Dear Armadale Community,

We are gearing up for another exciting week here at Armadale. The Year 1 and 2 children have been having hands on science incursions, a number of children have been selected to represent Armadale at the District Cross Country on Friday, next week there is an Art excursion, and across the State all schools will launch Education Week with the focus on using technology.

**Education Week 2016 is all about technology!**
The Department of Education and Training is making Victoria the Education State by ensuring that every community has access to great schools, supporting our teachers and principals to be their best, and ensuring that every student experiences the chance to succeed, in learning and in life.

This year’s technology theme will see hundreds of schools and early years services participate in the week, from 15-21 May 2016, through open days, exhibitions, themed class activities and other special events. To celebrate Education Week we will be holding our own special Technology Challenge!

**Technology Challenge Night - Wednesday May 18th 6.30pm-8.00pm in the MPC**
We look forward to seeing as many families as possible in our MPC for the Technology Challenge. Yesterday I sent home a flyer which explained the task to the children. At assembly on Tuesday morning I showed all the children “Audri’s Rube Goldberg Monster Trap Machine“ to get them thinking about the possibilities. I have included a link to this clip on the flyer. I hope you take the time to talk to your children about the challenge and start to co-design what your family’s Rube Goldberg Machine will look like and how it will work. Start collecting the materials you will need and the teachers will be stationed at various tables on the night to help with anything else you might need. The research tells us that if we want children to thrive in a fast changing world, they need to be curious, creative, collaborative, innovative, flexible and adaptive. This challenge should foster all these dispositions, that we want to see in our children.

Good luck with this challenge and I look forward to seeing the Monster Traps in action!

**Congratulations Peter Cracknell on 35 years of service with the Education Department!**
Peter Cracknell was recently awarded for 35 years of service with the Department of Education. Unfortunately Peter will be overseas for the official function, but we recognised and acknowledged his commitment to children’s education at an unofficial ceremony at school today. We also wish Peter and his wife Jenny well for their forthcoming trip overseas. Whilst Peter is away, John Mulligan who is well known to the children, will be teaching Health and PE. We look forward to seeing Peter back at school for the beginning of Term 3 where he will tell us of his adventures.

**Academic excellence in Year 6 !**
I was thrilled to receive a letter from Write4fun recently which congratulated our school on having more than 10 Year 6 students successfully progress past the initial judging in the 2016 School's writing competition. Over 9,000 entries were received for the competition throughout Australia. Our school was recognised for outstanding writing as less than 10% of schools showed this high level of
achievement and we were presented with a Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Student Achievement. The final winners will be announced on Wednesday 25th May.

Working Bee
I know Malcolm will be acknowledging all the parents and School Council members who helped in some capacity on Saturday for our Working Bee. I would like to mention a special thank you to all of the children who came and helped to make our school grounds look wonderful. Not only did we have current children, but we also had ex-Armadale children being incredibly helpful. Sami Skinner was an exemplary example of this. As your children’s best role models, you are teaching your children to be active citizens and by giving back to the school community, teaching them how to make a difference. I hope to see even more of our children at the next working bee which is just before Father’s day.

A plea to parents who double park on Densham Road from other parents in our community!
Please don’t double park on Densham Road each school morning – it’s actually against the law! Worse than that, you are endangering the lives of the children. You may accidently reverse into a child who has also just been dropped off from a car in the middle of the road. Not only is double parking dangerous you also block the thoroughfare for all other drivers on Densham Road. Then they swerve around you and potentially cause a terrible accident. None of our children are worth this risk.

Have a wonderful week.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

A reminder to those students in the Junior Choir that there will no rehearsals tomorrow Friday 13 May.

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.

Parking
Once again we have had one of our neighbours complain to the school about our parents parking across their driveway and preventing them from accessing their garage / parking spot.

Could parents please refrain from parking across the garages and other designated residential parking, particularly in Densham Road near the corner of Munro Street.

We need to be modelling good values to our children and by parking a short distance away from school your children can benefit from a healthy walk to or from school.
Assistant Principal

Working Bee

What a wonderful turnout we had on Saturday for our Working Bee. The weather was perfect and we achieved all of our desired tasks. It is very gratifying to see such a dedicated team of parents helping to make our grounds so much more pleasant and attractive to use. Our entire Facilities Committee was there, giving great leadership to the various jobs, and I want to especially thank Dugald Jellie for taking on the major job of creating a retaining wall on our southern boundary. It turned out to be a larger job than we had expected. Thanks also to the children who came along and helped; it is great to see our students (and former students wanting to give back to the school). Thank you also to the 17 families who have made a donation in lieu of attendance at the working bee. It’s not too late to donate if you couldn’t make it to the working bee. Just go to Qkr and find it under Essential items, or see the form below.

Walk to School Prizes

On Tuesday we were very happy to have Stavrina Hadjielias from Stonnington Council come to our assembly to present our school with the $800 worth of sporting equipment for our students to use at recess and lunchtime. It was a fantastic recognition of the high numbers of children who had actively travelled to school in October last year. We will participate again this year and perhaps even pick up another prize, but the real prize is the health benefits that it gives our students by being outside and being active. If you were active during Walktober, and for our Ride2School Day in March, why not make it a daily habit throughout the year.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Working Bee donation

For those parents who were unable to attend the Working Bee last Saturday 7 May 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 both the Essential items and Donations tabs)

☐ 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 were unable to attend our working bee and made a donation to our grounds fund:

- Axup
- Thompson
- Madden
- Jones
- Spearritt
- Moffat
- Hucker
- Fleetwood
- Laughton
- Nikolaou
- Corsham
- Mogford
- Dixon (3C&E)
- Kimpton
For Sale: Keyboard piano
We are selling the keyboard piano to make way for a portable keyboard. If you are interested, please come and have a look in the arts studio within the next week, before we advertise online.

Years 3 and 4 Indigenous Incursion – Thursday 5th May

Honk Jr
Thank you and congratulations to everyone who auditioned for Honk and your roles. We look forward to starting rehearsals next week during Monday and Thursday Lunch in term 2 with an additional Wednesday after school rehearsal in term 3. Term 2 rehearsal schedules will have gone out to children in the cast today (see list on page 5). Please remember to return the permission form to receive your materials and music.

Honk Crew students will receive more information about their chosen role in term 3.

Laura Welch
The Arts Teacher
Welch.laura.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
### Honk Cast

**Actor**  | **Character/s**
--- | ---
Maya Hurwitz 5G  | Ida
Alice Hardy 5B  | Ugly
Lucia Tabbagh 5G  | Cat
Sofia Pellegrini 6Z  | Drake
Ella De Hannin 6Z  | Maureen
Mia McGrory 5B  | Fluffy
Lucy Silk 5B  | Beaky
Eloise Isaac 3C  | Billy
Heidi Axup 3E  | Downy
Matilda Corsham 5G  | Bullfrog
Oliver Breadmore 5B  | Greylag
Lily Johnson 5B  | Dot
Oliver Maughan 5G  | Barnacles
Seb Pegler 5G  | Snowy
Henry Stringer 5B  | Pinkfoot
Stephanie Smith 6K  | Grace
Scarlett Campbell 6Z  | Turkey/Ensemble
Teri Tsakmakis 6K  | Henrietta/Ensemble
Jade Johnson 6Z  | Penny/Ensemble
Angela Hewerdine 5G  | Mother Swan/Ensemble
Luke Vickery 5B  | Father Swan/Ensemble
Jack Cooper 5G  | Berwick/Ensemble
Euan Stewart 6K  | Jaybird/Ensemble
Henry Stringer 5B  | Farmer/Ensemble
Robert Strangward 4Z  | Boy/Ensemble
Polly Yeats 6Z  | Girl/Ensemble
Inara Faheem 4C  | Featured Soloist (Blizzard)/Ensemble
Cyril Salguet 4C  | Featured Soloist (Blizzard)/Ensemble
Bronte Cullen 6Z  | Dance Captain
Sienna Gee 6Z  | Deputy Dance Captain
Poppy Holden 3W  | Dancer
Ruby Hyde 3E  | Dancer
Phoebe Lock 3E  | Dancer
Daisy Phillips 4C  | Dancer
Emma Zagame 5B  | Dancer
Lucia Martin 3E  | Dancer
Rhiannon David 5B  | Ensemble

### Honk Cast

**Actor**  | **Character/s**
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Martha Officer 3W  | Ensemble
Clea Robinson 6K  | Ensemble
Max Schmidt 3W  | Ensemble
Tom Dixon 3W  | Ensemble
Gigi Megalogenis 4Z  | Ensemble
Allegra Salmon 4Z  | Ensemble
Lucy Thompson 3E  | Ensemble
Siobhan McGann 4C  | Ensemble
Maddi Fleetwood 4C  | Ensemble
Holly Wright 6Z  | Ensemble
Mimi Stoupas 6K  | Ensemble
Maddy Graham 5B  | Ensemble
Isabelle Monahan 3C  | Ensemble
Keira O’Hara 4Z  | Ensemble

### Honk Crew

**Assistant to the Director**

Alexander Drohn 6K

**Pre-show entertainers, front of house, backstage, ushers, designers and advertisers:**

Lucie Armstrong 3C  | Eliza Purdie 5B
Camille Rounds 3E  | Luca Jevtic 4C
Chantael Croos 3E  | Luca Iezzi 4C
Claudia Graham 3E  | Lily Ritson Morrison 6Z
Riley Thompson 5G  | Abbey Laughton 3C
Zoe Beischer 5G  | Felicity Dixon 3E
Sierra Golusin 5G  | Winnie Mastores 3W
Julia Conheady 3W  | Brigitte Dixon 3C
Pascale Mogford 3W  | Farbod Khaeiz 6Z
Lucy Hunt 3C  | Chloe Frigo 6Z
Axy Park 3C  | Chloe Darby 6Z
Keira O’Hara 4Z  | Nicholas Bayly 6Z
Jaxsen Farah 4C  | William Strangward 4C
Will Cullity 4C  | Amelia Pellegrini 3E
Emily Start 4C  | Eliza Gowland 3E
Stella Mayer 4C  | Jack Gatehouse 5B
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
Good luck to the children who will be participating in the District Cross Country event tomorrow Friday 13 May.

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

Swimming Certificates
Today the children who participated in our recent swimming intensive program in Years 3-6 will bring home their swimming certificates. Well done to all the children.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

Mobile Phone and Battery Collection
Dear parents,

Over the next few weeks the Green team will be collecting mobile phones and batteries. We will be going around the school to all the classrooms with a container to collect them in. We will be giving them to a battery and mobile phone foundation that turns them into something new and exciting! If you have any unwanted batteries or mobile phones please get your child to bring them to school.

Thanks,

From Green team
Parents & Friends of Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

We hope all our amazing mothers had a relaxing Mother’s Day! And had plenty of opportunities to try out their wonderful new mugs.

Mother’s Day Gifts
Many thanks to Niki Rickard for all her hard work arranging, coordinating and managing the Mother’s Day Stall. Also a big “Thank you” to everyone who helped man the stall on Friday.

Save the Date!
This term the PFA will be hosting an end of Term Disco on Thursday 23rd June
The disco has been organised to accommodate all levels, so we will kick off with a disco for Preps, Grade 1 & Grade 2 only from 6-7pm
Then the disco will open up for Grades 3 – 6 from 7pm to 8pm.
Further details will follow…..so stay tuned!

Cocktail Parties
There are still a few Cocktail Parties to go……
♦ Grade 1  20th May
♦ Grade 2  27th May (see page 8 for the invitation)
♦ Grade 3  3rd June
♦ Grade 4/5  20th May
♦ Grade 6  17th June
For more information on your year level cocktail party, please see your class representatives

PFA Meeting
The next PFA Meeting is on Tuesday 7th June 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
The Armadale PFA Committee
Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com

I am so proud of everyone and want to give a huge shout out to all the mums and class reps who helped make this year’s Mother’s Day Stall a massive success. A very special thanks to those who baked the mugs as well. We couldn’t have done it without your help.

Once we got our assembly line sorted, it was smooth sailing. The kids really enjoyed putting everything together and wrapping it up with hand stamped cards and their chosen ribbons and goodies. The looks on their faces of how proud and excited they were said it all.

I heard some gorgeous quotes from the day when the preps where asked, "Does your Mum like Tea or Coffee?". One said, "She would like a flat white please!". Another said, "Do you have Soy Latte?". It was such a pleasure working at the Mother’s Day stall last Friday and I hope you all enjoyed your very special mugs on the day.

Thank you to the Mums who helped on the stall:
Niki, Tiz, Justine, Abbey, Robyn, Christie, Sarah B., Brooke, Christine, Carley, Kirsty, Hayley, Alicia, Jacqui, Tatjana, Sofia, Nichola, Kate, Fiona, Sam, Sue, Sian, Gretchen, Sarah S., Nicole V., Nicole D., Penny, Zoe, Hannah, Bec, Gabby!!!
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 next week:

**Time:** 8.45am  **Date:** Tuesday 17 May 2016
**Location:** near the steps of the MPC (if raining, inside the MPC)

The following students have qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year:
- Gus Mastores
- William Ellis
- Alastair Corbould
- Harrison Michelsberg
- Poppy Holden
- Charles Atkins
- Max Schmidt
- Priscilla Moffat

Well done everyone!

*Alison Crone*
*School Banking Co-ordinator*
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Three-time host mum, Di, says, “Being a volunteer host family gives you a great sense of worth. Helping others is good for the soul, you get to feel important and valued. Being a volunteer host family has brought us closer together and I think it may have something to do with our overall happiness and wholeness as a family!”

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