Dear Parents,

Rochelle and Malcolm are at present attending the Principals’ conference in Lorne. The conference will run for three days whereby world renowned presenters will be sharing findings based on educational research. Our own leaders were quite excited about the prospect of exploring ways to transfer their learnings to improve our school.

Public Holiday Monday 14th March
A reminder that the school is closed next Monday 14th March due to the Labour Day weekend.

Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Your Best
As part of our Armadale Primary School Playground Rules, we focus on the two basic rules:
♦ Everyone has the right to be safe
♦ Everyone’s property must be respected
Remember: ‘Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Your Best’. There will be posters around the school promoting this important message. A full list of playground rules is on our website.

Connie Apostolos &
Peter Cracknell
Acting Principals

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Holiday Program

The April School Holiday Program is filling up quickly. If you would still like to make a booking please click here to go to the Holiday Program page on the school website.

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Harmony Day Celebration

On Wednesday 23 March we will be celebrating Harmony Day. See page 8 for all the details.
As part of our planning we would like parents to complete a short cultural background survey and return it to Vita Vampatella by tomorrow Friday 11 March.
Click here for the Harmony Day survey.

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This Week’s Events

Friday 11 March
♦ Icypoles $1
♦ My Hero day - gold coin donation

Monday 14 March
♦ Labour Day public holiday

Friday 18 March
♦ Footy Colours day
♦ Prep cocktail party

Coming Events

Monday 21 March
Downs Syndrome “Lots of Socks Day” – raising awareness

Wednesday 23 March
♦ Harmony Day

Thursday 24 March
♦ End of term

Monday 11 April
♦ Curriculum Day - pupil free day

Tuesday 12 April
♦ Term 2 commences
♦ PFA meeting 2.30pm

Wednesday 4 May
♦ Mothers’ Day event

Click here to go to our school website calendar for more details on coming events

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This Week’s Awards

Artist of the week: Lucas D’Apice

Arts Classes of the week: 1K and Prep S

Footy Colours Day

Friday 18 March

Our annual Footy Colours Day will be held on Friday 18th March.

We are looking forward to celebrating the 2016 AFL football season on this day. Children are asked to wear their favourite football team colours at a special assembly and parade on 18th March from 9:00am - 9:45am.

We will be running some special footy activities throughout the morning. Parents, family and friends are welcome at the parade.

Thank you.
Peter Cracknell & The Sports Leaders

Clean Up Schools Day

Due to the forecast hot weather on Friday we decided to do our School Cleanup straight after our Ride2School Celebration. It was great to see so many children working so hard to make our school really clean, but also a little bit sad to see that we still have some rubbish here at all. Most of our families are fantastic at providing their children with a great Nude Food lunch and snack, but there are still some children who are still bringing packaged items that create rubbish in our grounds. Let’s see if we can be 100% Nude Food in everything that comes to school.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Ride2School Day

What a wonderful turnout we had for this year’s Ride2School Day. So many bikes and scooters, as well as many children who walked. There were even a few classes in which every child was active in their travel to school. The decorated bikes and scooters looked wonderful at our special assembly. Overall we had 88 riders, 106 scooters/skaters and 52 walkers on the day and this is only from the Prep to Year 4 students as the Year 5 and 6 students were out at a Gala Day.

Thanks to all of the parents who supported this great event. I encourage everyone to keep being active in their travel to school to enjoy all of the benefits that I have outlined previously.
The Arts News

Arts Awards for week beginning 29th February

Artist of the week: Lucas D’Apice Prep E
For showing wonderful listening skills when learning new musical rhythms and songs and being attentive when rehearsing in class. Lucas also showed wonderful performance qualities when rehearsing. Well done Lucas.

Arts Class of the week
Apologies for the error in last week’s newsletter for the Arts Class of the week award.
The Arts class of the week for the week beginning 22nd February was:
1K
For showing a positive attitude when working on their ‘emotional faces’.
The Arts class of the week for the week beginning 29th February is:
Prep S
For enthusiastically learning new songs in music and presenting them in class with great confidence.

Art Smocks
Thank you to everyone who has provided their own art smocks and stored it in their classroom tub. If you are yet to bring in an Art Smock, they can be purchased from:
PSW (Primary & Secondary Schoolwear)
12 Strathalbyn Street
East Kew.

Visual Arts Club
A small group of select students in Years 3/4 and 5/6 will have the opportunity to extend their visual arts experience and participate in the visual arts club during one lunchtime each week.

Students can show their interest by signing up in the Arts Studio. Due to the high interest, there will be a meeting Friday 11th March at recess, for those students to share why they wish to participate, and what they will gain from it. Students will then be selected by next week with the Visual Arts Club to officially start in term 2. The year 6 arts leaders have already put forward some brilliant ideas for the Visual Arts Club.

Laura Welch
The Arts Teacher
Welch.laura.1@edumail.vic.gov.au

Active Play at the Park
Years 3-6

A reminder that on Thursdays in 2016, weather permitting, we are taking groups of students from Year 3-6 for lunch recess at Orrong Park departing at 12.20pm and returning by 1.30pm. 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.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Convenor

Sports News

Cricket Gala Day Year 5 & 6
We had a fantastic Cricket Gala Day last Friday at Fawkner Park as part of our Southport District Sports Program. Congratulations to the children of their efforts and the organisation by the Year 5 & 6 staff. Special thanks to the following parents for their valuable assistance on the day: Penny McGann (Rory), Nicki Batagol (Maya) & Andrew Cooper (Jack).

Some comments from the year 5s about the day:

It was really fun and everyone were good sports even if they lost a match. (Jack 5G)

It was great fun to do it with other schools. It was a great way to make friends with other grade 5s. (Matilda 5G)

I liked playing in a team with people I didn’t really know, especially the year 6s from our school. We played really well together. (Sierra 5G)

I enjoyed learning about the game from my peers because I really hadn’t played much cricket. I loved batting, and hitting a 4 or 6 and hearing the team cheering. It gave me a lot of confidence. (Sebastian 5G).

Peter Cracknell
Physical Education & Sport Coordinator
2016 District Swimming

Armadale Sharks


A big congratulations to everyone who came first or second in their event (see below) and made it through to the Division Finals to be held on Friday 11th March.

4x50 Medley relay 1st Mimi Stephanie Bronte Lucia. 2nd Max Jamie Nicholas Hugo.

50 freestyle 1st Mimi 2nd Matilda

50 Backstroke 1st Mimi 2nd Charlotte Nicholas Hugo

50 Breaststroke 1st Nicholas

50 Butterfly 1st Charlotte Hugo

4x50 Freestyle relay 1st Mimi Bronte Stephanie Anna

2nd Charlotte Matilda Siobhan Indi Will Hugo Jamie Max

Thank you to Mrs Brown, Kate Pilgrim and Edith Fitzger (Jamie’s mum) for coming along and helping, thank you to the parents that came along to support the team as well. A massive thankyou to Mr Cracknell for organizing everything for the day.

Swimming Captains Mimi and Hugo
Vice Captains Stephanie and Will
Parents and Friends of Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

What a crazy week! So hot, I think we need a super effort to make it through…. In fact we all need to be SUPER HEROES!

My Hero Day
Tomorrow (Friday 11th) is My Hero Day! The official day for My Hero Day is Friday 29th July, however here at Armadale Primary, we have all been such superheroes this week, we thought we may as well just get in early.

So dress as your favourite super or sporting hero, to raise awareness and funds for Captain Courageous Foundation.

And please remember your gold coin donation.

Cocktail Parties
The Prep Cocktail Party will be held on Friday 18th March.
Ticket can be purchased via the following link www.eventbright.com.au.

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

Save the Date
This year the Mother’s Day Event will be held on Wednesday May 4th. More details to follow very soon.

Easter Raffle
If everyone could please start sending in your Easter Egg donations for the Easter Raffle and Very Special Kids.

PFA Meeting
The next PFA Meeting is on Tuesday 12th April 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.

Icy Poles
Don’t forget to put $1.00 in your child’s bag tomorrow for Icy Poles.
Only two more weeks left.

Kind regards

The Armadale PFA Committee
Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com
The year 5 and 6s have been involved in Project Rockit. Project Rockit is a program to do with bullying. Our first session was on Monday the 7th of March, Caitlyn and Archie are the people who ran this program for us.

We learned about cyber safety and how messages can be taken the wrong way when written in text. Here’s a hot tip... if you use emojis with texts it can help with not being taken the wrong way. We learnt it is better to say things face to face than in text. We asked a few a students about what they enjoyed...

I enjoyed the acting activity – Lucy S.
I enjoyed the funny stories the presenters told us – Lily R-M.
I found it very funny and educational – Jack G.
I liked the people who presented the program – James B.

Where to find Project Rockit: http://projectrockit.com.au
THIS FRIDAY 11TH MARCH
DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE SUPER HERO TO
SUPPORT THE CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS FOUNDATION

MY HERO DAY
CHILDREN SAVING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN
EVERY 36 HOURS AN AUSSIE CHILD IS DIAGNOSED
WITH BLOOD CANCER. AT ONLY SEVEN YEARS OLD,
ANGUS, PICTURED HERE HAS ENDURED OVER 100
LIFESAVING BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS.

SHOW YOUR COURAGE
AND SUPPORT BY
PARTICIPATING IN
MY HERO DAY AT YOUR
SCHOOL ON 11TH MARCH

All you need to do is come dressed
as your favourite hero and donate
a gold coin.

You'll be aiding vital research to help
find a cure for children suffering life
threatening Bone Marrow Failure
Diseases and blood cancers.

To register your school,
kindy or childcare centre visit
www.captaincourageous.com.au

GOLD COIN DONATION
Wednesday 23rd March at Armadale Primary School

Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia in March each year, in many schools, workplaces and local communities. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

The day will be a fantastic opportunity to explore and celebrate our cultural diversity at Armadale.

Harmony Day Survey
As part of our Harmony Day celebration we would like each family to complete a survey about their cultural background. The Year 6 students will collate the results of the survey which will be presented at our Harmony Day Special Assembly.

Please take the time to complete the survey with your child as it will enable them to further their own intercultural understanding. Please return the survey to myself or your child’s class teacher as soon as possible please to enable the results to be collated.

The timetable for this year’s Harmony Day is as follows:

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<td>• The Arts special performances Years Prep-5</td>
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<td>10-10.50</td>
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<td>First performance (half of the school to attend)</td>
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<td>Harmony Day Incursion for students, Cultural Infusion, Chinese Arts &amp; Dance in MPC Performance 2 (remainder of students)</td>
<td>Second performance (other half of school attends)</td>
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<td>12.30-1.30</td>
<td>Whole school lunch</td>
<td>International food tasting - Class teachers will organise the appropriate time for students to taste and share food generously provided by parents.</td>
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Dressing up for the day
Students will be able to come to school in clothing that is of cultural significance, or that represents a country of their choice, or in national flag colours.

International Food tasting
We would like students to taste and share international food with their classmates. If you would like to contribute food for your child’s class to taste, please ensure it is sliced and ready to be eaten in the classroom. If there are children with allergies, parents are requested to provide the appropriate food for their child. All food provided should be able to be served at room temperature, so please, no food that requires refrigeration or heating.

Class reps could you please check with parents providing food that there is a variety of food, the appropriate amount, (remember, it is in addition to the children’s lunch) and not too much doubling up.

Lunch
We ask parents to please provide lunch for their child as usual on the day. The food tasting will be in addition to your child’s usual lunch.

Please note, payment for this incursion has been included in the Term 1 incursion levy.

Grazie, and looking forward to a wonderful celebrazione!
Vita Vampatella
Italian Language Co-ordinator
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