Dear Parents,

I had the exciting opportunity to showcase our school yesterday to our school reviewer, Keryn McGuiness. You may recall that this year is our year of review as we reflect and evaluate what we have achieved over the last four years and then look at where we want to take the school in the next four years. Our review date is set for Thursday October 29th where we frame terms of reference and invite in a panel to give their views on taking our school forward on its improvement journey. It’s been a very rewarding experience to look at what we have achieved, how the school has changed in the facilities provided, how our teaching has changed and how confident, engaged and interested our students are in the world around them. Keryn commented on our wonderful students and how much she was looking forward to working with our school. I will keep our entire community informed on how our review is progressing.

Principal for a Day (PFAD) – Wednesday October 21st

Prahran Secondary School study group
A reminder to all our community that tomorrow I will have a visit from Vic Zbar to ascertain our thoughts about a secondary school in Prahran. Thank you to those parents who have already sent me their feedback and if anyone else would like to make their thought known, please email me by tomorrow morning.

Warm regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

This Week’s Events
Friday 16 October
♦ Year 3&4 Soccer gala day
♦ Icypoles $1

Thursday 22 October
♦ Last day to place Christmas artwork orders

Friday 23 October
♦ Fun Run 9.30am-12.00pm

Coming Events
Wednesday 4 November
♦ PFA meeting 2.30pm in staffroom

Sunday 8 November
♦ Clay for Kids exhibition opening 1.30pm

Wednesday 2 December
♦ PFA meeting 2.30pm in staffroom
Pedagogy Corner

Welcome back everyone!
Term 4 is in full swing and the teachers at our school have already been engaged in professional discussions and learning surrounding the school’s pedagogical model. Discussions have been focused on deepening our knowledge and understanding of the whole curriculum and how to best implement it. Investigations in years P-2 and Educational Research Projects in years 3-6 were discussed in reference to a pedagogical model. Questions such as why do we do it and how we do it, and what does this look like developmentally for our children from P-6, were unpacked and explored. Our discussions are educationally based and supported with data and research. I felt it would be useful to share some of what we talked about with you.

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Students develop habits that ensure they will ask questions, reflect, organise, and set goals. Being reflective improves the quality of learning, since learning with understanding is more likely to promote transfer than memory.

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Until next week...

Connie Apostolos-Thermos
Curriculum and Pedagogy Leader

This Week’s Awards

Visual Artist of the Week:
Mimi Stoupas

Visual Art Class of the Week:
3/4J

You Can Do It! Awards:
Charlie Beischer Prep C
Gabe Haddad Prep P
Carrie Hogan Prep S
Marija Rajchevikj 1/2D
Charli Maine 1/2E
Olive Durack 1/2K
Lachie Stott 1/2K
Sam Stewart 1/2W
Jack Cooper 3/4E
Will Cullity 3/4E
Priscilla Moffat 3/4E
Michael Wang 3/4J
Teri Tsakmakis 5B
Harry Dixon 5B
Jules Vodicka 5P
Alexander Drohn 5P
Luca Nielson 5P
Blayke Sheean 6Z

Interdisciplinary Learning
Communication
Design, Creativity and Technology
Information and Communications Technology
Thinking Processes

How Investigations in P-2 and Educational Research Project in 3-6 fits into AusVels

According to our Pedagogical model, we use various strategies/models that enable us to implement the curriculum that is mandatory. The curriculum is as follows:

Physical, Personal and Social Learning
• Civics and Citizenship
• Health and Physical Education
• Interpersonal Development
• Personal Learning

Discipline-based Learning
The Arts
English AC
The Humanities
The Humanities – Economics
The Humanities – Geography
The Humanities – History AC
Languages
Mathematics AC
Science AC

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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

You Can Do It! Awards

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<td>Charlie Beischer Prep C</td>
<td>For confidently singing during our performance of the 'The Seasons' song. You are a star Charlie!</td>
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<td>Gabe Haddad Prep P</td>
<td>For singing and performing confidently at assembly. Well done Gabe!</td>
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<td>Carrie Hogan Prep S</td>
<td>For her lovely written reflections about spring. Well done Carrie!</td>
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<td>Marija Rajchevikj 1/2D</td>
<td>For working through tricky situations with friends at lunchtime by using different strategies to ensure everyone was happy. You’re a good friend, Marija!</td>
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<td>Charli Maine 1/2E</td>
<td>For her organisation and persistence when working so hard on her homework tasks.</td>
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<td>Olive Durack 1/2K</td>
<td>For the time and effort she put into creating her book. Well done Olive on your persistence and determination.</td>
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<td>Lachie Stott 1/2K</td>
<td>For being very responsible and reliable in his new classroom roll. Well done Lachie!</td>
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<td>Sam Stewart 1/2W</td>
<td>For making some good choices in the classroom and with his friends, resulting in a big improvement in his work. An encouraging start to the term, Sam!</td>
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<td>Jack Cooper 3/4E</td>
<td>For settling back into the routine of our classroom with such maturity and responsibility. You are most definitely ready for grade 5 Jack!</td>
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<td>Will Cullity 3/4E</td>
<td>For settling back into the routine of our classroom with such maturity and responsibility. You are most definitely ready for grade 4 Will!</td>
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<td>Priscilla Moffat 3/4E</td>
<td>For settling back into the Armadale PS routine and for trying her hardest in the classroom. Keep it up Priscilla!</td>
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<td>Michael Wang 3/4J</td>
<td>For persisting with his written activities to complete work to the best of his ability. Keep it up Michael!</td>
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<td>Teri Tsakmakis 5B</td>
<td>For her enthusiastic portrayal of a student while performing at assembly advertising our Honey Joy Stall. Thank you for your contribution to our stall’s success.</td>
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<td>Harry Dixon 5B</td>
<td>For his beautiful illustration in his Literature Circle book. You tried so hard to do your best and it really showed. Well done Harry!</td>
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<td>Jules Vodicka 5P</td>
<td>For his fantastic tee ball skills during Level 6 sport last Friday. Jules, you have one awesome swing!</td>
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<td>Alexander Drohn 5P</td>
<td>For his willingness to host last week’s assembly. You practised your script and spoke with confidence and clarity. Great work Alexander!</td>
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<td>For her fantastic work when creating a Cartesian Plane design. You showed wonderful creativity and persistence throughout the task. Well done Blayke!</td>
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Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week:
Mimi Stoupas 5B

For the outstanding skills she displayed when making and decorating her surfboard and wave sculpture. It looks fantastic!

Visual Art Class of the Week:
3/4J

For the excellent painting skills they displayed when adding colour to their ceramic birds. Keep up the great work 3/4J

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Teacher
gorman.lucy.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Mosaic Opening
On Tuesday 6th October we all met for a special assembly to open the wonderful commemorative ANZAC mosaic that was made by the year 6 students with the help of a very talented artists, Sankar, the Mosaic Man. We are very appreciative of all the time and effort Sankar put into making the 100 dollar bill and for the poppies the year 6 students made that border the mosaic. These are fitting symbols for marking 100 years of the Anzac and remembering the war’s outstanding commander, Sir John Monash.

2015 ‘Clay for Kids’ Exhibition
A very big congratulations to the year 6 students below whose work has been selected for the 2015 ‘Clay for Kids Exhibition.

1. Elli Martelli 6N (monster)
2. Christian Lignos 6Z (dinosaur)
3. Bella Cullity 6N (Gelato Messina)
4. Blayke Sheean 6Z (makeup)
5. Daisy Alekna 6Z (lemonade)
6. Luna Cho 6Z (paint tubes)

Everyone is welcome to come along to the exhibition opening on Sunday the 8th November (awards will be presented at 130pm) open from 12noon-4pm, please see flyer to the right for details.

Christmas Orders
1 more week to place orders

You have one more week to hand in your Christmas Orders at the office. Student work is in a box outside the office so you can view the designs.

You have until Thursday 22nd October to place your Christmas orders.

Each student has created a Christmas Design/Open Design that can be printed onto the following:

- calendar $13
- pack of 8 Cards $15
- diary $18
- notebook $18
- iPhone case (iPhone 4,5 or 6) $14
- pillow case $20

Please fill in an order form and include payment in a blank envelope/school envelope (if paying by card) and return to office ASAP.

Please note if you are placing orders for siblings they need to be done separately (one order form per child)

The Armadale Primary Community is invited to attend the Opening of the 2015 ‘Clay for Kids’ sculpture and painting exhibition.
the Mayor of the City of Stonnington Councillor Melina Sehr will open the exhibition and present awards on Sunday 8 November at 1.30pm
Participating Schools
Armadale PS, Sacré Coeur, South Yarra PS, Montessori School
Duldig Studio
92 Burke Road, East Malvern (Melways 59 G 11)
Open from 12 noon to 4pm
In 2015, students and their families at APS participated in the Woolworths “earn and learn” program and earned a total of over 15,000 points to spend on educational items for the school. We would like to make a special mention to the following families for their fantastic efforts of filling the most sheets of stickers for the school:

- Mia Bainger
- Alex & Minnie Anderson
- Sasha Bindley

With these points we have ordered the following items:

- Writer’s Block kit
- Polydron Giant Octoplay Super set
- 100 Maths Interactives (11+ Software)
- 3 Wooden Buckets
- 100 Maxi Building Blocks
- Yoga Play & Relaxation Kit

The Fun Run is almost here! Runners on! And sheets full........Ready Set Go!

**Fun Run**
Friday October 23rd – Orrong Romanis
(9.30 – 12.00)
Preparation is in full swing for the 2015 Fun Run to be held next week (Friday October 23rd). All students (and some teachers/parents we hope!) will participate in the Fun Run with prizes offered to the children across different categories to encourage and reward effort and contribution.

**Sponsorship Forms**
Please continue to help your child(ren) seek sponsorship from friends, relatives and neighbours as the more money raised, the greater the chances of winning a prize donated by one of our very generous sponsors. If you have misplaced your form, there are spare forms in the office.

**Parent Helpers**
We will need a large team of parent helpers from each class to help with the tasks listed below.

- Set-up at Orrong Romanis (spare hands needed from 8:00am)
- Drive morning tea (blue buckets) to/from Orrong Romanis
- Walk students to/from Orrong Romanis
- Cut up fruit / help at fruit station
- Mark laps completed at each class station/cone
- Distribute morning tea to students

We look forward to seeing as many of you there next week as possible.

Nicki Batagol & Peter Cracknell

**Armadale Primary Cookbook:**
The cookbook subcommittee will continue to put together a “Cookbook on behalf of Armadale Primary”. There is still plenty of room left, for your best recipes and/or creative pieces.

The template for recipe submissions and details on how to submit art work or writing pieces has been emailed out by your Class Rep.

**The Cookbook Subcommittee will advise the new meeting schedule.**

**PFA Committee Meetings:**
- Wednesday 4 November 2:30pm in the staffroom
- Wednesday 2 December 2:30pm in the staffroom

**Icy Poles:**
Icy poles are BACK!!!
Don’t forget your $1 this Friday.

**Thank you for your continued support of Armadale Primary School.**

Kind regards

*Caz Laughton and Sarah Monahan*

*PFA Co-Presidents*

*Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com*

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**Student Banking**

The following students have qualified for a Silver Dollarmites Certificate for making 20 deposits this year:
- Gabriel Haddad
- Raphael Haddad
- Charles Atkins
- Felicity Dixon
- Brigette Dixon
- Lucy Bond
- Mavi Imam
- Luke Vickery

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**Student Banking**

**Calling for volunteers – we need your help!**

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires volunteers to help facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is Tuesday.

Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by filling in the form and returning it to Alison in the office.

**Alison Crone**

*Student Banking Co-ordinator*

☐ ………………………………………………………

☑ Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name:_____________________
Phone:_____________________
Email:_____________________
Availability:_________________

*please note you can claim childcare rebate on the after fee but not on the extra party charge.
ARMADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2015 FUN RUN

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23RD
ORRONG ROMANIS OVAL
9:30 – 12:00

Great Prizes to be won

Money raised will be used to install grass in the playground

The more money you raise, the greater your chances of winning a prize!!

Dress up in sports colours or your favourite team

Prizes kindly donated by:
Grade 5 is supporting Operation Christmas Child - 2015

Operation Christmas Child is a charity designed to bring happiness to children in South East Asia and the South Pacific who have very little. Where people like you and I can put items into a shoe box for the children to open at Christmas time. There will be a box in the office for the collection of the goods. Thank you, in advance for your generosity.

6 things to remember when choosing items:

SOMETHING TO WEAR: t-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.
SOMETHING TO LOVE: teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
SOMETHING SPECIAL: carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, a personal note.
SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL: exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.
SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH: tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind-up torch, blow up ball etc.
SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE: soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips, etc.

Do not include:

ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT: (these can spoil boxes) including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, plasticine/play dough and batteries
FOOD OR LOLLIES OF ANY KIND: (due to customs regulations) including medicines and vitamins
USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS: (due to customs regulations) including worn clothing and old toys
BREAKABLE ITEMS: including glass, porcelain and mirrors
ITEMS THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD: including war or pirate-related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures or skull and crossbones
GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS: including playing cards and dominos

The age groups for each box are 2 to 4, 5 to 9 or 10 to 14.

Please donate items to a box at the office up until October 25. Boxes need to be ready for drop off by the 31st October. Please put a smile on a child’s face for Christmas!
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Chess Coaching

| Where:    | Music Performance Room |
| When:     | Wednesday Lunchtimes   |
|          | 14th October – 9th December 2015 |
| Cost:     | $90 per term ($75 for 2nd Sibling) |
| Benefits: | Strategic thinking, improved self esteem, attention span in class, lateral thinking, teamwork, analytical skills. |

For more info contact Phil on 0421 901 530

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

Child’s Full Name: ____________________
Grade: ____ School: __________________
Email: ______________________________
Phone: _____________________________

Payment Due: Wednesday 21st October.

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

$90 cash: ☐ cheque: ☐ EFT: ☐

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