td>For the fantastic connections you made between your learning at Glen Iris Wetlands and our science learning intentions. Fantastic effort!</td>
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<td>Clea Robinson 4S</td>
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