Dear Armadale Community,

What a fantastic buzz there is around the school at the moment after two amazing performances of Honk Jnr. I feel so incredibly blessed to be the principal of our school and be able to enjoy these enchanting showcases that our children have performed. What wonderful memories have been laid down over those two evenings and I know that a production such as this will stay with the children for many years to come. How great is it that all of the children involved in HONK Jnr were offered the opportunity to perform; have a go, develop confidence, be a risk taker; be persistent, to have a growth mindset; to participate and to have this entire experience positively impact on their personal and social wellbeing.

A production such as this just doesn’t happen overnight and we are incredibly grateful to all of our staff who consistently go over and beyond their teaching duties and their roles in what they provide for the children.

The Director and Choreographer, Laura, is one of our young four graduates this year, who bravely said she would “have a go” at putting a production together. As a first year out teacher, Laura has impressed us all with her positivity and enthusiasm, her skilful organisation; her incredibly calm and no stress disposition and above all, for a performing arts and drama teacher, nothing has ever been a drama!

Laura was been superbly supported by Colleen Johnson, an actress and a singer and our choir director. Colleen has helped the children with both voice and singing right throughout the production. Gillian Brown has been there from the start helping with rehearsals, supervision; stage management and student lines, helping and encouraging each child with their roles.

Additionally Steph, Vita, Allira and Kate have all played significant roles as Assistant Stage manager, Costume design; Pre show entertainment director and sound manager. Year 6 student, Alexander Drohn, has also played an incredible role as assistant to the director, being there for every rehearsal and cuing every song perfectly.

Our community is also blessed with the wonderful support of our parents who also give so much of their time and energy to our school. We are very grateful to Tim Breadmore for bumping in and out and set design help; Mish McGrory for administrative assistance; Nicki Batagol; Kelly Simpson; Natalie Tabbagh; Sarah Monahan for costume design and supervision and Libby Axup for running and supervision.

Thank you also to Nicki Batagol for her beautiful and heartfelt speech to our children, teachers and parents last night on behalf of our School Council.

Thank you to everyone else who supported the production, it was a

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resounding success on so many fronts. The big question to consider now is – what should the next one be: Matilda or the Lion king?

**Congratulations Malcolm Dow!**

I couldn’t resist sharing the following from the latest Eco Centre news article with you all.

Welcome back to Term Four of the Victorian school year. It’s a perfect time to introduce our Eco Champion of the Year, Primary School teacher, Malcolm Dow. Malcolm works tirelessly improving sustainability at Armadale Primary School. Have a look at one idea for addressing waste water at school, involving the school’s water taps. Malcolm is pictured with Stonnington City Council Cr Tini Athanasopoulos (left) and Port Phillip EcoCentre Executive Officer, April Seymour, at our recent Sustainable Schools Festival. Hurrah for Malcolm and the team of people (both young and not-so-young) he inspires to change this world to be a cleaner, greener world! Hip hip hooray!

The Mastores Family are on a wonderful holiday!

I also couldn’t resist sharing with you the latest blog written by Winnie Mastores.

There are seven wonders of the world and the Taj Mahal is one of them. (The other wonders of the world are Christ the Redeemer, Great Wall of China, Machu Picchu Peru, Colosseum Rome, Petra Jordan, Pyramid in Mexico. We lined up at 5;30 in the morning and at 6:15 the gates opened. It was much bigger than I thought and a lot more people were there too.

It was built by the King for his wife that died because he loved her so much. His son wanted to be the King so he killed two of his older brothers and one of his younger brothers and then told his dad he had to go to jail. The old King had to stay there and wasn’t allowed to go out. Agra Fort was where he was kept. Looking out the window he could see the Taj Mahal and stayed there until he died. You had to wear shoe covers or take your shoes off we took ours off. I thought the shoe covers looked a bit silly, that is why we did not wear shoe covers. Everything at the Taj Mahal is marble and looks identical from each side. Up close there were lots of different colours in the marble it took 22 years to build night and day.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
HONK!
I just wanted to echo what Rochelle has said about HONK! What a fantastic achievement it was for all concerned - our wonderful teachers, led by Laura our arts teacher, the students who have practiced for months to get everything right, and many of the parents who supported the production in many different ways. The positives that flow to all of the students that were involved are immeasurable - and qualities and skills and levels of confidence that will stay with them for years to come. I watched for 2 nights in absolute awe of what they did and how they looked. A huge congratulations to all involved.

Congratulations Mr Cracknell
As some of you might know Peter was away in Adelaide for the past 2 weeks competing in the Australian Masters Hockey Championships. Not only was he good enough to be selected for the Victorian Team, he was awarded Best on Ground twice and was the team’s leading goal scorer - a fantastic achievement, and a great inspiration not only to our students but for our staff and parents as well, to show the importance of healthy and active participation in sports and outdoor recreation pursuits, and that they these things should be lifelong activities.

Walk to School Celebration
To help us celebrate and great participation in Walk to School in October, Stonnington Council are providing all of our participants a free morning tea next Tuesday 18th October. It is a great way to celebrate our achievements already and to provide a little bit of incentive to keep trying to actively travel to school through to the end of October, and hopefully beyond.

Senior Green Team
Our year 5 and 6 students have been working through their lunchtimes recently in order to prepare for their workshop that they will be presenting at the Melbourne Water Youth Conference. This conference in coming up in a couple of weeks and will be a great showcase for the Kids Teaching Kids concept - great method of having students teach each other about sustainability issues. Our topic is how to save water around the home and school, and I believe our students will get that message across very well indeed.

Malcolm Dow
Parents & Friends of Armadale (PFA)

STUDENT BANKING

The following students have qualified for a Silver Dollar mites Certificate for making 20 deposits this year:

William Ellis
Imogen Bickford

Well done! Keep saving your tokens to be eligible for rewards.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Just a reminder that Book Club orders for Issue 7 should be placed by this Friday, 14th October.

Alison Crone
Scholastic Book Club & Student Banking Co-ordinator

FUN RUN Thursday 27th October 2016

It's only a two more weeks until the 2016 Fun Run.

Students can dress up in the colours of their favourite sports team, or simply wear “fun” colours.

Please remember to:
Wear runners and your APS school hat (no caps etc)
Make sure you have sunscreen on
Bring your drink bottle and morning tea (in a container for transfer to the oval)

Approximate timings for the event are as follows:
9:00 Children go into class. Morning tea transferred to office
9:10 Parent Helpers drive Morning tea tubs to Orrong Romanis
Students walk to Orrong Romanis in levels
9:20 Arrive at Oval. Assemble in classes for instructions
9:40 Fun Run begins
12:00 Fun Run Ends. Walk from Orrong Romanis in levels
12:30 Free icy-poles

Parent Helpers
We will need a large team of parent helpers from each class to help with the event. Roster sheets have been placed outside every classroom. Please find an activity that is short of help and lend a hand.

ICY POLE FRIDAY

Icy poles are back. Bring a dollar on Friday for an icy pole at recess. On sale from the OOSHC window.

SAVE THE DATE

End of year family fun night Friday 25th November.

The Armadale PFA Committee
Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com

Chess Coaching

Try out 1st lesson for free.

Where: Italian Room
When: Thursday Lunchtimes 13th October – 15th December 2016
Cost: $90 per term ($80 for 2nd Sibling)
Benefits: Strategic thinking, improved self esteem, attention span in class, lateral thinking, team work, analytical skills.

For more info contact Phil on 0421 901 530

Forward this section & payment in an enveloped marked “Chess Coaching” to the school office.

Child’s Full Name: __________________________
Grade: __________________________
School: __________________________
Email: __________________________
Phone: __________________________

Payment Due: Friday 28th October

Cheques: Payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”
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