Dear Armadale Community,

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the recent “family helpers in the classroom session”. It was great to see so many of you there and just a gentle reminder to take your “Working with Children Check” card to the office to be photocopied and added to our register. For any parents who wish to help around the school in any capacity, it is policy that parents hold a current WWCC.

Education Week – SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday May 18th is our TECHNOLOGY NIGHT for the whole family 6.30 -8.00pm in the MPC
Details will follow shortly but pencil in the date. The challenge for families is to make a “MONSTER TRAP” similar to a Rube Goldberg machine. No electrical power can be used, and families can only make their monster trap out of recyclable materials. The children will see a video during assembly on Tuesday to give them ideas. Families can get together with other families and register their team. All materials must be brought to the MPC and constructed on the night. Start collecting your resources now!

Our Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea

Our community was invited to a very special afternoon yesterday in celebration of Mother’s Day. We were treated to some amazing singing from Tessa (Robyn Stott’s daughter) and then we heard the incredible story from our own Nicki Batagol on how out of the blue and totally unexpected she was afflicted by peri-natal depression after the birth of her daughter Maya. Nicki, who is our School Council Vice President is known to many of us and is highly regarded for her professionalism, her integrity and her efficient and calm manner that sees Nicki sit on many company boards. The narrative Nicki shared yesterday of a young woman who was a “stranger in her own home” left many of us in tears. Thankfully with the right treatment and therapy, Nicki fully recovered but how many women continue to endure this condition? We then heard from the CEO of PANDA, Terri Smith who spoke about the importance of raising the awareness of peri-natal depression and anxiety as 1 in 7 expectant mothers can be affected by this common medical condition. We were so glad we were able to help this wonderful organisation and would like to acknowledge the generous support from our community.

The afternoon was a great success and I would like to acknowledge all of the work undertaken by Sarah Monahan, Pam Johnston, Sarah Barlow and Mel Cooper. Thank you also to our Year 6 students who helped with the afternoon tea. Thank you to all of our Armadale community who supported the event by donating at the door, buying raffle tickets or generously contributing to the delicious afternoon tea.

Our School Leaders participated in a forum hosted by Member for Higgins, Minister for Small Business and Assistant Treasurer, Hon Kelly O’Dwyer, MP
Last Friday morning our school leaders, Ella, Stella, Charlie and Will, their parents and I were invited to a breakfast forum at the Malvern Town Hall. We heard Kelly O’Dwyer address the audience about leadership and the characteristics of great leaders as well as providing an insight into the political process.
We also heard from Olympian Danni Roche OAM, Captain of the Australian Olympic Women’s Hockey Team, who also spoke on leadership as an individual and the importance of the team environment. Danni is also Club Director at the St. Kilda Football Club!

Managing disappointments and expectations

It is part of life that we all experience setbacks, disappointments about things that didn’t go our way or when our expectations weren’t met. Growing up is all about experiencing disappointments, the tricky part is all about how we deal with them and how we bounce back from them which is the cornerstone of resilience. As parents you are your child’s first teacher and the best role model they have. Those of you who have bounced back from setbacks or illness role model this every day to your family.

As teachers we have to manage expectations and disappointments with test results, competitions and being selected for certain events. We do this by saying “not yet”, you are on your way, but you are just not there yet, at this point in time. That doesn’t say to the child you are not good enough nor does it make a judgement, but in fact paves the way for growth and development.

The children who have auditioned for roles in Honk! have by now been offered a role in some capacity. There will be roles that are on stage, behind the scenes, or in front of house. Everyone who has auditioned has been offered something and that is the great thing about a school production as it is highly inclusive. Yes there will be disappointments about roles which were not offered, but the key message is if it’s not yet for Honk!, then there will be plenty of other opportunities throughout life to participate in. I expect that all children involved will commit to the production and be supportive and highly respectful of all the directors and production assistants, who are not just the teachers.

Dogs tied up to the school gates

May I request please that dogs are not tied up to the gates that children walk through, but are perhaps tied to the fences away from the children. They can be quite scared of dogs even if they are very friendly. Some of the children have been reluctant to come through the gate whilst the dogs are there. Thank you for your help with this.

Enjoy your Long Service Leave, Lucy!

We wish Lucy Gorman all the very best as she enjoys a week in the Cook Islands, next week. 5G will be very well looked after by Robin Nicolson whilst Lucy is away. Robin has clearly missed us all very much!
Leaving children in our yard before 8.45am is not a safe practice
Just a reminder to parents that if you need to bring the children early to school, please bring them into Before where they can be supervised. Bringing them early for soccer club is fine as teachers are on the courts, but on other days we don’t have a teacher on duty until 8.45am.

Junior Choir
A reminder to those students in the Junior Choir that there will be no rehearsals tomorrow Friday 6 May nor Friday 13 May.

Connie Apostolos
Curriculum and Pedagogy Leader

NAPLAN Dates

Next week, all Year 3 and 5 students will sit four tests as part of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Please note the following dates and times for this testing schedule.

- Tuesday 10th May – Language Conventions – before recess (Years 3 & 5)
- Tuesday 10th May – Writing – before lunch (Years 3 & 5)
- Wednesday 11th May – Reading – before recess (Years 3 & 5)
- Thursday 12th May – Numeracy – before recess (Years 3 & 5)

Please note that these tests are just a ‘snapshot’ of the children’s capabilities at this point in time and do not represent the strengths of the whole child.

Where students are absent for one or more tests, arrangements will be made for those students to sit the tests on either the afternoon of the test days, or on Friday 13th May. Students who are absent for the three test days will not be expected to complete these tests on Friday 13th May.

An information sheet for parents with more details about NAPLAN will be distributed to all students in Years 3 & 5. If you have any further questions about NAPLAN, don’t hesitate to make contact with the school.

Working Bee
Looking forward to seeing as many families as possible on Saturday morning to help maintain our grounds and facilities. I will be cooking the sausages and there will be a treat for all the children who can come and help.

Working Bee
Have a wonderful week.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

PFA Mother’s Day Stall
Thank you again to our hard working PFA for setting up the stall and ensuring the children take home a beautiful gift for Mum. A special thank you to Nikki Rickard for her creativity and design talents, her shopping and ensuring every child could take home a specially decorated gift.

Wishing all of our Mums, Step–mums, Grandmothers, special women in our children’s lives a wonderful Mother’s day and may you enjoy all the extra love, attention and special treatment!

The Arts News

Arts Supplies
Thank you to those who have so generously donated stockings for our drying racks and magazines for use in our arts classes.

We also make use of any old newspapers, so please drop them into the arts studio!

Visual Arts Club
Arts club is held every Wednesday lunch in the arts studio for selected students. It will be run by the Arts Leaders.

Laura Welch
The Arts Teacher
Welch.laura.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
The power in making mistakes

Do you perceive a great learner to be fast and accurate? Unfortunately it is these two traits that many of our children had identified in a great maths learner. Teachers at our school have been gathering and analysing student data based on the question of what makes a great maths learner. The findings reveal an urgent need to empower our children as learners and see the value of making mistakes. It was interesting to note that prep children had identified that speed and accuracy were key characteristics of great maths learners. What made this revelation more interesting was that these children had not been exposed to learning experiences at school that required speed or accuracy. Then how are these perceptions formed?

The aim of the previous segment was to introduce you to the importance of learning dispositions or attributes and how we all need to rethink and prioritise how we promote learning in our children. The article by Jo Boaler gave some great advice on how you can help transform the ways maths is viewed. Parents and teachers play a major role in changing the perceptions of maths from simply a performance culture where speed and correct answers are prioritised to viewing maths as an opportunity to engage in learning experiences where children are curious and want to explore deeper.

There is an abundance of current research that supports the claim that children whose maths ability is celebrated based on their speed and accuracy is not actually beneficial. For more information please watch the following one minute TED talk clip by Jo Boaler about how the brain is affected when errors are made.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_skSkvuDxc

The topic of mindsets has been explored over the last six months amongst our teachers. Understanding the importance in developing a growth mindset in all our young learners has alerted us to changes we all need to make to enable this to happen. Hence we have been exploring the types of praise we give and how this impacts. The following article reveals what’s wrong with certain kinds of praise.

I found the opening paragraph thought provoking:

“You’re so talented!” “You are gifted – a natural!” “You’re doing so well in school, you must be really smart!” – children receive these messages (or their negative counterparts), along with many other messages on a daily basis from their peers, parents and teachers. Are these just words or do they mean more? How are children affected by the words we use to praise, coach and criticize them?

You can read the remaining article on the following website:

https://onedublin.org/2012/06/19/stanford-universitys-carol-dweck-on-the-growth-mindset-and-education/

Connie Apostolos-Thermos
Curriculum and Pedagogy Leader

Head Lice

We still have some cases of head lice reported in various classrooms.

Please check your child’s head tonight and if head lice or eggs are found, treat your child’s hair and advise your child’s class teacher.

Health regulations require that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. This refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to lice eggs.
Assistant Principal

Working Bee This Saturday 7th May

A reminder that our working bee is on this Saturday from 9.00am-12.00pm. Come and grab a snag from our sausage sizzle and then help us for an hour or so to keep our grounds in great shape. We have a range of tasks to complete, ranging from skilled to unskilled, so you can choose the one that’s right for you. We have a limited number of tools and gardening equipment, so if you can bring your own rakes, forks, spades, brooms etc, it would be very much appreciated. If you can’t make it you can still contribute to the school by making a $30 donation in lieu of attending the Working Bee. This is essential to allow us to purchase the material and equipment that will be used on the day. We are already up to over $1000 in expenditure so far for purchases, and there are a few more to come.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Hopefully all children have now received their sheet outlining the PRC and showing their login details, and are reading a range of books to enter into the PRC website. I know that Mrs Pearse is encouraging all children in her library sessions to borrow PRC books and add them to the challenge list. Please keep encouraging your child to read and enter the books on the website, and for younger children to help them actually put the books on. Remember also for our younger students it is OK for them to ‘experience’ the book by having you read with them. If you have any questions bout the PRC please don’t hesitate to ask one of our friendly library team, Jennie Pearse or Bret Leysihan.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Succulents please!

If any members of the school community have spare succulents, or clippings of succulents, please bring them in before Saturday’s Working Bee. We’re making a succulent garden. Children can drop them off in the Italian kitchen garden boxes beside the dome climbing frame. No prickly or spiky ones please! We’re keen for the fleshy ones (see below) seen often in street plantings, etc. Thanks to all who can contribute!

Dugald Jellie

Working Bee donation

For those parents who will be unable to attend the Working Bee on Saturday 7 May from 9.00am to 12.00pm, we would be grateful if you could make a $30 contribution to our Working Bee fund for ongoing maintenance.

☐ I would like to make a $30 (or other amount) donation to the APS Grounds fund
Family Name: ________________ Amount: $30.00 or $______ Pay by:

☐ Qkr! (under the Essential items tab)

☐ Direct Deposit to Armadale PS Account BSB 083298 A/C No: 028911383 please note on your direct deposit transaction your Family Name & Working Bee

Thank you to the following families who are unable to attend our working bee and made a donation to our grounds fund:

- Gray Prep C
- Lukatsky
- Preston
- Zoltak
Sports News

Tri Skills Gymnastics
All students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to take part in the Tri Skills gymnastics program.

Please remember:
- Shoes and socks off 5 minutes prior to the scheduled lesson start time (gymnastics lessons)
- No jewellery or watches
- Long hair tied back
- Shorts, bike shorts or tracksuit pants
- No skirts or tights please!
- Signed permission with term 2 excursion levy form needs to be returned to school.

District Cross Country
Selected children will be participating in the District Cross Country event next Friday 13 May. There will be a training session tomorrow Friday 6 May during school hours. Please make sure that payment has been made by Qkr! and that permission forms are returned to school by this Friday.

Year 5 & 6 Touch Rugby gala day
Our next gala day will be held on Friday 3 June. More details to follow.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

School Photos
There will be a follow-up photo day within the next couple of weeks.

The date is yet to be confirmed.
At the follow-up photo day the following will be photographed:
- Whole school photo
- Year 6 photo
- Any student who was absent at last Thursday’s shoot
- Any ordered sibling photo.

If you would like a sibling shot, but have not ordered it yet, please go online, login and order it within the next week.

Any ordered sibling shot will be photographed on the follow-up photo day.

to login and order go to:

Several children seem to have misplaced/lost their registration envelope. Please email Monarchy Pictures and they will resend you the details.
https://www.monarchypictures.com.au/site/contact

Please do not hesitate to contact Monarchy Pictures if you have any other questions/queries.

The Monarchy Pictures Team

Tiqbiz

Communication with our school community is important so that families are always aware of events happening at school. Our weekly newsletter and the school website are essential sources of information.

We also use the tiqbiz app to communicate immediate information to parents. Click on the tiqbiz logo above to go to the site for more details.

Download the app from the iTunes or Google Play store and then register yourself, search for Primary Schools, then Armadale PS, and finally choose the notifications you want to receive eg. Whole School, Prep, Grade 3 etc. Don’t forget to tick the new year level for your child/ren at the start of each year.
Parents & Friends of Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

“Happy Mother’s Day” to all the amazing Armadale Mothers!

Mother’s Day Afternoon tea
Thank you to everyone who came yesterday to the afternoon tea. Thank you to everyone who provided food; it was an amazing spread, the mums who helped set up and clear away and the Grade 6’s who helped serve drinks and food. Thank you to Tessa Gillies sister of Lachie Stott in 3C for playing and singing so beautifully. And finally a big thank you to Nicki Batagol for sharing your story and Terri Smith the CEO of PANDA. The generous Mums of Armadale raised $740 for the school and $680 for the charity PANDA.

Volunteers
We are looking for volunteers to assist the children choose and wrap their Mother’s Day gift. Wrapping will take place from 9am onwards on Friday 6th May, so if you are able to assist we would really appreciate your help. We will be set up at the kitchen end of the MPC.

Mother’s Day Gifts
Please remember $10 to be sent with your child on Friday 6th May to purchase their mug (tomorrow).

Cocktail Parties
There are still a few Cocktail Parties to go…… For more information on your year level cocktail party, please either see your class representative or please contact our class representative coordinator: Janine Sheean  janinesheean@gmail.com

PFA Meeting
The next PFA Meeting is on Tuesday 10th May at 2:30pm in the Staff Room. This meeting is open to all Armadale Parents, so everyone is WELCOME. Before we go, we would like to say thank you to all the parents, class reps and PFA members who continue to help us with our fundraising efforts.

Kind regards

Armada Primary
Year One Parents

Cocktail Party

Sagra
256 Glenferrie Road
Malvern
Tickets $30 pp

Friday 20 May
from 7.30pm

RSVP by Tuesday 10 May

Lost Property

We have a large number of items in lost property in the MPC, some of which are clearly labelled.

Could parents please check the name tags on their children’s clothes to make sure that you haven’t accidentally come home with another child’s item of clothing.

If you do find that you have another child’s clothing, please return them to the school office and we can pass them on to their rightful owners.

Thank you.

Uniform Shop - PSW Kew

PSW Retail Stores will be closed on the following day for stocktake:

Kew  Tuesday, 7 June 2016

PSW do apologise for any inconvenience.

You can find their regular trading hours online, please visit www.psw.com.au.
School Banking Account Opening Day

Armadale Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking day is Tuesday. Each week you need to bring your money and deposit book.

We will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school:

**Time:** 8.45am  
**Date:** Tuesday 17 May 2016  
**Location:** near the steps of the MPC (if raining, inside the MPC)
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Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2015/2016 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Pick up a nomination form online at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

EUROPEAN CLOTHING CLEARANCE!

1114 High Street Armadale (Corner of Stuart St and High St)

Sunday 1ST May 10.30AM-4.30PM
Monday 2ND May 9AM-5PM
Tuesday 3RD May 9AM-5PM
Wednesday 4TH May 9AM-5PM
Thursday 5TH May 9AM-5PM
Friday 6TH May 9AM-5PM
Saturday 7TH May 9AM-5PM

Prices start from $25
Cash ONLY

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