Dear Armadale Community,

Two very special things happened this week that highlighted to me the significance of community. The first was I was afforded the opportunity to work with Dugald Jellie (Alastair’s dad) and a group of 10 year 1’s on the Bushland / Secret Garden project that is happening adjacent to the double storey portable. This space will also involve design plans and ownership for our Preps. It was wonderful to see the learning that took place in that outside space and how excited the children were by the possibilities. All of those dispositions that we want to inculcate in our children were present: problem solving, collaboration; creativity and risk talking. Dugald has written a small piece about this project on page 3 of the newsletter – it makes great reading!

The other event involved a stranded mum who came to pick her children up at afters only to find that her car wouldn’t start and that despite all the RACV could do, the car required towing away. The children were looked after magnificently by all the staff at OOSHC until nearly 6pm, another parent drove the children to her house and cooked them dinner, then Trevor drove the mum to pick up her children at the other parent’s house and then drove the Mum and the children home - all with a smile on his face.

What great community spirit and kindness is alive and well at Armadale Primary.

Year 3/4 camp

All of the year 3/4 children going to camp left just after 9’oclock yesterday morning and by all accounts have had a great start to their camp. The communication via tiqbiz will be keeping our community up to date. The expected arrival time back to school on Friday afternoon will also be communicated via Tiqbiz on Friday.

Be careful what apps you allow your children to use

The principal of a private girls’ school has banned a social media app, citing concerns over inappropriate content and student safety.

The app, Musical.ly, allows students to create music videos to their favourite songs and share them with friends. However, students will now be asked to remove the app from the devices they bring to school.

Roslyn Mahony, the head of Wenona’s junior school, and Beth Oakley, Dean of Students, announced the ban in a letter sent home to parents, saying the app could leave young students vulnerable to online predators.

“Understandably, young people are easily influenced by the music videos they view. When the celebrities whose music they enjoy present their songs with highly sexualised dance moves, these performance styles are then imitated as girls create their own music videos through the app,” the letter says.

“A number of girls have been singing and dancing and uploading performances in school uniform, which introduces numerous other potential risks.”

The letter goes on to warn that even though students understand the importance of selecting a privacy setting, there is still “a sense of achievement in drawing high numbers of followers”, which can pose risks.
“User names don’t clearly correlate with a person’s actual name – the result being that girls will accept friend requests all too quickly, without ensuring they do know the person,” the letter said.

Susan McLean, director of Cyber Safety Solutions, told The Educator that the school was right to ban the app. “It [the app] is used to bully and harass, kids are filming in uniform often in school ground and uploading. How is it a good idea for a parent to allow their child to lie about their age online?” she said.

McLean added that she would love to see all schools follow Wenona Junior School’s lead and ban the app. “On the surface, Musical.ly seems to be a fun, karaoke type app, and if you read the description on the iTunes store it will tell you that you can create amazing videos to impress your friends. In other words, it’s a popularity contest where the number of ‘likes’ equals being popular,” she said.

“Although your child may resist this as they can’t become ‘popular’ with a private account, this is the only way to retain a small amount of control of where your child’s content ends up.”

“Remember that once posted, you have lost control and friends today can be enemies tomorrow.”

Source: The Educator

Don’t forget it’s our Working Bee this coming Saturday morning – September 3rd 9.00am - 12.00pm

Michael Martin, Malcolm and I are looking forward to welcoming as many families as possible this Saturday morning to our second and last Working Bee for the year.

There is much to be done around the school and the children are most welcome to attend and help. Some of the important items include:

- Refurbishment of the MPC with painting
- Construction of timber compost bins (Dugald Jellie to co-ordinate)
- Loose bricks at front of school to be moved to behind Year 2 classrooms
- General cleaning up around the school
- Drain cleaning
- Sandpit refilled with new sand

Happy Father’s Day
Wishing all our fathers, step-fathers and grandfathers a very happy day on Sunday.

Have a wonderful week.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Working Bee donation

For those parents who will be unable to attend our Working Bee, 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 the Essential items tab)

☐ Direct Deposit to Armadale PS Account BSB 083298 A/C No: 028911388

please note on your direct deposit transaction your Family Name & Working Bee

Thank you to the following families who are unable to attend our working bee this coming Saturday and made a donation to our Grounds Fund:

- Dewani
- Iezzi
- Motion
- Tehan
- Alder

Parking
Could parents please not park or stop on the roundabout, driveways or the laneway in Northcote Road as they are all no standing zones.

Parents and children are being forced to walk on the road which is very dangerous.

Stonnington Council parking officers have been alerted.
**A secret garden?**

**A treehouse?**

**A private bushland?**

Shhhh... can you keep a secret?

The thing is, we don’t want anybody to know – just yet – what we’re doing. Especially not the teachers. Maybe you could tell your mum and dad, but definitely not your younger brother or sister, and especially IF THEY’RE IN PREP SCHOOL. It needs to be a surprise, from them.

On Tuesday afternoon, ten Grade 1 children plus Poppy’s mum and Alastair’s dad started work on building a fence. Not just any fence, this is going to be a secret fence with a secret trapdoor for emergencies (but only children are allowed to know about that).

Will, Carrie, Mirra and Gracie all lifted the redgum posts, to see how heavy they are, and talked about ‘vertical’, and what sort of materials fences can be built from. Poppy, Milla and Estella raised the ‘rails’, the long pieces of timber, straight and ‘horizontal’ like rails on a train track, and we talked about all the reasons why people build fences.

To keep the teachers out, of course!

All the children decided where we should put this fence, and Lachie, Abby and Olivia helped roll-out a ‘string line’, and hammer in two wooden pegs, and pull the string tight. This marks where the fence will go.

And we measured the length using our feet, and halved the distance, and we all hammered in pegs to mark where we will dig holes for the posts.

That’s the next bit: digging holes.

And there’s another bit where we need everybody’s help: collecting sticks for this fence.

“Stick hunting!”, exclaimed Abby.

The children will write a note or letter asking all their class mates to bring in big sticks from gum trees only – they’re eucalypts! – and on Tuesday afternoons Alastair’s dad will come in and help each child affix their stick to the fence.

And then we will decide where to put the trapdoor.

Tom Dunckley’s dad is also going to help build the fence. And once the fence is done the REAL SECRET STUFF begins. And we’ll be asking other parents and grandparents and aunts and uncles to come and help us out. We’ve got much to do.

If you want to be involved come and talk to Dugald or Fiona (Willoughby’s mum) or Larissa Raymond who has assisted with the set up of this community project (we have no name for it yet, but if we did it would be a secret anyway), or Connie (she’s a teacher, but she’s allowed to know because it’s happening beside her classroom).

Oh, and we’re thinking about making a film about what we do. It might be played at the cinemas.

Oh, and thanks to Liz (Charlie’s mum) who has given us a wooden work table that we’ve put under the stairs where we can make all our plans for our secret children’s business.

*Dugald Jellie*

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**Stick Hunting !!!**

Carrie, Estella, Poppy, Will, Lachie, Abby, Mirra, Grace, Millie and Olivia are trying to hide the dumpster. We are making a fence with Dugald. We need very long sticks from a gum tree or an eucalyptus tree. The sticks have to be at least 120cm long., we will use this to cover our fence.

Please bring the sticks and give them either to Dugald, 1K, 1P or 1E

Thank you for your help.
Parents & Friends of Armadale (PFA)

Hi Armadale families,

There were a few people we forgot to thank last week. Thank you to Holly and Toby Gray, Bec Lutz and Nicole Dewani for their donations to the silent auction. Apologies for leaving you out last week.

Fathers’ and Kids’ Night
Thursday 15th September 5.00-7.00pm. See flyer below for more details.

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Student Banking

The following student has qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year:

- Charles Colquhoun

A Silver Dollarmites Certificate is awarded to the following students for making 20 deposits this year:

- Summer Thompson
- Alice Hodgkinson
- Max Middleton

Well done everyone!

Alison Crone
School Banking Co-ordinator

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The Arts News

HONK! Jr Tickets now on sale!
We are pleased to announce that tickets for our 3-6 production HONK! Jr are now on sale!

Please click here or 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 showtime!

Laura Welch
The Arts Co-ordinator

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Chocolate Stall for Dads

Bring $2 tomorrow and choose some chocolates your Dad will love for Father’s Day.

Kind regards

The Armadale PFA Committee
Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com

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Second-hand Uniform

Our second-hand uniform cupboard is overflowing with donations and needs someone to sort through it and give it a little organisation.

If any parent has some spare time to tidy the uniform (perhaps before pick-up or after drop-off) it would be much appreciated.
Thank you to the following local traders who supported our 2016 Trivia Night

- Happy Melon Studios
- The Beatt
- Harold Holt Swim Centre
- Prahran Aquatic Centre
- Veronica George Gallery
- Tigeroy Home Gift Child
- Lee Mathews
- BQ Design
- Jewel Hair Boutique
- Geezabella & Petrucio "Purveyors of Silk lingerie & fashion" (unisex)
- Reece
- Balloon Kids Unplugged
- Manon Bis
- Empathy Pilates
- Orrong Compounding Pharmacy
- Half Moon
- Kinderplay Educational Playthings
**SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**Monday 19th September**

**Splashball & Inflatable World**

- **8 & under:** Will be going to Splatalott to take on your friends in mini paintball.
- **9:30am to 3:30pm:** Bring: Lunch, socks, closed shoes, water & hat. Transport: Train (excursion day, $50 per child)

**Tuesday 20th September**

**Soccer Day**

- **Come sharpen your skills with a day of non-stop soccer fun.** We will have Bubble Soccer, Soccer Darts & other soccer games in school.
- **9:30am to 4:30pm:** Bring: Lunch, closed shoes, water & hat. Venue: School (excursion day, $60 per child)

**Wednesday 21st September**

**Sovereign Hill**

- **Step back in time to the 1850’s where gold was on everyone’s mind.** Come and explore the old Ballarat gold mines and maybe get lucky and find some gold.
- **8:30am to 5pm:** Bring: Lunch, water & hat. Transport: Bus (Excursion day, $70 per child)

**Thursday 22nd September**

**Incursion R Us**

- **Incursion R Us are bringing Pokemon to school.** Their interactive Pokemon Incursion will have you believing that Pokemon are really out there. They will also bring along other fun activities such as hip hop dance and silly science.
- **9:30am to 4:30pm:** Bring: Lunch, water & hat. Venue: School (Incursion day, $56 per child)

**Friday 23rd September**

**Movie @ Jam Factory**

- **Today we are going to the Jam Factory to watch.** Storks. Popcorn and drinks are included. If weather allows, we will have our lunch & some play time at the park.
- **9am to 4pm:** Bring: Lunch, water & hat. Transport: Tram (Excursion day, $50 per child)

**Monday 26th September**

**Carnival**

- **It’s carnival time so come and have some fun with us.** Bring your best costume and enjoy all the inflatable, food & games. There will be prizes for best costumes.
- **9:30am to 4:30pm:** Bring: Lunch, water, hat & socks. Venue: School (Excursion day, $60 per child)

**Tuesday 27th September**

**Melbourne Zoo**

- **Melbourne Zoo has 100’s of different animals for you to admire.** If you love animals, don’t miss out on this opportunity to spend the day with us at Melbourne Zoo.
- **9:30am to 4:00pm:** Bring: Lunch, water & hat. Transport: Train. Venue: School (Excursion day, $50 per child)

**Wednesday 28th September**

**Up Unlimited**

- **From the people that brought you Clip n Climb, comes their new indoor climbing centre.** Up Unlimited. Come and test your skills on all the challenging walls.
- **9:30am to 4:00pm:** Bring: Lunch, water, hat & closed shoes. Transport: Bus (Excursion day, $70 per child)

**Thursday 29th September**

**Foofy Day**

- **With the grand final only days away and footy fever taking over, we are having a footy packed day.** Team Proactively will join us with bags of fun & games.
- **10am to 4pm:** Bring: Lunch, closed shoes, water & hat. Transport: Transport (Excursion day, $60 per child)

**Public Holiday: No program**

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Click here for more information on the Holiday Program page on the school website

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For further inquiries, please contact Ben Hyams
Dear Parents/Carers

The timetable for the day is as follows-

9.00-9.50am  Special assembly (on the stage)
             Everyone is welcome so parents and friends please come along.

10.00-11.00am ‘Tasty Tunes’ performance by Spectacular Spettacolo in MPC and special Italian Day activities

11.00-11.30am Recess

11.30am-12.30pm ‘Tasty Tunes’ performance by Spectacular Spettacolo in MPC and special Italian Day activities

12.30-1.30pm Whole school lunch - Tom’s Gelato Van will drive into the school and serve gelato

1.30-3.00pm Special Italian Day activities

3.00pm Students go back to classrooms

Some important information-

- Activities will be in multi-age groups.
- Please provide lunch as usual for your child as the pasta tasting will not replace their lunch.
- Lunch orders will be available as usual.
- Students to please dress in colours of the Italian flag verde, bianco, e rosso
- Pasta activity and gelato van
- There will be a limited amount of gluten-free pasta available for students who require it.
- Students are to bring a named plastic plate and fork, for the pasta activity, to be taken home at the end of the day.
- Children with allergies that cannot have gelato will be offered an icy pole (by parent helpers from PFA’s supply).
- Parent helpers’ jobs include helping the students during the activity, resetting the room for the next group, and cleaning and tidying at the end of the day.

ITALIAN DAY HELP REQUEST
I am interested in helping on Italian Day Thursday 15 September 2016
Name_____________________________________________Mobile no.________________________

My child’s /children’s name/s and class ______________________________________________________

I am available at the following time/s _____________________________
Grazie to parents who volunteered to date ______________________________________________________

Looking forward to una giornata fantastica!

Vita Vampatella
Italian Language Co-ordinator  vampatella.vita.v@edumail.vic.gov.au
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

Things you should know: Conditions apply, see commbank.com.au/prizelights. Promotion starts at 12am AEST 11/7/16 and ends 11:59pm AEST 30/9/16. Student Savings Deposit and conditions apply. Students are eligible for the School Banking program, which includes earning interest on deposits, or by completing a Stargazing activity at commbank.com.au/prizelights and submitting a fully completed online form. One entry per person per draw. Entries will be divided into the following School Banking groups: North West, Mid North, West, South and Far West. A total of 100 entries are required for the draw. For each draw, 90 x instant cameras, valued at $234.95 each; 60 x camping kits, valued at $114 each, and 200 x, 12 month subscriptions to TELLIE or K-ZONE magazine valued at $14.65 each, will be divided amongst the students. For the draw, each student will receive a public issue of the available in the relevant territory. All winners will be published at commbank.com.au/prizelights. A total of 211 prize packs will be distributed. The value of $200 for each winning school will be distributed amongst the students. Prize draws will take place at 12pm AEST 1/10/16 at Commonwealth Bank, Level 3, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney. Total prize pool $77,365.50. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 123 at Level 3, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. NSW Police Permits 12/TF 1502313, ACT Permit AB15/005006, SA Permit No 7/15/706.
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Toorak Prahran Cricket Club – registrations are now open for 2016/17 cricket season – teams are settled in September so please register now

To register a player (regardless whether you have previously played with TPCC before) to participate for the 2016/17 season, please register on the following link:

TPCC 2016/17 cricket registrations

Our club provides cricket programs for children 5 to 17 as well as for registrations for seniors:

TPCC sport camps – September school holidays 27 to 29 September – Milo and T20 Blast cricket for girls and boys 5 to 12 years

Looking for an activity for your children in the school holidays, click on the link to find out about our Milo and T20 Blast cricket:

TPCC cricket camps - September school holidays

Kickstart soccer programs - Ages 5-12 yrs -soccer programs

Kickstart Soccer is running Xmas Holiday Camps in December – focus is on skill development and game time.

This is a great opportunity to meet other kids in Stonnington and enjoy Indoor soccer (Futsal).

Kickstart is running its community based soccer programs – TPCC supports Kickstart’s programs.

In order to register please follow this link Trybooking - soccer camps.
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