Dear Parents,

Are you ready Armadale Primary? The next few weeks are going to be incredibly exciting and engaging for students, teachers, mums and dads. Next week is National Science week; Foundation students have a Wood workshop on Tuesday, 6Z have their second clay for kids workshop, there is a special visitor at school on Wednesday, on Friday we have another inter school debating program and the Level 2 students will be touring Federation Square in the city. The week after next is Book week, with the Book Fair, special performances and the Book Parade on Friday 23rd August and on that date, the PFA will also run the wonderful Father’s Day stall. Parents please keep a close eye on these dates and any information that the children bring home.

Thank you to all those parents who were randomly selected to complete the Parent Opinion Survey questions and who made themselves available to attend one of our two briefings. Your input, opinions and concerns are all taken on board and used to guide our daily operations and curriculum implementation, with the aim of constantly improving our school for your children. If any of the parents still have their surveys, please bring these to the office by Friday 9th August. I look forward to sharing the survey results with you later in the year.

Heartfelt thank you also to our parents for your generous donations and fundraising to date through the PFA which enabled us to lay down a second area of synthetic grass around the water tank. This will enable the children to enjoy passive play with the construction pods that are full of Lego, Bionicals and construction equipment. Our new clay area is also highly engaging for the children and we have now insisted that the children wear their protective art smocks when creating their sculptures. I apologise for the many brown polo tops that were worn home last week! Thank you also to Malcolm Dow for organising it all and the Facilities sub-committee of School Council for their initial endorsement. Please read the PFA section in the newsletter as Mish and Brig are gearing up for a busy September/October period where there will be great fun for both parents and children and fundraising events which will hopefully realise a third instalment of synthetic grass in front of the MPC and extending all the way to the front fence alongside Densham Road. This will be another great area for the children to enjoy at recesses and lunch and all the Afters children will be able to enjoy this area as well.

Principal for A day Program
Over the last few years the school has applied to the Australian Council for Educational Research to participate in the Principal for a Day Program. The Principal for a Day Program gives business and community leaders the opportunity to truly experience government schools from the inside and to understand the excellent work being done in school communities. I am delighted to announce that we were successful again this year and Jason Kimberley, CEO of Cool Australia has been selected to be our Principal for a Day on Wednesday August 14th. I can hear you asking, “Who is Jason Kimberley and why is Rochelle so excited”?

Cool Australia was conceived by Jason Kimberley following an eco-epiphany in Antarctica in 2005. He returned invigorated and armed with a renewed appreciation of the foibles of humankind and the responsibility we all have to ensure the preservation of our natural environment. continued over page ...
This Week’s Awards

Performing Arts Class  4S
Visual Artist     Thea Coull
Visual Art Class  2P
You Can Do It! Awards:
Lucy Hunt 0C
Connor Seremelis 0C
Billie Thompson 0J
Archie Filopoulos 0P
Marcus Allen 2A
Imogen Bickford 2E
Lily Johnson 2J
Henry Steele 2S
Phoebe Lovell 4B
Christian Fernandez 4C
Amy Catrice  4F
Holly Lovell  4S
Lexi Picciani 4W
Emma Singer 6W

House Points
No house points were announced this week.

Knitting club
Mrs Pearse has very enthusiastically organised a knitting club for students on Wednesdays at lunchtime. I have been delighted to see the progress all the students have made, particularly the younger boys and girls. The students are highly excited about their knitting that they wrote the following article for this week’s newsletter.

‘Each Wednesday knitting club is on for half an hour in 2P’s room. There are 10 people in our club. We have learnt to cast on, knit garter stitch and to cast off. We are very proud of what we have achieved.’

Well done to all the students in the knitting club, this is a wonderful skill that you will know have for life.

Mobile phone usage reminders
We would appreciate your co-operation with regards to student use of mobile phones during the school day. Could all parents please note that according to our mobile phone usage policy, students who bring mobile phones to school must ensure that phones are kept in school bags and switched off during the school day (communication between students and parents during school hours should be through the main office). Students are solely responsible for any mobile phones brought to school, by securing them in their bags. Any regular use of personal mobile phones during school hours without teacher permission will result in mobile phones being confiscated and kept in the main office until the end of the school day.

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Jason identified the need to provide our next generations with relevant and engaging information about our natural world. He identified our education system as the most important and effective medium for connecting with kids and recognised our teachers as the appropriate ‘voice’ for Cool Australia.

In August 2008, Cool Australia was born. To date, Cool Australia has:

◆ 700 flagship schools
◆ 5000 teachers supporting their programs
◆ 145,000 students engaged in their learning activities
◆ 10,000 fans on Facebook
◆ 1500 learning activities
◆ 8 environmental topics: sustainability, energy, water, biodiversity, climate change, consumption, waste, Arctic & Antarctica
◆ 20,000 trees planted in Habitat 141, a forest regeneration project in Western Victoria.

Cool Australia’s Achievements

◆ 2012 Educator of the Year – Victorian Association Environmental Educators
◆ 2011 Runner-up Educator of the Year – Victorian Association Environmental Educators
◆ 2012 Finalist in the Australian Banksia Awards (Education Award)
◆ 2009 Voted best online Educational Resource by News Limited
◆ 2009 Finalist in the Melbourne Awards (Sustainability)

What a fantastic opportunity APS will have next Wednesday when Jason will be at our school for the day and address our Assembly about his work and projects, which will be particularly relevant as the week after Book Week is “EnviroWeek”. Jason is also excited about coming to our school as he has heard about the wonderful sustainability projects our school has been involved in under the leadership of Malcolm Dow. The Green Team will have their own private audience with Jason and I invite any parents who are available to join us at our assembly next week.

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Neita Awards
I am an extremely proud principal because I have been able to present to 6 teachers their certificates for being inspirational educators. Thank you to all students and families for going online to nominate their wonderful teachers. I personally believe that all our teachers and support staff are inspiring educators and how fantastic would it be if in 2014, all our teachers could be presented with certificates!

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Warm regards,

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

An important survey on the future of the Armadillo Magazine

Dear Parent Community,

The Armadillo Magazine is produced for all the students every year highlighting each classroom, specialist classes and activities that have taken place throughout the school year.

Could you please take the time to read and complete a very quick survey about the Armadillo Magazine, 2013. The survey is accessible via the link below:

- [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F679C77](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F679C77)
- Password: 2634
- Closing Date: 14/8/2013 at 11:45 PM

Thank you.

Mat Sweetlove
Armadillo Co-ordinator

Sports News
Level 6 Hooptime Basketball Gala Day
Tomorrow Friday 9 August

A reminder that all Level 6 children need to be at school at 8.50am tomorrow as the bus departs at 9.00am sharp.

Parent assistance tomorrow is still needed.
Please come to your child’s classroom at 8.50am if you are able to help.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

Working Bee

Saturday 31 August
9.00am - 12.00pm

Our second, and final, Working Bee for the year will be held on Saturday 31 August from 9.00am - 12.00pm.

We have a wide range of tasks to be completed from laying a concrete slab to painting, as well as general maintenance jobs like sweeping and drain clearing – something for everyone.

We know your time on the weekend is precious so we value any time you can spare, even just an hour is fine. Of course if you just can’t make it, then we would really appreciate a donation to the school of $30 in lieu of your time, and this money can be put towards material and equipment used at the working bee.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Working Bee Donation

For those parents who will be unable to attend the Working Bee on Saturday 31 August, we would be grateful if you could make a $30 contribution to our Working Bee fund for ongoing maintenance.

Please complete your details below:

- Family Name: ____________

- I would like to make a $30 (or other amount) donation to the APS Working Bee grounds fund.

- I wish to pay by:
  - Cash
  - Cheque
  - Credit Card
  - Mastercard
  - Visa

- Expiry Date: _____ / _____

- Cardholder’s Name (please print) ____________

- Signature: ____________________
Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that the Premiers’ Reading Challenge finishes at the end of August, so all the students in levels 2-6 should be working towards their required amount of books. We have been checking these in ICT so I am sure that all students know their username and password, and how to add books. During Book Week I will be asking parents to send a message to their child’s classroom teacher confirming that they have read the books entered on the website, in order to complete the challenge.

Book Week

As I mentioned last week, Book Week is just around the corner, coming up on August 19 – 23. The theme for this year is “Read Across the Universe” and we have some fantastic activities planned for the week, including the Book Fair, musical performances and the Book Parade. Next week’s newsletter will have all the details.

EnviroWeek

Immediately following Book Week we will be having EnviroWeek, where all the classes will be taking on a range of Sustainability Challenges. Here is a link to the EnviroWeek website, run by Cool Australia. We are very fortunate to have the founder and CEO of Cool Australia coming to our school next Wednesday to be Principal for a day. He will work with the Green Team and the Level 6 students to enhance their understanding of sustainability.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
Parents and Friends for Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

Please note the following dates for your diary:

- **Fathers’ Day Stall** - Friday 23 August
- **The Chocolate Drive** – later this month
- **Christmas Pudding Drive** – early September. Pre-order award winning Frank Food and Me Christmas Puddings
- **Election Day Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle** – Saturday September 7
- **2013 APS Trivia Night** – Friday 25 October

**Fathers’ Day Stall** - This year the Fathers’ Day stall will be held on Friday 23 August. Look out for more details in next week’s newsletter and start thinking about possible donations, particularly if you have a business which may be able to make a donation for our lovely Armadale Dads.

**The Chocolate Drive** – Take them to work, book club, the playground, sporting meets, kinder, extended family and friends! Get the kids hot footing those bars around the neighbourhood to help make their playground greener with more synthetic grass.

**Christmas Pudding Drive** – Early September. Pre-order award winning Frank Food and Me Christmas Pudding, including a free tasting at school.

**Election Day Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle**

- The election has been called so start thinking about cakes, slices, chutneys and all things baked as we will soon be asking you to provide something for the election day cake stall. Last year this stall was an incredible success and it was only a local election. We hope that a federal election will bring even more success. We will also be asking for sausage sizzle help and cake stall helpers. Please contact your class rep. or Brig or myself to register your interest.

**2013 APS Trivia Night**

- Friday October 25.
- The Quiz Master has been booked so please book the babysitter now. The Trivia Night will be held at school and will be a night of fun and games. It is our major fundraiser for the year and will involve both a silent and live auction. We are calling on our school community to start to think about the types of things they might like to donate. We have already had some wonderful responses so thank you but we need a lot more. Know a carpenter? Own a shop? Work in hospitality? Online business perhaps? Vouchers for goods and services are always welcome so please contact your class rep. or directly to Brig or myself. More on this to come.

Lastly, the Scout Raffle will be drawn September 13. We will advise any lucky prize winners then.

*Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick*

*Email: mish@mcsgroryonline.com*  
*brigid@warwick.com.au*

PFA Co-Presidents

**Cooking Club**

Cooking Club will be starting next week!

We have now filled the available places and a note is being sent home today with the 6 students.

Lessons will be held in the staffroom on Wednesdays from 3.45 -5.30pm.

The Term 3 dates are:

- Wednesday August 14
- Wednesday August 21
- Wednesday August 28
- Wednesday September 4

Mrs Evans (2E), Pippa (0P) and Jen (0J)

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Student Absences

We are trialling a new online system for parents to register their child’s absence from school via the school website.

The link is on the home page of our [school website](#) on the slider bar under the photo gallery.

Click on the link ‘Student Absence’ and you will be taken to a form which ,once completed, will be emailed to the school.

We hope this new system will be easy for parents to use, but all feedback is welcomed. Please let us know what you think by emailing us at [armadale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:armadale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Foundation Bulletin

This week’s Foundation bulletin is on the website under your child’s class in the Students tab or click [here](#).
Performing Arts News

Performing Arts Class of the Week: 2A - for practicing their excellent listening skills whilst listening to ‘Peter and the Wolf’.

Choir 2013

Choir begins at **8:15am** on Friday
- **Senior Choir** is in the Performing Arts room.
- **Junior Choir** is in the Science Room.

A reminder to all choir members that Choir begins at 8:15am on the dot.
Doors will open at 8:10 so that Choir may begin on time.
We understand that mornings can be unpredictable but in order for choir to run as smoothly as possible we need to begin on time each week.
That being said, for the safety of your children please do not leave them unsupervised before 8:10am as Miss Johnson and myself are busy preparing for rehearsals.

Thank you for your co-operation.

If you do need to bring your child to school before 8.10am please make arrangements for them to go to OOSHC.

Assembly Performances
If you would like to perform in Assembly this term please see me at recess on WEDNESDAYS to arrange a performance.

After School Music Tuition – Information provided at the office.

Until next week.

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

Visual Arts News

Art Smocks
It is really important for everyone to have their own art smocks, to protect your clothing from getting stained and dirty. 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.

No Need for Newspapers this Term
Thank you so very much for bringing in Newspapers throughout Term 1 and 2. We have a huge supply at the moment, so at this stage (most likely the whole of Term 3) we won’t be needing any old newspapers from home. Thanks again!

Visual Artist of the Week
Thea Coull 4C

For the wonderful sculpture she made from magiclay. Thea created a piece that was both detailed and original.

Visual Art Class of the Week 2P
For the excellent magiclay designs they created. Keep up the great work 2P.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Can you help with donations for our classrooms?

Dear Parents,

2E and 2S require the following items for classroom use:

- Pots, pans and non-sharp plastic kitchen utensils
- Phones (dial, touch, mobile) and faxes
- Recipe books suitable for children
- Appointment book
- Fabric pieces, ribbons and buttons
- Clothing (e.g. vests, skirts and shirts)
- Toys / Games
- Construction items (recyclable materials, e.g. boxes)
- Lego and Mobilo
- Puppets

If you happen to have any of these “pre-loved” items at home, we would be most grateful if you could send them along to school with your child.

Thank you.

Jocelyn Evans and Angela Sozzi
You Can Do It! Awards

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<td>For his persistence at writing. You should be proud of what you can write now!</td>
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<td>For always showing respect by smiling at people and starting conversations using kind words.</td>
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<td>For being a helpful and confident class member. You always speak confidently during circle time and class discussions.</td>
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<td>For presenting confidently during Investigations and for the enthusiasm he displays in all aspects of his learning. Well done Henry!</td>
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<td>Phoebe Lovell 4B</td>
<td>For actively participating in the Level 4 Hooptime Gala Day, showing great sportsmanship and for encouraging her teammates. Well done Phoebe.</td>
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<td>Christian Fernandez 4C</td>
<td>For displaying fantastic confidence, sportsmanship and getting along skills throughout our basketball gala day. Great job Christian.</td>
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<td>Amy Catrice 4F</td>
<td>For demonstrating skill and flair in developing &quot;The Art of Conversation&quot;.</td>
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<td>Holly Lovell 4S</td>
<td>For showing strong persistence, resilience, confidence, organisation and getting-along qualities during your basketball matches at Hooptime. Great effort!</td>
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<td>Lexi Picciani 4W</td>
<td>For actively participating and demonstrating great basketball skills and excellent team spirit at the Level 4 Hooptime Gala Day. Well done Lexi!</td>
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<td>Emma Singer 6W</td>
<td>For demonstrating excellent skill and focus during Tri-Skills. Well done Emma.</td>
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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
Italian Day at Armadale Primary School
Friday 30 August 2013

Italian songs, Italian performers, cooking, singing, art activities, gelati van, dancing and much more... these are just some of the activities planned for our Italian day.

Ciao a tutti

We are again calling on parents to offer their time to help with activities on the day.

It will be a fantastic whole school community event where you can participate and offer your assistance. The timetable for the day is listed below. Any time you can spare to assist would be greatly appreciated.

♦ 9.00-9.45am - assembly
♦ 10.30-11.00am - activities (parent help required)
♦ 11.00-11.30am recess
♦ 11.30am-12.30pm - activities (parent help required)
♦ 12.30-1.30pm lunchtime (parent help required to help with gelati distribution)
♦ 1.30-3.30pm (parent help required)

Please complete the form below and hand in to your class teacher, or email me directly at vampatella.vita.v@edumail.vic.gov.au

Grazie mille
Vita Vampatella
Languages Co-ordinator

ITALIAN DAY HELP REQUEST

I am interested in helping on Italian Day Friday 30 August.

Name ________________________________ Mobile no. __________________________

My child/ren’s name/s and class ________________________________

I am available at the following time/s: ________________________
Malvern Cricket Club Juniors Registration - Boys and Girls

Registration is now open for U11, U13 and U15 players for Malvern Cricket Club Juniors. Practices are typically held on Wednesday and Thursday nights at Malvern City Oval (next to the Town Hall) and home games are held at Central Park, T. H. King Reserve, Menzies Reserve, Gardiner Park and Basil Reserve. Teams are fielded on Friday nights, Saturday and Sunday mornings. This year the club will also be fielding a Wednesday evening Girls team (age bracket 12-16 year olds).

Applications are also open to our Pathways Programme, an intra-Club competition for U10 players which is held on Friday nights and Saturday morning.

For further information and to register by mail visit: [http://www.malverncricketjuniors.com.au](http://www.malverncricketjuniors.com.au) and download an application form.

To register in person: come to the Registration Day Sunday 1st September 9.30am – 12.00pm at the Malvern Cricket Club (next to the Malvern Town Hall). Registrations close on Friday 6 September.

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SUMMER BASEBALL
JUNIOR COME N TRY DAY
SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 12-2PM
ALL WELCOME - FREE KIDS BASEBALL CLINIC
AT KOOYONG PARK opposite Kooyong Tennis Club Glenferrie Road

Ages 5 to 16
All equipment provided
No experience needed our experienced coaches will teach you to play
Emphasis is on FUN baseball
Opportunity to join teams
Free BBQ
Come and join us at our Ball Park on the 8th September

Find out more visit us at:
MalvernBBC@gmail.com
Twitter: @MalvernBraves

Whilst all care is taken to ensure the validity of advertisements in this newsletter we take no responsibility and imply no endorsement.
Hands up for Step-a-thon.
Help fund important child health research.
2 - 8 September 2013

Take the first step.
Sign the kids up for Step-a-thon.

Kicking off in September, Step-a-thon is a fun way to get kids active, and at the same time, raise funds for important child health research.

It's as easy as one, two, three.

Step 1: Register online. The first 25,000 kids get a funky slap band pedometer.

Step 2: Raise money. Start getting support from family and friends.

Step 3: Start stepping. To keep active, kids count their steps for a week.

Every dollar raised helps the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute solve the biggest health problems affecting Aussie kids today.

Visit stepathon.com.au to sign up or learn more.

About Step-a-thon for Kids  www.stepathon.com.au

During the first week in September, primary aged kids around Australia will be stepping towards a healthier future and making every step count by raising money to support child health research.

Step-a-thon for Kids, which runs from 2 – 8 September, aims to teach kids the value of making every step count, by encouraging them to keep active and by supporting the research that aims to keep kids everywhere healthy.

The national challenge also presents parents and schools with a fun way to teach kids about living healthy, getting them outside and energised, and teach them of the value of supporting and empathising with their peers - both classmates and friends, and other children affected by illness or disease.

Kids will register online with their parents' permission, and be sent a Step-a-thon pack which includes a slap-bend pedometer for the first 25,000 registrants to help them count their steps. They’ll then raise money from family and friends supporting their Step-a-thon efforts via an easy-to-use, personalised fundraising website, and then come September, be ready to get stepping.

Getting your kids involved in Step-a-thon, is as easy as one, two, three.

Step 1: Register online at www.stepathon.com.au . The first 25,000 kids get a cool slap band pedometer.

Step 2: Raise money. Start getting support from family and friends.

Step 3: Start stepping. To keep active, kids count their steps for a week (2-8 September 2013)

Every dollar raised helps the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute solve the biggest health problems affecting Aussie kids today.
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@jimsleaning.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.
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!