Dear Parents,

We are all bouncing back from a very exciting but exhausting week of Peter Pan Junior. It was such an incredible production and there have been so many congratulatory emails, letters and gifts that it has been quite overwhelming. We are additionally incredibly grateful to the following families: Angela and Nick Hyrsomallis (amazing truck driver); Michelle and Andrew Iezzi; Janine and Eric Sheean; Stella Durnic; Paul Motion who all helped with the bumping out late on Friday night, as well as Brett and Hayley Leyshan and Johnny Vollugi. We could not have achieved this so smoothly without all of your generosity and help. Thank you also to our parents for the delicious basket of goodies that was delivered by Janine for all our staff to share. We are indeed very spoilt!

It was also wonderful to see the students acknowledge Lisa and Gillian on Friday night for all of their hard work with a rousing and spontaneous three cheers from the entire cast. The entire school also thanked Lisa at our assembly yesterday, the Year 5 boys put on a fabulous digital presentation of all the rehearsals and Lisa responded how much she enjoyed the entire production and how sad she was that it was all over. I wonder what Lisa has in store for 2016???

Class Structure for 2015

We will be running 17 classes in 2015 and these will be made up of:

- 3 classes at Prep
- 5 classes at Year 1/2;
- 5 classes at Year 3/4;
- 2 classes at Year 5
- 2 classes at Year 6

The decision to maintain a mix of multi-age and single age is based on the very best educational research; developmental, social and emotional considerations and a desire to maintain as small student numbers as possible per class to enable teachers to implement a personalised education for their students. We are still finalising staffing arrangements and when exiting students from Prep to Year 5 are known we can commence our class placement process.

Should there be any specific requests or information that you wish to be conveyed to assist in this process, please don’t hesitate to send me an email or make an appointment.

Parent Opinion survey report

There were 55 surveys distributed and 40 responses received from our parents. There are many areas in the report to celebrate: there were very pleasing results in Parent input; Behaviour management; Student safety; Student motivation; School connectedness.

There are opportunities for improvement in: learning focus; reporting; general satisfaction; school improvement and I am keen to unpack these further with our parents as to why these areas rated low.

The areas which I consider to be most important are the areas where we are doing very well, such as student safety, connectedness to school and peers, social skills, student motivation and I am pleased to share that we are well above the state mean in all those measures.

Some of the comments include:

“Great school, very happy. . .”

This Week’s Events

Friday 31 October
- Icypoles $1
- Year 5&6 Teeball Gala day
- Fun Run sponsorship money due back

Coming Events

Monday 3 November
- Pupil-free day

Tuesday 4 November
- Melbourne Cup public holiday

Friday 7 November
- Year 6 Prahran Market excursion

Wednesday 12 November
- Year 6 Lygon Street excursion

Wednesday 19 November
- Year 5&6 McClelland Art Gallery excursion

Thursday 20 November
- Prep Marvellous Magnets incursion

Friday 21 November
- Family Fun night

Friday 28 November
- Prep / Year 1&2 swimming commences

Saturday 29 November
- Election Day Cake Stall & BBQ
"We are extremely happy with APS. The teachers are conscientious and approachable and our children are thriving in a warm and caring environment. The school manages very well on its limited resources."

"Armadale Primary provides a safe and happy learning environment where children feel comfortable to ask questions and explore ideas with teachers and all students. It makes parents feel happy knowing their child loves school and all it provides to build and become the best they can be."

"Armadale Primary has a great feel and energy to it and a wonderful community."

Welcome Tara Chambers
The school has been very fortunate to welcome Tara Chambers to our teaching staff for the rest of Term 4. Tara is well travelled and has been teaching in the United Kingdom for the last 18 months. She has happily taken up her post with 1/2P until the end of the year. Tara will have an edumail address shortly, but until then please feel free to make a time with her before or after school.

Anaphylaxis training
On Tuesday afternoon the staff all participated in a 3 hour training session with St John ambulance officers on managing anaphylaxis in schools. Surprisingly, our leader trainer said that the incidence of anaphylaxis is on the increase in students and unfortunately the cause is unknown. What we do know are the triggers and such common ones are peanuts, tree nuts, seeds, shellfish and exercise.

It is crucial that all children who are anaphylactic are on a management plan, as should children who are asthmatic. Parents need to ensure that schools have an up to date epipen for any child who is anaphylactic. Given that anaphylaxis is on the rise, could parents please be mindful of not sending any food that contains peanuts or tree nuts to classrooms. Whilst I can never give a 100% guarantee that we are a nut free school; we do have processes in place to minimise risk. Children are not to share food in their lunchboxes and where allergies or intolerances are known in classrooms, could parents please be mindful of these particularly when celebrating student birthdays.

Silence means agreement
In assembly yesterday, I spoke to the children about their right to feel safe at school at all times. I also spoke about my concern at times when I receive an email from parents about an incident that occurred at school which I didn’t know about. I also understand that sometimes children don’t want to “dob” in their friends, but unless I or their class teacher know about things that may happen in the yard, then we can’t do anything about it to bring about behavioural change. We take silence to mean there is agreement with the behaviour, decision or action taken. Please encourage your children to always speak up about the things that they believe are wrong or when they have been hurt or bullied by another person.

Whole school closure on Monday 3rd November (including OOSH) and Tuesday 4th November
Just a final reminder to parents that all of the staff will be participating in an off-site Curriculum day on Monday 3rd November, which includes our OOSH staff and the school will be closed on Tuesday 4th November.

I hope all of our families will take advantage of the long weekend and enjoy the time together before the busy assessment period starts.

Have a wonderful long weekend.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Assistant Principal

Peter Pan
I am quite sure it has all been said elsewhere, but I need to once more congratulate Lisa and the teachers who were directly involved in the production, plus all the parents who did such an amazing job putting this all together, and of course all of our brilliantly talented students who have shown such confidence and persistence to perform so professionally. I knew it was going to be good, but I didn’t realise how good it would actually be. Can’t wait for 2016 to see what Lisa and her team come up with.

Walk to School
Well done to all of the students who have been walking to school as much as possible during Walk to School Month. We will keep recording your walks up until the end of this week and then we will collect all the information and send it in to VicHealth. Hopefully many of you have found it a positive experience and are seeing the benefits already of active travel to school.

5 Star Sustainability
I had a phone call from Sustainability Victoria to announce that Armadale Primary School is now officially a 5 Star Sustainable School. We were one of 4 schools in the state to achieve this in 2014, so it is a great achievement. Sustainability Victoria have been very impressed by our whole school’s commitment to sustainability across all areas of the Resource Smart School’s program, and in particular they thought that the school had achieved a significant milestone in becoming 100% Nude Food. Already there have been a number of schools who are interested in following our path, so we are being seen as true leaders in the field.

Thank you to all the parents and students who have supported our school’s journey to become a 5 Star School. But of course our journey doesn’t end here; as a 5 Star School we must continue to show leadership and best practice in all areas of sustainability. Hopefully at an assembly later in the year we will have an official presentation to acknowledge our 5 Star status.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Student Banking

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for a Silver Dollarmites Certificate for making 20 deposits this year:

♦ Isabel Larner
♦ Freddie Moffat
♦ Priscilla Moffat
♦ Henry Gray
♦ Winnie Mastores
♦ Madi McGrory
♦ Lucy Bond

Please note there will be no Student Banking next week due to the holiday for Melbourne Cup. Banking will resume on Tuesday, 11 November 2014.

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

Sports News

Year 5&6 Teeball Gala Day
Friday 31 October
Tomorrow all children in Year 5&6 will be taking part in a Teeball Gala Day at Fawkner Park.

Information was distributed to all children last week and is also on the school website - click on this link to see all the details.

We will be needing parent assistance so please see your child’s class teacher if you are able to help.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

2014 Fun Run
Money Due THIS WEEK

Thank you to all the families who have returned their sponsorship money. The whole school has been enjoying the new grass with the sponge base, but we still need to pay for it!!!!

The due date has been extended to THIS Friday, October 31st due to Peter Pan. If you have lost your sponsorship form or need to keep it to collect from friends and family, simply put the money into an envelope with your name and class.

As an incentive, all students who return money by the end of this week will go in the running to win one of the great prizes kindly donated to the Fun Run..... Bounce vouchers, Harold Holt passes, tennis racquets, netballs, basketballs, and downballs to name a few.

Please return your money this week before the long weekend!

Nicki Batagol
**Wesley Mission 2014 Food for families Appeal**

Once again Armadale Primary School is collecting non-perishable food and toiletries to help support families in crisis and the many homeless people at Christmas.

Last year the Wesley Mission collected almost 48 tonne of donations providing food for 20,000 families.

SRC would love to collect donations that would provide much needed assistance to the many families and the homeless. Please bring in some of the items below during the month of November and help support our community.

Thank you
SRC Leaders

**Suggested items include:**

- Rice
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Tea bags, instant coffee, Milo, sugar
- Soups and curries
- Baby food
- Sandwich spreads e.g. jam, Vegemite, peanut
- butter, honey
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned tuna, salmon, sardines, ham
- Pasta and pasta sauces
- UHT milk (longlife)
- Breakfast cereals, muesli bars, breakfast bars
- Tinned and ready-to-eat meals e.g. spaghetti and baked beans
- Two minute noodles, instant noodles in a cup/bowl
- Biscuits
- **Toiletries:**
  - Nappies
  - Feminine hygiene products
  - Deodorant
  - Shampoo and conditioner
  - Face washers
  - Toothpaste
  - Toothbrushes
  - Toilet paper

All donations will be collected each day from the classrooms.

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**Prep & Year 1/2 Bulletins**

Please click on the following links to read this week’s news from your child’s classroom:

- [Prep bulletin](#)
- [Year 1/2 bulletin](#)

Click on [this link](#) to go to the bulletin page or go to the Students tab on the website and then your child’s class for all the latest news.
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

You Can Do It! Awards

William Castine Prep C
For the confident way he uses his voice to present his ideas and information. Perhaps you’ll be the next Prime Minister, Will.

Leah Angelopoulos Prep S
For her creative efforts when making a paper cup doll. What a wonderful imagination you have Leah!

Cleo Laughton Prep S
For a lovely and reflective piece of writing about her cousin. Your confidence is growing Cleo. Well done!

Nina Van Schoonhoven 1/2D
For always being an enthusiastic member of class and always putting 100% effort into her work!

Isaac Miller 1/2E
For his increasing confidence in all his learning tasks and the organised way he approaches all classroom activities.

Amelia Pellegrini 1/2K
For her confident story writing and colourful illustrations.

Jeongwoo Choi 3/4C
For the outstanding attention to detail and creativity you have displayed in developing your maths board game. It will definitely be a great challenge for all of us. Great Job!

Oliver Breadmore 3/4J
For his positive attitude towards all learning tasks, especially creative writing.

Jack Cooper 3/4J
For his creative approach to our investigation topic, Saving Energy.

Henni Graham 3/4J
For always showing a positive attitude to her work.

Thea Coull 3/4J
For her excellent work during research tasks. Well done, Thea.

Mia McGrory 3/4M
For her calm yet confident behaviour in the classroom. I enjoy hearing your contributions in class discussions. Keep it up Mia!

Chloe Darby 3/4W
For working co-operatively and creating an interesting Maths game which showed an understanding of the four processes. A great effort Chloe!

Teri Tsakmakis 3/4W
For working co-operatively and creating an interesting Maths game which showed an understanding of the four processes. Well done Teri!

Anais Herbaux 6N
For showing excellent reactions and growing confidence whilst playing teeball - catching consecutive fast balls thrown by Henry.

Yasmin Feile 6Z
For displaying persistence and confidence throughout our various writing and grammar activities. You have been very inquisitive and taken responsibility for your learning. Keep up the good work Yasmin!
Dear Parents,
Our Year 6 students will be attending this excursion as part of the Italian program. The Museo Italiano staff will present a guided language program for students. Students will also visit the permanent exhibition at the Museo Italiano as well as complete the Italian Carlton Walk.

The program for the day is as follows:

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<td>9.00am</td>
<td>Walk to Toorak station, change trains at South Yarra station, arrive at</td>
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<td>Parliament station, morning tea at Exhibition gardens (if time permits)</td>
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<td>walk to Museo Italiano, Faraday Street Carlton.</td>
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<td>11.00am-1.00pm</td>
<td>• Museo Italiano staff-led activity- La Storia in Valigia-Exploring</td>
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<td>1.30pm</td>
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<td>• Walk back to Parliament Station, catch train to Toorak Station</td>
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Robin, Zaim, myself, and some parent helpers will attend this excursion.

Please ensure your child is at school by 8.50am on the day as we will be leaving promptly at 9.00am.

Students will need to be dressed in full school uniform, and are required to bring the following items in a small bag/backpack (no school bags please as there is no storage available in the Museo Italiano or the restaurant)

- water bottle
- snack and fruit for morning tea
- sunscreen
- pen
- school hat
- waterproof jacket if it is wet

The excursion has been paid for as part of the excursion levy for Term 4, and students do not require money on the day.

Students will be having pizza, un gelato, and soft drink for lunch at Toto’s Restaurant in Lygon Street.

We require a few more parent helpers for the day. Please let myself, or the year 6 teachers know if you are available.

We are looking forward to una giornata fantastica!

Grazie
Vita Vampatella
Languages Co-Ordinator
Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week:
Yasmin Feile 6Z

For the outstanding skills she displayed when making her clay penguin. She paid attention to detail and has developed a good technique when joining the clay.

Visual Art Class of the Week:
3/4S

For the big effort they made with their clay fish. They created excellent slabs and cut realistic fish shapes.

Christmas Orders

Christmas Orders have now closed. Thank you to everyone who has placed an order. It usually takes a couple of weeks for the cards, calendars etc to be printed. They will be distributed to students as soon as they have been delivered to the school.

2014 Clay for Kids Sculpture Exhibition

The Clay for Kids Sculpture Exhibition will be held Sunday 9th November at The Duldig Studio, 92 Burke Road, East Malvern. The exhibition will feature students’ work from Armadale Primary School, Sacre Coeur and South Yarra Primary School. Everyone is welcome! Particularly the Year 6 students who participated in the clay workshop this year.

♦ When:
  12.00pm – 4.00pm,
  Sunday 9th November

♦ Where:
The Duldig Studio,
92 Burke Road,
East Malvern

Armadale students’ sculptures are still being fired so the 6 students who will have their work exhibited will be announced next week in assembly. Sorry to keep you in suspense!

Art Smocks

Can be purchased from the uniform shop (PSW) in Kew:

PSW
(Primary and Secondary Schoolwear)
12 Strathalbyn Street,
East Kew, 3102

Alternatively if you can find a smock elsewhere just make sure the material is similar to a rain jacket and the smock has long sleeves. Riot Art and Craft in Malvern sell these too:

Riot Art and Craft
109 Glenferrie Rd,
Malvern, 3144

Thank you for your support.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Anzac Day

The following items are for sale at the office to support the RSL Poppy Appeal for Remembrance Day on 11 November:

♦ Poppy $5.00
♦ Poppy $2.00
♦ Wrist band $3.00
♦ Bag tag $4.00
♦ Pen $5.00
♦ Badge $1.00

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarcely heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie, In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.

John McCrae, 1915
Hi everyone,

“What’s the weather, what’s the weather...what’s the weather going to be?”

I had never come across this classic until my first preppie brought it home via Pippa three years ago but for some reason it seems to be on a repeat loop in my brain of late...

Great to see no tile slippage over Mr Dow’s office and the library yesterday and great to see all the shade cloths withstanding the onslaught of lightning strikes, thunder claps, sheet rain and wind. Having looked at the forecast it seems we may be lucky for the rest of the week. I’d hate to see the annual OOSHC Halloween Spookfest interrupted by a flying pig from the petting zoo or a bouncy castle bouncing over the MPC!

It also seems to be looking good for Icy Pole Friday with a top of 30 degrees...and rain! Yay! An all-in-one Melbourne surprise of the month again.

Next week the children look forward to a four day break with a pupil free day Monday and then Cup Day Tuesday. Hope you defy the odds and back a winner! Enjoy the break and hope the kids do too. I imagine there might be some post-Peter Pan depression lingering in some households as theatre stars readjust to a post-production routine.

Later next month we will be enjoying the Family Fun Night and working hard at the Election Day Cake Stall & Sausage Sizzle. Please see below for further details on what’s on:

**Family Fun Night – Friday 21 November**
Grab the kids and friends and find a spot on our beautiful new turf. Send a scout to find some sushi and a snag and enjoy the evening. More on this later.

**Election Day Cake Stall and BBQ – Saturday 29 November**
As you may know, we make quite a bit of money at these shindigs as we open the school to the surrounding community who come to vote, bag a banger and perhaps some jam, chutney or perhaps a cake or slice or two...or three. Our wonderful cake stall queen – Michelle Moffat – will again be running this event but needs helpers. Soon we will be asking for all bakers, cooks, wrappers and stall helpers to get on board so please stay tuned to this section and look to your school bag for further info. Please remember the bill is not yet completely paid for our lovely turf however we are all reaping the benefits of this key initiative now, so any and all endeavours we make toward a zero balance is paramount this year.

An interesting Martha request came across the laptop this week which I need a little help with:

How do you get adults to put their hand up to help out with things? In order to make things happen? So they smile at their achievements? So they feel fulfilled at seeing other’s smile? So they feel part of a community that matters? So they reap the benefits of their help each and every day? I consulted the Martha oracle which states: reward them – tick, recognise them – tick, provide support teams for them – tick, make it easy – tick, celebrate successes – tick, tick, tick.

It would greatly sadden me if Brig and I were the last to volunteer for president on the PFA. It would greatly sadden me that, with the abundance of riches we enjoy in our community, we have not one willing person who has yet to step up and it would sadden me beyond belief if we cannot continue to provide facilities above what funding we receive because not one of you is willing to put up your hand. We teach our children to put up their hand in class. Where’s yours?

Exciting Things Happen At Armadale Primary

Mish McGrory 041255443 and Brigid Warwick 0412128164
Email: mish@mcgroryonline.com brigid@warwick.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents

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We need you to put your hand up...
You can do it for PFA!
Whilst all care is taken to ensure the validity of advertisements in this newsletter we take no responsibility and imply no endorsement.
Body Confident Children & Teens

Information and tips for parents

We are pleased to offer parents a presentation that aims to equip you with knowledge, information and tips to help you better understand and promote positive body image at home! This presentation is designed to help you feel empowered to support your child and their body confidence as they move through puberty and adolescence.

Topics include:

- Background on body image and importance of prevention
- Overview of eating disorders and warning signs
- Key influences on body confidence
- Importance of role modeling positive body image and healthy behaviours
- Understanding ‘Fat Talk’
- Awareness around behaviours that increase or decrease body satisfaction
- Referral information

Registration

Register Online - Click Here

For more information please email or call Helen Bird:

helen.bird@thebutterflyfoundation.org.au or
(T) 02 8456 3908

Bookings close on Tuesday, 4th November 2014.