Dear Armadale Community,

What a brilliant night was had by all last Friday night as our MPC was transformed into a magical white wonderland. Everyone I spoke to said how much they enjoyed the evening and it was a perfect example of the strength and connectedness of our school and wider community. The total amount raised from the evening was in excess of a staggering $25,000!! I am incredibly grateful to our school community for their generosity, kindness and support of our school. In particular I would like to acknowledge the following families:

Bill Sideris, Pierro Pellegrini, Stephen Kruk, Guy Maine, Cressida Beale, Benjamin Bessel, Alex ChampionDecrespigny and Brett Graham as our live auctioneer.

Of course a night such as this doesn’t happen on its own and there have been months of planning from the very talented committee that comprised:

- Dimity Millear
- Sarah Barlow
- Pam Johnston
- Mel Cooper
- Christie Kelso
- Niki Rickard
- Kirsty Ingham

These ladies worked tirelessly for the last few months sourcing donations and collecting goods and then last Friday, spent the whole day setting up the MPC and the Italian Room.

On behalf of our entire school I would like to thank you for such a fantastic event that brought our community together and afforded so much to our school.

Unfortunately you would all know now that the evening had a bitter sweet end, however there is always a silver lining and thanks to Emily Atkins and Simon Gowland, justice has been served.

Thank you also to my fabulous community who organised for the beautiful flower arrangement to be delivered to me yesterday in acknowledgement of the weekend’s tribulations. Your kindness made up for all the unpleasantries, which are now behind us.

NAPLAN results
I am delighted to share with our community our outstanding results for this year’s NAPLAN testing which was conducted back in May this year. You will be able to see from the table our school’s performance against the state mean for each of the tests. Our results for our Year 3’s are in some cases 65 or 50 points higher than the Victorian average. Our Year 5’s have performed closer to the state mean, but the most important aspect to the Year 5 results has been growth from Year 3 to Year 5 and in most cases our children have achieved either medium or high growth, which is what we really measure.

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This Week’s Events

Friday 26 August
- Book Week parade 9.00am

Tuesday 30 August
- Division athletics for selected children

Wednesday 31 August
- Year 3&4 students leave for Camp Rumbug
- 6K Duldig incursion

Thursday 1 September
- Year 1 Art excursion
- Prep Science incursion
- Year 6 Science incursion

Friday 2 September
- Year 3&4 students return from Camp Rumbug

Saturday 3 September
- Working bee 9.00am-12.00pm

Coming Events

Monday 5 September
- Year 1 Games excursion

Tuesday 6 September
- PFA meeting 2.30pm

Wednesday 7 September
- Year 5 Lego excursion
- 6Z Duldig incursion

Friday 9 September
- Year 5&6 Soccer gala day
There may be some individual results that parents could find disappointing and I would like you to consider that the NAPLAN tests are a very narrow instrument that are conducted in a very short time on one day. They are not a form of assessment that our children are used to, nor do they offer information about the development of the whole child.

Unfortunately I don’t have access to the current Year 7 data to track how our former students have performed and I would be interested if any parents were happy to share these results with me.

I can’t wait to see the children dressed up on Friday for our annual book parade and once again Malcolm has ensured that my costume is ready. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Book Parade!!

Year 3/4 camp to Camp Rumbug
I know the Year 3/4 children are looking forward to their camp at Rumbug next week. They will be leaving Wednesday morning and travelling down to Foster North and returning Friday afternoon. I wish all of the staff accompanying the children a wonderful time and hope that the weather is kind. Staff attending are: Allira Zeneli (Camp Co-ordinator), Rosanna Caruso, Virginia Wallace, Jocelyn Evans, Jennifer Hemingway, Christina Cameron, Malcolm Dow, Peter Cracknell, Ben Hyams, Rosa Salemme and Jane Hutchins.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Scholastic Book Club
Catalogues for Issue 6 of Scholastic Book Club were distributed to students last week. A reminder that orders for Issue 6 of Scholastic Book Club close this Friday, 26 August 2016. The easiest way to order is by LOOP. Check the back page of the catalogue for details.

Dear Community,

As per the tiqbiz sent out by Rochelle on Sunday evening, last weekend there was a break-in at our school with theft of equipment and damage to property. Thankfully the security systems worked, three men were apprehended and it is now in the hands of the police.

As a School Council, we will certainly be reviewing the security to make sure that we have adequate systems in place as the school encourages the local community to use the school grounds on weekends. It’s great to see families spending time together outside of school and OOSHC hours.

Thanks to the efforts of the local community, we really experienced the importance of ‘Neighbourhood Watch’ in crime prevention and community safety. To all those who helped the police during the middle of the night and the clean-up over the weekend, we are so grateful to you.

To all of our school community, if you use the school on the weekend or simply drive past, you play an important role in helping us protect the school environment. If you see any unusual behaviour, please report this to the police and help us keep the school safe.

Regards,

Nicki Batagol & Simon Gowland
(School Council Co-Vice Presidents)
Assistant Principal

Working Bee Saturday 3rd August 9.00am-12.00pm
Our second and final Working Bee for the year is coming up on Saturday week (Saturday 3rd August). Lots of cleaning and tidying tasks to be done; it is our chance to give the school a really good Spring Clean. Weekends are always busy for families but if you can spare an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated. Of course if you can’t make it to the Working Bee, then a donation of $30 (or more if you wish) would be a great way to still contribute to the upkeep of our school grounds and buildings.

For those parents who are unable to attend our Working Bee and would like to make a donation to our grounds fund, please click here.

Notifying the School of an absence
Just a reminder that you must log into Compass to give approval (explanation) each time your child is absent from school or the reason for a late arrival/early departure. You no longer need to inform the class teacher or the school office for absences, but you still need to sign your child in/out at the school office.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Care of Students Before School
It has come to our attention that some of our students have been instructed by their parents to walk around the streets until 8.45 rather than go to OOSHC for before school care. We are concerned that this poses an unnecessary safety risk for those students and we strongly discourage this. We believe our Before School Care program is very good value for money, especially after the Child Care Rebate is taken into account. However if there is a genuine case of financial hardship please speak to Rochelle or me and I’m sure we can work out an arrangement. The safety of our students is at all times paramount.

Stonnington Council Calendar of Environmental Events
We have a number of copies of the Stonnington Council Calendar of Environmental Events available for parents at the front office. Please feel free to come and take one. They have a number of great environmental activities, many of which are Family Friendly. We are involved as a school with Stonnington Council for some of the Environmental Events that they offer our children and they are always very interesting and educational activities.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Book Week and PRC
We are nearly at the completion of another very successful Book Week. It has been such a wonderful range of activities, starting last week with author Felice Arena, then Book Fair previews and selling, more author visits and Book Week performances, and of course tomorrow we have our fantastic Book Parade and finishing off with a presentation by David Astle a word and language expert who will present to the Year 5 and 6 students. Many thanks to Brett Leyshan, our library technician who has organised the whole week brilliantly, and to Sara Powell for coming in to assist with our Book Fair yesterday.

Don’t forget that the children only have a couple more weeks to complete the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Make sure all books are marked as finished and then send a message to your child’s class teacher to verify that they have read all of the books listed.

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: 028911383

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

The grade 1’s recently enjoyed participating in a Mini Olympics Day that was organised by the teachers. This day was linked to their Unit of Inquiry: *Games bring people together*. The learning experiences for the children did not end at the participation of the ‘Games’. Learning extended to calculating the total house points gained by one of the grade 1 classes. The ‘games’ were enjoyed by ALL the year 1 children, so to calculate the total for one grade, was not a simple task.

The problem was posed and the children were asked to share the way in which they tackled the task. *Articulating their thinking* was emphasised as children were invited to take on the ‘teacher’ role.

Max started the session by talking through what he thought was needed to complete the problem. He identified that there were 10 groups and he needed to find out how many children from his class were in each group. He also stated that he needed to find out the amount of points awarded to each group. He started to collect and record his data with all the children sitting on the floor.

Oscar drew a table on the board. In the first column he wrote the numbers 1-10. This column indicated the group number. In the second column he recorded, in tally form, how many children were in that group from his class. In the third column he recorded the house points. Then he multiplied the children with the allocated house points. To calculate the total, he grouped numbers and added them mentally before recording them.
WOW! This anecdote of a child’s experience demonstrates learning through a real life situation. The
learning that was had also demonstrates the application of all the mathematical proficiencies that
underpin the Mathematics curriculum – fluency; understanding; problem solving and posing; and
reasoning.

Zoe tackled the task in a different way. She decided to collect her data by group. Then she put that information into a table
and calculated the total by grouping numbers using addition. Articulating her thinking offered her peers the
opportunity to ask clarifying questions and encouraged Zoe to explain further.

This process offers the classroom teacher many opportunities to gather valuable evidence into individuals as learners.

Part 2: How many House Points does each House get?

Olivia jumped to the challenge. She decided to find out the amount of house points earned by each person
in her class and recorded this next to their name. Then she grouped the amounts according to the house
the children belonged to. Raph thought it might be a good idea to use Oscar’s table from the previous day
to double check the points against what the children were saying.

Just by looking at these photos, it is obvious that the children are engaged and are quite capable of taking
on real challenges. Collaboratively, they listened, clarified, shared strategies and learned from each other.
What a powerful message this sends out to our children!
Hi Armadale families,

What a fantastic night we had on Friday. Everyone looked fabulous, the MPC was transformed into a Winter wonderland and we all had a brilliant time raising money for our children’s school.

Thank you to Abby Cox, Georgie Officer, Gen Gowland and Nicola Vile for helping us transform the MPC and Andrew Barlow for IT support. Thanks to Gen and Simon Gowland and Tahli Mastores for setting up and running the Martini Bar. Thank you to Bud Flowers, Arramore Furniture, Liz Croyle of Durance and Bill Sideris for donating flowers, furniture, toiletries and wine for the room. Thank you to Andrew Burns for being MC and Trivia Man and Brett Graham for running our successful live auction. Thank you Bronte Neyland and Emily Atkins with help on the night organising the silent auction.

Thank you to all the local businesses who donated goods and services to the live and silent auctions. Please shop locally to support the businesses that support us (see the next page).

Thank you to the following families who donated goods and services to our live and silent auctions:

Piero and Tatiana Pellegrini, Cressida Beale, Guy and Sally Maine, Steve Kruk, Ben Bessell, Alex Champion de Crespigny, Carly Ward, Kate Nelson, Andrew Cooper, Liz Croyle, Gerry Nass, Zoe Brown, Andrew Parker, Chali Harding, Jodie Klijnsma, Kirsty Ingham, Fiona Richardson, Christine Theodoropoulos, Fiona Madden Jones, Linda White, Niki and Nathan Rickard, Gretchen Puccinelli, Liv Hadadd, Merri Goumas, Sam Koronczyk, Sam Haydon, Gail Newman, Ursula and Hans van Schoonhoven, Fiona Cabassi, Marina Christov and Bill Sideris.

If we have forgotten anyone please let us know so we can include you next week and also for our records.

Thank you to everyone who helped tidy and clean up on Friday night and Saturday morning we were blessed there were so many of you to help and sorry you are not named individually.

And finally thank you to everyone who came and had fun. We hope you had a great night and we hope to see you all again next year.

Sarah, Pam, Niki, Dimity, Mel and Christie (your PFA team)

Can the head of the winning and second place teams please contact the PFA to collect your prize.

Fathers and Kids Night

Instead of a Fathers Day Stall this year we are running a Dads and Kids Night on Thursday 15th September from 5-7pm. There will be games, a food truck with food for sale and a photo booth. Please see flyer on page 8 for details.

Kind regards

The Armadale PFA Committee
Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com

Lachlan Stott
Audrey Mellor
Aerin O’Keefe
Olivia Maidment
Mary Theodoropoulos
Gabriella Gutierrez

Silver Dollarmites Certificates are awarded to the following students for making 20 deposits this year:

- Poppy Holden
- Charles Atkins
- Aerin Feile
- Isabella Taylor
- Gus Mastores
- Harrison Michelsberg
- Alastair Corbould
- Mavi Imam
- Campbell Anderson
- Lily Madden Jones

Well done everyone!

Please note the Student Banking system can only accept one deposit per student per day. We are unable to process multiple deposits individually, so please make sure you hand in your completed deposit book and money each week and earn a sliver token towards a reward item. You will also get the chance to enter the Prize Lights competition during Term 3.

Alison Crone
School Banking Co-ordinator
The following students have qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year:

- Lachlan Stott
- Audrey Mellor
- Aerin O'Keefe

Silver Dollarmites Certificates are awarded to the following students for making 20 deposits this year:

- Poppy Holden
- Charles Atkins
- Aerin Feile
- Isabella Taylor
- Gus Mastores

Well done everyone! Keep making regular deposits for a chance to win Prize Lights in the Outback Sky.

Alison Crone
School Banking Coordinator
Selected children will be participating in the Division Athletics. Notices were distributed yesterday to those children involved.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

Choir News

There will be no choir rehearsal tomorrow morning, Friday 26 August, due to the Book Week parade.
Selected children will be participating in the Division Athletics. Notices were distributed yesterday to those children involved.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

Parent help request for Italian Day
We are calling on parents to offer their time to help with activities for our annual Italian Day. It is a fantastic whole school community event where you can participate and assist teachers and students with the special activities planned for the day. The timetable for the day is listed below. Any time you can spare to assist would be greatly appreciated.

9.00-9.45am - assembly
10.00-11am - activities (parent help required)
11.00-11.30am - recess
11.30am-12.30pm - activities (parent help required)
12.30-1.30pm - lunchtime (parent help required to help with gelati distribution)
1.30-3.00pm - (parent help required)

Please complete the form below and hand in to your class teacher, or email me directly at vampatella.vita.v@edumail.vic.gov.au

Grazie mille
Vita Vampatella
Italian Language Co-ordinator

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: ____________________________
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](http://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.


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**Things you should know**

Conditions apply; see commbank.com.au/prizelights. Promotion starts 4 March 2016 and ends 11 May 2016. Student Entry: Entry is open to individuals aged 4-13 years. Entry consists of (a) submitting a completed entry form, (b) a valid School Banking number (c) at least three School Banking deposits made through the School Banking program, (d) a successful Stargazing activity, and (e) completing a Star Saver activity at commbank.com.au/prizelights and submitting it fully completed in your form. Max. of 1 entry per person per draw. Entries will be divided into the following School Banking groups: SA, NT, WA, VIC, QLD. A total of 1800 entries will be accepted, divided as follows: 50 PlayStation 4 packs valued at $200 each, 500 instant camera packs valued at $114 each, and 200 12-month subscriptions to Total Girl & K’zone magazines valued at $31.65 each, will be distributed amongst the School Banking groups. The winner’s name of the Supernova draw will be published in the public notice section of the Australian on Friday 14 January 2017. All winner names will be published at commbank.com.au/prizelights. School Banking Entry is open to all School Banking accounts in Australia who participate in the School Banking program and have at least 1 student entered into the Student Element of this promotion. Limit of 1 entry per school. Entries will be divided into the following School Banking groups: SA, WA, NT, QLD. A total of 15 prizes of $114 each, with a total value of $2500 for each winning school will be distributed amongst the School Banking groups. Prize draw will take place at 12 noon ADT 15/1/16 at Commonwealth Bank, Level 3, 14 Harbour Street, Sydney. Total prize value: $77.385.50. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 at Level 3, 14 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. NSW Permit No. TP/16/00342, ACT Permit No. TP/16/00382, SA Permit No. TP/16/004.
Hi, my name is Harriet Brown. I’m 16 and I attend Shelford Girls’ Grammar. I live locally and my mum teaches at the school (Mrs. Brown 5B) I am an experienced babysitter and love children. No job is too big or small.

If you ever need a babysitter feel free to give me a call 0432259200.
Registrations are now open for the 2016/17 season.

MJCC will once again field teams in the Inner South East Cricket competition and offer Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Sunday morning cricket across the U11, U13 and U15 age groups, including turf teams for Sunday U13's and U15's. Teams are graded in the U13 and U15 age groups.

All registration is on-line via the above website and open until 9th September. Registrations received after this date will go onto a waiting list and places offered as they become available.

Register by 28th August and receive your early bird discount.

See our website for further details.

Register at www.malvernjunior.vic.cricket.com.au

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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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