Dear Armadale Community,

Welcome back to Term 3 and I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful break with the children and the chance to have a sleep in and relax in readiness for yet another term of learning, challenge and exploration. I enjoyed my overseas trip to the United Kingdom and Ireland and we certainly picked a busy time to visit, with Brexit and then the implications for Britain, the Euro 2016 cup and then Wimbledon. I marvelled at all the history, the beautiful buildings, villages and architecture, the enormity of the castles which were built a thousand years ago without the technology afforded today, the wealth and richness proudly on display and every corner revealing another monument or site of significance. We visited London, Bournemouth, Bath, Stonehenge, Oxford, the Cotswolds, Nottingham, Leicester, Durham, York, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dublin, Galway, Limerick and Cork and still needed more time to see all these places more thoroughly.

I was trying hard to not think about school whilst we were away – until I saw groups of primary children at the museum and in the Tower of London and that’s when the heartstrings tugged!! So you can imagine that I was very excited to be back on Tuesday and caught up with the staff and the children.

The start to the term has already been busy with twenty one Year 6s heading off to Somers Camp with Kate and Allira on Tuesday. I have heard from Kate and despite it being slightly chilly, the kids are having a great time. I know many parents are looking forward to Sunday when it is visitors’ day and I will head down to see the happy campers hopefully tomorrow.

The Year 3s already had an excursion to Heide Museum which was very successful and all of the year levels have excursions or incursions planned to enrich their learning. Writing workshops have commenced for the Year 2s and Preps; the 3-6s will have their House Athletics Carnival in early August and the 3/4s will also have their camp to Rumbbug in Foster in September. The whole school will celebrate the Rio Olympics in August and at the end of August we will enjoy all of the highlights of Book Week. The PFA have planned some great events, firstly our Trivia Night on the 19th August, fun for the dads for Father’s Day and a movie night for the mums of Armadale – please look out for more details from the PFA.

The strength of a great school is indicated, not just when the Principal is present, but what happens when the Principal is away. I am truly grateful to Malcolm, Connie and Christine who ensured that during a particularly busy time of the year, the school continued to thrive under their leadership and management.

Thank you Niki Rickard and her team of parents for a fantastic Disco! According to all sources it was the best disco ever and what a wonderful way to finish off a long term. Thank you so much Niki for your entire organisation and for making it such a wonderful night for the children and their parents!! See more photos from the disco on page 5.

This Week’s Events

Friday 15 July
- Junior Choir rehearsal

Monday 18 July
- Year 1 & 2 History Box incursion

Wednesday 20 July
- Year 6 Writing workshop

Coming Events

Friday 29 July
- Year 4 Art excursion
- Prep music incursion
- PFA meeting 2.30pm in staffroom

Thursday 4 August
- House Athletics Years 3-6
- Year 5 & 6 Hooptime gala day
- Mini Olympics day

Wednesday 10 August
- Year 5 & 6 Greek arts/dance incursion

Thursday 11 August
- Year 6 CERES excursion
- Curriculum day - student free day
Thank you to School Council, the PFA and our parent community

The calling of the Federal Election on Saturday, July 2nd posed a logistical challenge for our community with many families away during the school holidays and compromised the potential to utilise our school not only as a polling booth but as a fundraiser. However, one should never underestimate the strength of a strong and closely connected community! The mail came in thick and fast about the success of the election day stalls!

Firstly an analysis from our School Council President Vice President - Simon Gowland: “Thought you might like to know that we had a fantastic day on Saturday with the election day stalls. The BBQ went well and we sold the purchased 500 sausages and we ended up rushing out and buying a further 60 odd which also all sold out by 3pm. Lisa Walker did a fantastic job running the BBQ and we had plenty of helpers including a great turnout from our Council. Steve Kruk was great as our face of the BBQ selling sausages well down the queue of people so that they had something warm while waiting to vote!

A total of close to $5,000 was raised for the school, which is an awesome effort.

And from the desk of Liza Chancellor: The helpers there were a plenty: primarily, Alicia Smith who said she’d take on the stall with me. Michelle Moffat who answered all our questions and was a constant support. Simon and Gen Gowland who were the set up and dismantle helpers, coffee providers, money collectors and counters and 7am school gate keepers. Could not have done it without Andrea Gray who wrapped all day Friday and all day Saturday on the stall. Wrap helpers Friday Andrea Gray, Suzes Hucker, Tatjana and Sofia Pellegrini, Mel Cooper, Gen Gowland and daughters, myself and Alicia. Stall helpers Andrea Gray, Stephanie Smith, Charlie Sorell, Cam Sorell, Kate Rafferty, Madeline and Bella Cullity, Abby and Andrew Cox, Andrew Smith, Tatjana Pellegrini, Dimity, Linda White, myself and Alicia. Would not have been possible without the over 60 families who donated before end of term and delivered a huge amount of jams, chutneys, lemon butter, quince paste, lolly bags, biscuits, cupcakes, slices galore and so many cakes on the Friday and Saturday.

The cake stall was AMAZING! We had so many donations from a huge number of families. We also sold the whole stall out by about 3pm. Given there are no outlays for the cake stall everything was profit! A massive call out to Liza Chancellor and Alicia Smith. They were busy the day beforehand with assistance from other parents wrapping and packing cakes and slices. They also manned the stall pretty much the whole day and helped with setup and pack up!

Prep & Year 1&2 Bulletins

Please click on the following link to read this week’s news from your child’s year level:
- Prep bulletin
- Year 1&2 bulletin

or go to the Students tab on the website and then your child’s class for all the latest news.

Junior Choir

Please note that Junior Choir rehearsals will resume tomorrow, Friday 15th July.
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**Final Call for Prep 2017 Enrolments**

We are starting to finalise our Prep structures for 2017 and I just want to offer a final reminder to any existing families of the need to submit your enrolment forms for next year’s intake.

Have a wonderful week and stay rugged up and warm.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

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**FRIDAY AUGUST 19TH**

**6:30 PM**

**IN THE MPC**

**White Party**

--Please wear white--

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*BYO FOOD AND DRINK

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- Edward Cooper
- Cas Puccinelli

Well done!

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

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Parents & Friends of Armadale (PFA)

Hi all
Welcome back!

We ended term 2 with a Big Bang! And a very fun night at the School Disco! A big thank you to all the parent helpers on the night, it was a resounding success and the PFA will be recommending it as an annual event.

Also a big thank you to everyone's support of the PFA's Election Day stall, especially to those who helped out on the day. Initial reports are we raised over $4,000. So thank you.

**Trivia Night**
The PFA are now in full swing for Armadale Primary's annual parent fundraiser. The PFA look to the school community to help with items for our silent auction and larger items for a live auction. We have already been very grateful for some donations from local businesses but would love some more! If you may know, work or be associated with a business that would be willing to donate items for the auction, please let Dimity Millear know (0417 014 475) or e-mail armadalepfa@gmail.com

The Trivia Night is to be held on Friday 19th August; details for booking your tickets / tables will be released in the coming weeks.

**Father’s Day**
Father's Day is coming up this term....... Stay tuned for further details.

**Armadale Cook Book subcommittee**
Submit your recipes in any format to armadalecookbook@gmail.com

They can be anything from favourite family dinners, soups, salads, vegetarian, seafood, rice, pasta, meat, dessert, lunch box snacks, biscuits, gluten free, cakes, to preserves and more!

If you would like to help with this cook book, please contact Sam Haydon 0414 399 488 or on above email.

**PFA Meeting**
The next PFA Meeting is on Tuesday 2nd August at 2:30pm in the Staff Room. This meeting is open to all Armadale Parents, so everyone is WELCOME.

If you are able to help please in any way please contact the PFA armadalepfa@gmail.com

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

Lisa Walker

Sausage Sizzle Thanks
Thank you to everyone who assisted with the sausage sizzle on election day, particularly Simon and Jen Gowland who were set up and ready to sizzle at 8am! Thanks to Jane Portnoy for organising the delicious sausages provided at cost price by Tip Top direct to public wholesale meats in Laverton Also thanks to Dean Park, Robbie Officer, Steve Rafferty, Steven Kruk, Kate Nelson, Natalie, John and Lucia Tabbagh, Sam Hunt, Kate Nelson, Natalie Graham, Michael Martin, Justin Mastores, Nick and Sierra Golusin, and Bill Sideris. Here’s some pics from the day.

Lisa Walker
End of term disco
The Arts News

I hope you had a lovely break. I always enjoy hearing that the students have engaged in viewing, doing or making art in one way or another during the holidays.

Years 5 and 6 Japanese Art
Year 5 and 6 students created Japanese Blossom Trees by blowing watered down acrylic paint on paper using a straw to create the trunk and gluing pink tissue and crepe paper to form the blossoms. Here are some year 6 creations.

Honk Crew
Honk is now only one term away! As we are busy rehearsing, we are now looking for more crew and backstage roles!

Next week a list will be posted in the arts studio for students to sign up to crew and backstage roles for HONK Jr. This signup is only for students who did not audition, as those auditioned have already chosen their crew role. Roles will include backstage assistants*, prop managers*, microphone assistants*, ushers, program sellers, refreshment sellers, poster and graphic designers, set and prop construction etc.

*Please note that roles with an asterisk will be needed for dress rehearsal day and there will be a small cost to cover bus transport.

Dates and more information can be found by following this link to the Honk page on the school’s website: http://www.armadaleps.vic.edu.au/page/187/HonkJr

Laura Welch
The Arts Co-ordinator
welch.laura.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Libray News

Premiers’ Reading Challenge: Mrs Pearse has been keeping track of students’ progress in the challenge and encouraging them to read more for completion. I know many have exceeded the 30 book goal, and that is fantastic to hear.

Book Club: Just a reminder that these forms are outside of the Library and there is a listed return date for these forms on the wall. Any enquiries about Book Club please see Alison in the office.

Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Short list: The notables list has now been put into a short list. There are some really great titles including *Piranhas Don’t Eat Bananas* and *Molly & Pim*. These books are available in the Library for students to browse and will be available in Term 4 for borrowing. https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2016

Library Theme: This term we are looking at Zodiacs (Eastern & Western cultures), so you might have heard your child talking about their Star sign or Chinese zodiac animal. It has brought some intrigue to the students already in Week 1. I am hoping to add more information on the history of these in the coming weeks...

Book Week! The year is going quickly and Book Week is on August 22-26. I am happy to announce that we have booked 3 authors this year, one that will be coming in the week leading up to book week and the other two during the week.

We will be having Scholastic Book Fair throughout the week, they were last at the school in 2014, and parents might remember they had the option of purchasing online instead of at the school.

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

Thank you so much for the bag of book donations, I didn’t have a note to say who they were from, but they are appreciated.

Happy reading,

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

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We want your old socks!
The grade 2 students are going to make puppets and would love to receive donations of old / odd socks.

Please bring them to either 2J or 2S - all donations gratefully accepted.

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Excursion levy forms
If parents have misplaced their child’s excursion levy form which was handed out at the end of last term, a new one can be printed from the school website by following this link.
Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We’re bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more school Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights

90 Instant Cameras
50 Camping Kits
200 Magazine Packs
50 PlayStation 4 Packs

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Things you should know: Conditions apply; see commbank.com.au/prizelights. Promotion starts 9 Oct 2014 AEST and ends 11.59pm AEST 30/6/16. Student Element Entry is open to all students who are aged 5–15. 1 entry received into Star-Saver draw when 3 deposits are made through the School Banking program. Entry into Supernova draw when also completing a Stargazing activity on commbank.com.au. Terms and conditions fully contained in brochure. Main draw open to current participants only. Entries will be determined by the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Qld and WA. A total of 300 prizes comprising the Supernova draw for 60 PlayStation 4 packs valued at $697 each, and the Star Savers draw for 50 camping kits valued at $241 each, 110 instant cameras valued at $56 each, and 200 x 2015 school subscriptions valued at $4.95 each, will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. The SA/NT winners’ names of the Supernova draw will be listed in the public notices section of the Adelaide Advertiser on 10/1/16. All winners’ names will be published on commbank.com.au as well as appearing in School Banking Ocean 13/16. Student Element Entry is open to all schools operating in Australia who participate in the School Banking program and have at least 1 student enrolled into the Student Element of this promotion. Level 1 entry per school. Entries will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Qld and WA. Total of 75 prizes of full sports packs to the value of $200 for each winning school will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. Prize draw will take place at 11.59pm AEST 11/7/16 at Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Lvl 13, 11 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000. NSW Permit No: NP/16/07483. ACT Permit No ACT/16/03088. SA Permit No: T1601764.
Chess Coaching

Try out 1st lesson for free.

Where: Italian Room
When: Thursday Lunchtimes
14th July – 9th September 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 29th July

Cheques: Payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”
EFT: Bank: CBA Acc Name: Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd
bsb: 063201 Acc: 10049289
** please place child’s name on transaction**

$90 cheque: [ ] EFT: [ ]

Open Morning
Thursday July 28
Thursday August 18
Twilight - Tuesday September 13

9.30am – 11am ** bookings essential **

T: 03 8517 2777
W: pcw.vic.edu.au
E: enrolments@pcw.vic.edu.au
187 Dandenong Rd, Windsor, VIC 3181

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Time Poor?
Happy to Help!!!!

Jim’s Cleaning Armadale would like to offer the Parents of Students at Armadale Primary School an opportunity for a free quote on any of your Cleaning requirements. The specific treatments are for Bathrooms, Kitchens, Ovens and Windows. However, we can assist with any of your needs, no matter how big or small.

Living locally enables us to support families and small business owners in the community and it will also enable us to provide our clients with a cost effective cleaning solution; quickly, reliably and efficiently.

Call Mark and Ali on 0439 634 384 for further information regarding our services or simply email us at ali.mark@jimscleaning.net.au and we will contact you directly. We value your local support and look forward to meeting with you shortly,

Kind regards,
Mark and Ali.