Dear Parents,

**Foundation Cocktail Party**
On behalf of the school community I would like to sincerely thank all of our Foundation Parents who very generously supported the Foundation Cocktail Party held last Friday evening at the Metro Gallery. It was standing room only as we had a terrific response from the Foundation parents for this event. I hope everyone enjoyed the evening and managed to meet some new faces and establish some new links and organise play dates for their children. What also thrilled me was all the positive feedback I received about how happy the children are and have settled into school routines.

Thank you especially to Bill and Dimi Sideris (Angella’s parents 0C) for their incredibly generous donation of all the alcohol, Anita Archer (Lucy and Freya’s Mum 0J and 0C) for her contact with Metro Gallery, the Metro Gallery for allowing us to hold our party at their venue, the Art works were amazing, Kimberley Fleetwood for her stunning catering, and many thanks also to our Foundation class reps Natalie Graham and Lisa Le Deux for assisting with the organisation of the event. What a great start to our cocktail party season for 2013!

**Easter Raffle**
A huge thank you to all families who have donated Easter eggs/treats over the last fortnight. We have had a terrific response to this fundraiser. Thanks to Mish and Brigid and the PFA team for all their gorgeous gift wrapping, we now have a wonderful selection of hampers to give away at our final assembly today.

**Harmony Day**
We all enjoyed a terrific whole school assembly yesterday to kick off this year’s Harmony Day program. The students looked great in a vast range of colourful clothing that was representative of their own family heritage. Each level of the school sang a song during the assembly. With the theme being Many Stories – One Australia it was wonderful that a number of parents and grandparents shared their stories with the students of their immigration to Australia. At lunchtime, many grades enjoyed some very yummy treats to further celebrate the cultural diversity within our school; sincere thanks to the many parents who supported Harmony Day with these home cooked goodies.

Once again I would like to thank our Italian Language teacher, Vita Vampatella, for organising all aspects of our very engaging Harmony Day program. Vita did an amazing job and on behalf of the whole community, Grazie Vita!

**Thank you Tonga Kelly (Jett Kelly’s dad 4W)**
Another of our fabulous dad’s has been helping out around the school fixing broken rails and electrical fittings. We are so fortunate to have dads like Tonga and Ray who help us keep our school safe for children.

**Have a wonderful long service leave Mrs Frankel**
The students in 4F will miss Mrs Frankel over the first 4 weeks of Term 2 as she embarks on an overseas trip with her husband to visit her son. However Mrs Mary Rodder, whom all of the children in 4F know, will continue to provide excellent teaching and learning in the 4F classroom over those 4 weeks. We look forward to hearing about Mrs Frankel’s holiday.

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**This Week’s Events**
**Thursday 28 March**
- Easter raffle drawn at assembly
- End of term - children will be dismissed at 2.30pm following assembly at 1.50pm

**Coming Events**
**Monday 15 April**
- Term 2 commences at 9.00am

**Tuesday 16 April**
- Foundation Home Reading Information Night 6.30-7.15pm in Performing Arts Room

**Friday 19 April**
- Term 2 Excursion Levy payment & permission due
- Level 6 Cocktail Party

**Monday 22 April**
- Level 4 & 6 Swimming commences

**Thursday 25 April**
- Anzac Day public holiday (school closed)
- Senior Choir commences at 8.15am in Performing Arts room
- Junior choir commences at 8.15am in the Science room

**Friday 10 May**
- Level 2 Cocktail Party

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End of Term Arrangements
The final assembly for term 1 will be held in the multipurpose room from approximately 1:50 pm today. Please note that all children will be dismissed early at 2:30pm from this assembly to begin their term one vacation.

School will resume for Term 2 on Monday 15th April.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our Armadale families a fantastic time over the school holidays, enjoy the time spent with cherished family and friends especially when many different faiths celebrate this special time around Easter. The wonderful thing about this time of year is that it is full of symbolism and meaning and special foods and opportunities for families to celebrate over large dinners and gatherings. Please also take the time to wind down and relax, be refreshed and reinvigorated for a terrific Term Two at Armadale Primary School.

Warm regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Performing Arts News

Performing Arts Award: Due to planning week and end of term disruptions we do not have a Performing Arts Class of the week, but I look forward to awarding a class first week of term 2.

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

After discussion with the faculty, students and parents we have decided that for term two both choirs will now 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!

Choir will resume week 2 of Term 2 on FRIDAY THE 26th April.

New comers are welcomed to begin choir in Term 2. 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 term.

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

Notizie d’italiano

Short term accommodation required for the Italian language assistant arriving first week of Term 2 - Friday 19th April.

We are very fortunate to have a language assistant coming to our school to assist with the Italian program. She will arrive in the first week of term 2 and will require temporary accommodation with a host family for about 4 weeks. We are sharing the language assistant with Caulfield South Primary School and we require an Armadale Primary School family to host her for a week or two until she finds permanent accommodation. If you are interested in hosting our language assistant please let me know.

Grazie.

Vita Vampatella
Language Co-ordinator
vampatella.vita.v@edumail.vic.gov.au
Ph: 0422 428 153
What a wonderful turnout we had for Ride 2 School Day last Friday. It was just wonderful to see so many families enjoying the perfect weather conditions and walking, riding, skating or scooting to school.

We would also like to thank the generous support of two of our local bike shops – 99 Bikes in Malvern and Melbourne Bicycle Centre in Prahran who generously donated the gifts for our raffle. Please support these local bike shops.

We had lots of great feedback about how much families enjoyed the opportunity of getting some exercise, and socialising at the same time. We hope that this event will encourage more families at our school to use an active form of transport to get to school and leave the car at home more often.

Please click here for an interesting promotion from VicHealth about the benefits to children of active transport.

Southern Metropolitan Sustainability Fair
Our Green Team Leaders, Lilly Baxter, Daisy Evans and Joe McKenna performed really well yesterday when they presented two sessions to an audience of students from a range of other schools about how we have successfully reduced our waste at APS through our Nude Food campaigns and our recycling efforts using the 4 bin system in all classrooms. They were very well received and I heard excellent feedback from the organisers about how well they presented themselves. Well done Green Team Leaders and thanks to Kylie Evans and Leanne Baxter for transporting the students.

It was very exciting to have Charli Northwood and Sanika Kumar’s artwork selected as finalists in the Cultural Diversity Week Primary School Art Competition in the category Prep - Year 1. The students and their families attended the Award Ceremony at Viva Victoria Multicultural Festival, at Federation Square on Sunday. Their beautiful art work was on display in the Atrium and they were presented with a certificate, by the Hon. Nicholas Kotsiras MP, Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
Library News

Free books to a good home

Mr Dow has some new books that are not required in the library - there are Hannah Montana and High School Musical books. Please see Mr Dow if you would like to choose one of these books and take it home for your own library.

Sports News

Swimming Term 2 for Level 4 & 6

Term 2 Swimming Arrangements for Level 4 & 6 - Swimming lessons for Term 2 will commence for Level 4 & 6 children in the second week of term 2 commencing Monday 22nd April. They will be held at the Lauriston Girls’ School Swim Centre Huntingtower Road, Armadale. We are running an intensive swimming program on the following dates over two weeks:

Monday 22nd April
Tuesday 23rd April
Wednesday 24th April
Tuesday 30th April
Wednesday 1st May
Thursday 2nd May
Tuesday 3rd 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)

Parent Assistance Required

Teachers require any parents who are able to assist with walking children to/from the pool and assist with supervision/changing. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the form attached to the information sheet sent home with your child today and return to your child’s class teacher if you can assist.

Parents of all children are welcome to attend swimming lessons and observe progress after the first lesson.

TriSkills Gymnastics Term 2 Level 0 & 2

Our TriSkills Gymnastics program commences for all Level 0 & 2 children on Thursday 18 April in the Multipurpose Centre. A reminder that children require:

♦ Shoes and socks off 5 minutes prior to the lesson
♦ No jewellery or watches
♦ Long hair to be tied back
♦ Shorts, bike shorts or tracksuit pants—no skirts please!

In order for children to participate in the TriSkills Gymnastics program the Excursion Levy permission form needs to be signed and returned to your child’s class teacher by Thursday 18 April.

Footsteps Dance Term 2 Level 4 & 6

The Footsteps Dance program for Levels 4 & 6 will be held on Mondays throughout Term 2. Children require runners each Monday.

District Trials

Congratulations to the following children who recently trialled in the following sports:

Netball: Georgia Wolfe, Jemima Officer, Millie Bennetts
AFL: Henry Hayman, Toby Yeats, Sol Hashimoto, Eddie Brown
Boys Soccer: Sol Hashimoto, Toby Yeats, George Giannakarios
Girls Soccer: Darcy Mellor, Amber Wright, Carla Gee
Boys Basketball: Lewis O’Donnell

Well done to Georgia, Millie (Netball) & Darcy (Soccer) & Sol (AFL & Soccer) on being selected to trial at the Division Level next term.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator
Updating School Records

At the start of each school year we ask parents to contact the office with any changes or updates to your child/ren's enrolment information. If you have any changes to:

- Phone numbers
- Email addresses
- Home address
- Emergency contacts or
- Changes to family arrangements

please email the school at armadale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or put the changes in writing and bring them to the office as soon as possible so that we have the most current information relating to your child.

Thank you to those parents who have already updated their information.

Cooking Club

Cooking Club will be starting again next term! It will be held on Wednesdays from 3.45 - 5.30pm and is open to all students in Level 4 and Level 6. The cost for 4 after school sessions is $45.00.

We are now taking expressions of interest. We will give priority to students who have not participated before.

Please complete the form below and return it to Mrs Evans by Monday 25 March. The Term 2 dates are:
- Wednesday 24 April
- Wednesday 1 May
- Wednesday 8 May
- Wednesday 15 May

Please contact Mrs Evans (2E) if you have any questions. Any children who would like to attend must complete the expression of interest form below and return it to Mrs Evans by Tuesday 16 April.

Cooking Club Term 2 - expression of interest

Name: _______________________________ Class: _______

Have you participated before?: [ ] Yes [ ] No

Foundation News

We encourage all parents to attend our Home Reading Information Night on Tuesday 16 April, 6.30 - 7.15pm in the Performing Arts Room. We will explain the aim of our take home reading program and provide information about how you can best support your child with their reading.
Hi everyone,

On the last day of term we would like to pass on a huge thank you to the Prep Reps who organised their Cocktail Party last Friday – by all accounts a great night was had by all!

The Easter Raffle will be drawn at Final Assembly today and the hampers are looking lovely. We wish everyone luck in the draw and hope that any family receiving an ‘embarrassment of riches’ might encourage their kids to share their bounty with family and friends or perhaps a charity that may be close to their heart.

We thank you all for your generous contribution toward this fundraising endeavour and would like to remind you all that 100% of your kind donations go toward funding our 2013 key PFA goal – “The Greening of APS”. As Rochelle and Malcolm have observed, the children so love their green areas and many a parent has backed their view. Both Brig and I are huge proponents of this greening initiative and are so excited.

We hope to raise funds that may enable our kids to enjoy more greenery and we hope you help us in any way you can.

Briefly, our key goal is to bring more synthetic grass to any and all areas appropriate to group activities. Of course, if you would like to contribute turf, shade cloth, shade umbrellas or anything you think may help the children and school please feel free to contact Brig, myself, or any of our wonderful teachers. As always, we welcome your input.

Again, we hope you have already diarised the following for Term 2:

**Level 6 Cocktail Party – 19 April**
**Level 2 Cocktail Party – 10 May**
**Level 4 Cocktail Party – 24 May**

It seems the Level 6 Party is well on the way to being organised which is fantastic. We hope Level 2 and Level 4 Parents might start thinking how they might contribute to their own evenings. More will follow early next term.

A last minute update has alerted us that Level 4 is almost totally on board so Level 2 Reps let’s get the party started!

We also have a sausage sizzle at the new Masters store in Tooronga planned for May 4 - the day before Mother’s Day this year – a perfect opportunity to get a last minute gift or perhaps give mum a break and get the kids on board at the stall. Lots of opportunities await so stay tuned for updates.

Lastly, we wish everyone a happy and safe Easter break along with a wonderful rest for the children after what has been a short but busy Term 1.

*Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick*  
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PFA Co-Presidents
Warm up session will be run by Current Australian Head coach Glenn Meredith & 2012 Loyola College attack-man Shane Coppens.

Come down to Malvern Lacrosse Club and have fun, improve fitness and co-ordination skills by playing Lacrosse in a family friendly environment with experienced coaches.

President: Brad Currie
0425707054

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