Dear Armadale Community

We have just had our series of Information Nights across the whole school and I was very pleased to see the numbers of parents attend each evening and the level of engagement from all the parents there. Whilst it is something that we always expect, I understand that parents have other commitments that prevent them from attending. However on this occasion it was a full house! We all know the research that supports that causal relationship between parent engagement in their child’s education and the educational success for the child, but when you see it in action, it is very heartening.

Taking photos of other students
Could I please request that parents refrain from taking photos of other children in the school grounds. Even if those children may be friends with your own child, you must always have parental consent and permission to do so. Thank you for accommodating this request.

Late to school
Could all parents please be vigilant about ensuring children are at school before 9.00am. Children who are often late have to start their learning without hearing all the important instructions and information about the day. They are also embarrassed about coming late to school and this is even more so the case, when coming late during assembly.

Now for the fun part...Welcome to Armadale Family Picnic on Friday 26th February 5.30 pm -8.00pm
The picnic starts from 5.30pm and all parents and children are invited to our annual school welcome picnic on Friday 26th February. The picnic is held in the school grounds and is a fantastic opportunity to meet and socialise with others in the school community. Please bring all of your own picnic requirements, food and drink or you may purchase fantastic BBQ food from the famous Armadale Sausage Sizzle. There will also be a “refreshments bar” for the adults and in the interests of children’s safety, could parents please ensure that no glassware is brought into the grounds. Because we have removed our rubbish bins, we would also appreciate parents taking their rubbish home with them.

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School Phone: 03 9822 7003
Website: www.armadaleps.vic.edu.au
OOSH Phone: 03 9822 4912
School Fax: 03 9824 8954
E: armadale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
OOSH E: ooshc@armadaleps.vic.edu.au

This Week’s Events
Friday 12 February
♦ Prep - Year 2 Drama incursion
  ♦ Icypoles $1
Monday 15 February
♦ Family conferences 3.30-7.30pm (1E, 1K & 5G only)
Tuesday 16 February
♦ Family conferences Years 1-6 3.30-7.30pm
Thursday 18 February
♦ Family conferences Years 1-6 3.30-7.30pm (not 1E, 1K & 5G)
Friday 26 February
♦ Family picnic 5.30-8.00pm
Tuesday 1 March
♦ PFA meeting 2.30pm in Staffroom
Friday 4 March
♦ Ride2School Day
♦ Schools Cleanup Day
Click here to go to our school website calendar for more details on coming events
There will be supervised sporting activities for the children on the tennis courts. The children just love it and have a fabulous time. Please look out for the flyers around the school and see more information in the PFA section. Looking forward to a fabulous night!

Classroom Reps
Another way parents can be involved in the school and help in delivering the 2-way communication from school to home is to be a class representative. This is not an onerous task but very helpful for school based and class based events, rosters and parent helpers. We have a few vacancies in a few classes still – please let the class teacher know if you can help.

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Have a wonderful week.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Family Conferences

Dear Parents,

The Family Conferences for Years 1-6 students will take place on Monday 15 February (1E, 1K & 5G only), Tuesday 16 February (Years 1-5), and Thursday 18 February (Years 1-6 except 1E, 1K & 5G) in your child’s classroom at Armadale Primary School. Each interview is allocated 15 minutes.

Please note that Prep families are not required to attend these interviews.

➢ Please note that your child attends the Family Conference interview with you.

To book an interview time that suits your family, follow the instructions below.

➢ Bookings for interviews are now open and will close at 1.00 pm on Monday 15 February.

Go to either: www.schoolinterview.com.au and enter our school code
or the PTO link at www.armadaleps.vic.edu.au
or click on the ‘interviews’ box on the TIBiZ app.
Then follow 3 easy steps.

When you click finish, you can either print your interview time or email it to yourself. If you don’t receive an email straight away – check your junk mail folder.
If you need to change your interview time you can return to www.schoolinterview.com.au and change your interview time until bookings close at 1.00 pm on Monday 15 February.
Assistant Principal

Acceptable Use Agreement 3-6
As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are updating our Acceptable Use Agreements for all students at the school. We are beginning with the students in Years 3-6 and after that will work through the younger students as well. The Year 5 students have already completed theirs as part of their requirements to receive their 1:1 Netbook. Over the next week the students in Years 3, 4 and 6 will receive a copy to take home and complete. If you lose the copy it can be found on the school website here.

As most of the students in years 3-6 have progressed their way through most or all of the stars in Skooville, the children should fully understand all of the points in the agreement, and we ask that you assist them in completing their reflection which will help us to see that they do understand the implications of being safe and secure when in an online environment. We also ask you to complete the parent reflection to confirm for us that you have read and discussed this document with your child. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Here are some great tips for parents courtesy of Susan McLean, a recognised Cybersafety expert.

PC’s SHOULD be in a common area of the house NOT IN THE BEDROOM!
Parental monitoring is vital – walk past and see what your child is doing.

- Make sure there is no response to rude or harassing emails. (keep a record in case of further investigation)
- Advise your student/child to immediately exit any site that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried. Basic protective behaviour principles apply.
- If harassment continues….the current email account can be deleted and a new one started. The new email address should only be given to a selected few.
- If receiving harassing messages on MSN - have the sender blocked.
- If you have found inappropriate content about your child or one in your care on a website or are informed about this situation please contact the ISP and or Police or advise the parent to do so a.s.a.p.
- Have a family internet contract and set house rules about what information your child can put onto websites or share with others.
- Be aware the majority of children WILL NOT tell a parent/teacher if bullied or harassed online for fear that they will loose internet access!!
- Make sure that your children understand that they will not get in trouble if they tell you about a problem.
- Parents must learn about the internet with their child – get students to share their knowledge of the internet with their parents in a fun environment
- Spend time online with children, just as you would with many other activities such as sport, board games and walking the dog - learn and explore together
- Install filters and other monitoring/blocking software to minimise dangers. This is already done in schools but advise parents to have up to date filtering software installed at home.
- Know the sites they are accessing to ensure suitability. Filters CAN sometimes fail to protect and can be bypassed by a ‘tech savvy’ child.
- Learn the lingo so that you can decipher some of the content if required. Advise parents to do the same.
- ABSOLUTELY NO EXCHANGE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION!
- Social Networking Profiles such as MySpace SHOULD BE SET TO PRIVATE.
- MSN contacts and social networking site friends should be people that your child knows in real life. This is one way to reduce possible risks. Anyone can be anyone online.
- Teach children that information on the internet is not always reliable.
- Very close supervision for young children is recommended. There should be a limit to the email correspondence/msn to be a list of friends and family that has been approved.

Please note that this list is by no means exhaustive and that there is no guarantee that adherence to these tips will provide 100% protection or safety for those using the various applications of the internet.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
Sports News

House Swimming Sports

On Monday 22 February, all Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 children will be participating in the House Swimming Sports at Prahran Aquatic Centre. All children received information today. Click here for all the details.

Parent assistance is needed and children need to return the swimming level information by Wednesday 17 February.

Demons visit Armadale Primary School!
Today, we were lucky to have a visit from three Melbourne Football Club players - Bernie Vince, Jack Watts and Sam Frost.

Tom Dixon in 4C has written about it:

“Today I had the greatest experience. Bernie Vince, Jack Watts and Sam Frost came to Armadale Primary School. First we had a question session which was nice. The first question I asked them was: Are you annoyed that Jeremy Howe left? I then asked: How often do you jar your fingers?
After the talk, we went outside and had photos with them.
We then played kick to kick with them which was so much fun. A very big thanks to Mr Cracknell for making the day possible.”

Peter Cracknell
Sports Convenor

Play at the Park Years 3-6

A reminder that on Thursdays in 2016, weather permitting, we will be taking groups of students from Year 3-6 for lunch recess at Orrong Park departing at 12.20pm and returning by 1.30pm. Today the Year 3&4 students went to the park. Any parent assistance walking to and from the park would be greatly appreciated. Please contact your child’s class teacher or myself if you could help.

FREE FAMILY TICKET
THIS IS MELBOURNE

In celebration of the start of the 2016 AFL season, the Melbourne Football Club are offering families in our ‘Heartland’ a free family ticket to our first game of 2016.

Saturday 26 March
Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), 1.40pm
MELBOURNE V GWS GIANTS

To register for and print your free family ticket visit mfcbda.as/HeartlandTicket2016
by 12pm Thursday 24 March and use the promo code HEARTLAND

We look forward to seeing you at the ‘G!’

Terms & conditions – offer valid until 12pm Thursday 24 March, 2016. All personal and sensitive information you provide will be used by the Club including for promotional and marketing purposes in accordance with our Privacy Policy, available at www.melbournefc.com.au/privacy and may be disclosed by the Club in accordance with the Club’s Privacy Policy. By providing your personal information, you agree to such use by the Club.
Dear Parents,

On Monday 22nd February, all children from Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be involved in the House Swimming Sports and District Swimming Trials for the upcoming District Swimming Sports. Children will be participating in either 25m (shallow end) or 50m freestyle based on their swimming Certificate of Achievement at our 2015 swimming program at Lauriston. (If your child was assessed at swimming level 3 or below and has progressed to 50m freestyle since the swimming program or your child did not participate in the swimming program please complete slip below).

Children at swimming level 4 or above may also be trialled in other strokes. If your child was assessed at swimming level 4, 5, 6 or 7 and you would like them to participate in 50m backstroke, breaststroke or butterfly as well as 50m freestyle please complete the slip below.

Children will also participate in a range of fun water relays/activities in the shallow area of the pool based on fun and participation in their house groups. These sports will be held at the Prahran Aquatic Centre.

See over for event timetable (approximate times only).

Date: Monday 22nd February
Venue: Prahran Aquatic Centre 50m outdoor pool, 41 Essex Street, Prahran 3181
Departure: 9:00am
Travel: Private Bus
Return: 3:20pm (approximately)
Cost & Permission: Included in the term 1 excursion levy for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 children

Children require:
- To assist with the changing process it is recommended that children wear their bathers to school under their school uniform, prior to the sports. NB Girls should wear one piece design and boys ‘speedo’ style.
- Please remember to supply underwear for your child when changing after sports.
- Goggles and house swimming cap from 2015 program (highly recommended)
- Children need to also bring a towel and labelled swimming bag/sports bag. A plastic bag is not recommended.
- School uniform
- Play lunch, lunch and drinks in reusable containers
- Plastic water bottle
- School bag or sports bag

Parent Assistance Required
Teachers require any parents who are able to assist with supervision/changing and as officials. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the form and tear off slip below and return to your child’s class teacher if you can assist by Wednesday 17th February. Parents assisting are welcome to come on the bus. Please advise if you wish to do so as places are limited.

If you have any further queries please contact me or your child’s class teacher. We look forward to a fun activity.

Peter Cracknell (Sports Convenor)

Swimming Level Information
Child’s Name: __________________________ Class: ________
(please return by Wednesday 17th February)
Swimming Level 3 or below
My child was assessed at Level 3 or below in the Lauriston 2015 Program and has progressed to 50m freestyle since the swimming program. I would like my child to participate in the 50m freestyle.

Parent’s Signature: ______________________ Date: ________________

Or

Swimming Levels 4, 5, 6 & 7
I would like my child to participate in the 50m backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly trials (please circle stroke/s)

Parent’s Signature: ______________________ Date: ________________

Parent Assistance at the Swimming Sports
(please return by Wednesday 17th February)
Yes, I can assist on Monday 22nd February with supervision or as an official at the Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Sports and Trials.

Parent’s Name: __________________________ Phone Nos: ________________
Child’s Name: __________________________ Class: ________

☐ I do require transport on the bus if space permits
☐ I do not require transport on the bus
House Swimming Sports/Trials 2016
Armadale Primary School
Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Venue: Prahran Aquatic Centre

Events (approximate times only)

9:45am  Arrival
9:55 am  Assembly & Event Organisation

10:20am

50m Freestyle
-12/13 Year Age Group
Boys
Girls
-11 Year Age Group
Boys
Girls
-10 Year Age Group
Boys
Girls
-8/9 Year Age Group
Boys
Girls

11:30am

25m Freestyle
-12/13 Year Age Group
Boys
Girls
-11 Year Age Group
Boys
Girls
-10 Year Age Group
Boys
Girls
-8/9 Year Age Group
Boys
Girls

12:30pm

50m Backstroke (selected/permission children)
-12/13 Year Age Group
Boys
Girls
-11 Year Age Group
Boys
Girls
-10 Year Age Group
Boys
Girls
-9 Year Age Group
Boys
Girls

50m Breaststroke (selected/permission children)
-12/13 Year Age Group
Boys
Girls
-11 Year Age Group
Boys
Girls
-10 Year Age Group
Boys
Girls
-9 Year Age Group
Boys/Girls

12:45pm-1:15pm (approx lunchtime)

1:15pm

25m House Relays & Games
-12/13 Year Age Group
Mixed or Boys/Girls
-11 Year Age Group
Mixed or Boys/Girls
-10 Year Age Group
Mixed or Boys/Girls
-9 Year Age Group
Mixed or Boys/Girls

2:40pm Presentation & Conclusion

2:50pm Departure
The Arts 2016

Welcome to The Arts for 2016. This year, The Arts will comprise of visual arts and performing arts in a weekly one hour session. There will also be many exciting things happening for the arts throughout the year including performances, exhibitions and excursions.

Art Smocks
Please remember that visual art can sometimes be messy and each student will need an art smock. Each class has an Art Smock tub which is kept in their classroom and brought to the Art Room for each lesson. Please make sure smocks are clearly named and are stored in the classroom Art Smock Tub.

Smocks can be purchased from the Uniform shop in Kew: PSW (Primary and Secondary Schoolwear), 12 Strathalbyn Street, East Kew. Riot Art and Craft in Malvern sell these too: Riot Art and Craft, 109 Glenferrie Rd, Malvern. Alternatively, if you can find a smock elsewhere (such as target) please make sure the material is similar to a rain jacket and that it has long sleeves.

Stockings needed for drying rack!
The stockings used for the drying racks in our arts studio could use an upgrade. If anyone is willing to donate any stockings (old ones with ladders are fine), it would be greatly appreciated.

Arts Awards
Each week a student is selected for an ‘Artist of the Week’ Award. The student selected for this award shows they have, for example, achieved the main objectives for the lesson, demonstrated strong teamwork, communicated an original or unique idea, demonstrated a high degree of skill in a particular area, etc. whether that be in the visual arts or performing arts areas.

Arts Class of the week: Each week an ‘Arts class of the Week’ will be selected. This class will demonstrate qualities and excellence in areas such as working well in a team, helping each other, keeping the arts areas neat and clean, generating superb ideas and creating and presenting unique works and performances.

These awards are printed in the newsletter and are presented to students/classes by the Arts leaders at Assembly on Tuesday Mornings.

Production/Showcase
More information regarding the production and showcase performance nights will be provided soon.

Contact
Should you require further information you can contact me via email: welch.laura.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Laura Welch (The Arts Teacher)
Parents and Friends of Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

The first PFA meeting for 2016 was held at 2:30pm Tuesday 9th February.

At this week's meeting plans have commenced for Family Welcome Picnic

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This year there will also be a sausage sizzle, Icy poles and Pimms & Beer bar

Pack your picnic baskets, rugs, and chairs, and see you on the Friday 26th February

PFA Meeting
The next PFA Meeting is on Tuesday 1st March at 2:30pm in the Staff Room. This meeting is open to all Armadale Parents, so please come along as we continue to plan all our exciting Armadale Primary events for the year.

Cocktail Parties
Term one and two will also see each level hosting a cocktail party.
For more information, please see your class rep or please contact our class representative coordinator: Janine Sheean janinesheean@gmail.com

Icy Poles
Don’t forget to put $1.00 in your child’s bag tomorrow for Icy Poles.

Kind regards
The Armadale PFA Committee
Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com

Camps Sports and Excursions Fund

CSEF applications open from term one 2016. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students.

Special Consideration is given to families on a Bridging Visa, Temporary Protection Visa, Community Detention and Asylum Seeker families; therefore they are eligible for CSEF. A letter from the Australian Red Cross, AMES, or similar welfare institution is required as evidence. A copy of an ‘immi’

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

CSEF card is also acceptable evidence. These applications are processed as ‘Special Consideration’ category applications in the CSEF system.

Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Please click on this link for more information and the application form. http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx

Tiqbiz

We are pleased so many parents are using the Tiqbiz app for short and timely communications from school to home. This is great as it allows us to pass on instant messages to you to keep you well informed of what is happening at school.

Just a reminder to check that you have ticked the correct feeds for the class levels of your students. Naturally as the students move up into new year levels you will need to make sure you are receiving the correct messages.

For the new parents who haven’t yet joined up, just go to your appropriate app market and download the free Tiqbiz app, then find Armadale Primary School and tick the year levels and other categories that you wish to get messages for.
FAMILY WELCOME

PICNIC

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
PIMMS AND BEER BAR
POP CORN / ICY POLES
KIDS ACTIVITIES
* BYO PICNIC
(NO GLASS PLEASE)

FEBRUARY 26TH

5:30 - 8:00
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Babysitting

My name is Ally Golusin and I am looking for babysitting work in the Armadale area.

I am currently studying year 10 at Lauriston and am a former student at Armadale Primary (I was school leader in 2012).

I am available for after school care, school nights, and weekends.

My rate is $15 an hour.

I have been babysitting for 3 years, have first aid skills, and can provide a personal reference.

Please contact me if you are interested on 0452 495 276.
Junior Rockers runs instrumental music lessons right here at school.

To find out all about our music lessons, head to our website. From there you can check which instruments are available at your school, get up to date pricing and apply for lessons online.

www.juniorrockers.com
Rather chat in person? We’d love to speak to you.
Call us on 1300 GO ROCK (1300 46 76 25)

Orchestra Open Day - Monday 15th February

- 12.30pm Senior Band ‘The Armadillos’ (3-6)
- 1.30pm Junior Orchestra (Prep to 2)

Would you like to be a part of an Orchestra? Come and Try an instrument and be a part of a team of performing musicians!

Absolute beginners to advanced musicians welcome - we have parts for everyone. BYO instrument or play provided instruments.

More information: Hello Music Tel: 95336222  www.hellomusic.com.au or pick up a flier at the office.
The only thing better than singing is more singing!
-Ella Fitzgerald-

Is this the year to help your child
- Gain confidence?
- Find their voice?
- Take their singing to the next level?

Singing lessons available locally with an experienced teacher. The focus is on fun, safe, age appropriate lessons for the beginner and beyond!

Contact now to enquire about a trial lesson:
0414 585 624  abigail.king@live.com

Try Rugby Union
Junior Registration, FREE Clinic & BBQ

DATE: Sunday 14th February
TIME: U6 – U10 2pm – 3pm, U11 – U18 3pm - 4pm
WHERE: Orrong Romanis Reserve, Orrong Rd, Armadale
New players welcome
Saturday morning competition starts 16th April 2016

Free Dance Class Trial!
Present this voucher upon arrival. (Expires Feb 20, 2016)

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Jim's Cleaning Armadale would like to offer the Parents of Students at Armadale Primary School an opportunity for a free quote on any of your Cleaning requirements. The specific treatments are for Bathrooms, Kitchens, Ovens and Windows. However, we can assist with any of your needs, no matter how big or small.

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@jimscleaning.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.