Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the Cup Holiday afforded you a long weekend to enjoy with your family. It was great to hear that so many families took the opportunity of having the weekend away. On Monday the staff met at the National Gallery of Victoria and enjoyed highly stimulating and engaging professional development with the Education Officers at the NGV. The focus of the sessions was on two of the general capabilities in the new Australian Curriculum: Critical and Creative Thinking and the influence of Asian Culture in our society. The Education Officers took the staff through different techniques and strategies in engaging children in provocative thinking and learning dispositions and communities of inquiry. It was very clever professional development and demonstrated to teachers how you can use Art as texts to teach both English and History, to generate innovative ideas and possibilities and to start the whole inquiry process. For example, using Aboriginal Art is a fantastic way to explore with children the history of Aboriginal Culture and the impact of white settlement upon Aboriginal way of life.

The staff then had a gorgeous lunch at Chocolate Buddha in Federation Square, owned by Angela Mathioudakis (mum of Jett Kelly) and then we headed off to undertake further exploration of learning opportunities for our students in the city. It was a wonderful learning environment for all staff and the City of Melbourne provided a stimulating backdrop. Places visited included: the State Library; ACMI; Bureau of Meteorology; Immigration Museum; Gallery of Sport; Melbourne’s historic laneways and buildings; Gowrie Centre in Carlton for Early Childhood Education.

Welcome back
We welcome back Jennie Pearse from her overseas travels and also Virginia Wallace from her week’s leave. A tremendous thank you to Mary Rodder and Kate Pilgrim for so wonderfully teaching 2P and 3W during that time.

Prep transition
We had the first of our Prep transition sessions last Thursday and it was very exciting to welcome our new Preps for 2013. Malcolm and I ran the first transition session for parents and it was fantastic to be able to spontaneously ask our experienced parents to share their journey at Armadale so far and hopefully reassured those concerned and slightly anxious new parents to our school. The children all enjoyed their time in the Infant Hall and we look forward to reporting back on our second Prep transition session which was held this afternoon.

Grazie Vita!
An enormous thank you to our LOTE teacher, Vita, for a fantastic day last Friday where the whole school celebrated and enjoyed Italian Day. The day was full of cultural immersion, games and activities, music, singing, opera, dancing, gnocchi, gelato and even gondola origami! Thank you to all the teachers who assisted with the smooth running of the day and to the many wonderful parents who also gave up their time to come on the day. A very special thank you to Pina and Tim Martelli, and to Tim’s Mum (Nonna) who came along to demonstrate how to make and eat gnocchi – which the children enjoyed enormously and also provided the staff with a delicious lunch. What a fantastic way to end the week!

G.A.T.E.W.A.Y.S comes to Armadale for the next 4 Fridays!
On Friday morning (tomorrow) a number of our students have been selected to participate in several GATEWAYS programs. These students are very excited about the opportunities to stretch their imaginations and challenge their thinking. We hope all those students enjoy the GATEWAYS journey’s program.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Warm regards,

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
YOU CAN DO IT! AWARDS

1J  Luka Jevtic  For listening to others, sharing responsibilities and working well in a team to open and run a successful bakery during our unit on Money.

2E  Jessica Baird  For her persistence in learning her spelling words every week and her increasing confidence when presenting to the class.

2S  Edward Zelouf  For demonstrating persistence in his learning, working co-operatively with others and being helpful towards his teacher. Keep it up Edward!

2T  Will Hucker  For being an inquisitive learner, a confident speaker, and for helping others.

3D  Martha Conheady  For always being positive, helpful and diligent in her role as library monitor.

3F  Nathan Hoorbakht  For working hard to improve his understandings in the English learning tasks that have been set.

3W  Allegra Tremlett  For demonstrating a positive attitude in all areas, and for settling to her work quickly and completing all set tasks to a high standard. An excellent effort Allegra!

3W  Christian Lignos  For demonstrating persistence and showing great confidence when approaching more difficult mathematical concepts. A great effort Christian!

4N  Rebecca Buluran  For showing confidence and persistence whilst writing a procedural text about CPR - keep up the great effort!

4N  Lewis O'Donnell  For showing great confidence whilst playing a complicated piece on the piano, and whilst presenting a report about his artwork to our school assembly - well done!

4Z  Hugo Nash  For displaying an excellent work ethic and writing an excellent procedural piece on “How to Resuscitate a Mate”. Excellent work Hugo!

ALICE IN WONDERLAND PHOTOGRAPHY

The photos from Alice In Wonderland will be delivered on Friday 9th November.

Unfortunately there is one order that hasn’t been processed because the order had no name or grade on it. The order was for five photos and was paid for in cash. If your child did not receive your photos would you please see Virginia Wallace in 3W so this can be rectified.

Thank you.  Ian Wallace

GRADUATION MEETING

Monday 19th November

The next graduation meeting for interested Grade 6 parents will be held at Lisa Le Deux’s home at 74 Wattletree Road, Armadale on Monday 19th November at 7.30 pm.

All welcome.

CADBURY FUNDRAISER

There are still a number of families yet to return their payment ($60 per box) for the chocolates that went home on Wednesday 12 September. Could the money please be returned to the office as soon as possible as we would like to finalise this fundraiser.
Hi everyone,

We hope you've had a relaxing and enjoyable long weekend. With just over six weeks of school left for the year, we are gearing up for our final PFA function at the end of this month:

**Friday 23rd November – Family Night – 6.00 to 8.30pm**

Bring the whole family along for our Family Night on Friday 23rd November. Lots of entertainment for the kids, including free jumping castle, face painting, air brush tattoos, and creating friendship bands. Great food for everyone, including BBQ (sausages and hamburgers), sushi & rice paper rolls, icy poles and soft drinks. And, of course, a bar for the adults with beer, wine, champers and our fabulous Pimms! Entry is a gold coin donation at the gate.

**Icy poles**

Don’t forget to put $1 in your child’s bag for icy poles tomorrow.

Enjoy the rest of this short week!

Abbey Nash 0410 509 161
anash@nashmanagement.com.au

Jill Davies 0414 335 555
jill.davies@yahoo.com.au

PFA Co-Presidents

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**L4 TEE-BALL GALA DAY**

Tomorrow (Friday 9 November) all the children from Level 4 will be involved in an exciting Tee-Ball Gala Day at Fawkner Park. A notice was sent home last week with the children in Level 4 and is also attached to today’s newsletter on page 9.

If any parents are able to assist tomorrow please speak with your child’s class teacher.

*Peter Cracknell*
Sports Co-ordinator

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**WESLEY MISSION FOOD FOR FAMILIES APPEAL**

Each year thousands of homeless people turn to the Wesley Mission Melbourne for food and emergency accommodation. For the past ten years the school has supported the ‘Food for Families’ Appeal, collecting grocery items and toiletries to help meet the needs of homeless people throughout the next year. If you would like to donate to this appeal you can send a grocery item to your child’s classroom. We will collect these goods from the classrooms and, in early December, arrange for the goods to be collected from the school.

Thanking you.

*Sarah, Isla, Elsa, Olivia M, Camilla, Olivia N 3F*

**SUGGESTED GROCERY ITEMS INCLUDE:**

- Tinned tuna and salmon, tinned baked beans and spaghetti, pasta sauces and pasta, UHT (long life) milk, breakfast cereals, jars of vegemite, honey, peanut butter, nutella and jam, sweet and dry biscuits, muesli bars, cheese sticks, teabag, instant coffee, Milo, tins of fruit, tins of vegetables, rice and two minute noodles, baby food, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, soap, deodorant, bottles of shampoo and conditioner, face washers.

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**LEVEL 1 BULLETIN**

This week’s Level 1 bulletin is on the website for the Prep parents under your child’s class in the Students tab or click [here](#).

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**Year 6 Graduation Fundraiser!**

In order to raise money for our Year 6 Graduation Dinner, we invite all students to wear casual clothes and bring a $2 coin on Thursday 15th November. Your $2 will also supply you an icy pole.

By Marianna and Jamie
PERFORMING ARTS AWARD: 1C – For their fantastic class role play of “Hansel and Gretel” and for showing a good understanding of different emotions and feelings. Well done 1C!

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.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
LEVEL 3 and 4 ENSEMBLE – will be on FRIDAY at 1pm in the Performing Arts room. Please remember to bring your music sheets/instruments.

CHOIR 2012
◆ SENIOR CHOIR (Level 3 & 4) – Friday 8.15am in the Performing Arts hall
◆ JUNIOR CHOIR (Level 2) – Friday 8.15am in the UPSTAIRS INFANT BUILDING
◆ The senior choir will perform “Viva La Vida” at Week 6’s assembly (November 14th).

Amanda Wilson
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Visual Artist of the Week

Jordan Filopoulos 1J – For the excellent drawing skills he displayed when doing a detailed sketch of an Owl. Jordan used a variety of lines to draw the main features of his owl. Beautiful drawing Jordan!

Visual Art Class of the Week

3F - For their fabulous Decorated Elephants. They used a combination of different dots and lines to create decorative patterns. Impressive work 3F!

“Clay for Kids” Exhibition
Duldig Studio in Malvern East is holding a “Clay for Kids” exhibition showcasing works created by local Primary students. Six of our Level 4 students; Rose Power, Jack Mangano, Will Hutchins, Lewis O’Donnell, Amy Bounos and Milla Alekna, made pieces which have been selected for display in the exhibition. This event coincides with Duldig Studio’s Open Day and entry is FREE of charge. The details are as follows:

When: Sunday 11th November, 12 – 4 pm
Where: Duldig Studio, 92 Burke Road
Malvern East

Level 2 Excursion
On Tuesday 13th November (2S, 2T and 2E) and Wednesday 14th November (2P and 2J) will be travelling by chartered bus to the National Gallery of Victoria – Ian Potter Centre. The students will take part in an art workshop, tour of the gallery and explore Federation Square.

All students will need to bring their snack and lunch in separate, disposable bags clearly labelled with their name and, a water bottle. Students are expected to wear full school uniform and wear their broad-brimmed, Armadale Primary School hat. This excursion is included in the Term 4 Levy. We require 1 parent from each class to accompany us. If you are able to assist, please inform your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Supplies for the Art Room
Thank you to the people who have brought supplies to the Art Room. In the next few weeks we are going to need lots of ‘metallic’ bits and bobs, particularly:
◆ ring pulls (from drink cans)
◆ bottle tops (from glass bottles)
◆ small springs (from old pens)
◆ press studs, rivets, fasteners, etc

Please keep an eye out for these items and collect them in a small bag or container to bring to the Art room.

Jennifer Hemingway
Thank you once again to all students, parents, teachers and student teachers who helped make Italian Day un gran successo (a huge success)!

Some comments from students about Italian Day:

Jack G 2P -
I liked playing giant soccer and drawing the creation of Adam because I enjoyed myself.

Abbie 2P -
I liked the performance because I got to sing in front of everybody by myself.

Bridget 3C -
I liked giant soccer because I had lots of friends on my team and my group had a great time.

Bella 3C -
I liked making origami gondola because I finished it and it was really hard to make.
Welcome to Armadale

Jim’s Cleaning Armadale has recently been established and its business partners would like to offer the Parents of Students at Armadale Primary School an introductory offer. The specific treatments are for Bathrooms, Kitchens, Ovens and Windows.

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@jimsclening.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.
Hosting is Fun! Become a WEP Family!

Bring a piece of the world into your home by becoming a volunteer host family to an exchange student from Italy, Canada, Finland or Brazil in January.

Visit New Places – Revisit Old Favourites!
Hosting a student encourages families to see Australia through the eyes of an exchange student. Invite a motivated teenage student into your home for a semester or year and gain a new family member and friend for life.

Become a WEP Host Family – It’s Easy!
Simply submit your host family application and choose your student. Before you know it you’ll be communicating with your new family member while everything else is organised by WEP!

FIND OUT MORE!
Contact Sylvia Kelly at WEP today for a FREE information pack.
Phone: 1300 884 733
Web: www.wep.org.au
Email: info@wep.org.au

Is bedwetting occurring in your family?

Attend “Happiness is a dry bed” with Janet Blainey, Child Psychologist

Bedwetting is a common and distressing difficulty for children and their families. There will be a free information session for parents where practical advice will be given on the management of bedwetting including causes and ways of helping a child to be dry at night.

Tuesday 13th November at Brighton Recreational Centre, 93 Outer Crescent, Brighton, 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Inquiries Telephone 9598 3537
Malvern Primary School Spring Fair

Come and enjoy Malvern Primary School bumper Spring Fair on **Sunday 18 November**.

This year’s fair has more than 60 stalls and rides including food & drinks, books, sporting equipment, toys, cakes, jams, plants as well as rides for children of all ages, animal farm and plenty of fun family activities.

Admission is free.

What: Malvern Primary School Spring Fair  
When: 10am to 4pm  
Sunday 18 November  
Where: 17 Tooronga Rd Malvern

Participants needed: FREE study for overweight teens looking for help!

Murdoch Children's Research Institute at The Royal Children's Hospital is doing a study to find a better way to support overweight young people aged 12 to 17 years to make healthier choices about weight management. Participation involves completing online questionnaires and having height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measured at the beginning and then at 3, 6 and 12 month follow-ups. Parents are also invited to take part. Every 3 months there will be a draw for a $100 gift voucher for those who have kept their appointments. The results will help us to find out a helpful way to teach young people about weight-related behaviours during adolescence. We need overweight young people aged 12-17 living in metropolitan Melbourne to join in!

Enquiries: Karly Cini 03 9345 6954 or **stayingfit@mcri.edu.au**

For more info: [www.rch.org.au/cah/research/The_Staying_Fit_Project/](http://www.rch.org.au/cah/research/The_Staying_Fit_Project/)
Dear Parents,

On Friday 9th November, all children from Level 4 will be involved in an exciting Tee-Ball Gala Day as part of the P.E./ Sport Program. This will involve using tee-ball equipment in modified games with other schools in our Southport District.

**VENUE:**  
Fawkner Park, South Yarra

**DATE:**  
Friday 9th November

**DEPART:**  
9:00am sharp

**RETURN:**  
2.45pm

**TRANSPORT:**  
Bus

**COST & PERMISSION:**  
Included in the Term 4 Excursion Levy

**Children require:**

- **School Uniform** shorts/skirt, school sports polo, runners and windcheater/jacket (coat should also be brought if cold) Sunhat, Sunscreen
- Playlunch, lunch and drink/s in reuseable containers. A plastic water bottle is also required.
- School bag or sports bag.

**Parent Assistance Needed:**

*We also need at least 2 parents from each class to assist with supervision of teams throughout the day.* Please complete the slip below if you can help and return to your class teacher by Wednesday 7th November or contact your parent class representative.

We look forward to a fun day.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co ordinator

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**PARENT ASSISTANCE AT TEE-BALL GALA DAY**

*Please return promptly if available*

Yes, I would be able to assist the children on the Tee-Ball excursion on Friday 9th November

**CHILD’S NAME:** ____________________________________ **CLASS:** ________

**PARENT NAME:** ____________________________________

**SIGNED:** ________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)

**PHONE:** ________________________________________