Dear Armadale Community

Our week started with the House Swimming Sports at the Prahran Pool. Luckily we were blessed with the weather and the students had a wonderful day. Congratulations to all the students in Rose for their outstanding swimming and to all the other students for their sportsmanship. Thank you to Peter Cracknell for his superb organisation and administration on the day and many thanks to all the staff, house captains and of course the many parents who came to assist. We are very grateful!

One more sleep to go.....until our Welcome Family Picnic this Friday night 5.30-8.00pm

The popcorn machine has been bought by Nikki Rickard, David has ordered the sausages and Simon is firing up the BBQs, Christie has the food licence and Sarah went shopping for the refreshments. Proactivity will be on the courts with all the games at 6.00pm, so it’s all underway and looking forward to seeing all of our community at our picnic. Fingers crossed for a fabulous evening.

School Council Election

We are very fortunate at Armadale Primary to have such a dedicated group of parents who help shape and guide our school by being on School Council. As you would be aware from previous newsletters we had 4 vacancies at the beginning of this year and I had called for nominations to be submitted by Monday 22nd Feb. I am delighted to announce to our community that we have received 4 nominations from parents, therefore I declare them to be elected to our school council for the 2016 and 2017 term. Congratulations to:

- Stephen Kruk (Dad of Sophie in Prep S)
- Justin Mastores (Dad of Winnie 3W and Gus in Prep S)
- David Portnoy (Dad of Nina in 2S)
- Alicia Smith (Mum of Stephanie 6K, Charlie 3E and Annabel in Prep E)

I look forward to introducing our new council members to the full School Council at our forthcoming AGM on Monday 29th February at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Next week is shaping up to be quite busy and it would be good if parents could note the following dates:

- Year 1 and 2 Reading Information session Monday 29th February
  The Year 1 and 2 Reading Information session will be held in the 2J & 2S classrooms which starts at 4.00pm.
- Year 6 Leadership Breakfast
  Wednesday March 2nd in the MPC 8.15-8.45am

All parents of Year 6 students are invited to attend a celebratory breakfast next Wednesday morning with our Year 6 students in the MPC starting at 8.15am. We will acknowledge the leadership roles of our Year 6 students and they will be united in reading their pledge and commitment to their leadership role.

Curriculum Day April 11th 2016 - first day of Term 2

I would like to give our community advanced notice of our forthcoming curriculum day where the professional learning focus for teachers will be on Maths. No children are required to attend school on this day, however OOSHC will be running a curriculum day program and all enquiries for booking this day should be directed to Ben or Trevor.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

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Arriving on Time
Following on from Rochelle’s piece last week, I also want to emphasise the importance of arriving at school on time. Teachers have told me how disruptive it is to have children dribbling in any time between 9.00-9.30 with fairly trivial excuses such as ‘slept in’ or ‘heavy traffic’. Of course there will be the occasional crisis that prevents a family from getting to school on time, but these should be the exception rather than the rule. We have spoken to the children a number of times this year about trying to get to school by 8.50 at the latest. This gives children a chance to socialise and take a breather before starting the school day. We ask parents to make a special effort and perhaps make some adjustments to the morning routine to ensure that your children are arriving on time. As Rochelle mentioned last week, from now on we ask all children to get straight to class if they arrive between 9.00-9.15, as the queue at the front office for signing in was causing our students to be even later. However, they will still be recorded as late by the classroom teacher if they arrive in class any time after 9.00am. If the classroom teacher notices a pattern of late arrivals, Rochelle or I will make a call home to find out what the reason is and to help rectify the situation.

Parking on the Crossing
It has come to our attention that a number of parents who arrive at school for drop-off or pick-up are parking on the crossing itself or within the restricted parking areas. This is highly dangerous and irresponsible behaviour and will not be tolerated at any time. I have contacted the parking officers from Stonnington Council asking them to increase their patrolling of our two crossings. If our appeals about the safety of the children at our school are not enough perhaps a hefty fine will persuade these people. Of course walking or riding to school would alleviate the problem altogether!

Headphones
We would like all students to have their own set of personal headphones to use with the computers in class and in ICT. When one group is doing an activity on the computers and it involves audio, it can be very distracting for the other students to hear the noise. There is no need to have an expensive pair; the smaller and cheaper earbud style are easier to store in their tubs and easy to replace if they get lost or damaged. Naming them too would be great.

Ride2School
Of course a great way to avoid traffic snarls is to ride, scoot or walk to school, and of course we want everyone to do this on Friday 4th March, our annual Ride2School Day. We will be handing out stickers and prizes for children who ride their bikes, but of course we are very happy for you to walk or scoot if bike riding is not possible. We will have a brief assembly at the stage area at 9.00am to celebrate Ride2School Day and we would love to see some decorated bikes or helmets too and we will have some prizes for the best in each category. There are many positive outcomes for students who travel to school actively each day, such as being physically more healthy and able to concentrate better in class. The Fact Sheet on the school website outlines this and a number of other interesting facts about the benefits of active travel.

This Week’s Awards

Artist of the week: Sascha Tausan

Arts Class of the week: 2J

Student Nomination Awards:

The Student Wellbeing leaders are co-ordinating these awards for outstanding values demonstrated by our students.

This week’s nominees are:

Sweekrit Satapathy 4Z
Max Stewart 2S
Nina Van Schoonhoven 4Z
Cleo Laughton 2J
William Strangward 4C
Sofia Pellegrini 6Z
Maddie Fleetwood 4C
Alice Hodgkinson 2J
Niko Papaspiropoulos 2J
Flynn Goodall 4Z
Camille Rounds 3E
Ted Ajani 1E
Billie Nezos 3W
James Donovan 1W

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
Sports News

House Swimming Sports
A huge thank you to all the Year 3-6 children, the house captains, sports leaders, Year 3-6 staff and parents on making Monday a great day. Special thanks to Robin Nicolson for her valuable assistance. Well done everyone.

District Swimming Friday 26 February
A selected group of children will be involved in the District Swimming Sports. Good luck.

Year 5&6 Cricket Gala Day
Friday 4 March
Information has been distributed to all Year 5&6 children. Parent assistance on the day would be greatly appreciated.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Convenor

The Arts News

Artist of the week:
Sascha Tausan 4Z
For always being respectful and focused when completing his artwork.

Arts Class of the week: 2J
For showing a fantastic variety of facial expressions and gestures when exploring different emotions.

Art Smocks
There are a number of students who have not brought an art smock to school. It is vital that all students wear an art smock when doing the visual arts to ensure uniforms are kept clean. They must be long sleeved. Each class has an art smock tub that is brought each time the students have visual arts. Please make sure that it is clearly named, and in the classroom art smock tub by the end of this week. Art Smocks can be purchased from:
PSW (Primary and Secondary Schoolwear)
12 Strathalbyn Street East Kew.

Stockings for Drying Rack
The stockings used for the drying racks in our arts studio could use an upgrade. If anyone is willing to donate any stockings (old ones with ladders are fine), it would be greatly appreciated. You can drop them straight to the arts room.

Production
Keep your eyes peeled – announcements coming soon for the Years 3-6 musical production and the Prep to Year 2 showcase!

Laura Welch
The Arts Teacher
Welch.laura.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Play at the Park Years 3-6

A reminder that on Thursdays in 2016, weather permitting, we will be taking groups of students from Year 3-6 for lunch recess at Orrong Park departing at 12.20pm and returning by 1.30pm. Today the Year 3&4 students went to the park. Any parent assistance walking to and from the park would be greatly appreciated. Please contact your child’s class teacher or myself if you could help.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Convenor
This week the senior school (3-6) went to the Prahran swimming pool for the house swimming sports. They could choose out of the strokes freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. The students with the fastest time were chosen to compete in the Districts. All students participated in relays which the house captains ran. At the end of the day all students had free time. Once everyone got dressed we found out the winners and they certainly were grinners. Munro came 4th, Northcote came 3rd, Densham came 2nd and Rose came first! Each house chose a symbol to represent their house. There were the Munro Martians, Northcote Pac-Mans, Densham Ducks and Rose Reef Sharks. All of the senior school had a great time at the swimming sports. Good luck to everyone who got into the Districts. It was a great day.

Chloe F, Nikola, James, Will A and Sulava

The Media Team
Parents and Friends of Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

Tomorrow night is our School Welcome Picnic!

The picnic will commence at 5.30pm and run to 8.00pm.

The picnic is for all parents and children and is a fantastic opportunity to meet and socialise with others in the school community. There will be supervised sporting activities provided by Proactivity to provide some energetic entertainment for the children from 6.00pm – 7.00pm on the tennis courts. And this year there will also be a sausage sizzle, icy poles and Pimms & Beer bar.

Parent Volunteers
We are still in need of some more volunteers to run this fun night. So, please if you can assist with either the food or drink stalls on the night please contact the PFA on armadalepfa@gmail.com, or have a chat with Sarah Barlow.

PFA Meeting
The next PFA Meeting is on Tuesday 1st March at 2:30pm in the Staff Room. This meeting is open to all Armadale parents, so please come along as we continue to plan all our exciting Armadale Primary events for the year.

Icy Poles
Don’t forget to put $1.00 in your child’s bag tomorrow for Icy Poles.

Kind regards

The Armadale PFA Committee
Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com

Notizie d’italiano
The new Culture and Community Leaders for this year are Alessandro Maciel Pizzorno Bazzo from 6K and Jack Preston from 6Z.

Each week at assembly we will present the Italian phrase of the week, or introduce students from other classes to talk about what they have been learning in Italian.

We are looking forward to preparing and presenting the phrase of the week.

La frase della settimana - The phrase of the week:

♦ Quanti regioni ci sono in Italia?
♦ How many regions are there in Italy?
♦ In Italia ci sono venti regioni.
♦ In Italy, there are twenty regions.

Also, Italy is the same size as Victoria, but has nearly three times the population.

Jack e Alessandro
2016 Culture and Community Leaders

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.
ARMADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FAMILY WELCOME PICNIC

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
PIMMS AND BEER BAR
POP CORN / ICY POLES
KIDS ACTIVITIES
* BYO PICNIC
(NO GLASS PLEASE)

FEBRUARY 26th

5:30 - 8:00
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- **Permanent Part-time/Job Share**
  - (school friendly hours)
- **High Street Armadale**
- **Fantastic team environment**

Fitwise Physiotherapy is an exciting Women’s Health Physiotherapy Practice in Armadale.

As our practice continues to grow we need an enthusiastic person with exceptional organizational and customer service skills to join our front desk team. Flexibility and ability to work autonomously essential.

Familiarity with basic Microsoft programs required.

For further information please email lee@fitwise.com.au or call lee on 9822-4999
Scapes

Artworks by
Cressida Beale & Kylie Thomas
www.cressidabeale.com  www.kyliethomasartist.com

Exhibition opening
Saturday 5th March 2016
2.30 pm

To be opened by
Bronwen Colman,
Curator of Public Sculpture

Supported by
MARSHALL WHITE

Works can be viewed from
Thursday 3rd March until,
Sunday 20th March, 2016
- at -
chapel off chapel

12 Little Chapel Street.
Prahran VIC 3181
Box Office: 03 8290 7000
www.chapeloffchapel.com.au
- Gallery hours -
12.00 - 5.00 pm 7 days

Do you find that your son seems hyperactive?
Have you noticed that your son gets distracted easily and has
difficulties staying focused and finishing his homework?

At Swinburne University we are currently investigating the effects of
a natural medicine, a special extract of *Bacopa monnieri*, and its
ability to reduce symptoms related to hyperactivity, inattention and
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For more information, please contact James Kean
on (03) 9214 5782 or jkean@swin.edu.au

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Jim’s Cleaning Armadale would like to offer the Parents of Students at Armadale Primary School an opportunity for a free quote on any of your Cleaning requirements. The specific treatments are for Bathrooms, Kitchens, Ovens and Windows. However, we can assist with any of your needs, no matter how big or small.

Living locally enables us to support families and small business owners in the community and it will also enable us to provide our clients with a cost effective cleaning solution; quickly, reliably and efficiently.

Call Mark and Ali on 0439 634 384 for further information regarding our services or simply email us at ali.mark@jimscleaning.net.au and we will contact you directly. We value your local support and look forward to meeting with you shortly,

Kind regards,

Mark and Ali.
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