Dear Parents,

Could you in your wildest dreams imagine APS having such a beautiful fair to celebrate our 130th birthday? What a fabulous day was enjoyed by so many members of our wider school community. The day was very student-centred, it had a wonderful old fashioned feel to it which was very deliberately created by our incredibly clever 130th birthday committee. We had many people attend our fair from our current families, former students, former teachers and Principals!

The oldest former student to attend our fair was an amazing lady who is now 93 years old. This meant she attended school as a Prep student 88 years ago! The fair also doubled as a reunion for many former students who were delighted to see each other again after many years apart. The library was the focal point of our historical exhibition and it was where many former students reconnected. A day such as this doesn’t happen by itself and we were incredibly lucky to have such a talented 130th birthday Committee. Our committee was headed by Sarah Scotti – what an organised, highly motivated lady who had checklists, spreadsheets, knew everything about everyone, emailed, texted and did not stop. Supported most competently by Sarah Monahan who was highly creative, had the vision and designed the look of the fair, managed the event, was incredibly connected to anyone who mattered and sourced the most amazing things, such as the furniture, fencing and craft for the children. Jane Hayman just does not stop. She is a supermum with four children and runs a graphic design business. Jane used her connections and sources to ensure that everything was right on the day. Nikki Rickard was another dynamo, known as the creative director, sewed bunting, painted fences, chopped wood, drilled holes, made signs out of fences, made the lemonade stand, designed the old lolly shop and initiated the billy carts. Kate Nelson set up the 130th Facebook page and our website which created the opportunity for so many people to connect with our fair. Cathy Milward–Bason set up our historical exhibition, searched through the archives, spoke to former students, and collected many historical artefacts. Cathy also put together a summary of our history which featured in the Stonnington Leader and Weekly online.

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Principal’s report continued …

Kelvin McAlpine is a marketing guru who sought corporate and local sponsorship, organised our banners, made connections with the media and was able to get local businesses to support our fair. Kelvin also organised all the monies, stall holders and accounts along with Christine on Saturday. Plus we had Malcolm Dow, our fabulous Assistant Principal who was our Town Crier in the afternoon after his ring-in Michael, our crossing supervisor, cried all morning, made special announcements and kept us laughing with his humorous banter. Peter Cracknell went over and above the call of duty with his running of all the games and activities in the afternoon, he set up the slideshow in the library and took the children this week on a historical tour.

Another highlight this week was that Peter allowed all the children to ring the old school bell that sits in our tower, and with each ring, the pigeon poo trickled down on Peter’s head – much to the delight of the children!

Christine Leyshan our amazing Business Manager, organised everything that required doing from an administrative perspective, accounts and invoices, invitations, keeping us all on track, assisting with the boards, flyers and booked all the performers.

Special mention must also go to all the following people who helped to run the stalls on Saturday and for their generous donations of time and money.

◆ Jane Hayman, Sarah Scotti and Kelvin McAlpine: picking up all the tents and marquees and banners
◆ Michelle Iezzi: Boards, Banners and Flyers
◆ Mel Cooper and Ellen Beischer: Jams and Preserves
◆ Nicki Batagol and Georgie Hunt: Trash and Treasure
◆ Danielle Sanger: Book stall
◆ Bridig Warwick: BBQ
◆ Janine Sheehan and Pina Martelli: Crazy hair
◆ Emma Morrison and Caz Laughton: Devonshire Tea and Scones
◆ Deborah Lee and Nikki Alekna: Lolly Shoppe
◆ Kim Hyde: Lucky jars
◆ Kylie Couper and Matthew Saggers for storing all the Trash and Treasure
◆ Pop Corn and Fairy Floss: many parents
◆ Nicole David and Emma Coath: Lemonade
◆ Alison Lane: Tuck shop
◆ Michelle Moffat: Cakes
◆ Jane Portnoy and Rebecca Bond: Apple stall
◆ Spinning Wheel: many parents
◆ Anita Archer: Peg Dolls
◆ Linda White: Craft
◆ Lisa le Deux: Paper Aeroplanes
◆ Peter Cracknell: Games
◆ Lisa Vollugi and Vita Vampatella: Italian songs and Performances
◆ Maggie Brown: for all her assistance with programs, labels and information

We are incredibly grateful to the following families for their incredible donations:

◆ Craig Laing for donating all the Sausages and Hamburgers
◆ Bill Sideris for donating champagne and wine
◆ Rob Walters for donating special wines
◆ Antony Simmons for donating water

Finally, our Year 6 students who helped on the day to set up tables, carry furniture, wrap prizes and just stepped up to be the fantastic school leaders that we expect you to be. I know that this fair will remain a fond memory for you for many years to come.

If I have inadvertently left anyone off this list please forgive me and I apologise if I have done so. To all the families who donated toys, home wares, clothes, books, baked, cooked, made things and came on the day and gave up their time to run a stall, helped move things, brought things, we are very grateful and could not have had such an incredible fair without your help. Please enjoy seeing the photos from the fair they really do highlight how special the day was!! Everyone keeps asking when the next fair will be??

Term 2 Excursions, incursions and helping in the classroom

Just a quick reminder that any parent or grandparent who attends excursions, or as a classroom room helper, you must have a current Working with Children check to
participate in any of these activities. These are quite easy to obtain (see details in last week’s newsletter) and they are a school policy expectation.

2015 Prep Enrolments
We have begun our enrolment process for 2015 and it would be appreciated if all parents who have children ready for Prep in 2015 have their enrolment forms submitted before June 27th 2014. I would like to reassure parents who already have children at this school that all siblings have right of entry and anyone living within our zone has automatic right of entry. Even though families who live within our zone have priority, we are experiencing higher levels of enquiry for enrolments from parents who live just outside our zone and I am keen to have an indication of our Prep numbers for 2015 as soon as possible.

Enjoy your long service Robin!
Robin Nicolson is becoming increasingly excited as her overseas sojourn comes closer. We wish Robin a wonderful 7 week holiday throughout Europe and we look forward to hearing all about her trip when she returns.

I am pleased to announce to our school community that we have appointed Jennifer Hemingway to teach 6N whilst Robin is on leave, Jennifer is a highly experienced teacher and well known to the Year 6 students and has attended the Canberra camp before.

Best wishes Mrs Frankel
Unfortunately Anita Frankel is currently on sick leave and will be absent for all of Term 2. I know you will join me in wishing Anita Frankel all the very best as she recovers from her impending surgery and we all look forward to welcoming her back to 5F at the start of Term 3.

I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed Kate Pilgrim to teach Grade 5F for all of Term 2. Kate is a past staff member, is highly experienced at teaching Grade 5 and 6 students and has also been on the Canberra Camp before.

I know you will join me in welcoming both Kate and Jennifer to our Year 5 and 6 team.

Peter Pan
Congratulations to all those students who have been given roles in our forthcoming production of Peter Pan. Lisa was incredibly impressed by their commitment, enthusiasm, dedication and talent! We still have to finalise dates of the production but we envisage the production will take place in early term around mid–October. I hope this helps with any forward planning.

Request from our neighbours
Our neighbours in Densham Road and Munro street have asked if parents would kindly refrain from parking across driveways which blocks off entrances and exits to homes. Thank you parents in advance for complying with these requests.

Happy Holidays
Our school will break up for the holidays at 2.30pm tomorrow afternoon. Please join us at 1.45pm for our final assembly for the term where we will say thank yous, farewells and hold the Easter Egg draw for all the children. We were not holding a raffle this year for the Easter Eggs in the light of our community’s generosity for the Fair.

I would like to extend my very best wishes to our entire Armadale community for a wonderful term break and a very enjoyable Easter. We are all wondering how this term flew by and when I think back to what we have achieved this term, it is quite remarkable. Enjoy the sleep ins, the catch up with family and friends, especially cherish the time with your children. I am also having a wonderful family holiday as my husband turns 60 and I’ll happily share that with you next term as it is a tightly held surprise!

I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday April 22nd at 9.00am. It will be a very short week that first week as we will also have a public holiday Friday 25th April for ANZAC Day.

Warm regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Wow! I can only echo what Rochelle and everyone else has said about the wonderful day on Saturday. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with a common theme being that people loved the old style, simple and community based fair, with such a friendly and personal atmosphere. The money raised was just the icing on the cake; the event itself was just such a great reflection of the type of school Armadale is, one that is very much a part of its local community. The other aspect that many people commented on was the way our students, especially our Year 6 Leaders, who worked throughout to ensure that the fair was such a smooth running and relaxed event. I know Rochelle has thanked everyone, especially the very hardworking Fair Committee, and I would only like to add a couple of others who made a great contribution too: Our two crossing supervisors, Michael, who was a wonderful Town Crier and MC, and James, who helped in the morning with the setup. Also a big thankyou to Martin Strangward for changing our outside electricity supply to ensure the coffee man could supply the very essential coffee all day. I look forward to being involved in our next fair whenever that will be.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge
I have spent some time with each class (except preps) going through the PRC and ensuring that the students know their username and password, and I have encouraged them to make sure they keep entering books as they read them so they have an up to date record of their reading. There were some technical issues with PRC last week but they all appear to be ironed out now. Click here to access the student login page of the PRC website.

Term 2 is when we go 100% Rubbish Free
I know I have been talking about it for a while but I don’t want anyone to say they weren’t warned. Last year, as part of our Sustainable Schools program we committed to becoming 100% Rubbish Free in 2014. This means that all external rubbish bins will be removed next term and we will expect all students to bring all their food in named reusable containers. For some this might represent a slight inconvenience and a change in habits but for many others it will be business as usual.

The Green Team will be promoting this through the early part of Term 2 and then on World Environment Day (Thursday 5 June) we will have a special removal of all external rubbish bins from our school. This gives everyone plenty of practice time to make sure their children are not bringing any rubbish to school, and will represent another milestone on Armadale’s path to sustainability.

Below are a couple of companies that supply excellent alternatives to the waste generating ones:
Nude Food Movers Wrap It Pack It Snack It Both of these companies have excellent products and their websites have great suggestions to make your children’s school food all Nude Food

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
Hi everyone,

As we wind down to the end of term we’d like to thank all of you, our tireless families, for contributing to last Saturday’s Birthday Fair – and what a wonderful big bash it was!

A few reminders:

♦ Easter Prizes – prize draw at close of term assembly
♦ Footy Colours Day – Friday 4 April
♦ Prep Cocktail Party – Friday 2 May

Saturday 29 March – Our Birthday Fair!
A big thankyou to everyone who contributed to the success of our Birthday Fair. It was such a great day and it would never have come off were it not for the incredible volunteers and generous sponsors. I think everyone had a fantastic time and we should all be very proud of our beautiful school!

Easter Prizes – prize draw at final assembly.
Special Easter prizes will be drawn at the final assembly of the term.

Prep Cocktail Party – Friday 2 May.
See the invitation on this page.

Have a fabulous holiday everyone!

Exciting Things Happen At Armadale Primary

Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick
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brigid@warwick.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents

Sports News

Footy Colours Day tomorrow Friday 4 April
Tomorrow we are looking forward to celebrating the 2014 AFL football season. Children are asked to wear their favourite football team colours at a special assembly and parade from 9:00am - 9:45am. We will be running some special footy activities throughout the day. Parents, family & friends are welcome at the parade.

Congratulations to our Swimming Relay Team

Last week our swimming relay team of Bella Cullity, Mimi Stoupas, Eliza Steele and Lulu McLaughlin came first in the Regional Finals. They are now going to compete in the State Finals on Tuesday 29 April. Congratulations girls and good luck.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

You Can Do It!
Awards will resume in term 2

Maths News

Adam Spencer’s show “Blurred Primes” is playing in this year’s Melbourne International Comedy Festival. It is rated suitable for adults and children aged 10 plus.

The show is about prime numbers, chess and robots that solve Rubik’s cubes.

Anita Frankel

Year Bulletins

Please click on the following links to read this week’s news from your child’s classroom:

♦ Prep bulletin
♦ Year 1&2 bulletin

Click on this link to go to the bulletin page or go to the Students tab on the website and then your child’s class for all the latest news.
Yesterday the Cricket Club in OOSHC got a lovely surprise when Australian One Day International Cricket Star, Clint McKay came to visit for the afternoon.

He ran a game and showed them lots of skills.

All the kids were very star struck and had a great time.

Katie & Ben
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School Holiday Baking Programs
During the school holidays, we run hands-on kids baking classes at our South Melbourne bakery. Advance online bookings are essential.

Baking Classes For Kids & Adults
We also hold free kids baking classes, various baking workshops for adults, team building sessions, seasonal classes, school excursions and school incursions. For more information call us on 1300 966 845 or visit our website.

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PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old
A three-session program for parents and carers
at The Ashley Ricketson Centre,
Caulfield Community Health
260 Kooyong Rd, Caulfield
on: Wed 21st May, 28th May and 4th June 2014 from 9:30-12:30pm.

Learn:
- To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
- To set clear expectations and help them develop frustration tolerance
- To help children’s brains to develop filters for behaving well
- To resolve family conflicts quietly
- Some simple strategies to practice being a calm parent

Course costs: $50 ($30/week)

Registration: Register for this course contacting Access at Caulfield Community Health (on 9376 6776)

What people are saying...
What people are saying... A magic course program that practices the integrity of the child, reinforces the will control of the behavior and the right choices in the situation.
I really appreciate the fact that it is organized in a way to check up on how the child is doing.

For more information contact Skye on 9076 6666

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Kumon English or Maths Programme
Must Register Before May 15

Trial the Kumon English or Maths Programme for two weeks ... for free!

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**Learn music here at school**

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, violin, here at Armadale Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $15.40 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2.

Interested parents should call Sharon during office hours on 9818 2333.

Creative Music
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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

**SoccerWise**

**CAULFIELD SOUTH - Program Dates**

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Half day (Morning or Afternoon) or Full day booking options available!

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**Linden Centre for Contemporary Arts**

**Global Village**

In response to the exhibition Witness, children are invited to take part in a collaborative building project and create a global village using cardboard boxes. Linden’s studio space will become a construction site where children’s imaginations, energy and ingenuity will be utilised to build an imagined village of global proportions! The workshop will begin with an introduction to 11 scaled structures built from cardboard by Venezuelan architect and artist Eduardo Kanzui whose work is included in Witness.

Suitable for children aged 4 to 12 years.

Limit of 15 children per workshop.

Workshop 1: Tuesday 8th April, 10:30am-12pm
Workshop 2: Thursday 10th April, 10:30am-12pm

Where: Linden’s Art Studio
Cost: $15 per child inc. GST
Bookings essential

Or to book online visit:
Workshop 1: http://www.trybooking.com/EJMH
Workshop 2: http://www.trybooking.com/EJMH

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