Dear Armadale Community,

**Curriculum Day - Date Changed to Monday December 19th**

Please note that we have changed the date of the final curriculum day for 2016 so please update your calendars accordingly. The curriculum day will now be held on Monday 19 December to enable the new team of teachers for 2017 to come together and begin their collaborations, planning and curriculum design for the new school year. This will also change the way that we finish 2017 as per below.

**Friday December 16th** - End of year assembly and formalities. Students will be dismissed at 3.30pm. OOSHC will run a before and after school program as per normal.

**Monday December 19th** - Curriculum Day. OOSHC will run a full day program from 8.00am - 6.00pm

**Tuesday December 20th** - Official last day of 2016. Appropriate activities will be organised by staff. Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm. OOSHC will run a before and after school program as per normal.

I understand that many families will have already made long weekend arrangements over Monday 31 October (original curriculum day) for Cup Day weekend. We encourage you to continue with your plans and enjoy a long weekend, however please be advised that school will be open as normal on Monday 31 October.

**Grazie Vita!**

Thank you Vita for an incredible Italian Day today! It was fantastically organised and we appreciate all of the time and effort you have put in to make this such a successful day. The school was awash with red, white and green and everyone enjoyed the singing, the performances, the food, the gelati, the home made pizza and tiramisu and the entertainment. It still remains an annual highlight of the year and a wonderful way to finish up our school term.

**Farewell to the Kobayashi family and a wonderful long holiday to Winnie and Gus Mastores**

We will farewell the following families at our assembly tomorrow afternoon and have the opportunity as an entire community to wish all these families well. The Kobayashi family which includes Nodoka, Haruki and Saho have been a wonderful addition to our school and we will be very sad to say goodbye as they relocate back to Japan. Their dad, Daisuke, a cardiologist has been undertaking research at the Alfred Hospital but unfortunately this has come to an end. Winnie and Gus are off for the whole term to enjoy travel through India, Malaysia, Burma, Vietnam and Sri Lanka. What a fantastic opportunity for them.

So with the end of term quickly approaching, I wish the entire school community a wonderful term’s break, enjoy the opportunity to maybe go away for a short time and just take the time to enjoy the children’s company. Safe travels to all families who are going away, and I look forward to seeing all the children and families back at school on Monday 3rd October.

A reminder to all families that all children will be dismissed from our Final Assembly at 2.30pm tomorrow afternoon.

**Rochelle Cukier**

**Principal**
Prep & Year 1/2 Bulletin

Please click on the following links 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.

Connie Apostolos
Curriculum and Pedagogy Leader
Assistant Principal

Acceptable Use Agreements

By now all students (and parents) from years 1-6 should have completed their Acceptable Use Agreements in which they agree to use digital technologies in a safe and responsible manner. However we have been concerned to learn that a number of students are downloading and playing games that are designed for much older students. It is important that you check what games and apps your children are using on their devices, and talk to them about what is appropriate and what is not. The Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner has some very helpful advice for parents in this regard. Click here for more information.

Walk to School Month

We are pleased to be participating in Walk to School Month again this year and we are encouraging all of our families to get involved and ditch the car and discover the joys of walking to school in October. Click here for more information about the Walk to School Program. Each class will be completing class checklists throughout the month of October and we will submit our results to the VicHealth website.

Stonnington Council will support us and help us celebrate with a morning tea. Further information to follow next term.

Parking

In order to make our streets safer and less congested around the beginning and the end of the school day Stonnington Council recommended that we adopt the ‘Kiss and Go’ style parking in both sections of Densham and Northcote Roads that abut our school. This would be a direct replacement of the existing 5 minute parking allowance. Whilst we refer to it as ‘Kiss and Go’ the actual signs would show a ‘No Parking’ symbol and the times that this applies.

The new parking rules will apply from 8.30-9.30am and 3.30-4.30pm. Parents will be able to drop off and pick up children from school but will not be able to leave their car. We believe that this rule will allow many more cars to stop in these sections as each car will be in the spot for only a minute and then move on, freeing up the space for another parent. These signs will be installed over the September holidays and will be in operation from the start of Term 4.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Thank you to the following families who made a donation to our Grounds Fund this week:

 Lukatsky
 Tabbagh
 Megalogenis
 Middleton
 Taylor

Working Bee donation

For those parents who were unable to attend the recent Working Bee, we would be grateful if you could make a $30 contribution to our Working Bee fund for ongoing maintenance.

Please complete your details below:

☑️ I would like to make a $30 or $_____ donation to the APS Grounds fund

Family Name: _______________________
Pay by:

☐ Qkr! (under the Essential items tab)

☐ Direct Deposit to Armadale PS Account BSB 083 298 A/C No: 02 891 1383

Please note on your direct deposit transaction your Family Name & Working Bee
Council Corner
Welcome to the September edition of ‘Council Corner’ where we bring you a summary of some relevant items discussed at the most recent School Council meeting.

Non-payment of fees
Thank you to the families who paid their fees promptly after the reminders were sent in August. Payment of the Essential Education Items Charge covers classroom materials, specialist programs, temporary teachers (when your teacher is unwell) and much more so we appreciate your full payment. We still have some families who are yet to pay and will be following up with them individually.

Reviewing after hours security/lighting in the school
As you will have seen from Tiqbiz, School Council voted to postpone the Father and Child event planned for Thursday September 15th due to the inadequate lighting at the school. We are sorry for the late notice and really appreciate the efforts of the PFA in planning the event, however we decided that safety concerns were too great a risk. As per the Tiqbiz, we will look at our risk management processes to avoid last minute decisions in the future.

School Council also agreed to engage a security consultant to assess the current lighting and security around the school and provide recommendations so that we can provide a safe facility that can be used after hours by families.

Parents & Friends of Armadale (PFA)
Hi Armadale families,

As per the email and tiqbiz sent out on Tuesday, we have had to postpone the Fathers and Kids night tonight due to safety concerns raised by the school council. We are sorry for any disappointment this may cause.

Fun Run Thursday 27 October
Sponsor forms for this year’s Fun Run will be sent home tomorrow so that children can start collecting sponsors during the school holidays.

Thank you for all your help and support this term in our fund and fun raising events. Have a great holiday and we will see you next term.

The Armadale PFA Committee
Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com

Want to have a say in upgrades to the school facilities?
Recently a parent asked me how they could be involved in decisions made by School Council to spend money raised through fundraising. I suggested that she join the Facilities Sub-Committee as this is the forum where all proposals are discussed and recommendations made to School Council. Likewise, if you are interested in education-related and policy matters, you are welcome to join the Education and Policy Sub-Committee, or the Finance Sub-Committee for all things financial.

Each Sub-committee meets 2 times per term at 8am. If you would like to join, please contact Rochelle and she can provide more information.

Film-crew on site this Sunday September 18th
Finally, for anyone planning to visit the school on Sunday, please be aware that a production company has hired the MPC to provide catering for a film-crew who are filming a Chinese-Australia feature film in the local area. Catering trucks and other support vehicles will be in the area so please take care.

Wishing all families a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

Nicki Batagol
(on behalf of the School Council)

Being SunSmart in Victoria
When UV is 3+
- Slip on covering clothing
- Slip on UPF50+ or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen
- Stay on a beach-towelled hat
- Seek shade
- Slip on sunglasses (AS-1067)

Download the SunSmart app to find sun protection levels for your location in Australia.

Sun protection isn’t required unless you are outside for extended periods or near reflective surfaces, such as snow.

Student Banking
A Silver Dollarmites Certificate is awarded this week to Isabella Pirro for making 20 deposits this year.

Well done Isabella!
Student Banking will resume in Term 4 on Tuesday 4th October.

Alison Crone
School Banking Co-ordinator

Sunhats
As the UV level is increasing at this time of year, we want all children to wear their sunhats at school from next term.

From the first day of Term 4 we will be enforcing the ‘no hat no play’ policy.

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The Arts News

HONK! Jr tickets now on sale!

Don’t forget that tickets for our 3-6 production HONK! Jr are now on sale!

Please follow the link below to purchase tickets:
They are bound to sell out, so get in quick if you are after good seats! Everyone in the cast is looking forward to show time!

HELP! We still urgently a graphic designer, if you are able to help please contact me ASAP.

6Z Clay for Kids Workshop
Last Wednesday, the students in 6Z participated in Duldig Studio’s Clay for Kids Workshop. They created magnificent Vases as part of their Greek Arts Unit of Work.

Laura Welch
The Arts Co-ordinator
Welch.laura.l@educmail.vic.gov.au

Library News

Book Parade Photos
Got any great photos from The Book Parade? We’d love you to send them through for Archiving and Armadillo at the end of the year. Please send them to:
leyshan.brett.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

Book Fair Books
Unfortunately there are a small handful of students that have not received all their books but most have been delivered to the students, with some that will come early next term (something to look forward to!).

Other news
Term 3 has flown and there will be a new theme in Term 4 arriving in the Library, also hoping for other exciting developments to happen in the Library this year or early next, stay tuned!

Happy reading,

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

“T’m too old for picture books. Do you have any graphic novels?”
Performance Dates:

Tuesday 11 October 7.00pm

Wednesday 12 October 7.00pm

* Special Pre-show entertainment before each show

Venue:
Phoenix Theatre
Elwood College
101 Glenhuntly Road
Elwood

A MUSICAL COMEDY

Music by
GEORGE STILES

Book and Lyrics by
ANTHONY DREWE

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd
Exclusive agent for Music Theatre International (NY)

Tickets are now on sale!
Follow the link to the trybooking site on the Honk!Jr. page of the school website to purchase tickets.
TERM 4 2016 Grade 3 – 6 Soccer Club

Dear Parents,

Soccer Club has been running for the past 4 years with an ever increasing interest by the students to participate in the program. This program aims to develop the children’s soccer skill and teamwork within a fun environment.

As it grows with popularity, so do the expenses to cover equipment. Each term will now cost $20 per child, to be paid via QKR! or BPAY and all money will go towards purchasing new equipment such as soccer balls, training tops, goals and other soccer related items.

Where: Armadale PS courts
When: Thursday mornings Grade 3 and 4
       Friday mornings Grade 5 and 6
Time: 8am to 8:45am
Cost: $20 (per child, per term)

Permission/Payment
Please complete the permission slip below and return by Friday 7th October.

*Please note: No child can attend without a signed permission form.*

*Payment of $20 is to be made via QKR! or BPAY*

We look forward to another great term!

Zaim and Allira
Toorak Prahran Cricket Club are helping ten Tibetan families at Horace Petty Estate public housing estate in South Yarra (seventy people in total) - we are providing household goods, clothing, microwaves, kitchen equipment, bikes. Most are refugees via long stays in India.

They love Australia - but have very little.

We would like to share some opportunities to help these families

   A. Household cleaning work
   Some of the Tibetan mothers are seeking part time household cleaning work – they live within our South Yarra area – so Prahran/South Yarra/Armadale/Toorak/Malvern is ideal as there is public transport and they can manage their family life

   B. Swimming lessons for children
   They would like 8 children to have swimming lessons. If anyone would like to help with donations - they cost approximately $150 per child for a term.
   You are able to make tax deductible donations through the following link - https://asf.org.au/make-donation/tpcc-community-sports-program/

   C. Socks
   The biggest single demand for clothing at the Horace Petty Estate housing commissions at South Yarra is socks (school/outside school) – currently we donate over 1,000 new pair per year – lowest price we can source is around $1.50 each – unfortunately they are not “cheap” despite buying from Costco/Kmart/Big W – if anyone knows of a supplier that would provide for say 50 cents per pair or better still donate – any type/colour.

Please contact:
   Jim Hallam on 0414965442 or jendix@jendix.com.au
   if you are interested in discussing.
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