Dear Parents,

Principal’s Conference
Mrs Cukier and Mr Dow are attending a 2 day conference in Creswick. We are anticipating that they will return to school with many inspirational ideas to share.

Welcome Family Picnic
A big thank you to the many parents who were able to attend last Friday evening for our annual Family Picnic. The warm conditions provided a very pleasant setting for the large number of mums/dads and children in attendance. I hope new families to the school got a chance to meet other parents and to enjoy that wonderful sense of community that is evident at Armadale Primary School. Special thanks to Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick (PFA Co Presidents) who coordinated the event and the PFA helpers for ensuring a great night. The games organised by AllSportz earlier in the evening were a big hit with the children.

Family Conferences
Thank you to all the Level 2-6 students and parents who attended the family conferences on Monday and Tuesday after school. It was great to see the children showcasing their learning goals and was an important part of developing our home/school partnerships. Special thanks to our dedicated teachers from Level 2, 4 & 6 on their commitment to this process over two long days.

Assembly
We had our first whole school assembly on Wednesday morning with our 2013 Foundation students. Congratulations to Class P, J & C on their fantastic listening skills throughout assembly and Mila and Lilly, our Year 6 leaders, for organising all the presenters. We are trialling a new process where children take their bags inside on Wednesdays at 8:50am and then when the music starts at 8:57am line up in their class groups near the Multi Purpose Centre. Hopefully, we can then begin assembly shortly after 9:00am. Thank you to the parents for their cooperation in moving to the back and far side of the hall. Please do not occupy the red seats as the teaching staff need these for student supervision.

Labour Day Holiday Monday 11th March
A reminder that next Monday 11th March is a public holiday and the school will be closed.

Connie Apostolos
& Peter Cracknell
Leading Teachers

School Photos
Wednesday 20 March

SchoolPix will be taking photographs of all students and groups on Wednesday 20 March. Personalised payment envelopes were sent home with each child yesterday.

Please make sure that the completed envelopes are returned to your child’s class teacher either before the photo day or on the day itself.

Sibling portrait envelopes, 25% discount vouchers (for families with 3 or more children) and spare payment envelopes are available outside the office.

This Week’s Events
Friday 8 March
♦ Icypoles $1
♦ L6 Netball Gala Day
♦ Division Swimming for selected children

Monday 11 March
♦ Labour Day public holiday

Tuesday 12 March
♦ PFA Meeting 9.00am in MPC

Friday 15 March
♦ Crazy Hair and Colour Day

Coming Events
Monday 18 March
♦ Parent Helpers’ Session
  2.15 to 3.15pm in Performing Arts Room

Tuesday 19 March
♦ Footy Colours Day

Wednesday 20 March
♦ School Photo day

Friday 22 March
♦ National Ride 2 School Day
♦ Return Easter raffle tickets
♦ Foundation Cocktail Party

Wednesday 27 March
♦ Harmony Day celebrations

Thursday 28 March
♦ Easter raffle drawn at assembly
So how do think about being our new school leaders Darcy and Liadan?

**We are very excited about making the school a better place for everybody.**

What are your plans for making the school better?

**More fundraisers for the school and the broader community and more community service.**

Who inspired you to be a school leader?

**DARCY:** Barack Obama, he is a very inspirational person.

**LIADAN:** Mrs Cukier, I think she is a very good Principal.
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.

Parent Helpers’ Session for Levels 0-6

Parent help is always appreciated by the teachers! There are varied ways you can be of help - in classrooms during lesson time, going on excursions, walks or sports days and also manual tasks like covering books (which can also be done at home).

If you would like to help in any way, we need you to attend the Parent Helpers’ Session on Monday 18 March at 2.15 - 3.15pm in the Performing Arts Room.

Pauline Eldridge
eldridge.pauline.g@edumail.vic.gov.au

2013 OOSHC Forms

A reminder to those parents yet to complete a Registration Form for 2013 and the Credit Card Authorisation Form, please find these forms in the OOSHC section on the school website and complete and return them as soon as possible.

Katie Wallman
OOSHC Director

OOSHC News

Holiday Program
The April Holiday Program is out now and bookings open today. Please see all the details of our exciting Holiday Program on page 7 of today’s newsletter or go to the school website at www.armadaleps.vic.edu.au and click on the OOSHC link on the homepage and read all our news from OOSHC.

Found
A toy dog has been found - if you have lost it, please come to the office to reclaim it.

Sports News

Netball Gala Day
A reminder that our first Level 6 Sport Gala Day is being held tomorrow. Children need to be at school by 8.55am. Please be sun smart and bring a water bottle. Swimming for selected children. Information was distributed last week.

Division Swimming Finals
Good luck to all our swimmers involved in the Beachside Division Finals tomorrow at GESAC. Be your best!

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

Footy Colours Day Tuesday 19th March
To celebrate the start of the AFL football season, we are having a Footy Colours Day. Children are asked to wear their favourite football team colours at a special assembly and parade on Tuesday 19th March from 9:00am - 9:45am. We are also hoping to run some special footy activities throughout the day. Parents, family & friends welcome. More details to follow.

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Performing Arts News

Performing Arts Award: OJ – for their enthusiasm for Performing Arts and for really getting the hang of using their emotions and bodies to make creative mimes.

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 Amanda and Colleen and due to a lack of rooms being available to us on a Friday morning,

- Senior Choir (Level 4 & 6) will now rehearse at Friday lunchtime 1:00pm-1:30pm in the Performing Arts room. This week will only be Level 4 as the Level 6’s will be at a netball day.
- Junior Choir (Level 2 only) will be running Friday mornings at 8:15am in the PA room with Colleen

ALL WELCOME!

We appreciate parents’ cooperation by only bringing Level 2 students to school before 8:45am or taking older siblings to OOSHC.

We will be trialing this new arrangement for term 1 (feedback welcomed).

APOLOGIES for the inconvenience caused by mistakes made in last week’s newsletter, unfortunately junior choir is only open to Level 2 students. However I was impressed with the enthusiastic preps who were eager to join and will consider starting a Foundation choir later in the year.

After School Music Tuition
Information provided at the office.

Lauren Rich
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Visual Arts News

Art Smocks
Please remember to bring your Art Smocks back to school if you haven’t already. If you do not have an Art Smock you can purchase one at the uniform shop in Kew.

Newspaper
We would love anyone who gets The Age to bring any unwanted papers to the Art Room. We find the large sheets cover our tables best. Thank you to everyone that has been bringing theirs in so far, it is much appreciated.

Visual Artist of the Week: Heidi Axup 0C

For the amazing butterfly she drew with oil pastels. She used a variety of colours and interesting patterns. Heidi finished her piece by carefully applying a food dye wash. Excellent work Heidi!

Visual Art Class of the Week: 4W
For the excellent sketches they did of their shoes. They paid close attention to detail and captured the main characteristics of their shoes.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

This Week’s Awards

House Points
Munro won this week’s house points. Congratulations to all the children in Munro who enjoyed ten minutes of extra play today.

Performing Arts Class 0J
Visual Arts Class 4W
Visual Artist Heidi Axup 0C
You Can Do It! Awards:
Abbey Laughton 0C
Edward Cooper 0J
Eliza Gowland 0P
Jack Williams 2A
Tom Hucker 2E
Henni Graham 2J
Sebastian Pegler 2P
Aidin Skinner 2S
Robbie Galvin-Rowley 4B
Amy Catrice 4F
Connor Addis 4F
Jeongwoo Choi 4S
Teri Tsakmakis 4W
Jas Wheatley Cox 6N
Georgia Wolfe 6N
Winnie Laing 6W
You Can Do It! Awards

Abbey Laughton 0C For being a caring class member and looking after her classmates. We are so lucky to have you in our class.

Edward Cooper 0J For being a great friend by caring and helping others. Well done Edward!

Eliza Gowland 0P For greeting everyone in such a happy and positive way. We love your enthusiasm.

Jack Williams 2A For being confident when presenting his portfolio and discussing his learning goals as well as making great choices in the classroom to ensure he is the best learner he can be.

Tom Hucker 2E For his persistent effort with his handwriting and for practising his active listening skills.

Henni Graham 2J For using active listening and being a lovely caring team member of 2J. Keep it up Henni!

Sebastian Pegler 2P For demonstrating how much he cares for his little sister when she came to visit 2P. Seb, I was very impressed with the lovely way you welcomed Lucia.

Aidin Skinner 2S For being a thoughtful and helpful class member and demonstrating persistence in all aspects of his learning. Well done Aidin!

Robbie Galvin-Rowley 4B For organising himself to present at Level 4 assembly and for presenting confidently. Excellent work, Robbie!

Luna Cho 4C For the confidence and persistence she is demonstrating when working on her Maths. Keep it up Luna!

Thomas Walls 4C For asking great questions during our investigations and demonstrating persistence when gathering his information. Keep it up Thomas!

Amy Catrice 4F For her consistent and positive contributions to all class activities. Keep up the good work!

Connor Addis 4F For demonstrating organisational skills when working in a team to present ‘level Four’ assembly. You and your group did a great job. Your presentation was interesting and confidently delivered.

Jeongwoo Choi 4S For demonstrating confidence when explaining your goals to your dad. You explained them clearly and with enthusiasm. Well done.

Teri Tsakmakis 4W For demonstrating persistence to complete an interesting poster relating to her interests. Well done Teri!

Jas Wheatley Cox 6N For speaking confidently when presenting an informative and interesting report on the ‘Green Team’ Excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens at our whole school assembly. Keep it up, Jas!

Georgia Wolfe 6N For being a fantastic, efficient and effective umpire during our netball match practice - you were the best! Keep it up!

Winnie Laing 6W For being a polite and respectful student and for demonstrating excellent getting along when interacting with her peers. Well done Winnie!

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.

Central to the development of these 5 Key Foundations is instilling in young people 12 Habits of the Mind, including:

- 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
Hi everyone,

A huge thank-you to everyone who was able to come to the Welcome Picnic last Friday. For the newbies we welcome you to our community and to those that have once again enjoyed the night, we thank you again for making it so special.

The kids, as usual, were able to rally themselves for a huge night, ably assisted by Alex and his team from AllSportz who are wonderful friends of APS. One such case in point was to see a very happy Nina Portnoy up for more fun all night after getting a ‘bonk on the head’ by a ball in the early evening.

We hope a great night was had by all and we would especially like to thank Kim Fleetwood our wonderful last minute liquor license patron, Dean Park – our Bar Manager extraordinaire, along with his partners Sam Atkins and Richard Ralph. A huge thanks also to Lisa Duane our most special Pimm’s mixer and of course Gary Rowley our fantastic DJ who got all the kids jumping!. (Not to mention my special Steve on the icy pole bar as well as Brigid’s special Leighton on the clean-up detail – thanks guys!)

Of course, we also pass on our particular thanks to Rochelle and Malcolm for their unflagging assistance and support on the night – we couldn’t have done it without you two so thanks again!
To all our volunteers and many of your children we also send out a heart-felt thank you and hope the kids didn’t stay up too late after the excitement.

Coming events to note include:
Monday 4 March – Easter Raffle begins – You should have your raffle tickets in hand
Friday 22 March – Prep Cocktail Party

Class Representatives
Janine Sheean, our Class Rep Co-ordinator has advised us that the only class rep position open is for 6W (Amanda Wilson’s class). We imagine people are vying for this hotly held position after the outstanding job she did with Alice In Wonderland last year. Goodness, get in quick – first in best dressed! Let the office, myself or Brig know via email asap.

PFA Meeting
Our next PFA meeting is set for Tuesday 12 March after drop off in the Multi-Purpose Centre. All parents, class reps and friends are welcome. No RSVP required, we look forward to seeing you there!

Prep Cocktail Party
The first for 2013 will be the Prep Cocktail party to be held on Friday 22nd March. Details will be provided in due course through your Class Reps who are very excited about their plans to date. These parties are always a great night out, and a wonderful chance to meet parents and staff in an informal setting so come along for a great night out.

Easter Raffle – Last Day of Term
It’s been great to see how many eggs we have received to date. Keep them coming! Also, thank you to those that have already returned their raffle chits. We hope that we see more over the next week. If you can afford to donate an egg or two, then please place your Easter egg/s in the basket in the front office so we can start making up some delicious hampers. As mentioned the raffle will be drawn at the final March 28. You will be asked to pay for and return tickets to the office by March 22. We really appreciate your support!

Icy Poles
Don’t forget to put $1.00 in your child’s bag tomorrow for Icy Poles and please remember that if your child requires a lemonade icy pole (colour free) that they ask on purchase or swap with other children in the playground – a lovely way to make new friends for all.

Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick
0412554434 0412128164
Email: mish@mcgroryonline.com
Monday 1st April

**Easter Monday**

**Public Holiday**

**No Program**

Tuesday 2nd April

**Easter Egg Hunt @ Jells Park**

What’s the best thing about Easter? An Easter Egg hunt with all your friends at Jells Park.

BBQ lunch will also be provided.

Child’s Name

9:30am-4:30pm

Transport: Bus

Parent’s Signature

Wednesday 3rd April

**Funfields**

Who likes unlimited rides?

Today we are heading to Funfields in Whittlesea for unlimited rides of the Toboggan Slide, Bumper Boats, Go Kart, Wipe Out Slide and many more.

Child’s Name

9:00am-5:00pm

Transport: Bus

Parent’s Signature

Thursday 4th April

**Swimming @ MSAC**

Today we will be getting a bus to MSAC for unlimited Waterslide, Wave pool and lots more water fun.

* Please bring bathers and a towel.

9:30am-4:30pm

Transport: Bus

Parent’s Signature

Friday 5th April

**Bean Bag Cinema @ Melbourne Central**

If you have never been to the bean bag cinema then you are missing out.

Today I will have a private screening of a brand new PG rated kids film on the giant comfy bean bags. Snacks provided for film.

9:00am-4:30pm

Transport: Train

Parent’s Signature

Monday 8th April

**Bounce Inc, Glen Iris**

Ever played dodge ball on a trampoline?

Bounce Inc is a massive indoor trampoline universe where you can jump and spin to your heart’s content.

* Please wear socks.

9:00am-4:30pm

Transport: Tram

Parent’s Signature

Tuesday 9th April

**Comedy Festival**

Laughter is said to be the best medicine, so today we will be going to see two kids comedy acts at the Melbourne Town Hall as part of the Melbourne Comedy Festival.

9:30am-4:30pm

Transport: Train

Parent’s Signature

Wednesday 10th April

**Science & Art Workshops**

Today we will be staying at school all day to have some Science and Art Workshops.

You can make slime, a balloon helicopter and a tie dyed t-shirt all in the same day.

Child’s Name

9:00am-4:00pm

Transport: N/A

Parent’s Signature

Thursday 11th April

**Roller Skating Disco**

Before they had Roller Blades and Scooters they used old fashioned Roller Skates, so today we are heading to the Bayswater Roller Skating ring for a disco with heaps of fun games.

* Please wear socks.

10:00am-4:30pm

Transport: Bus

Parent’s Signature

Friday 12th April

**Melbourne Aquarium**

Come join us for a tour of the Melbourne Aquarium where we can see the Penguins, Sharks, Turtles, Stingrays and many more. There is also an interactive area where you can hold a starfish and more.

9:30am-4:30pm

Transport: Train

Parent’s Signature
Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2013

There are girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Argentina, Finland and Austria hoping to come here to study for 5 or 10 months from July this year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279 and let me know of your interest.

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I have a Diploma of Teaching, a Bachelor of Special Education and I am a trained Reading Recovery Teacher. At your request references are available.

Email Jennifer.jedwab@gmail.com

Mobile 0419882309.

AFL FOOTBALL
Gordon Bernard Reserve, Nth Balwyn—April 2 + 3
Brighton Grammar School, Brighton—April 4 + 5
J J Holland Reserve, Kensington—April 8 + 9
Parade College, Bundoora—April 11 + 12

SOCCEER
Mentone Grammar Playing Fields, Keysborough—April 4 + 5
Parade College, Bundoora—April 11 + 12

BASKETBALL
Brighton Grammar School, Brighton—April 4 + 5
Parade College, Bundoora—April 11 + 12

NETBALL
Strathcona Baptist Girls’ GS, Caulfield—April 2 + 3
Mentone Grammar, Mentone—April 4 + 5
State Netball and Hockey Centre, Parkville—April 8 + 9
Parade College, Bundoora—April 11 + 12

HOCKEY
Mentone Grammar Playing Fields, Keysborough—April 4 + 5
State Netball and Hockey Centre, Parkville—April 8 + 9
Parade College, Bundoora—April 11 + 12

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Thank you to Steve Zayler seen in this photo conducting football clinics with all our Level 0 & 2 children this week

**REGISTER NOW!!!**

**AUSKICK AT TOORAK PARK**

**WHAT:** NAB AFL AUSKICK PROGRAM – A SAFE, FUN, LEARNING ATMOSPHERE TO DEVELOP FUNDAMENTAL MOTOR SKILLS AND HAVE FUN WITH FRIENDS

**WHO:** PROGRAM FOR 5-8yr olds, if you have older child interested please contact us

**WHERE:** TOORAK PARK, ORRONG ROAD, ARMADALE

**WHEN:** SATURDAY MORNING 8:45AM-10:15AM, START DATE APRIL 20TH - AUGUST 25TH

**HOW:** CHECK BACK OF SHEET FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTER – WE ARE THE STONNINGTON/OLD XAVS CENTRE

FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE PLEASE CONTACT STEVE ZAYLER OR MADELINE O’CONNOR

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