Dear Armadale Community,

I was very excited to visit 21 Year 6 students at Somers Camp last Friday and what an excellent facility they have at the Lord Somers campsite. The children were challenging themselves with physical activities that would truly take them out of their comfort zones, but how proud they were when they overcame their fears. I enjoyed a wonderful lunch with the staff and students and a tour of all the facilities.

Yesterday morning they all arrived back at school, incredibly happy and full of stories, but no doubt looking forward to a good night’s sleep in their own bed. We are very grateful to Kate Pilgrim, who is the District Secretary and Allira Zeneli who gave up their time to look after the children at the camp. The feedback from Somers was that the Armadale children really stood out and raised the bar in terms of exemplary student behaviour. Well done Armadale!

Student Attitudes to School Survey results

Every year the Department of Education administers three surveys: one each to students, parents and staff - to gauge how a school is performing against certain variables and in comparison to other schools in the region and in the state.

In April, I administered the student survey to all Year 5 and 6 students and on Monday I received the results which I am delighted to share with you. In every single variable our school outperforms schools in the region and in the state, which means that our children enjoy learning, are highly engaged and feel strongly connected to their peers and school.

All factors except for wellbeing are scored out of 5, wellbeing is scored out of 7. Our strongest variables are student motivation, teacher effectiveness and empathy, student safety and connectedness to peers.

Next week we will be distributing the Parent Opinion survey to randomly selected parents for their feedback.

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Congratulations Amelia Carter!
Amelia is in Prep N and she recently competed in the Mini Novice Division at the Winterfest Australia All Star Cheerleading Federation competition. Her team the Victorian State Cheerleaders “Cubs” came first out of 5. Amelia has been a competitive cheerleader for 18 months and this was her first win! No wonder she was so excited!

Thank you Catherine Shepherd, Natalie Galluci and Claire Zagorski
Catherine has been teaching 6P whilst Kate was at Somers, Natalie has been teaching 4Z whilst Allira was at Somers and Claire has been teaching Prep S whilst Miss Sozzi has been on LSL. We also welcome back both Angela Sozzi and Malcolm Dow next week from their holidays.

Have a wonderful week.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Sports News

House Athletics
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Thursday 4 August
Information about the upcoming House Athletics day on Thursday 4 August will be distributed to all participating children tomorrow. The detailed information will also be available on the school website.

Mini Olympics Fun Day
Tuesday 9 August
An exciting day is planned for a whole school Mini Olympics day. Full details will be in next week’s newsletter.

Year 3 & 4 Hooptime Gala Day
Wednesday 3 August
Information about the Hooptime Gala day for year 3 & 4 students will be distributed tomorrow and will also be available on the school website.

Year 5 & 6
Hooptime Gala Day
Friday 5 August
Information about the Hooptime Gala day for year 5 & 6 students will be distributed tomorrow and will also be available on the school website.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

Prep & Year 1&2 Bulletins

Please click on the following link 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.

Hello Music

Hello everyone and welcome back to Term 3!
Just a reminder that Orchestra workshop sessions will now be on Tuesdays instead of Mondays due to musical theater rehearsals being on at the same time.

Senior Orchestra will now be 12.30 Tuesdays and Junior Orchestra will be at 1.30 Tuesdays.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Enquiries welcome.
Hello Music Studios
Tel: 95336222 Email: hello@hellomusic.com.au
Year 3 and 4 students have been learning about geography in their Italian lessons.

Selected students from 3W presented their work at assembly this week.

**Italian Day**

Italian Day is on Thursday 15th September.

Please keep the date free if you would like to volunteer as a parent helper on the day.

Grazie.

Vita Vampatella

Italian Language Co-ordinator

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**Grade 1 Fantastic Footy Cards visitor**

Today AFL footballer, Andrejs Everitt, visited the Year 1s as an ambassador of the Fantastic Footy Cards program.

Thank you to Olivia Haddad (Gabriel and Raphael’s mum) for organising this great initiative of donating footy cards to less fortunate children.
Parents & Friends of Armadale (PFA)

Hi Armadale families,

We are already off and running in our fund raising efforts for term three with our annual trivia night fast approaching.

Trivia Night
This year’s Trivia night is to be held on Friday 19th August. Payment of $30 per head can be made at the front office. Whilst paying, please complete the table lists in the foyer with the names of all your team members. Thank you and may the best team win.

If you still have items you wish to donate for the auction, please let Dimity Millear know (0417 014 475) or e-mail armadalepfa@gmail.com

Father’s Day
Save the date! This year for Father’s Day the PFA is hosting a kids and Dad’s night on Thursday 15th September. ……. Stay tuned for further details.

Armadale Cook Book subcommittee
Submit your recipes in any format to armadalecookbook@gmail.com

They can be anything from favourite family dinners, soups, salads, vegetarian, seafood, rice, pasta, meat, dessert, lunch box snacks, biscuits, gluten free, cakes, to preserves and more!

If you would like to help with this cook book, please contact Sam Haydon 0414 399 488 or on above email.

PFA Meeting
The next PFA Meeting is on Tuesday 2nd August at 2:30pm in the Staff Room. This meeting is open to all Armadale Parents, so everyone is WELCOME.

If you are able to help please in any way please contact the PFA armadalepfa@gmail.com

Thank you! To all the parents, class reps and PFA members who continue to help us with our fundraising efforts.

Kind regards

The Armadale PFA Committee

Save the date

Armadale Primary Trivia Night
Friday August 19th, 6:30pm in the MPC

White Party

---Please wear white---

Lots of amazing items up for auction this year!

Please organise your team of 10-12

Register and buy tickets at the office

*BYO food and drink

Student Banking

The following students have qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year:

- Lucy Hunt
- Marcus Lukatsky
- Oscar Gold

A Silver Dollarmites Certificate is also awarded to:

- Annabel Atkins

for making 20 deposit this year.

Well done to all students.

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator
Year 3 Heide Museum of Modern Art Excursion

Last, Wednesday 13th, the year 3 students visited Heide Gallery in Bulleen as part of their sustainable art and art in nature unit of work. The students were spoilt for choice – Heide has multiple areas and exhibitions to view experience including a sculpture garden. They enjoyed creating Periscopes using the ideas from Natasha Johns-Messenger’s ‘Sitelines’ Exhibition, which included mirrors and optical illusions. The students also viewed Michelle Nikou’s ‘a e i o u’ exhibition, which included the scarf and jumper with cement light globes. The students explored what these could represent and presented with extremely insightful thoughts and ideas.

attending next Friday.

“There were mirrors and I saw my class through the mirror and crashed into the mirror. I liked the house because it was old and had cool and weird paintings. I would like to know how the made the black holes with the mirrors inside them.” Sam 3W

“I Liked the mirrors and how they tricked you with reflections.” Pascale 3W

“I found the a e i o u exhibition interesting. I liked the idea about using the bulbs. It helps me make more interesting paintings or ideas. I loved the Sculpture Garden. It helped me realise that sculptures aren’t always perfect. I really want to learn more about the artist. My day there was amazing.” Freya 3W

“I enjoyed the rectangle that you looked into and saw the other person on the other side because it was really challenging to find out how it worked.” Eddy 3E

“Heidi 3E’s interpretation of Michelle Nikou’s Sylvia’s Jumper and Ted Hughes’ Scarf:

Laura Welch
The Arts Co-ordinator
welch.laura.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We’re bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more school Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights
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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.

Time Poor?
Happy to Help!!!!

BE HOLISTIC HEALTH PRESENTS

YOGA

Classes (for grown ups) all levels @ Armadale ELC from July 2016

Classes are during term times:
Mondays 11am-12pm
Thursdays 1.15pm-2.15pm
(Bookings essential as places are limited)

Start your yoga journey with Chali from July 2016.

To register or more information:
0435 464 657
beholistichealth.beyoga@gmail.com
Chess Coaching

Try out 1st lesson for free.

Where: Italian Room
When: Thursday Lunchtimes
14th July – 9th September 2016
Cost: $90 per term ($80 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 enveloped marked "Chess Coaching" to the school office.

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Child’s Full Name: 
Grade: ___ School: 
Email: 
Phone: 

Payment Due: Friday 29th July

Cheques: Payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”
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bns: 063201 Acc: 10049289
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