Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to the entire Armadale Community and it was fabulous to see so many excited faces to be back at school for the start of Term Three on Monday. There were no visible tears, only masses of smiles and sounds of laughter and all the parents looked very happy indeed! Term Three will be full of action and adventure and huge opportunities for all the students to learn and discover new skills and knowledge. Years Prep to 2 will be undertaking circus skills, Years 3-6 will be honing their skills in Tri-skills, Year 3 and 4 children are excitedly awaiting their camp at Camp Rumbug in September, the House Captains are looking forward to the Year 3-6 House Athletics on Monday 28th July, as are all the students and all of the classes will be having storytelling and writing workshops with an experienced teacher, Beth Cregan. There will be a number of excursions and incursions in relation to the curriculum planned for this term, Book Week will be launched in August and Peter Pan rehearsals will continue in full swing, and we will also be celebrating the official opening of Armadale Primary, 130 years ago on September 8th and enjoy Italian Day at the end of that week. So many exciting things for us all to look forward to!

Additionally the PFA have wonderful events planned so ensure you read Mish’s section!

Parent/ Teacher/ Student Interviews
tuesday July 29th 2014 from 12.00pm - 7.30pm
There will be no classes held this day as students, parents and teachers will be involved in Interviews as a follow up to the mid-year reports that were distributed at the end of last term. Please find details on page 6 of this newsletter for how to book your interview time online by registering on the PTO website. The conferences will commence at 12.00pm and each family may book a 15 minute timeslot. The staff will break for tea at 5.00pm, the interviews will resume at 5.30pm and conclude at 7.30pm. When you go online to book the times, teachers may have blocked out some time slots due to unavoidable external commitments. **If you are unable to attend on Tuesday 29th July, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher so that alternative arrangements can be made.**

It is **compulsory that all students** in Years 1 -6 attend these interviews with their parent/s. Please note that for our Prep students, it will just be Parent / Teacher Interviews. Teachers will be focussing on future learning and the strategies required for students to continue to grow and progress in their learning. The students will be active participants in the Interviews and will commit to the directions and advice as outlined by the teachers. We recognise that parents may wish to speak privately to teachers about any extenuating circumstances or sensitive matters. We ask that parents indicate this at the start of the Interview, so that some time can be set aside towards the end of the fifteen minutes. In most cases, we expect that students, parents and teachers will spend the fifteen minutes together discussing each child’s 2014 learning journey to date and be able to celebrate their growth and development.

Thank you in anticipation of your involvement in this important process.

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Special Religious Instruction Parent Consent Form to Opt-in
Could parents please return this form by the end of this week as it is imperative we make a decision about our SRI provision for students. If the form isn’t returned the school will have to assume that you do not consent to SRI being taught to your child/ren. Click here to print a form.

Welcome to new families at Armadale Primary School
The school warmly welcome Edwin Palatty in 1/2 P and Bill Glyde in Prep C. We hope our new students and their families thoroughly enjoy their time at Armadale and being part of our wonderful Armadale Community.

I received an email from Nathan Hoorbahkt’s mum, Fiona, over the holidays advising the school that Nathan has moved to Christchurch Grammar. We sadly never had the chance to say goodbye to Nathan, but wish him all the very best at his new school. Thankfully, we will still be able to keep in touch with Nathan through his younger brother, Jayden who will remain with us.

Exciting news from School Council
With the departure of Rachel Power from School Council, a casual vacancy was declared. I am very excited to announce that Kelvin McAlpine (father of Dylan in 3/4S) has kindly agreed to be co-opted and sit on our School Council. On behalf of the whole school community we extend our congratulations to Kelvin and we will formally welcome him at our next School Council meeting on Monday July 28th.

Have a warm week everyone.

Regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Student Banking
Welcome back to Term 3. The following students have qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year.

♦ Tom Forster
♦ Maxwell Stewart
♦ Charles Atkins
♦ Mia McGrory
♦ Alexandra Park

These certificates will be presented in the classroom later in the week.

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

Sports News
House Athletics for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
On Monday 28 July all children in Years 3-6 will be participating in a House Athletics Carnival. Please see the detailed information in today’s newsletter on page 7. Children were handed this information today.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Convenor

Sewing club
Mrs Pearse has one member from 2P. She would like 4 or 5 more grade 2 students to join her from 3.30-4.15 each Wednesday, commencing on Wednesday 23 July.

This Week’s Awards

Artist of the Week: Mia Kliegl
Art Class of the Week: 3/4W
You Can Do It! Awards:
Charlie Maine Prep C
Castellotti Puccinelli Prep S
Freya Thompson 1/2A
Lucy Thompson 1/2D
Karine Tan 1/2E
Charlotte Bond 1/2K
Edwin Palatty 1/2P
Luca Houghton-Allen 3/4M
Teri Tsakmakis 3/4W
Christian Lignos 5B
Marco Misaipon 6N
Ned Dixon 6Z

House Points
House points will resume next week.
Dear Parents,

We would like to provide some information regarding the ICAS to be undertaken during Term 3 this year. **As in 2013, only interested Armadale Primary students in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be able to participate in the International Competitions and Assessment in Mathematics & English during term 3.**

In many schools only the more able or selected students are invited to participate in these competitions, therefore the results cannot be compared with general assessment data obtained by schools. Please note that the ICAS results do not measure your child’s achievement against EXPECTED curriculum levels as determined by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD). Only a small percentage of students will be presented with High Distinction, Distinction, or Credit certificates. All other students will receive a Participation certificate acknowledging their efforts.

As well as the certificates, schools and parents receive quite detailed performance information for each individual student undertaking the ICAS. At school this is used for comparison with other assessment data and to inform the teaching program. Participation in ICAS provides students with practice at sitting formal examinations, preparing them for compulsory state-based assessments, assisting them to become more comfortable in answering questions and managing their time effectively under exam conditions.

If any parent is interested in their child participating in the ICAS English and/or Maths competitions, please complete the form to the right and return to school by **Monday 21st July.** Cost is $8.80 for English (test date 30th July) and $8.80 for Mathematics (test date 12th or 13th August).

If you have any queries, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Rochelle Cukier  
Principal  

Peter Cracknell  
ICAS Co-ordinator

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**Please note: Entries close Monday 21 July**

**International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)** for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students

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**Total Cost:**

I enclose payment:

- [ ] CASH  [ ] CHEQUE
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  Official Account BSB: 083 298  
  Account Number: 028911383 – please include YOUR SURNAME/ICAS to identify your payment
- [ ] CREDIT CARD - VISA or MASTERCARD ONLY

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Expiry Date: [□□] / [□□]

Cardholder’s Name:

Signature: __________________

Please complete and return this form by Monday 21 July
Parents and Friends for Armadale

Hi everyone and welcome back!

We have an action-packed third term involving Herbs, Peter Pan fundraising and a fun-filled Trivia Night so please note the following and save these dates:

♦ Herb Drive – Herb packs coming home next week.
♦ Trivia Night – Friday August 22.
♦ Peter Pan Fundraiser – Special Icy Pole Thursday! September 18 (day prior to end of term).

Our first-ever Herb Drive

Sick of buying expensive herbs for your signature dish? Herb garden suffering from frost-bite after the holidays? Don’t worry, next week each family will be taking home a special herb pack which includes basil, parsley, chives, coriander and rocket. At $60 for 10 individual herb packs it’s cheap cheap cheap like a birdie! You can sell them to neighbours, grow them on your windowsill, gift them or keep them for up to a year. We look forward to your feedback regarding this new initiative and hope many an APS child takes great joy in tending and seeing their herbs grow each day.

Trivia Night – Friday August 22
Save the date. Book the sitter or relative. It will be even bigger and better and probably sillier than last year. Held in the MPC with BYO food it is a great night out and guess what? We will be providing a bar this year so get on board and we’ll see you there!

Peter Pan Fundraiser – Icy Pole Thursday
September 18
To help our wonderful Lisa and APS thespians out we thought we would throw an Icy Pole Thursday to get all things Peter Pan up and running. To be honest we don’t really make a lot from icy poles but anything we can do to help with props, costumes and raise awareness for helpers would be great and it’s the day before school break so it’s a lovely treat for all.

With the exception of our Peter Pan fundraiser, all funds raised go toward our wonderful ‘Back to the Future’ initiatives. We hope to upgrade our play areas with synthetic turf on a sponge base. Not only will it prevent ‘tan bark rash’, ‘tan bark face plant’ and ‘tan bark crash’ injuries along with tan bark rubble in the car and home, it will also provide greener play areas for our children. We also hope to repaint and re-carpet areas of need dependent on funds raised.

Lastly, anyone who wants to off-load a largish quality cubby house or could access one for installation in our play area would be well-loved. We could even put your name over the door! This is an item on our wish list that we probably cannot achieve this year through fundraising. If you can help please contact Rochelle, Brig or myself.

Please keep checking the newsletter and your specialist year level bulletin to keep up to date with all things APS.

Exciting Things Happen At Armadale Primary

Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick
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Email: mish@mccgroryonline.com
brigid@warwick.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents

Library News

Scholastic: New forms are located outside of the library!

Book fair: Term 3 sees the return of the book fair, time to save some money to buy cheap books, more information to follow.

After school borrowing is on every Thursday after school for students to return and borrow books if they did not get a chance during the week. Parents are also welcome to attend and borrow in their child’s account.

Happy reading,
Brett Leyshan
Visual Arts News

Artist of the Week:
Mia Kliegl Prep S

For the wonderful fire truck she created using cardboard shapes and rubbing blocks. Well done!

Visual Art Class of the Week 3/4W

For the excellent effort they made with their dot painting and for all remembering to bring their art smocks to school! Keep it up 3/4W!

Art Smocks

A number of students still do not have an art smock. If you do not have an art smock please make sure you get one over the weekend and put it in your classroom’s art smock tub. These can be purchased from any uniform shop. Just look for the material similar to a rain jacket, the cotton smocks are not as effective.

We no longer have spare smocks for students to use. So if you don’t have a smock you won’t be able to paint and print this term. You must have a smock to protect your clothing.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Communication Survey

Thank you to those parents who have already taken the time to complete the survey. We really appreciate your responses and will report back with the results soon.

If you would still like to complete the very quick anonymous (about 5 minutes) survey to improve our communication with you please click this link to start the survey or go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HKSCW2H. The closing date for the survey is tomorrow 18/7/2014 at 11:45pm.

Kylie Ashton,
Maggie Brown,
Alison Crone,
Malcolm Dow
APS Communication Action Team

Religious Instruction

In the last week of term 2, parents were informed of the new Ministerial Direction regarding children’s participation in Religious Instruction classes. If parents have mislaid the form please click on the following link Parent Consent form.

Parents will need to opt in to Religious Instruction classes and we ask that the form is returned by tomorrow Friday 18 July.

Thank you to those parents who made a recent donation - we are up to $5350
Dear Parents

Parent / Student / Teacher interviews will be held from 12.00 – 7.30pm on Tuesday 29 July for all parents from Years Prep to 6. It is compulsory that all students in Years 1 - 6 attend these interviews with their parent/s. Bookings open at 9.00am on Friday 18 July and you can book a 15 minute interview time by either: following the instructions below, clicking on the PTO logo on the homepage of the school website or clicking on the interview tab on the tiqbiz app.

Go to the PTO website at www.schoolinterview.com.au:

Go to the PTO website at www.schoolinterview.com.au and enter our school code. Then follow 3 easy steps:

1. Register
2. Choose teachers
3. Choose times

When you click finish, you can either print your interview timetable or email it to yourself. If you don’t receive an email straight away – check your junk mail folder. Also, if something comes up you can return to the PTO website and change your interview time.

- If there are no suitable times available on the schedule please contact the classroom teacher directly to arrange an alternate interview time outside the allocated schedule
- If you need to change your interview times after bookings have closed, please contact the school office on 9822 7003
- Bookings close at 9.00am on Monday 28 July.

Regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

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17th July

Dear Parents,

As part of our PE and Sport program, all Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students will be involved in our Year 3-6 Armadale PS House Athletics Carnival on Monday 28th July. The emphasis during the house sports will be on fun, participation, co-operation, encouraging others together with ‘Being Your Best’. Children will rotate around to a number of different activities throughout the day. Points will be awarded throughout the day based on effort and achievement. There will also be a short presentation by the Year 5 & 6 house captains and students. Our District Athletics Team will also be selected.

Children are to wear some items in their house colours and suitable footwear. Events to start at approximately 9:30am.

As this event is planned for early in the term, all excursion levy permission and payment needs to be forwarded as soon as possible.

Date: Monday 28th July

Venue: Duncan McKinnon Reserve, North Rd, Murrumbeena. (Melways 69 A9).

Departure: 8:55 am Sharp.

Travel: Bus

Return: approximately 3:15 pm

Cost: $12.00 (permission/payment included in term 3 excursion levy)

Children require:
- Tracksuit pants, shorts and runners, windcheater and coat (some items in house colours)
- Playlunch, lunch and drink/s in reusable containers
- Plastic water bottle
- School bag or sports bag.
- Children are to wear some items in their house colours and suitable footwear.

Parent Assistance Needed

We also need a large number of parents to assist staff with the running of each activity throughout the day. Please complete the return slip below and return to your child’s class teacher by Wednesday 23rd July if you can assist. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Parents are welcome to travel to the venue with the children on the bus or meet us at the venue at 9:30am. Events to start at approximately 9:30am and conclude at 2:30pm.

Permission & Payment

Included in the term 3 excursion levy.

We look forward to a fun day.

Peter Cracknell (Sports Convenor)

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**HOUSE ATHLETICS DAY**

**PARENT ASSISTANCE SLIP**

Please return by Wednesday 23rd July if you can assist

**PARENT ASSISTANCE YES, I can assist on Monday 28th July with supervision and activities at the House Athletics Day.**

I will be travelling on the bus  **OR**

I will be meeting at the venue at 9:30am (please circle)

Name.................................................................. Phone No...........................................

Child’s Name.......................................................... Grade........................................

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<td>For teaching his classmates the game of Rummikub so beautifully during Investigations. Well done Cas!</td>
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<td>For practising good listening skills and concentrating on finishing tasks.</td>
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<td>Lucy Thompson 1/2D</td>
<td>For her wonderful efforts with her knitting - a hobby that takes lots of patience!! Super persistence, Lucy!</td>
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<td>For being a conscientious and co-operative member of the class who can always be relied upon to give of her very best.</td>
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<td>For thinking ahead and helping others to be organized.</td>
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<td>For choosing to attend Armadale Primary School and being polite and friendly to all his new classmates.</td>
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<td>Connor Spears 3/4M</td>
<td>For beginning Term 3 with a positive attitude, starting his work quickly and quietly and persisting to ensure it is completed correctly! Great start to the term Connor!</td>
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<td>Luca Houghton-Allen 3/4S</td>
<td>For your switched on approach to class discussions. Your answers show deep thinking and understanding. Well done!</td>
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<td>Teri Tsakmakis 3/4W</td>
<td>For showing greater persistence when completing learning tasks and making a great start to the new term. Keep it up Teri!</td>
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<td>Christian Lignos 5B</td>
<td>For a positive start to Semester 2 and the kindness he shows to his classmates if they require assistance. You are a real asset to 5B.</td>
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<td>Marco Misaipon 6N</td>
<td>For a positive start to Semester 2 after his long holiday and a fantastic, confident effort in Maths this week - keep it up!</td>
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<td>Ned Dixon 6Z</td>
<td>For displaying confidence and improvement in his writing throughout the Writing Workshop. Great work Ned.</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
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