Dear Armadale Community,

Welcome back to all of our school community and I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful break over the Easter and holiday period. It was fabulous to see all the children back at school last Tuesday and being so excited to start school again and reconnect with their teachers and friends.

We have a very busy term ahead with many opportunities being afforded to our children to deeply engage with their learning. The Year 5 and 6’s are looking forward to their trip to Canberra, and the opportunity to visit the nation’s capital is even more exciting with the looming election. Many incursions and excursions have been planned for the children affording enrichment through their inquiry units. The swimming program commenced for our Year 3-6s and soon Tri-skills will start for our younger students assisting them with the development of the gross motor skills which we know are so important for academic progress. Specific levels have also been fortunate to have Beth Cregan work with them again developing their writing skills. I have also been impressed with the number of classes that use our external spaces for personalised learning in investigations and also those classes using outside spaces to conduct maths investigations and exploration of space, measurement and geometry. There is a definite creative element to learning that is being fostered by our teachers!

Forthcoming events to mark in the diaries are Thursday April 28th School Photo day; the Mother’s Day afternoon tea on May 4th and please look for the beautiful invitation in the children’s school bag this afternoon and don’t forget to attend the working bee on Saturday morning, 7th May.

Our Ms Johnson featured on TV!

How excited we all were to watch The Chase on Tuesday afternoon and see Colleen Johnson shine. Reflecting on the whole process of being on The Chase, Colleen talked about having confidence, great teamwork, and believing in yourself. These are great attributes Colleen and how lucky are we that you were able to role model these to our community.

What else do our fabulous children at Armadale get up to in their spare time? I thought I would share some of the items that come across my desk

Congratulations Nicholas Stoupas! On Tuesday 19th April, Nicholas swam in the State Championships. He did incredibly well swimming a PB and placing 3rd in the State for 9/10 year old boys in 50m Breast stroke. He swam in the same event on Sunday in the Swimming Victoria Metro Swim Champ Finals (non school equivalent) and placed 1st in the State in the 8/9 year old boys. So his school result was a great achievement swimming up an age group.

Congratulations Nicholas on a fantastic result, we are all incredibly proud of you.

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Random Acts of Kindness - Thank you Alice Hodgkinson and Nina Portnoy!

Alice and Nina did some more fundraising last weekend and raised $37.45 on Sunday by holding another fairy stall outside Alice’s home in Prahran. They sold fairy dust, piggy face cupcakes - see photo, sticky notes and stickers. They also busked dancing and Nina played her violin. Both girls would like the money to go to JMF kids, a foundation that the year 5’s supported last year and hope to do again this year. Well done girls and thank you for thinking of others before yourselves.

Congratulations Lucia Martin and Julia Conheady
Lucia and Julia danced at the Crown International Dance Festival last weekend and both girls managed to snare placings in all their events! Please enjoy some of the girls’ photos and I hope that they may be able to dance for us at an assembly in the future.

Well done Armadale Tornados!
I was delighted to hear about the Year 1 Basketball team that plays at MSAC on Friday nights and also train Sunday afternoons at school from Haydon’s mum, Sarah. The team coach is Andrew Ajani (Ted’s dad) and the team manager is Matt Dunkley (Tom’s dad). The team tried to stick to the school colours when designing their uniform (except for the orange) and the team name is Tornados. I am sure they move with great speed across the court. I hope to be kept updated with how they are doing throughout the year. Good luck boys!

2017 Prep Enrolments
We are starting to accept enrolments for Prep children to attend our school in 2017. Parents who already have children at this school may complete an enrolment form for younger siblings who are due to start next year. Families who also live in our zone may also start to submit completed enrolment forms, which are available from the office. I would like all in zone

Head Lice
We still have some cases of head lice reported in various classrooms.

Please check your child’s head tonight and if head lice or eggs are found, treat your child’s hair and advise your child’s class teacher.

Health regulations require that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. This refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to lice eggs.
enrolments finalised by the end of Term 2. May I ask if current families could let other friends or families know that we are commencing this intake process to avoid any families being disappointed if we are not able to accommodate them.

Thank you James Carter (Dad of Amelia in Prep N)  
James just happened to attend our Assembly last week and witnessed my KNOCK KNOCK joke in front of the children. James knows the Creative Director at the St Kilda Football Club and told her what I had done. I couldn’t believe my eyes when I received a special delivery package from the Sainters, full of great “how I want to be” promotional material. It made my day!

Update from the Education Department on the Prahran Secondary School


The government’s commitment
The Victorian Government is committed to the establishment of a new 7-12 secondary school in Prahran. The proposed school site is part of the former Swinburne University campus, High Street, Prahran. The site offers an unparalleled opportunity to establish a Secondary School in the thriving heart of the Prahran community. The Government has committed to plan, fund and build this school in its first term of government.

Appointment of design consultants
Following a competitive tender process, Gray Puksand has been selected as the project’s architects. Gray Puksand is currently conducting a detailed feasibility study on the site and its surroundings. This includes a review of the pre-existing facilities and their scope for adaptation and reuse, environmental characteristics like sunlight and wind, traffic considerations such as parking and pedestrian and bike access, among other factors. This information will inform the school’s master plan phase.

Establishment of the new school planning Group (NSPG)
The Prahran New School Planning Group will ensure the active involvement of a cross section of government, parents, educational providers, and the community. This group meets regularly to provide advice to the Department and its design team and support the best strategic outcomes for the project.

Education specification development
The NSPG has been tasked with developing an Education Specification for the Prahran Secondary School. The Education Specification articulates the school community’s learning vision. On 15 December, the Department hosted a workshop to begin the development of this document. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Julia Atkin - an internationally renowned educational specialist. It provided an opportunity for local community members, department staff, and experts to discuss their vision for the new school and how this translates into design. Utilising the outcomes of this workshop an Education Specification sub-working group has been established. This group has since met several times and is due to conclude its work on the Education Specification shortly. Once completed and endorsed by the Department, the Education Specification will provide a reference point for the school’s design work from Master plan through to detailed design.

Precinct opportunities
The Department is working alongside the City of Stonington to ensure that opportunities for integrated community infrastructure are explored. This is particularly important given the school’s location and constrained site and the need for the school to function effectively as part of the broader precinct.

The Department is also working closely with a number of key non-government stakeholders. These include Melbourne Polytechnic, the broad commercial community in the area, and community groups.
Assistant Principal

Second Prize!
Armadale Primary School has won second prize in the VicHealth Walk to School 2015 program. Stonnington Council were very impressed with our school’s commitment to active healthy travel.

As second prize winners we have won $800 worth of equipment from Rebel Sport in Prahran. Peter Cracknell will ask students what sort of equipment they would like and we can supply these for students to access at recess and lunchtimes. Let’s keep up the great work and also reap the reward of being fit and healthy through regular exercise.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge
As I mentioned last term, the PRC is up and running again and we are encouraging all children to participate. Mrs Pearse has been talking about the best books to borrow for the PRC and class teachers have a list of usernames and passwords for each student. As these are the same as previous years, the vast majority of children already know their login details. If not, please see your child’s classroom teacher, or Brett or Mrs Pearse in the library and they will help you get sorted. Today your child will receive a special welcome letter with their login details.

Feedback on Literacy at Home
The Department of Education and Training is currently undertaking research on literacy in Victorian schools, and the Department’s literacy programs, such as the PRC. The Department has engaged Andrews Group – an independent research firm – to conduct the research on its behalf. Andrews Group would like to conduct a discussion group with parents at our school to get parents’ feedback on some of the Department’s initiatives. This discussion with parents will provide valuable insight which will help to shape Victoria’s literacy programs and ensure they’re delivering maximum benefit. The group will run for 60 minutes, and all parents who participate will receive an $80 Coles Myer voucher. They are flexible with the time and we have suggested a 5-6pm timeslot at school might be the most convenient. If you are interested in participating please let me know ASAP by emailing me at: dow.malcolm.l@edumail.vic.gov.au. The group is limited to 8 participants and it will be selected on a ‘first come first served’ basis.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Working Bee donation
For those parents who will be unable to attend the Working Bee on Saturday 7 May from 9.00am to 12.00pm, 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 other amount) donation to the APS Grounds fund

Family Name: ________________ Pay by: □ Qkr! or

☐ 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

Amount: $30.00 or $________

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.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
Have you applied for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)?
Parents are reminded to check their eligibility for the CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download information from the CSEF website. Applications close 3 June 2016
Sports News

Dear Parents

Thank you everyone for a great start to the swimming program this week. A reminder that swimming will continue on Tuesday 26 April, Wednesday 27 April & Friday 29 April next week.

Regards

Peter Cracknell

Year 5&6 Handball Gala Day

A reminder to all students in Years 5&6 that the Handball Gala Day will take place tomorrow.

Tri Skills Gymnastics

All students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in the Tri Skills gymnastics program commencing next Friday 29 April.

Swimming Lessons for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Week 2  Tuesday 26th April, Wednesday 27th April and Friday 29th April

Week 3  Monday 2nd May and Tuesday 3rd May (9 lessons in total).

Please note that there has been a change of date for the last lesson which will now be held on Tuesday 3 May (not Wednesday 4 May as listed on the information sheet handed out last term).

Each lesson will be approximately 40 minutes with trained swimming instructors provided at the following times:

- **6P & 6Z** (9:30-10:10am)
- **5B & 5G** (10:10-10:50am)
- **4C & 4Z** (10:50-11:30am)
- **3C & 3E** (11:30am-12:10pm)
- **3W** (12:10pm-12.50pm)

Students will be leaving school half an hour before their lesson time.
Armadale Primary Junior Choir

Your child has expressed an interest in joining Junior Choir (grade 1&2). Junior Choir will be held on Friday mornings before school at 8.15am in the Italian room (starting this Friday on 22 April).

It is a condition that to be included in the choir the children must attend all rehearsals and be willing to perform at assemblies. There will be a 2 week trial period for the children to decide if they would like to continue, then a confirmed choir list. Please complete the form below and send it to the office or give it to myself in 2J. Choir will begin when notified.

Thank you, Colleen Johnson

I would like my child ________________________ of class _________ to be a member of Armadale Primary Junior Choir. I understand that there will be a two week trial period before the confirmed list that requires them to be at all rehearsals and performances for the year.

Signed _________________________________

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Honk! Jr Auditions

Auditions for the years 3-6 musical Honk! Jr are underway this week, and will continue until Friday 29th April. Please email me if your audition time can be before or after school. Interested students should sign up in the arts studio and will receive an information pack. Please read this pack carefully for all the information regarding the show and what to prepare for the audition.

Visit http://www.mtishows.com/broadway-junior/audition-central and select Honk Jr from the drop down menu to view characters descriptions and their scripts/songs.

Laura Welch
The Arts Teacher
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Parents and Friends of Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

Welcome back! We hope everyone managed to have a break, and feeling ready to face a big term ahead. But before we are off and running for another term, we would like to thank everyone who donated eggs and bought raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle last term. We raised $729 for the school. We have also received some lovely feedback from “Very Special Kids” and the Prahran Mission thanking us for their hampers.

Thank you!
This term .......

Mother’s Day Afternoon tea
For our wonderful Mothers, this year our Mother’s Day afternoon tea is scheduled for Wednesday 4th May at 2.00pm, and will include an exciting guest speaker from our own community Nicki Batagol, representing PANDA. (There will also be a Raffle in aid of PANDA). The invitation will be in school bags this week. Tickets are available for purchase from the office at $10 per head, however money will be accepted on the door if we know in advance that you will be attending. Come and support a wonderful cause, have a bite to eat, a cup of tea and a chat to the other mums and grandmas.

We are looking for volunteers to provide a plate of food for the event, a list has been placed in the school foyer. Please sign up there.

Mother’s Day Gifts
Can you help the children decorate their Mother’s Day gifts? Speak to your class rep to find out what time and day they are decorating if you can help.

We will be wrapping the Mother’s Day gifts on May 6th. Again we ask for volunteers to come and help with this.

Thank you in advance.

Cocktail Parties
There are still a few Cocktail Parties to go......
For more information on your year level cocktail party, please either see your class representative or please contact our class representative coordinator: Janine Sheean janinesheean@gmail.com

PFA Meeting
The next PFA Meeting is on Tuesday 10th May at 2:30pm in the Staff Room.
This meeting is open to all Armadale Parents, so everyone is WELCOME.
Before we go, we would like to say 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

ANZAC Day – next Monday 25th April
There are a number of ANZAC day items ranging from $1- $5 for sale in the office.
Please support this worthy cause.

Donations requested
The Toorak Prahran Cricket Club’s community sport program is seeking donations of football boots and sporting equipment. The club has helped many financially or socially disadvantaged families with sport in the local community since 2011.

The boots will be distributed at Horace Petty and help fill a container being sent to families in cyclone-hit Fiji.

Anyone who can donate please contact:
Jim Hallam on 0414 965 442.
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2016 CANTERBURY art EXHIBITION
At Canterbury Primary School
Molesworth Street Canterbury

APRIL 29,30 & MAY 1
Friday 29 April 7.30 - 11pm
Saturday 30 April 10 am - 5pm
Sunday (Family Day) 10am - 4pm
sponsored by Camp Australia

Major Sponsor FLETCHERS

Feature Artist - Jen Shewring
For further information and purchase of Opening Night Tickets go to www.canterburyart.com

Chess Coaching

Where: Italian Room
When: Thursday Lunchtimes
21st April – 16th June 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 envelop marked "Chess Coaching" to the school office.

Child’s Full Name: 
Grade: ______ School: ______
Email: ________________
Phone: ______________________

Payment Due: Monday 2nd May.

Cheques: Payable to “Hooten Consulting Pty Ltd”
EFT: Bank: CBA Acc Name: Hooten Consulting Pty Ltd
063201 Atec 10049289
* please place child’s name on transaction
$90 cash: ☐ cheque: ☐ EFT: ☐

Waverley Gymnastics Centre
ARMADALE CAMPUS

WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LEARN HANDSTANDS, CARTWHEELS & SOMERSAULTS? HERE’S THEIR CHANCE!
Gymnastics is not only a fantastic and fun sport in its own right; it also gives an exceptional base level of coordination, skill and confidence that assists children to achieve in all their other sports and life skills!

CALL 9887-9611 TO BOOK A TRIAL CLASS!!

Waverley’s Armadale campus at Lauriston Girls’ School is an outstanding venue, with exceptional fully qualified coaches, offering fun & challenging gymnastics classes for primary school-aged girls and boys of all abilities! We also run daytime classes at our Mt Waverley venue for pre-school aged girls and boys.

Times: Tuesday & Friday afternoons, & Saturday mornings.

Address: 38 Huntingtower Rd, Armadale (Melways Ref. S9 B6)

For more information, or to book a trial class, please visit www.waverleygymnastics.org.au, or call 9887-9611

PLUGGED IN: KEEPING YOUNG PEOPLE SCREEN SAFE

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD GETS UP TO ONLINE?

Join three of Melbourne’s leading experts on cyber safety and learn tips on how to keep them safe.

This free forum will showcase:
SUSAN MCLEAN: Science behind making the internet safer
STEVEN DUPON: Keeping our kids safe online and protecting our children
JEREMY SHUB: Educating young people and their families to experience seamless technology use

When: Tuesday 24 May 2016, 7pm to 8.30pm
Where: Kew High School, Burgess St, East Kew

Light refreshments will be served from 6.30pm onwards. The night will commence with an opportunity for participants to present their work to an audience. This session provides a unique opportunity for parents to discuss their concerns and share ideas, and for young people to present their skills and ideas.

If you are interested in attending, or to contact the Community Planning and Development Department.

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New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 2 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

**Mud Splat Handball**  
**Outback Pat Bag Tag**

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are 2 new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that **Tuesday** is School Banking day!

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
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