Dear Parents,

A very tired, but excited group of students emerged from the bus yesterday morning as 18 of our Year 6s returned from their nine day experience at Somers Camp. I spoke only briefly to a few who said they had a wonderful experience and were able to meet many personal challenges and make new friends. I look forward to finding out much more about their Somers experiences.

On behalf of the whole school community I would like to extend our gratitude to Stephanie McLlroy who accompanied the children at Somers and to Kate Pilgrim for all her administration and organisation of the whole camp. Thank you to both Mary Rodder who has been teaching 3/4 M and Zaim Zeneli who has been teaching 5F over the last nine days.

Thank you to School Councillors

Our School Councillors had their final meeting on Monday evening where I acknowledged my deep gratitude to the teachers and parents who have willingly contributed their time to attend monthly council meetings throughout the year, as well as attending monthly subcommittee meetings. School Council has the important task of determining the overall policy direction of the school and we have once again been so fortunate to have such a capable and cohesive team of councillors working tirelessly to chart the direction of our school and ultimately the provision for our students.

On behalf of the school community I would like to thank the following members of our school community for their enthusiastic and insightful contributions to our School Council in 2014.

- David Portnoy (President)
- Georgie Handbury (Vice President)
- Laurie Conheady (Treasurer)
- Christine Coull (parent)
- Liza Chancellor (parent)
- Ray Skinner (parent)
- Amy Solger (parent)
- Kristen Steele (parent)
- Kelvin McAlpine (parent)
- Connie Apostolos (DEECD)
- Gillian Brown (DEECD)
- Jocelyn Evans (DEECD)
- Christine Leyshan (DEECD)
- Malcolm Dow (DEECD)

Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea

By way of thanking all of our parents who in some way have helped the teachers throughout the year we would like to invite you to attend a morning tea in the MPC at 11.00am on Tuesday 16th December.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner this evening!

There are a number of significant milestones in young people’s lives and one of them is graduating from Primary school and transitioning to secondary. Tonight we celebrate our current Year 6 students’ achievements, highlights, special memories of their moments at APS and friendships made in prep that are now long lasting. I am so proud of our current group and can see in each one of them elements of the adults they will become. Each one in their own way is incredibly talented, confident, and bright and I look forward to the contribution they will make in the years to come. I am extremely confident of the successful pathway each student will take, not only because of their very supportive parents and family but also because of the very strong foundation that the students have been afforded at Armadale. I look forward to hearing their graduating speeches tonight; the acknowledgement to their parents and in particular, to the wonderful teachers who have made a difference to their lives. There will definitely be a few bright eyes tonight!
This Week’s Awards

You Can Do It! Awards:
Alexia Sideropoulos Prep S
James Castle Prep S
Harrison Michelsberg Prep S
Sascha Tausan 1/2A
Ella D’Cruz 1/2A
Lucia Martin 1/2 D
Maddy Fleetwood 1/2E
Lucy Silk 3/4C
Alexander Drohn 3/4C

I am sure that all the children are very excited about meeting their teacher and classmates for 2015. The children will be told their class and teacher on Tuesday morning. Year 6 students will be assisting me in the MPC and our exiting students will be allocated to Malcolm Dow.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Assistant Principal

Bike Ed Excursion

Our Year 4 Bike Ed students had a lovely day yesterday riding along Gardiner’s Creek Bike Path, putting into practice a number of the skills that they had learnt in their Bike Ed course in Terms 3 and 4. We partnered up with the Year 4 students from Malvern Valley PS and did a range of activities to further develop and reinforce their skills. It was also a great opportunity for our students to meet up and socialise with students from another school. We rode further on along the Ferndale Trail and had a picnic lunch before heading back to our bike trailer and the tram.

Many thanks to Peter Cracknell for organising the bike trailer and driving all the bikes down to our meeting point, and to Brett Leyshan for assistance on the ride and on the tram. We look forward to running the Bike Ed Program with our Year 4 students next year.

ICT during the Holidays

A reminder that all login details for the online applications for the students will remain valid over the school holidays. On rainy days or when there is nothing else to do, the programs can be a useful tool to not only keep your children occupied, but also keep their skills well-honed across a wide range of learning areas. Of course if you are traveling or the weather is fine, then I would always prefer to see children outside keeping fit and healthy.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Student Banking

The following children have qualified for a Gold Dollarmites certificate for making 30 deposits this year:

♦ Liberty Chamberlain
♦ Sebastian Chamberlain
♦ Harrison Michelsberg
♦ Mia Kliegl
♦ Mia Bainger
♦ Poppy Holden
♦ Summer Thompson
♦ William Castine
♦ Lachie Beischer
♦ Alice Hodgkinson

A Silver Dollarmites certificate is also awarded to:

♦ William Strangward

for making 20 deposits this year.

Well done everyone!

Please note some reward items are currently out of stock and have been placed on back order. They should arrive at school by the second week of Term 1 next year.

This is the last week for school banking – it will resume on Tuesdays in 2015.

Alison Crone
School Banking Co-ordinator
**OOSEC News**

OOSEC will be closed from 19th December until 12th January 2015.

**Last Day Of Term**
We will run our final after school care for the year on Friday 19th December from 1:30pm when school finishes until 6:00pm.

**Presents for Charity**
If you would like to donate a present please drop it off under the OOSHC Christmas tree and we will wrap and donate them for the Kmart Wishing Tree. Please only donate new items not pre-loved.

**Holiday Program**
The January Holiday Program is almost fully booked so please get your form in ASAP if you haven’t done so yet. Click [here](#) for the link.

**Registration Forms**
All children must have a new 2015 registration form submitted before their first day of attendance next year. The form is available on the school website or click [here](#).

**Final Invoices and Payment**
Everyone will receive their final invoice for the year on Friday 19th December via email.

Credit cards will then be deducted on the Monday 22nd December to finalise everyone’s accounts for the year. Please make sure we have correct card details and that there are funds available.

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**Sports News**

Swimming times & dates for Prep and Year 1&2 students:

A reminder for our Prep and Year 1&2 students that the last lesson of the swimming program at Lauriston Girls’ School is tomorrow.

See below for the lesson times:
- 1/2K & 1/2D: 9.30-10.00am
- Preps P & S: 10.10-10.50am
- Prep C: 10.50-11.30am
- 1/2A & 1/2E: 11.30-12.10pm
- 1/2P: 12.10-12.50pm

The children will be leaving school 30 minutes before the start time of their lesson. Click [here](#) for all the details.

**Remaining Date:** Friday 12 December.

Swimming reports will be enclosed with the school reports next Thursday.

Thank you to all the parents who helped walk the children to and from the swimming pool.

*Peter Cracknell*
*Sports Co-ordinator*

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**OOSEC would like to thank Thomas Dux in Armadale for their very kind donation of a Christmas tree to our program. Our students loved decorating the tree and it brings a special feeling of Christmas joy to our program.**

*Katie Wallman*
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  Monday 4.30pm-7.00pm (VCE Support classes only)
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  1714 Dandenong Road, Clayton
  Year Prep to VCE Support Classes Saturday 9.30-12.30
− Tommaso Fiaschi Child Care Centre
  65 Station Street, Carlton
  Pre-school, Saturday 10.0-12.00 only

For further information contact:
9349 9000 and ask for Coordinator

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La Befana and the Giving Time - during the school holidays.

**La Befana and the Giving Time**

Monday January 5th 7.30pm
Tuesday January 6th 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Tickets: $15.00 children $25.00 Adults
Starring: *Carmelina Di Guglielmo *James Liotta *Malcolm Hansford
Written and Directed by Carmelina Di Guglielmo
Produced by Connie Pugliani
Set Designed by Ken Evans

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**La Befana Fun for the Whole Family.**

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The story of La Befana, the Italian Christmas Witch, began a long time ago in Italy. On the eve of Epiphany, the last day of Christmas, children would hang their socks by the fireplace for La Befana. She would fly down the chimney that night on her broom. In the morning, the day of Epiphany, when the three wise men arrived in Bethlehem, children would wake to find simple home-made gifts, sometimes a bit of coal or garlic if the child had been naughty in their socks.

In the old majikal world, Befana was a goddess, patron of plants and animals, an ancestral spirit whose sacred totem is the Woven Stocking, every year reaffirming the bond between family, ancestors and the natural world.
You Can Do It! Awards

Alexia Sideropoulos Prep S For trying hard to sound out words in her writing. Keep up with your wonderful efforts Alexia!

James Castle Prep S For his terrific efforts and great problem solving when undertaking maths tasks. Keep it up James!

Harrison Michelsberg Prep S For concentrating really hard when creating a life portrait of Miss Sozzi at the National Gallery. You made me look fabulous Harrison. Thank you!

Sascha Tausan 1/2A For being a fantastic line leader on the walk to and from swimming and ensuring that everyone is safe.

Ella D’Cruz 1/2A For making excellent decisions about her behaviour and demonstrating what it means to love learning.

Lucia Martin 1/2 D For being a friendly and polite member of 1/2D. Well done for being very helpful and welcoming to the new students visiting our classroom!

Maddy Fleetwood 1/2E For demonstrating persistence and developing greater confidence in her Numeracy skills.

Lucy Silk 3/4C For demonstrating continual respectful and kind behaviour in our school throughout the year and for working enthusiastically on all learning tasks. Great Job Lucy!

Alexander Drohn 3/4C For his continuous cooperative, respectful and courteous manner displayed when working with all students and staff. Great job Alexander!

Lucia Tabbagh 3/4S For your consistent and organised approach to all areas of your learning and for always displaying empathy towards all members of our school community. Well done, Lucia.

Olivia Martin 6N For her excellent MCing skills during the Prep Performing Arts Showcase and also for being an effective back-stage manager! I hope you enjoyed helping out!

Kuba Lambert 6N For his excellent MCing skills during the Prep Performing Arts Showcase and also for being an effective back-stage manager! I hope you enjoyed helping out!

John Kartsaklis 6N For being a responsible and reliable sports leader.

Marco Misaipon 6N For being a responsible and reliable sports leader.

Emma Singer 6N For being a responsible and reliable sports leader.

Yasmin Feile 6Z For being a responsible and reliable sports leader.

The 5 Keys of YCDI! Education

Our core purpose is the development of young people’s social and emotional capabilities, including:

- Confidence (academic, social)
- Persistence
- Organisation
- Getting Along, and
- Resilience.

Central to the development of these 5 Key Foundations is instilling in young people 12 Habits of the Mind, including:

- Accepting Myself
- Taking Risks
- Being Independent
- I Can Do It
- Giving Effort
- Working Tough
- Setting Goals
- Planning My Time
- Being Tolerant of Others
- Thinking First
- Playing by the Rules, and
- Social Responsibility
Did you know it’s Christmas?

Here are a few ‘did you know’ about Christmas that you just might not know...

♦ In Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, on Christmas Eve morning the roads of the city are closed to cars, so people can roller skate to Mass.

♦ For many people in Japan traditional Christmas dinner is KFC. Apparently it is so popular and well marketed that you would have to make a reservation to eat at KFC on Christmas in this wonderful country.

♦ The people of the Netherlands, who celebrate their holiday on December 6th, await the arrival of Sinterklaas and his sidekick Black Pete, who come by way of steamer to leave lollies and nuts for good boys and girls who have filled their shoes with hay and sugar for Black Pete’s horse.

♦ In Estonia on Christmas Eve, families traditionally head to the sauna together.

♦ Ukrainians forego tinsel and baubles for their trees. Instead they decorate them with artificial spiders and webs.

♦ In Italy, rather than Santa Claus, Italian children await the arrival of Befana, a friendly witch who delivers sweets and toys on the 5th of January.

However you celebrate Christmas or the holiday season this year we wish you great health and happiness along with wonderful times with family.

Vive les nouveaux presidents!
Felicitations mes amis!

Mish McGrory 0412 554 434 and Brigid Warwick 0412 128 164
Email: mish@migroryonline.com brigid@warwick.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents

Prep & Year 1/2 Bulletins
Please click on the following links to read this week’s news from your child’s classroom:
♦ Prep bulletin
♦ Year 1/2 bulletin
Click on this link to go to the bulletin page or go to the Students tab on the website and then your child’s class for all the latest news.
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Can two parents set up an account for the same student?

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JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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2015 PROGRAM DATES

Week 1
Mon 5 January ✔
Tue 6 January ✔
Wed 7 January ✔
Thu 8 January ✔
Fri 9 January ✔

Week 2
Mon 12 January ✔
Tue 13 January ✔
Wed 14 January ✔
Thu 15 January ✔
Fri 16 January ✔

Week 3
Mon 19 January ✔
Tue 20 January ✔
Wed 21 January ✔
Thu 22 January ✔
Fri 23 January ✔

Week 4
Mon 26 January ✔
No Program
Tue 27 January ✔
Wed 28 January ✔
Thu 29 January ✔

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SMDC Holiday Programme

Bookings Are Open Now

Dates
Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st January 2015

Locations
South Melbourne Community Centre & Koooyong Rd, Armadale Studio
(will be run at both venues if enough enrolments)

Times
Mornings

1. Musical Theatre - The Magic Faraway Tree (book by Enid Blyton)
Run by our fabulous SMDC musical theatre team – Suitable for ages 6 to 16 yrs and grouped according to ages.
Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st January 2015 from 9am to 12pm. Run over 3 days – includes vocal work, script reading, musical theatre, dance, singing and drama. The final day includes a show of pieces from “The Magic Faraway Tree” (costumes provided)

2. Pirate/Princess/Ballerina Taster Workshop
Suitable for ages 3yrs to 5yrs – Kindergarten aged boys & girls.
Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th January 2015 from 9am to 11am
This 2 day programme includes ballet, jazz & tap and related arts & crafts. (tap shoes not required) Children may take part in the show on the final day.
A wonderful introduction to the world of dance and creativity, run by our fabulous SMDC dance teaching team.

3. Let’s put on a Ballet - Frozen
Suitable for ages 5yrs to 15yrs and grouped according to ages.
Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd January 2014 from 9am - 12pm with our ballet show/performance being held at 12pm on Wednesday 21st of January 2015.
Costumes will be provided.
This programme includes classical ballet, jazz, tap and choreography providing the sheer joy of putting on a show.
Run by our fabulous SMDC dance teaching team.

COSTS
1. Three day Musical Theatre Programme - $135 current SMDC students / $150 non SMDC students.
2. Two day Taster – Pirate/Princess/Ballerina Workshop - $60 current SMDC students / $80 non SMDC students.
3. Let’s Put on a Ballet – “Frozen” (The Ballet) including show on the 4th day - $160 current SMDC students / $175 non SMDC students.

A further 10% discount extended to SMDC families introducing & enrolling new families into our fabulous 2014 holiday programmes.
There is a minimum of 10 participants required to run each programme.
To register for any of the programmes, simply text Ms Cass on 0406 488 845 and complete/return the tear off form below.

SMDC 2015 Holiday Programme Registration Form

Student Name .................................................................

Parent Name .................................................................

Programme 1 2 3

Preferred Location South Melbourne / Armadale

Phone ..................................................................................

Email ..................................................................................

Postal Address (compulsory) ...................................................

Payment Details: Cheque or EFT

Post cheque & this form to
SMDC Holiday Programme
PO Box 3055, Prahran East Vic 3181

EFT – Print receipt of payment and email to lee14sherlock@gmail.com or post
Account Name: South Melbourne Dance Centre
Bank: nab BSB: 083 298 Account: 136 909 862

Closing date for registration – 19th December 2014

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