Dear Parents,

As we enjoy the last month of autumn, please be mindful that weather patterns are changing, mornings are cooler and the nights are getting darker, earlier. Please ensure all children have a raincoat with a hood in their bags, and school jumpers with them at all times. Their appetites will also increase over these cooler days and it will be great to have their brains nutritionally sustained right throughout the whole day.

The Great Armadale Sausage Sizzle
The Great Armadale Sausage Sizzle will be held this Saturday May 4th at Masters on the corner of Toorak and Tooronga Roads. A huge thank you to Brigid Warwick for all her amazing organisation and to Mish McGrory and Janine Sheean for all their support. A heartfelt thank you to all the mums and dads who have volunteered their time for this Saturday to help sizzle the sausages. We look forward to seeing many people there and if you like a sausage – and who doesn’t - make sure you visit our stand at the new Masters store.

NAPLAN tests for YEARS 3 and 5 students May 14th - 15th
"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives. All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended. An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au."

I wish all of our students who are sitting the Naplan this year all the very best and I know that they will complete their testing to the best of their abilities. As a parent and a teacher, you can’t ask for anything more.

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Student Attitude to School Survey 2013
On Tuesday afternoon, all of the students in Year 5 and 6 completed a state wide survey to measure their attitudes towards school. This survey aims to measure attitudes towards learning, connectedness to their peers, motivation, safety etc. The survey results are collated by the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) and the school will receive some comparative results in Term 3 whereby we can explore how the attitudes of Armadale Students compare with the attitudes of other Year 5 and 6 children across the state.

The survey can be very helpful in identifying and celebrating the successful attributes of the school as well as pinpointing any areas of concern that the school may need to address. I will share these results with you later in the year. I will also conduct focus groups with several Level 6 students to further unpack their attitudes towards their school and learning. Quite often this source of feedback is very valuable as we look to improving our teaching and learning practices in our school.

Education Week
All Victorian schools will be celebrating Education Week from Monday 20th to Friday 24th May. This is a great opportunity to showcase the fabulous work that happens in government schools every day of the year. We have a number of activities planned for Education Week and we will be extending a warm invitation to all parents to come and join a number of special events. On Tuesday May 21st we will be running an Open day with several tours for prospective parents and from 6.00-8.00pm we will run a special Open Evening for our community. From 6.00pm -6.30 classrooms will be open for the children to showcase areas of the learning, at 6.30 our junior and senior choirs will be performing until 6.50 and at 7.00pm we have a special guest speaker to share with you an inspirational story about his life journey so far. On Thursday 23rd May, Malcolm and I will host a cybersafety forum for parents in Level 6 starting at 8.00am. We will be presenting an information session on cybersafety and how to be both protective and proactive in an online environment. Both Malcolm and I have been trained in an e-smart program run by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. On Friday 24th May, the SRC are running a special pyjama day for the whole school with the proceeds donated to support the Jodie O'Shea Orphanage in Bali. Please note all these dates in your diary and we’ll provide additional details in the following weeks.

Curriculum Day Friday May 3rd – Pupil Free day
Just a final reminder to parents that there is no school tomorrow for children as the staff are participating in a curriculum day exploring teaching and learning approaches at other schools. Whilst our teachers are already wonderful, we are all lifelong learners who seek to be the best we can be. As an educator, I know that once I stop learning, I cease to perform my job at a high level. The state government has issued all schools with an improvement agenda, The Compact, and I know that if I was to rest on my laurels as principal of a high performing school and not seek further improvement, I would start to go backwards and that is not a direction APS is heading.

Mother’s Day Stall (MUM’s stop reading at this point)
We are holding a fabulous Mother’s day stall again this year on Friday May 10th in the Italian room and classes will be rotated through the room during the day to select beautifully wrapped gifts for Mum. Dads could you please ensure children have $5.00 for a gift for Mum in their bag next Friday and maybe a second $5.00 if there are extra gifts, for a much cherished grandma. Children who miss out on being able to buy Mum a gift are visibly distressed on the day.

Level 2 cocktail party Friday May 10th
Looking forward to seeing all Level 2 parents in our MPC that evening. Please look at the PFA column for further details.

Have a wonderful week everyone
Warm regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Head Lice

Once again, we have some reported cases of head lice throughout the school. Could all parents please check their child/ren’s hair using the conditioner/combing method of detection. Follow this link from the Department of Health for advice on how to find and treat head lice.

If any parents do find head lice, please advise your child’s class teacher. Children can be readmitted to school after treatment has commenced.
This Week’s Awards

Performing Arts Class 4B
Visual Artist Lexi Picciani
Visual Art Class 6N
You Can Do It! Awards:
Anouk Smith 0C
Zach Rickard 0J
Felicity Dixon 0P
Grace Keating 2A
Sierra Golusin 2E
Harri Sanger 2J
Madison McGrory 2P
Matteus Eralp 2S
Priya Jaya 4B
Samuel Fitton 4F
Magnus Brenchley 4S
Connor Goumas 4S
Nicholas Bayly 4W
Jaxon Doelling 6N
Jacob Moulton 6W
Mia Vodicka Georgiou 6W
Henry Goode 6Z

Assistant Principal

Working Bee Sat 11 May
We are looking forward to seeing lots of parents at our first working bee for the year. There are lots of cleaning and maintenance tasks to be done and it is always very rewarding to see the school looking so good after just a few hours of work. Please come down even if it just for an hour, and if you have any gardening tools to bring along, it will help, as our own supply is quite limited.

Thanks again to Ray and Tonga
Our resident handymen, Ray Skinner and Tonga Kelly, have been active around the school once again, this time putting up a new security sensor light at the front entrance and also making the door on the sports shed much more secure. The work that these two gentlemen do for the school is invaluable and very much appreciated.

Reading Eggs/Eggspress
We have been working with a number of students with Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress this week. It’s great to see so many students really getting very involved in these programs and enjoying the variety of reading experiences that they offer. If your child has not started using Reading Eggs or Eggspress at home yet, I recommend you spend a little time with your child getting into the program and exploring the possibilities it offers.

BYO Headsets
Because many of the ICT multimedia activities include great sound and music, it can become a little distracting when everyone’s computer is producing sound, so to help solve this problem we are asking all students to bring their own headsets to school. They can keep them in their tubs at school and use them whenever they are required. If they can be named or marked with a clear ID, that makes them easier to keep track of. There is no need to outlay too much money – the free ones from the airlines or the cheap ones from the $2 Shop are perfectly adequate for our purposes.

Walk Safely to School Day
The annual Walk Safely to School Day is on again on Friday 24 May. With such a successful Ride To School Day I think we can have another great day of active transport to Armadale Primary School. In the Ride to School Day we allowed walking, skating and scooting, so in a similar vein, this time we will also allow riding, skating and scooting. The important thing is we are being active and safe as we travel to school. The website www.walk.com has some great ideas on how to organise the walking to school, and there is an opportunity to take the Walk to School Challenge with great prizes to be won, as well as a free app that can be downloaded.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

House Points
Munro won this week’s house points. Congratulations to all the children in Munro who are having a sunglasses day today.
Performing Arts News

Performing Arts Award: 4B - For their excellent cooperation and sportsmanship whilst competing in a “Guess the genre” music quiz.

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

Attn students and parents:

Please note there will be no choir tomorrow Friday 3 May due to the Pupil-free Staff Training Day.

Choir will resume as normal next week.

Put the date in your Diary - 21ST MAY
Choir will be performing for Armadale’s Open Night! Looking forward to showcasing some old and new songs for Parents and friends.

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

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.

Visual Artist of the Week
Lexi Picciani 4W
For the skill and creativity she displayed when doing her ‘Bio-Diversity’ Foam Print. She has mastered drawing into foam and printing two layers on top of one another.

Visual Art Class of the Week 6N
For the effort and care they took when making their foam prints. The created excellent designs based on the topic ‘My School’.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Library News

There are lots of new books that need covering in the Library. Please come to the office if you are able to help. It is a lovely chance to take home some new books before they reach the library.
Better Buddies at Armadale Primary School

Term one saw the Foundation and Level 6 students actively participating in and enjoying weekly buddy activities. From outdoor games, to investigation time in the infant building, making Easter baskets and assisting the Foundation students in library and I.C.T., the support from Level 6 students has undoubtedly helped Foundation students settle into school well.

Students are excited to be working collaboratively to create stories using Photo Story on the Level 6 students’ netbooks. We look forward to seeing the finished masterpieces later this term!

For more information and photos of recent activities, please see the buddy display in the infant building corridor.

Level 2 and 4 buddies will meet twice this term to continue getting to know each other, ahead of more activities next term. While this particular buddy partnership is a fairly new initiative, it is great to see students embracing it, supporting each other and establishing positive relationships.

Virginia Wallace, Colleen Johnson and Jennifer Drew
YCDI Team

Sports News

TriSkills Gymnastics Term 2 Level 0 & 2
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!

Swimming Term 2 for Level 4 & 6
Swimming continues at the Lauriston Girls’ School Swim Centre with the final lessons next week on:
- Tuesday 7th May
- Wednesday 8th May
- Thursday 9th May.

Peter Cracknell

Italian News

We extend a very warm welcome to our Italian Assistant, Beatrice Venturin, from Genova, who has been working in the Italian classroom since last week. It is a great opportunity for the students to have a native Italian speaker work with them during their weekly Italian lesson.

Benvenuta Beatrice!

Buongiorno a tutti!

My name is Beatrice, I am the new Italian assistant here at Armadale Primary School, I arrived in Melbourne two weeks ago and I will stay with you until the end of the year. You will see me every Monday and Tuesday and every second Wednesday to help Vita in all her Italian classes, while the other days I will be working at Caulfield South Primary School.

It’s my first time in Australia, so I still have to get used to how things work here in Victorian schools, sorry if I’m still a little bit confused and please be patient with me if sometimes I don’t understand your English.

I like Melbourne very much, I find it a very modern, multicultural and well organized city, I would even dare say a little bit futuristic compared to what I’m used to;

on the other hand I appreciate your relaxed lifestyle and all the quiet areas around.

Since it’s my first time in Australia and I’m staying here for the whole year I hope I will have the time and the opportunity to visit other regions, to see your wonderful coasts, landscapes and animals. Last Saturday I saw my first kangaroos, koalas and penguins at the zoo!!

I’m here thanks to the Co.As.It programme, which organizes activities and events to support the use of the Italian language and culture in Victoria, so I hope I can make a contribution.

I am currently living with a family at Caulfield South, while for the next two weeks I will be living with a family from your school.

I had a great welcome from the Italian teachers, Vita and Sophie (from Caulfield South), and from the whole staff both at Armadale and at Caulfield South Primary Schools. Thank you also to the family from Armadale that will be hosting me while I settle in. I am grateful to you all for your hospitality and friendliness!

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Ic vediamo a scuola!

Beatrice

Working Bee
Saturday 11 May
9.00am - 12.00pm

An invitation to all parents to attend our first Working Bee for the year. There are lots of cleaning and maintenance jobs to be done. Children are also very welcome to attend the working bee.

If you can’t make it to this working bee, we would appreciate a $25.00 donation for ongoing grounds upkeep. Payment envelopes are outside the school office. Thank you.

Malcolm Dow
### You Can Do It! Awards

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<td>Anouk Smith 0C</td>
<td>For always caring and making sure her classmates are safe.</td>
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<td>Zach Rickard 0J</td>
<td>For remaining calm when his footy album went missing. Excellent resilience Zach!</td>
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<td>Felicity Dixon 0P</td>
<td>For being a polite and thoughtful student. She often helps others and is grateful when people her too.</td>
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<td>Grace Keating 2A</td>
<td>For being a resilient, organised, helpful and patient student and friend. You are very caring and always thinking of others.</td>
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<td>Sierra Golusin 2E</td>
<td>For being an attentive listener and always bringing a positive attitude to the classroom.</td>
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<td>Harri Sanger 2J</td>
<td>For demonstrating what it means to be resilient. You are an inspiration to all of us Harri. Good boy!</td>
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<td>Madison McGrory 2P</td>
<td>For promoting a very interesting question time through her snapper skeleton.</td>
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<td>Matteus Eralp 2S</td>
<td>For demonstrating pride in his learning and taking great care with his work. A wonderful effort Matteus!</td>
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<td>Priya Jaya 4B</td>
<td>For a dramatic improvement in the quantity and quality of his written work. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Samuel Fitton 4F</td>
<td>For making a great effort in persevering with the swimming program.</td>
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<td>Magnus Brenchley 4S</td>
<td>For working hard on being a resilient student and asking for help when you're not sure. Well done!</td>
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<td>Connor Goumas 4S</td>
<td>For taking on ideas to make improvements to your school work. You have shown EPIC persistence.</td>
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<td>Nicholas Bayly 4W</td>
<td>For enthusiastically participating in Footsteps Dance and demonstrating great rhythm and movement. Well done Nicholas!</td>
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<td>Jaxon Doelling 6N</td>
<td>For demonstrating excellent sportsmanship at the Hockey Gala Day. Well done Jaxon!</td>
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<td>Mia Vodicka Georgiou 6W</td>
<td>For the effort she puts into her creative writing pieces. Your description of a homeless man was fantastic Mia, well done!</td>
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<td>Henry Goode 6Z</td>
<td>For showing excellent co operation and team work when participating in the Hockey Gala day. You showed great sportsmanship and team support throughout the day. Great work Henry!</td>
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### Resilience

While children continue to explore and practise their getting along and organisational skills from term one, this term will see them learn more about the importance of being **resilient**. Students might be lucky enough to meet Ricky Resilience and explore ways of keeping calm when experiencing feelings of sadness or anger.

We look forward to seeing children receive You Can Do It awards at Wednesday morning assemblies.

*Jennifer Drew and Virginia Wallace*  
*YCDI Team*
Parents and Friends for Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

Some exciting upcoming events include:

- MASTERS Sausage Sizzle – This Saturday 4 May
- Mother’s Day Stall – Next Friday 10 May
- Level 2 Cocktail Party – Next Friday 10 May in the Multi-Purpose Room at APS
- Level 4 Cocktail Party – 24 May at The Mt Erica Hotel
- Scout Raffle – Win a car, camper trailer or overseas holiday!

Thank you Sizzlers! – We thank everyone who has kindly donated their time this Saturday. The roster is now closed as all places have been filled. We hope you have a great time and will let you know how your hard work has helped contribute to our ‘Greening of APS’ initiative in the following weeks. Of course, we welcome any drop-in sausage eaters too!

The Mother’s Day Stall is only a week away!

A big thanks to all of the families that have already placed gorgeous gifts into the donation boxes in the classrooms. If you would still like to donate a gift so that there are lots of lovely pressies for the kids to choose from, please place it into your classroom box by next Wednesday 8 May. Ideas are: magazines, vases, jewellery, cosmetics, hand and body lotions, shower gels, soap, tea & coffee mugs, candles, chocolates, aprons, stationery, scarves, frames etc.

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 9th from 12.30pm or for THE STALL on Friday 10th throughout the morning - 2.00pm/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

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

The Scout Raffle offers some wonderful prizes to those that take out a ticket and we feel is a like-minded co-partner. “The Aim of Scouting is to encourage the physical, intellectual, emotional, social, spiritual and character development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society as a member of their local, national and international community”. They hope to achieve this via a “non-formal education process”. In this regard we feel their history and current member base speaks for itself. More on this in the following weeks but remember - you have to be in it to win it!

Lastly, don’t forget there is a Pupil Free day tomorrow.

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

Lost

A brooch was lost at school on Monday. It is made of gold with green diamond-shaped stones. If anyone has found it please return it to Sasha in 2P.
Whilst all care is taken to ensure the validity of advertisements in this newsletter we take no responsibility and imply no endorsement.

Free Bike Engraving

Malvern Police Station

Sunday
May 5
10 - 2

Secondary School Key Dates 2013
Stonnington & Glen Eira Secondary Colleges

MIDDLE YEARS (5 – 8) OPEN MORNINGs
BOOKINGS REQUIRED
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2014 YEAR 7 TOURS

You are invited to see the Malvern Central School Middle Years (Years 5 – 8) programs in operation where students learn in flexible learning spaces rich with technology, and where high expectations for learning excellence is evident in our outstanding results. Please come along and see for yourself,

Monday 13th May @ 10.00am

For further information:
Phone: 8823 9500
Website: www.malvern-central.vic.edu.au

Enrol now for 2014
College Tours are available by appointment
www.hawthornsc.vic.edu.au
Phone: 9822 3247
Jim’s Cleaning Armadale would like to offer the Parents of Students at Armadale Primary School an opportunity for a free quote on any of your Cleaning requirements. The specific treatments are for Bathrooms, Kitchens, Ovens and Windows. However, we can assist with any of your needs, no matter how big or small.

Living locally enables us to support families and small business owners in the community and it will also enable us to provide our clients with a cost effective cleaning solution; quickly, reliably and efficiently.

Call Mark and Ali on 0439 634 384 for further information regarding our services or simply email us at ali.mark@jimscleaning.net.au and we will contact you directly.

We value your local support and look forward to meeting with you shortly,

Kind regards,

Mark and Ali.
Our unique beauty salon is designed for the people of today, offering you the latest treatments and products for your skin and body. Our qualified staff has only one focus, to recommend the right skincare treatments for you to ensure you leave with a positive experience and the results you want to achieve.

We have invested in the latest technology to provide you with all the latest skincare treatments for more proven and satisfied results.

Pamper&Play are unique in that we provide a fully supervised child minding service in our dedicated play room, while you are Pampered. All of our staff hold a working with children check (WWC). If you don’t have children, or prefer to leave them at home, then please know our salon has also been designed with this in mind, and our children’s room does not impact on your quality relaxation time at Pamper&Play.

Come along to PAMPER & PLAY for an experience you really deserve.