Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all Armadale families and I hope you have had a fabulous holiday and the children are rested and reenergised to commence Term 4. It was great to come back to school to see that our Infant building Roof Works was completed over the holidays, the 1/2 area received a cover to enable learning to be extended outdoors, vegetable gardens were established in the 1/2 area and the remaining area that contained asbestos, which was a heating flue in the Infant building ceiling was removed. This was of course never accessible to the children or staff, so I am delighted to announce that our school is entirely asbestos free!

There are a number of excursions and incursions planned for this term to support and enrich the children’s learning in the classroom. The junior school will commence their swimming program, the transition program will begin for our 2016 prep students and for the rest of the school. The Year 5’s will begin their leadership program and the Year 6’s are experiencing some mixed emotions with this being their last term forever as a Primary student. Yoga has been brought in for the whole school this term, supported by the research which shows the cognitive benefits of mindfulness, meditation, stretching and relaxation.

The highlight of this term will be our ART SHOW scheduled for Thursday November 12th and I have always been amazed by the artistic talents of our young students. Lucy inspires the best in our children and I know she has been working very hard with them all year and can’t wait to showcase the mixed media that our children have created. Make sure this date goes in your diaries.

Term 4 staffing

I am very pleased to announce to the school community that we have appointed Allira Zeneli for Term 4 in 3/4 A. Whilst the children were very sad to farewell Kylie, they were equally excited to welcome Allira to their class and we didn’t even have to change the class name! Allira is a regular teacher in our school and has taught previously at ¾ for a term last year.

We will be shortly advertising state-wide for a family leave replacement for Jen Drew in 1/2 D. Jen will be with us until the 16th November and we will advise you of the successful applicant once the recruitment process has completed.

Class Structure for 2016

At our staff meeting this week the teachers discussed the possible grade structure for 2016. The practice at our school has always been to structure classes according to achieving optimum class sizes for student learning. There is no current research to support that composite classes are better or worse than single year classes for student learning and vice versa. We also know that even in single year classes, for example a Year 3 class, there will always be a range of ages, academic abilities, different emotional maturation rates, highly social children, shy children, a mix of gender, different family backgrounds and the list goes on.

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This Week’s Awards

Performing Artist of the Week:
Charlie Bickford
For your energy, humour and strong work ethic in Performing Arts. You are developing into a very strong and talented young performer!

Mimi Dauvtovic
For your constant commitment to Performing Arts. It is truly inspiring to watch you grow and develop as a performer. Keep up the amazing work!

Performing Arts Class of the Week: 5P & 3/4E

5P
For the outstanding work you are doing on you Melodrama play. You are working so hard as a team to create an entertaining performance! Keep up the excellent work.

3/4E
For the fantastic Puppet shows you have created! They’re going to be such a treat to watch. Well done on working so cooperatively and creatively as a team.

Visual Artist of the Week:

Visual Art Class of the Week:

What we can manipulate and have control over is the number of children in each class. It just so happens that next year’s whole school cohort is fairly even in numbers across each year level and that has determined that we will run single year classes across the whole school for 2016. As we do each year, we will review this structure next year at this time and again we will be guided by student cohort numbers. Our enrolment growth in both Prep and in the number of children staying at APS means that we will be running 18 classes in 2016 and our student numbers will be very close to 400.

Whilst this enrolment growth affords the school some financial advantage and opportunity for staffing, it does bring with it some concerns about student safety in the yard and management of student numbers. We will be examining our lunchtimes and recesses and looking at some creative options – we won’t hopefully have to block off Densham Road to create additional playground space as some other inner Melbourne schools have done. I will be having discussions with the Department of Education next year about our existing facilities and what new facilities are possible for us.

Prahran Secondary School Study – feedback from parents required
The Department of Education is once again looking into the feasibility of providing two new secondary schools – one in Prahran at the Polytechnic site in High Street and one in South Melbourne, as Albert Park SC is overflowing. As you know our students don’t have a local Secondary school to attend and many parents will send their children to an independent school because there are no other options and I do believe that our community should at least be given a choice. Could I please ask parents to email me with your thoughts if you support a secondary school in Prahran as I will be canvassed on these next Friday 16th October. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Warm regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Pedagogy Corner

Check back next week....

Connie Apostolos-Thermos
Curriculum and Pedagogy Leader
As I mentioned in the last newsletter, October is Walk to School Month, an initiative of the state and local governments, so we are encouraging all of our students to be a bit more active in their travel to school. As always we don’t mind if they walk, ride, skate or scoot, as long as they are getting out and being active. Stonnington Council is supporting this initiative and here are prizes and certificates to be won for both the school and individuals. As with our Ride to School Day in March we also encourage all forms of active travel, so riding, skating and scooting are also encouraged. More details will follow at the beginning of Term 4.

Work Over Holidays
During the school holidays the roof on the infants building was rejuvenated to stop any future leaks. This work has now been completed and the roofs of both of our main buildings have been fully rejuvenated. This work was funded by the Education Department. In addition, we also had a new shelter over the 1/2 classroom area and a new air conditioning unit was installed in the Performing Arts Room. Both of these projects were funded through the PFA fundraising such as the Trivia Night and the Chocolate Drive. In the next few weeks we will be getting a new front fence in Densham road and a new seating and storage area near the sandpit. The money raised from the Fun Run will support these and number of other projects.

Work also proceeded on our drainage issues on the courts. Of course the warm, dry weather helped anyway, but we have a number of plumbers working on resolving the issue ASAP, so hopefully before the next rain event happens the problem will be fixed.

Reading Eggspress
I have just run the updated version of Reading Eggspress for our school as it has a lot of great new features. It runs quicker and works on all tablets and has a greater variety of reading and spelling activities. If your child hasn’t used it for a while it might be a good chance to have another look at it. Reading Eggs, for Junior students, remains unchanged. If your child has lost or forgotten their login details they can get these from their class teacher.

Fiji Book Drive
I have just received a call and email from Fiona Luth who ran the Fiji Book Drive earlier in the year. Fiona told me that she has just returned from Fiji and the schools were incredibly excited and appreciative of all of the wonderful books that they received from Armadale Primary. Here is the email that she sent, along with a couple of pictures:

Dear Malcolm,
I've just returned from a very successful trip to Kadavu, Fiji.
This year I managed to collect 11,500 books and many kindergarten supplies. Ten schools on the island of Kadavu now have libraries set up from donations and seven kindergartens have improved resources.
Thank-you so much for APS’s excellent donations. The teachers, students and parents could not be more grateful, as am I.
Kind regards,
Fiona Luth

You Can Do It! Awards:

Kosta Theodoropoulos 1/2D
Elke Chadwick 1/2E
Daniel Barlow 1/2P
Max Schmidt 1/2P
James Coath 1/2W
Luka Jevtic 3/4C
Taliyah Goumas 3/4J
Clancy Hyde 3/4J
Amy Catrice 6N
Lulu McLaughlin 6N

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
# 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

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<th>Student</th>
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<td><strong>Kosta Theodoropoulos 1/2D</strong></td>
<td>For settling back into school so well and sharing his amazing three month adventure in Greece with us. Great to have you back, Kosta!</td>
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<td><strong>Elke Chadwick 1/2E</strong></td>
<td>For her increasing confidence when contributing to class discussions.</td>
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<td><strong>Daniel Barlow 1/2P</strong></td>
<td>For his responsible approach to collecting loose paper outside 1/2P’s classroom on, “extremely windy Tuesday!”</td>
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<td><strong>Max Schmidt 1/2P</strong></td>
<td>For showing resilience and persistence when completing difficult measurement / telling the time tasks. Congratulations Max.</td>
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<td><strong>James Coath 1/2W</strong></td>
<td>For the improvement he has shown in his writing and for making a great start to the new term. Keep it up James!</td>
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<td><strong>Luka Jevtic 3/4C</strong></td>
<td>For demonstrating a hardworking and organised approach to all areas of his learning and the tremendous care and detail he has used in completing his European holiday journal. Fantastic effort Luka!</td>
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<td><strong>Clancy Hyde 3/4J</strong></td>
<td>For demonstrating great research skills in Maths and English. You used your time wisely and effectively to research on the internet. Good boy Clancy!</td>
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<td><strong>Taliyah Goumas 3/4J</strong></td>
<td>For demonstrating excellent listening and comprehension strategies during a reading session. You really understood the Author’s purpose! Keep it up Taliyah.</td>
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<td><strong>Amy Catrice 6N &amp; Lulu McLaughlin 6N</strong></td>
<td>For making a positive and efficient beginning to your last term at APS, keep up the good work girls!</td>
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Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week:
Check back next week......

Visual Art Class of the Week:
Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Teacher
gorman.lucy.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Library News:
Welcome back: The Library will be open on Thursday recess for students to come and have a passive play option of reading.

Term 4 Theme:
Hoping there will be some spare time to get this done by the end of the week!
Happy Reading,
Brett Leyshan

An Actress in our Class Room 3/4J

Below is an interview conducted in 3/4J between the Students and Miss Johnson who will be performing in the Musical, “Oliver.”

What musical are you in?
Oliver

Which character are you?
Widow Coney/Mrs Brumble

Where is the Musical being held?
At Scotch College

When is it being held?
There will be 8 performances between 15th to 24th October

How did you audition?
I had to sing 2 songs, read some lines and do a dance audition

How many weeks of practice did it take?
Three Weeks in my Spare time

What are you looking forward to?
Making the audience laugh, my character is serious but also funny.

How many people in the cast?
There are a total of 40 people in the cast

How can we go and see you in Oliver?
You can book tickets online at www.osmad.com.au

Qkr!
app made even easier for Iphone 5 or higher...
If you already have touch ID on your phone -
· just login to Qkr! app
· go to the Settings
· turn on touch ID
and you can login with touch ID!

Student Banking

The Following Students have qualified for a Silver Dollarmites Certificate for making 20 deposits this year:
◊ Olive Durak
◊ Cas Pucinelli
◊ Leah Angelopoulos
◊ Ava Ypinazar
Lachlan Walls
Well done everyone!

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator
Parents & Friends for Armadale

Welcome back, we hope everyone had a great break and is ready to be off and running!

**Fun Run**

The fun run is only a couple of weeks away on Friday 23rd October. By now your child/ren have probably got lots of sponsors, if not they have still go time to collect some more! (could all parents please make sure they have signed off their child's sponsor sheet)

**Armadale Primary Cook Book**

The Cook Book subcommittee will continue to put together, “A cook book on behalf of Armadale Primary” There is still plenty of room left for your best recipes and/or creative pieces.

The template for recipe submissions and details on how to submit artwork or writing pieces has been emailed out by your Class Rep.

The cook book subcommittee will advise the new meeting schedule.

**PFA Committee Meetings**

PFA meetings are held at 2:30pm in the staffroom. The remaining meetings for 2015 will be held on the following dates;

- Wednesday 14th of October
- Wednesday 2nd of November
- Wednesday 2nd of December

Thank you for your continued support of Armadale Primary

_Caz Laughton and Sarah Monahan_
_PFA Co-Presidents_

Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com

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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 year level:

- Prep bulletin
- Year 1/2 bulletin

or go to the Students tab on the website and then your child’s class for all the latest news.
BEACH HOUSE
GREAT OCEAN ROAD
We would like to share our beach house with an APS family for two weeks when we are unable to use it early to mid January. It is simple, modern and light. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, sleeps 8. Walk 400 metres to the beach or national park.
Please call Michelle 0412078652.

Our beach

Chess Coaching

Where: Music Performance Room
When: Wednesday Lunchtimes
14th October – 9th December 2015
Cost: $90 per term ($75 for 2nd Sibling)
Benefits: Strategic thinking, improved self esteem, attention, span in class, lateral thinking, team work, analytical skills.

For more info contact Phil on 0421 901 530

Forward this section & payment in an envelope marked “Chess Coaching” to the school office.

Child’s Full Name: ______________
Grade:____ School: ____________
Email: ________________________
Phone: ________________________

Payment Due: Wednesday 21st October.

Cheques: Payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”
EFT: Bank: cba Acc Name: Hooton Consulting Pty ltd
hb: 063201 Acc: 10049289
** please place child’s name on transaction **

$90 cash: ☐ cheque: ☐ EFT: ☐
Whilst all care is taken to ensure the validity of advertisements in this newsletter we take no responsibility and imply no endorsement.
Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.

We're bringing the exciting news that an intergalactic Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win amazing prizes.

- 75 x iPad minis Wi-Fi 16GB
- 125 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solo2 Headphones
- 200 x $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates

Help the Dollarmites activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win

To activate the Prize Portal, students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Students can also complete a Money Mission at commbank.com.au/prizeportal to double their chance of winning a prize. (Please note, students can start the Money Mission at any time, but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning).

Win books for your school library

We're also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 sets of children's books for their school library, valued at $200.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/prizeportal

Things to know before you Can: Conditions apply. See commbank.com.au/prizeportal. Promotion starts 9.00am AEST 13/7/15 and ends 11.59pm AEST 25/9/15. Student Element: Entry is open to all YouSave customers aged 4-13 years. 1 entry received when 3 deposits are made through the School Banking Program. 1 bonus entry received when completing a Money Mission activity at commbank.com.au/prizeportal and submitting a fully completed entry form. Max. of 2 entries per person. Entries will be divided into the following State Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic., SA/NT, Tas., Qld and WA. A total of 400 prizes comprising 75 x iPad mini Wi-Fi 16GB space grey tablets valued at $209 each, 125 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solo2 On-Ear Headphones valued at $255.95 each, and 200 x $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates, will be distributed amongst the State Territory groups. The winners' names will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 23/10/15. School Element: Entry is open to all schools operating in Australia who participate in the School Banking Program and have at least 1 student entered into the Student Element of this promotion. Limit of 1 entry per school. Entries will be divided into the following State Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic., SA/NT, Tas., Qld and WA. A total of 75 prizes of a selection of children’s books to the value of $200 for each winning school’s library will be distributed amongst the State Territory groups. Prize draws will take place at 12 noon AEDT 13/10/15 at Commonwealth Bank, Level 3, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney. Total prize value is $75,918.75. Apple is not a participant or sponsor of this promotion. ‘iPad mini’ and ‘Beats by Dr. Dre’ are trade marks of Apple Inc., registered in the US and other countries. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia AEN 48 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. NSW Permit No LTPS/15/02966; ACT Permit No TP15/03517; Vic Permit No 15/820; SA Permit No T15/632.