Dear Armadale Community,

What an exciting week the children have had with the celebration of the Rio Olympics, our opening ceremony and parade of all the classes and events and then all the children were treated to various Olympic events in rotation through Pro Activity. It was also wonderful to see the Year 6 sports leaders involved in running the day. Last week, all Year 3-6 students enjoyed hoop time Gala Days, but the highlight was definitely the House Athletics carnival at the revamped Duncan McKinnon ground last Thursday.

I loved seeing the camaraderie between all the students; the sportsmanship demonstrated by each student and the excellent support offered by the parents in our community. A number of parents, who have recently enrolled into Armadale, commented on the incredible organisation, the relationships between the teachers and the students and the wonderful sense of fairness, despite the healthy competition between the four houses. Armadale, you certainly set the bar very high!

All the very best to those students who have made it through to the Districts competition.

I must acknowledge the outstanding organisation shown by Peter Cracknell in his lead up to all these events that were thoroughly enjoyed by all the participating students. Please enjoy the photos that were captured by Niki Rickard.

Our new Strategic Plan has been endorsed by School Council!

After nearly a year in the making and designing of our new Strategic Plan 2016 - 2019, it has been endorsed and ratified by school council. Every school has a strategic plan which articulates the vision for the school and the values and principles which guide the school’s learning culture.

Our school vision is:
To be an exemplary learning community.
We place the highest value on developing the whole child with the skills, knowledge and dispositions for a lifetime of inquiry.
We strive for a culture of excellence for all learners within a nurturing and inclusive community to create a sense of belonging.
We value diversity and seek to promote a deeper understanding of our world.

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This Week’s Events

**Friday 12 August**
♦ Curriculum day - student free day

**Tuesday 16 August**
♦ ICAS Maths

**Friday 19 August**
♦ Trivia Night

Coming Events

**Wednesday 31 August**
♦ Year 3&4 students leave for Camp Rumbug
♦ 6K Duldig incursion

**Thursday 1 September**
♦ Year 1 Art excursion
♦ Year 6 Science incursion

**Friday 2 September**
♦ Year 3&4 students return from Camp Rumbug

**Saturday 3 September**
♦ Working bee 9.00am-12.00pm

**Monday 5 September**
♦ Year 1 Games excursion

**Tuesday 6 September**
♦ PFA meeting 2.30pm

**Wednesday 7 September**
♦ Year 5 Lego excursion
♦ 6Z Duldig incursion
Whilst it is very difficult to construct all that you are in one paragraph, I think that the Education and Policy sub-committee have done an exceptional job. We will be exploring what this vision looks like with our students and community and ensuring that our values, which I will publish next week, are child-friendly and easy to understand and refer to.

The key take aways from our vision are very clear – we value learning and our community. We are focused on developing the whole child. We aspire to have a culture of excellence for all and we are wholeheartedly inclusive.

I would be interested in receiving any comments or wonderings from our community with regards to our school vision, so please don’t hesitate to send me an email.

Parents using our toilets
A call of nature can hit at any time and often without notice! Please feel free to use our facilities when at school, but may I request that parents use those toilets in the MPC rather than the children’s toilets. This applies also if needing to use the facilities for any younger siblings.

Curriculum Day Friday August 12th is on tomorrow, so children are not required at school.
I look forward to strengthening and deepening our professional learning with the staff tomorrow and hope that the children booked into OOSH have a fabulous time.

Have a wonderful week.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Qkr Newsletter Tip – Qkr Upgrade

The Qkr app has recently been upgraded with a fresh look and feel.

If you still have the old version of Qkr, when you next access the Qkr app you will be prompted to “Upgrade Me”, as shown here.

Tapping on the “Upgrade Me” link takes you to the App Store or Google Play for you to upgrade to the new version of Qkr.

If your phone or tablet device has an operating system not supported by the new Qkr app; tapping on “Upgrade Me” will close the app instead of linking to the App Store or Google Play.

For iPhone and iPad users, for example, the new version of the app is supported on iOS8 and above so any Apple devices with older iOS versions will first need to have the iOS upgraded to be able to upgrade to the new Qkr version.

Once you upgrade your device, tapping on the “Upgrade Me” link takes you to your app store for you to upgrade to the new version of Qkr.
Working Bee Saturday
3rd September 9am-12 noon

Our second and final Working Bee for the year is coming up on Saturday 3rd September. Our two working bees are always the day before Mothers and Fathers Days, so it is easy to remember them. We have a range of tasks to be done, most of which don’t require any special skills. So please mark this date in your diaries so that you can come along and help to keep our school looking and functioning well.

Parking
We have been speaking to Stonnington Council about ways to make our streets safer and less congested around the beginning and the end of the school day. Their recommendation is that we adopt the ‘Kiss and Go’ style parking in both sections of Densham and Northcote Roads that abut our school. This would be a direct replacement of the existing 5 minute parking allowance. Whilst we refer to it as ‘Kiss and Go’ the actual signs would show a No Parking symbol and the times that this applies.

Our recommendation to Stonnington is that the times to be applied will be 8.30-9.30am and 3.30-4.30pm. These signs would allow parents to drop off and pick up children from school but not allow parents to leave their car. We believe that this rule will allow many more cars to stop in these sections as each car will be in the spot for only a minute or two and then move on, freeing up the space for another parent. These signs will be installed over the September holidays and will be in operation from the start of Term 4.

Book Week and Premiers’ Reading Challenge
I am looking forward to all of the great activities the Brett has planned for Book Week this year. Also I have noted that many children have been entering lots of books for the PRC and a number have reached the maximum of 100 books which is a wonderful effort. Remember the PRC finishes at the end August so make sure that your child has entered all of their books and you have sent a note to your child’s class teacher verifying that they have read the books listed.

Senior Green Team
The Green Team Leaders from Years 5 and 6 have been spending quite a few of their Monday lunchtimes working on their workshop for the Melbourne Water Youth Conference in October.

One part of the workshop involves making plant waterers from 2 litre milk bottles. We need lots of lids from these bottles, so if you could please remember to collect them and bring them along to school, the Senior Green Team would be most appreciative. I will set up a box at reception next to the battery and mobile phone collection bins.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
Sports News

House Athletics

Congratulations to all the Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 children on their great efforts ‘Being their Best’ at the House athletics held last week at Duncan McKinnon. Special thanks to all the staff and parents for their great support throughout the day. Also, thank you to the House Captains and Sports Leaders for all their great work assisting in the organisation of the sports.

Finally, thank you to Robin Nicolson and Andrea Gray for their work on the official table. Congratulations to the winning house Densham.

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Hooptime Basketball

Well done to all the children who took part in the exciting Hooptime Basketball days last week. Congratulations to the 3/4 and 5/6 All Stars Girls’ teams on making it to the grand final.

Thank you to all the staff and parents on ensuring a fun day.

Mini Olympics Fun Day

What a great day! Thank you to all the children, staff and parents for getting into the Mini Olympic spirit. Special thanks to Proactivity and the sports leaders.

We asked some of the Year 4s about their favourite activity on the day:

- I liked the Basketball because everybody got a chance to shoot - Gigi
- I liked the relay hurdles and stepping through the fitness ladder - Bill
- The Dodgeball was really fun because it was different and exciting - Keira
- My favourite part was the Tug of War because there were four groups and you had to pull it past your cones - Robbie
- I liked fencing using foam swords - Max
- I really loved the Boxing because I hadn’t done it before and it was different - Nina.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator
Hi Armadale families,
As we enjoy these beautiful winter days and start to prepare for the fun of Spring time, the PFA has the perfect kick off! Trivia night!

**Trivia Night**
Trivia night is next week, Friday 19th August!
If you have not already paid $30 a head for your place, you can pay at the front office or via QKR.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to trivia night. We have over 70 items to be won. If you have generously donated a prize, you can either drop it off at the front office, or give it directly to Dimity, Pam or Sarah in the playground.

Live Auction prizes include:
♦ Porsche Boxter for the weekend
♦ Helicopter flight
♦ Art work by Cressida Beale
♦ Signed Collingwood Jumper
♦ Signed Melbourne Jumper

Looking forward to a fun and successful night!

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Parents & Friends of Armadale (PFA)

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Students Banking

The following students have qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year:
- Gigi Megalogenis
- Harper Baxter

Silver Dollarmites Certificates are awarded to the following students for making 20 deposits this year:
- Abby Vile
- Haydon Fa
- Abigail Gowland

Well done everyone!
Keep making regular deposits for a chance to win Prize Lights in the Outback Sky.

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

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The Arts News

Year 4 Sculptures
In response to their excursion to Heide Gallery, the year 4 students followed a brief that explained if Heide Gallery was looking for a new sculpture for their Sculpture Garden, what would they create? They designed and modelled a small version and described their sculpture by writing a label/plaque.

Aidin Skinner 4C
Gus Alekna 4C
Bill Wang 4Z
Allegra Salmon 4Z
Charlie Motion 4Z
Laura Welch
The Arts Co-ordinator

Library News

Book Week!
Introducing our third Author who will speak to students in Grade 5&6 on Friday 26th August

David Astle
AUTHOR, CORPORATE, INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER, SPEAKING OUT

Clue by clue, chapter by chapter, David Astle’s Puzzled meanders through the maze of a cryptic crossword, showing you the dark secrets and wondrous tricks of wordplay. ‘He’s the Sergeant Pepper of cryptic crosswords,’ says award-winning Australian actor Geoffrey Rush.

The theme for Book Week this year is ‘Australia! Story Country’ celebrating Australian history and stories.

Happy reading,

Brett Leyshan
Leyshan.brett.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

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.

The ICAS Maths will be held in the Library for those children involved on Tuesday 16 August.

This will be held in the Library before school from 8:00-9:00am or after school from 3:45-4:45pm.
ARMADALE PS BOOK WEEK 2016

Thursday 18
Author Visit
Pre-event with a visit from
author Felice Arena giving
a talk to Grades P-2 & 3-6
10:00-11:00
11:30-12:30

Wednesday 24
Book Buying Day #1
Author Visit
Parents may come in
during the day and after
school. If you are coming in
after school there is usually
a queue. Kim Kane will be
giving 1 hour workshops
to students in Grade
Prep to Four.

Monday 22
Book Previewing Day #1
Students come into the
Book Fair (Library) and
create a wishlist of books
they would like to buy.

Tuesday 23
Book Previewing Day #2
Book Performance
A special performance of
CBCA books for all students
by Meerkat Productions.
9:00-11:00

Thursday 25
Book Buying Day #2
Book purchasing for anyone
who missed out on
Wednesday.

Friday 26
Book Parade
Author Visit
We start with the traditional
book parade where
everyone dresses
up as a favourite character.
Then at 10am David Astle will
be spending time with the
Grades 5 and 6

More information to come on buying books...
Leysan.brett.f@edumail.vic.gov.au
Today we will catch the train to Imax cinema for the ultimate movie experience.

Time of activity: 9:00-4:00

Transport: Train

OOSHC—Centre opening times: 8:00-6:00

Cost: $70 per child (CCB reduction does apply)

Please provide your own lunch and snack

Child’s Name: ____________________________________________

I consent to my child taking part in this excursion and where the leader in charge is unable to contact me, I authorize them to:

◊ Organise medical transportation for my child.
◊ Consent to my child receiving medical or surgical attention as may be deemed necessary by a medical practitioner,
◊ Administer such first aid as the leader in charge may judge to be reasonably necessary.

Signature of parent/guardian: ____________________________ Date: ____________.
Whilst all care is taken to ensure the validity of advertisements in this newsletter we take no responsibility and imply no endorsement.

Surviving the Teenage Years

Putting parents back in charge through boundary setting and clear communication

This session will provide parents with useful information and practical tips about young people and social media, drugs and alcohol, mental health and sexuality.

Wednesday 24 August 2016, 7pm - 9pm
Malvern Town Hall, Upstairs Foyer
1251 High Street, Malvern
RSVP Wednesday 17 August
Call 8290 1333 or go to stonnington.vic.gov.au/Discover/Events/Surviving-the-teenage-years

Help Keep Our Kids Safe!

The role of a School Crossing Supervisor is important to our community and we need dedicated, reliable people to join our team to work within the City of Stonnington.

These crossing locations are available in Malvern, Malvern East, Toorak, South Yarra, Windsor, Prahran and Caulfield.

Help us to find dedicated people to contribute to our community and Help Keep Our Kids Safe by referring a friend or family member.

Successful applications will be required to complete a Working with Children Check, undergo a Police Check and pass a Fit for Role Check.

- $23.66 per session
- Mon – Fri – 8am-9am & 3pm-4pm
- We will assist with your Working with Children Card Application
- We will provide ongoing training
- We will provide your uniform

For further information contact Roberta Butler
TEL: 03 8561 8833

Submit expressions of interest to:
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WEBSITE: www.chandlermacleod.com

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