Dear Parents,

Thank you very much to all parents who have been able to help out with our swimming program over the last two weeks. We are very grateful for your assistance and help with the children walking to and from the pool and whilst changing before and after lessons. Whilst on the subject of thank yous...

Thank you to our wonderful PFA for all their work at Masters on Saturday May 4th. Brigid Warwick did an amazing job of organising all the meat and bread together with Mish McGrory and Janine Sheean who assisted in scheduling all the volunteers. Thank you so much to all the parents and children who were able to assist at the sausage sizzle and came to help out. Pascale Mogford (OJ) has a definite career in retail as she confidently sold sausages and a drink to many customers.

Special mention to the following people and apologies to others if I have unintentionally left you off this list:

- Sam Hunt
- Brigid Warwick
- Michelle Moffat
- Anthony Simmons
- Tam Nguyen
- Gary & Jen Rowley
- Anthony Iezzi
- Rob McLeLLan
- Campbell Sorell
- Jacci Smith
- Kendra & Mike Fowler
- Nick & Fiona Holuigue
- Jeff Armstrong
- Tim Stringer
- Rob Officer
- Nicole Batagol
- Sarah Scotti
- Paul Mogford
- Leanne Houghton–Allen (Luca 2J)

Thank you also to Nigel Houghton–Allen (Luca 2J) for donating 9 stand-alone student chairs with writing tops to our school. Nigel generously organised for these to be delivered to our school last week and within moments they were snapped up by classroom teachers. Thank you Nigel!

Curriculum Day reflections

All of our staff participated in educational learning walks on Friday at a number of high performing government schools. There was much to take in and learn and also great affirmation of what we are already doing. In line with the state government’s improvement agenda, the school over the next 12 months will develop a pedagogical model that suits our school and will ensure consistency of best practice from Foundation to 6. I look forward to sharing the narrative of our educational journey with you.

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OOSHc licensed area in the school after 3.45pm

Just a courtesy reminder to parents that OOSHc has a licence to use the courts, quadrangle, sand pit and junior playground everyday after school. This is something that is a condition of their licence to run as a child care provider out of school hours. May I please request then, that any parents and children who like to stay after school and are not attending OOSHc, that you move to the DOME playground and continue playing and chatting there. Also, children either need to be picked up at 3.30pm or they will be sent to OOSHc at 3.45pm, unless a parent has rung the school beforehand to notify us that you are running late. Should any parents and non-registered children be in the yard in the locations that OOSHc has the licence for and if we have an on-the-spot inspection, Katie may be in trouble with the registering authority and the last thing we all want is to have our OOSHc licence revoked. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter and should you wish to discuss this further please don’t hesitate to pop in for a chat.

Children need between 9-10 hours of sleep every night.

Your children are highly stimulated during our school day with all the learning activities they are expected to do and all the extra curricular activities that the school offers every day. In order to maximise their learning potential, children need to have an average of 9-10 hours of sleep every night. Those children who are allowed to stay up late are invariably sluggish in the mornings, less attentive and alert and struggle throughout the day. Please be strict with bedtimes, so your children can engage with their learning at a high level and achieve to the best of their ability.

Mother’s Day Stall (MUMs stop reading at this point)

We are holding a fabulous Mother’s day stall again this year, tomorrow Friday May 10th in the Italian room. All 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 for tomorrow 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

I am looking forward to seeing all the Level 2 parents in our MPC tomorrow evening. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet new parents and catch up with those already good friends. I am excited about the hall being transformed and looking forward to the delicious catering from Kim Fleetwood. Thank you to the Level 2 class reps for all of their organisation. Passionate Geelong and Essendon fans will just have to keep checking their phones.

Goodbye Mateo – we will miss you

Mateo Soubielle will be leaving our school tomorrow as his family are moving to a new home in Mt. Eliza. We wish Mateo all the best with his move to his new school and I hope he keeps in contact with his friends here. Mateo’s mum, Alicia wrote a lovely letter to me and this is some of what she said...

Dear Mrs Cukier,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all APS staff. It has been an exceptional journey and we will always be thankful for APS environment, culture and education standards.

Mateo leaves APS with great memories.

Once again, thank you very much.

Kind regards, Alicia & Dario

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Warm regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

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This Week’s Awards

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Aryana Gallagher 2S
Raghu Samartha 4B
Rory McGann 4C
Lily Henshaw 4C
Lexi Picciani 4W
Conner Bourke 6N
Mark Allen-Lyons 6N
Nicholas Harrison 6W
Eliza Motion 6Z

House Points
Northcote & Munro won this week’s house points.
Congratulations to all the children in Munro who will have ten minutes extra play on Friday.

Assistant Principal

Working Bee
This Saturday 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 (with your children) even if it is just for an hour, and if you have any gardening tools to bring along, it will help, as our own supply is quite limited. Don’t forget if you can’t attend, we would really appreciate a $25 donation to the school’s grounds fund which helps us purchase tools and equipment for maintaining the school.

Skooville

We have started using Skooville with some of the students, and over the rest of this term, will introduce it to all classes. Skooville (formerly SuperClubsPlus and then briefly Skoodle) is a great online resource for all students and works really well as an introduction to using social media, with a very strong emphasis on cybersafety and correct etiquette and protocol when online. Students will receive their username and passwords for this as we introduce it. Hopefully all students are now using Reading Eggs or Reading Eggspress and getting some great benefits from these as well. Both of these programs are subscription based and the yearly subscription for each will be charged in the Term 3 Excursion Levies ($10 for Reading Eggs and $4 for Skooville, very good value when you consider the range of resources and activities within them)

Cybersafety Session
As part of our activities for Education Week this year we will be running a special morning presentation on Cybersafety for your children. This is particularly relevant for all parents of Level 6 Students with their 1 to 1 netbook program, but all other parents are welcome to attend as well. Please email me if you are interested in attending this session at dow.malcolm.l@edumail.vic.gov.au. It will be held in the Performing Arts room at 8.00am on Thursday 23 May.

BYO Headsets – a reminder from last week’s newsletter
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 – change of date
Because of the Pyjama Day Fundraiser on Friday 24th May, we felt it was better to move the Walk Safely to School Day to Thursday 23rd May. 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
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Ride to School Focus Group

Bicycle Network Victoria have asked me to pass on this information below. Hopefully there are some interested parents who would like to participate and give their views and opinions and receive $50 for their time. If interested please contact Arlen Keen directly.

Malcolm Dow

The Ride2School Program is seeking a total of 12 parents of students at your schools to participate in a focus group on Tuesday, 28 May from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

The focus group will be conducted locally at the City of Stonnington facilities at Tooronga Depot, just across from Tooronga Station.

The criteria:
♦ Parents should live no further than 2km from the school (estimated)
♦ Parents should let us know:
  ♦ How many children they have in total
  ♦ The ages of these children
♦ We are looking for a cross-section of parents who take their children to school through a variety of transport modes, so parents should mention how they most regularly take their children to school (e.g. driving, walking, riding, public transport, etc.)

Participating parents will be compensated for their time with a $50 honorarium. The 12 participating parents will be selected on first come, first served in the order in which they get in touch with me directly to register their interest, subject to representational balance from amongst your schools. No preparation work is required. Parents will be asked to answer a series of questions and participate in a discussion led by the Ride2School Team facilitator.

Any interested parents should e-mail me directly to: arlenk@bicyclenetwork.com.au

Arlen Keen
Ride2School Events and Stakeholder Relations Co-ordinator

Sports News

Special Fun Fitness Run Sport Session Level 4 & 6

Tomorrow, all Level 4 & 6 students will be involved in a Fitness Fun Run & Cross Country Trial at Romanis Reserve as part of the PE/Sport program. All children need runners and a water bottle.

Hook into Hockey Gala Day

On Friday 26th April, all the level 6 students went to Footscray Hockey Ground for the Hockey Gala Day with schools in our District. We all had a fantastic day. Everyone played well and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. We would all like to thank the Level 6 teachers and parents: Michael (Olivia M), Pascal (Marco), Ross (Jamieson), Kylie (Daisy) for helping supervise the teams on the day. Also to Oscar and Toby for coaching. Congratulations to Lucien who won the Good Sport Award.

Jack M & Lewis O (Sport Leaders)

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

Green Team Tips of the Week

JOE:
When you’re driving in your car and you need to cool it down open the windows and don’t turn on the air con.

LILLY:
In the morning water your lawn not in the afternoon because the sun comes out and it evaporates and doesn’t water your lawn.

DAISY:
Ask your parents if you can start growing a veggie patch in your garden so you can have fresh fruit and veggies.

Joe, Lilly and Daisy
Green Team Leaders
You Can Do It! Awards

Claudia Graham 0J
For showing respect by listening to her class mates and using lovely manners when speaking to others.

Kosta Theodoropoulos 0P
For working hard during Investigations. We loved reading the map you created!

Samantha Hill 2E
For focussing well during Numeracy and completing her individual work to a high standard.

Mateo Soubielle 2P
Thank you Mateo for making thoughtful choices when selecting the correct food for the chooks in your role as ‘Chookie Monitor’. Well done!

Louis Cox 2P
For exhibiting careful listening skills and concentrating on completing his table activities. A fantastic effort Louis!

Aryana Gallagher 2S
For displaying courtesy, respect and active listening at all times and persisting with tasks. Well done Aryana!

Raghu Samarttha 4B
For always being a positive, engaged member of our class community. We wish you well Raghu.

Rory McGann 4C
For engaging positively and enthusiastically in our Science investigations on food webs. Thank you for sharing all your amazing observations!

Lily Henshaw 4C
For displaying a positive attitude towards learning, becoming more inquisitive, having a go at challenges and completing her work with enthusiasm.

Luke Hrysomallis 4S
For your unrivalled enthusiasm in everything you do. Great job!

Harry Fox 4S
For your willingness to help your classmates with their work. Thank you!

Lexi Picciani 4W
For being a cooperative and helpful member of her group when working on 3D shapes, and for demonstrating excellent "getting along" skills. Well done Lexi!

Conner Bourke 6N
What a great effort - how fantastic to see you swimming so well! Great confidence and resilience - keep it up!

Mark Allen-Lyons 6N
For showing a wonderful sense of rhythm and fantastic listening skills during Footsteps. You’re a very well coordinated dancer - well done, Mark!

Nicholas Harrison 6W
For being a co-operative class member and for always trying his best. Well done Nicholas!

Eliza Motion 6Z
For being a class member who always displays kindness, co-operation and getting along skills with all her classmates. You are a fantastic role model Eliza!
Hi everyone,

Events for May include:

- **Mother’s Day Stall** – Tomorrow in the Italian room from 9.00am
- **Level 2 Cocktail Party** – Tomorrow evening from 7.30-10.30pm at school
- **Level 4 Cocktail Party** – 24 May at The Mt Erica Hotel
- **Scout Raffle** – Win a car, camper trailer or overseas holiday!

Again we thank all you Sizzlers, Onion Choppers, Bread Slappers, Till Operators and Sausage Munchers! – A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who so kindly donated their time last Saturday and of course a special thanks goes to our wonderful Brigid who co-ordinated the whole affair and shed many a tear when tirelessly chopping onions on her mandolin. The day was a huge success with over $700 raised to go toward our ‘Greening of APS’ initiative.

The **Mother’s Day Stall** tomorrow is always an exciting time for the children. Pssst! Dad! Don’t forget to slip them a sneaky fiver! Please see Kristen and Susan’s section to the right.

**Level 2 parents**, the Cocktail Party tomorrow evening from 7.30-10.30pm at School in the Multi-Purpose Room will be fantastic. Don’t forget to BYO whatever you’d like to drink. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Level 4 parents**, we know by now you have diarised your Cocktail Party next month to be held at The Mt Erica Hotel. Don’t forget to RSVP if you haven’t already done so.

The **Scout Raffle** offers some wonderful prizes so stay tuned for more on this in the next few weeks.

Lastly, our next PFA meeting will be held next Tuesday from 9.00am in the Performing Arts Room in the MPC. We’d love to see you there.

*Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick* 0412554434 0412128164
Email: mish@mcgroryonline.com brigid@warwick.com.au
**PFA Co- Presidents**

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**Mother’s Day Stall 2013**

It’s only 3 sleeps to Mother’s Day on Sunday! The Armadale Primary School Mother’s Day Stall 2013 is tomorrow (Friday) for all of our APS children to choose a gorgeous gift for their precious Mum. Please remind Dad to give each child $5 to bring to school tomorrow.

Thanks to all of the families that have placed gifts into the donation boxes in the classrooms and to the Teachers and Class Reps. who have assisted in the collection.

From 12.30 today (Thursday) in the Italian room, we will wrap over 400 beautiful gifts in clear cellophane and we would love as many parents as possible to help us chat and wrap so that they are ready for the big day tomorrow.

**THE STALL runs all morning** tomorrow (Friday) until 2.00pm/ish, again in the Italian room. If you have some spare time we would love for you to help us assist the children choose their presents with much love and deliberation and help to wrap them in our individually hand painted paper by our own local artists (thanks Lucy). It’s a truly lovely and social morning.

We hope that you have a wonderful Mother’s Day and are spoilt with millions of hugs and kisses and a special surprise! (shhhhh).

Please call us with questions, last minute donations or if you would like to be involved.

Susan Hassett 0404 392 240 or Kristen Steele 0417 703 998
02 May 2013

Dear Parent / Guardian of Children Attending Swimming Lessons or Swim Clubs

An outbreak of cryptosporidium infection (also referred to as 'crypto') is affecting Melbourne and many parts of regional Victoria. The Department of Health is requesting that parents and guardians of all children who attend swimming lessons or swim clubs in Victoria be provided with information on how to protect themselves and others when swimming. **This letter does not indicate a problem with the facility your child attends** - it is being provided across the State and contains advice that is important all year round.

Crypto is a parasitic infection that causes gastroenteritis, with the most common symptoms being diarrhoea, stomach cramps and nausea. Symptoms may last for weeks and have serious consequences for people who have weakened immune systems. During swimming, people can become infected by swallowing water which has become contaminated by human faeces, usually from tiny amounts that cannot be seen. Crypto can also be spread from person to person, especially in settings such as childcare facilities and in households where there are cases.

All swimming pool patrons are able to become infected if the pool is contaminated with crypto because crypto parasites are not killed by the normal levels of chlorine used in swimming pools. Without realising, people with crypto infection can contaminate pool water up to 14 days after their diarrhoea has stopped. Pool operators have taken steps including decontamination of water where appropriate as a protective measure, but this cannot break the cycle of crypto infection without the help of patrons.

To prevent the spread of disease, parents / guardians should ensure they and their children take the following actions to protect themselves and others:

- Do not swim if you have diarrhoea or if you have had diarrhoea in the past two weeks;
- Shower and wash thoroughly with soap before entering the pool;
- Wash your hands with soap after going to the toilet or changing a nappy;
- Avoid swallowing pool water.


If you have any concerns about your health or the health of your child, please consider seeking medical advice. A simple stool (poo) test is available to diagnose crypto infection if your doctor considers that crypto may be a cause of symptoms.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Dr Rosemary Lester
Chief Health Officer

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**A HEART A HAND A HOME**

a solo exhibition by

**Jane Donaldson**

Join us for the opening  
Sat 11 May, 2-4pm  
Meet the artist and her quirky characters at 3pm

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