Dear Parents,

“100 Years of Cars” event is almost here! A few more sleeps until our school is ablaze with the most amazing historical racing and prestige cars in the world! This fantastic car show will bring so many people to our school and embrace our wonderful community. There was a well written article and gorgeous photo of the students in this week’s Stonnington Leader which promoted the event. Last Wednesday was certainly the closest I have ever been to a Ferrari. The children are incredibly excited by what the day will bring, with many activities apart from the cars, to keep them entertained. The day starts at 10.00am and will conclude at 3.00pm. Please bring the entire family and your friends to this great show. Thank you to all the parents who have donated prizes, baked cakes and have volunteered to help at one of the stalls. If anyone can volunteer an hour of their time on the day please let Sarah and Caz know at armadalepfa@gmail.com. Thank you in advance and see you at the starting line.

Great feedback from the recent Family Conferences
Thank you to all the parents who made time to meet with the class teacher and discuss their child’s learning for this year. It is so important that this partnership starts early and that the communication between school and home is open, honest and transparent. We are all closely aligned in only wanting the best outcomes for our students and that their educational journey at APS is a rich and rewarding one. Thank you to my teachers for putting in two very long day consecutive days to build these partnerships with our parents. From all the parents that I have spoken to, the feedback has been incredibly positive with children being very happy; they are highly self-aware of their learning aptitudes and can articulate the areas they need to focus on.

Special Religious Instruction (SRI)
In recent years, DET has revised many of its practices in regards to the implementation of SRI in government schools. The most significant of these changes, is the need to review SRI provision on an annual basis, with any decisions about the program being directly linked to parents explicitly opting into the program. In mid-2014, we made a decision to not provide the program given that only an average of 20% of parents gave permission for their child/ren to participate in SRI. I encourage all parents to carefully consider the SRI form that has been distributed shortly and to explore the relevant links and information provided on the form in order to make an informed decision on this sensitive matter. To support our decision making processes, we ask that signed forms are returned to school by Tuesday 3rd March. I will then advise our school community as to whether we can provide SRI or not this year.

Dogs in the school yard and tied up to one of the gates
Just a gentle reminder to parents that dogs are not allowed in our school yard unless they have been brought into the classroom for a special purpose. May I also request that parents tie their dogs up away from the main gates where young children and toddlers walk through. There have been reports of toddlers being very scared by dogs on leashes tied to our main gates. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

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This Week’s Awards

Performing Artist of the Week:
Jack Gatehouse

Performing Art Class of the Week:
3/4E

Visual Artist of the Week:
Isabella Keyte

Visual Art Class of the Week:
6N

You Can Do It! Awards:
Ben Forster 1/2D
Harrison Banks 1/2E
Martha Officer 1/2P
Keaton Saggers 1/2W
Riley Thompson 3/4A
Bill Wang 3/4A
Imogen Bickford 3/4E
Emma Zagame 3/4J
Polly Yeats 5B
Luna Cho 6Z

Children who walk home from school

May I please request that parents reinforce to their children the importance of only using traffic lights and pedestrian crossings when walking home from school. I have reports of children running across High Street in between cars and not seeing the approaching tram or cars. Please ensure that the children obey the traffic signals and never attempt to beat the lights especially with cars wanting to make a left hand turn into a busy street. I would be mortified if any of our students were hurt in a traffic accident.

Second-hand uniform cupboard needs clearing

We are so grateful to many ex-Armadale families for donating uniforms that are no longer required for our current families to use. We now however have a number of uniforms that do need sorting. They can be washed and dried in our sick bay, but we do need some volunteers to help with this. If you can at all give up a few hours we would be very grateful and please let Christine Leyshan know if you can help.

Prep Cocktail party

Tomorrow evening starts our annual round of cocktail parties for all our parents, with our Prep parents being the first group to kick these off. We hope you have a wonderful evening and have started to cement some lovely friendships. I look forward to hearing all about the evening. Our Prep students have now completed their first month of school and are now ready to begin their first full week at school. Just a reminder to parents that the finishing time for all our Prep children will now be at 3.30pm which starts this coming Monday March 2nd. I am sure you will all agree that the early finishing times were needed in this first month.

School Council Annual General Meeting

7.00pm on Monday March 2nd

Our School Council will meet on Monday evening at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Our closing date for nominations to the 2015 School Council is at 4.00pm this afternoon. I will then know whether our number of nominations meets the number of vacancies that we have and those nominated are then considered elected, or whether I will need to call for an election. Either way, thank you so very much to those councillors who have nominated themselves to be on our school council. Your input and commitment is greatly appreciated.

Year 6 Leaders’ Breakfast - Friday morning 8.00am in the Library (note venue change from PA Room)

I look forward to a celebratory breakfast with our Year 6 students and their parents tomorrow morning in the library at 8.00am. We will also acknowledge the leadership of seven of our Year 5 students as well, who are our Green Team and Community and Culture Leaders. All students will be presented with embroidered badges to be sewn onto their jackets and will be united in reading their pledge and commitment to their leadership role.

Inner South Network Principal Conference March 4th – 6th

Next week from Wednesday to Friday, Malcolm and I will attend the Principal Leadership Conference at Creswick. The theme of the conference is “Leaders as Architects of Creative Schools”. We will have a range of international and local speakers to inspire us and you may have heard of these keynotes at some point: Stephen Harris; Anthony Muhammad; Bruce Armstrong; Eric Bailey and Jane Caro.

As I have been on the Planning Committee for the conference I am very excited about being inspired and bringing back my learnings to the school. I look forward to sharing these with you in the week following. During our absence, Peter and Connie will be Acting Principals.

Have a wonderful week.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Assistant Principal

Online Learning

By now most students in Years 1 – 5 should have their Mathletics and Reading Eggs usernames and passwords, or be about to receive them in the next few days. We have been working through these in ICT over the past couple of weeks and most students seem to be working on these programs with no issues. We are suggesting that the children use Mathletics and Reading Eggs at least once per week each, just to keep up with the program and develop suitable skills across a range of areas. The benefits of both of these programs are that they are highly individualised and they will allow the students to all progress at exactly the level that they are capable of working at. Please let me know if there are any issues with either of these programs at home.

The year 6 students have just been signed up for their Digital Licences. The eSmart Digital Licence is an online challenge which uses quizzes, videos and games to prepare Australian children (aged ten and over) to be smart, safe and responsible digital citizens. The Digital Licence consists of eight learning modules which evaluate comprehension of key technology and cybersafety topics and equip children with the knowledge and skills they require to learn, play and socialise online. Each module takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. In addition to teaching core digital skills, the Digital Licence will promote conversations about online safety between young people and their parents, carers and teachers.

Books for Fiji

Many thanks to all of the families that have generously given many lovely books to the Books for Fiji Campaign. Fiona Luth who is coordinating the drive has asked me to pass on her thanks for all of the great book donations so far. I am sure that we can achieve our goal of finding 1000 books to donate. If you haven’t yet had a little clean out of your shelves this weekend might be a great time to do it.

Ride2School Day Friday 13th March

Unfortunately I will be on leave for this year’s Ride2School Day, but I know that Peter Cracknell and other staff members are planning some great activities for Ride2School Day. There will be raffle tickets to everyone who rides their bike, with some great prizes to be won, as well as the Best Decorated Bike competition too. Start practising riding to school over the next couple of weeks; the weather is great and it is such an enjoyable way to get to school. As the sign says, if you can’t ride, then perhaps you can walk, skate or scoot too. I just went into the Ride2School website and look at who are on the front page! One former, and two current Armadale students.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
Performing Arts News

Performing Arts Class of the Week: 3/4E
for an outstanding start to the year. You have all demonstrated an incredible passion for Performing Arts. You’re a force to be reckoned with!

Performing Artist of the Week: Jack Gatehouse
for the incredible dramatic and comedic flair that you consistently demonstrate in Performing Arts. You are a true performer!

Lisa Vollugi
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Prep &Year 1/2 Bulletins

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.

Library News

Scholastic #2:
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Term 2 Theme:
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For example: A4 page:

Obi, 3 years old, Brett’s pet.
Obi likes to act as an alarm clock and wakes everyone up at 7am for his breakfast.

Happy reading,
Brett Leyshan
Leyshan.brett.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week: Isabella Keyte Prep S
For the wonderful patterns she drew on her bug and for the excellent painting skills she displayed when creating a wash with food dye and poster colour.

Visual Art Class of the Week: 6N
For the excellent drawings they have done using one point and two point perspective. They were very focused and persisted when faced with challenges.

Year 6 Incursion - Anzac Centenary Commemorative Project
During art time next week, year 6 students will be participating in an Anzac Centenary Commemorative project. Students will be making 100mm x 100mm poppy tiles made from terracotta clay. Once painted, these will form the border of a commemorative glass mosaic of Sir John Monash produced by Melbourne ‘mosaicman’, Mr Sankar Nadeson. The finished mosaic will be gifted to our school and hung up somewhere within the grounds/building.

This project is fully funded by the State Government.

Art Smocks
There are still a number of students that have not brought an art smock to school yet. Each class has an Art Smock tub which is kept in their classroom and brought to the Art Room for each lesson. Please make sure smocks are clearly named and are in the classroom Art Smock Tub by the end of this week.

Smocks can be purchased from:
PSW (Primary and Secondary Schoolwear) 12 Strathalbyn Street East Kew
Alternatively if you can find a smock elsewhere just make sure the material is similar to a rain jacket and the smock has long sleeves. Riot Art and Craft in Malvern sell these too.

Riot Art and Craft
109 Glenferrie Rd Malvern

Thank you for your support.
Lucy Gorman

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The 5 Keys of YCDI! Education

Our core purpose is the development of young people’s social and emotional capabilities, including:

- Confidence (academic, social)
- Persistence
- Organisation
- Getting Along, and
- Resilience.

Central to the development of these 5 Key Foundations is instilling in young people 12 Habits of the Mind, including:

- Accepting Myself
- Taking Risks
- Being Independent
- I Can Do It
- Giving Effort
- Working Tough
- Setting Goals
- Planning My Time
- Being Tolerant of Others
- Thinking First
- Playing by the Rules, and
- Social Responsibility

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**You Can Do It! Awards**

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<td>1/2D</td>
<td>For always trying his very best and having a positive attitude towards learning new things. Keep it up, Ben!</td>
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<td>Harrison Banks</td>
<td>1/2E</td>
<td>For the confidence and consistent effort that he applies to all classroom activities.</td>
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<td>Martha Officer</td>
<td>1/2P</td>
<td>For demonstrating amazing resilience in her determination to come to school although she was in pain with an ear infection. How brave Martha!</td>
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<td>Keaton Sagers</td>
<td>1/2W</td>
<td>For being a respectful and caring member of the class and for demonstrating excellent &quot;getting along&quot; skills. Well done Keaton!</td>
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<td>Riley Thompson</td>
<td>3/4A</td>
<td>For being a fantastic listener at the &quot;Aboriginal for a Day&quot; incursion, engaging with all of the activities and asking interesting questions.</td>
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<td>Bill Wang</td>
<td>3/4A</td>
<td>For participating in the &quot;Aboriginal for a Day&quot; incursion and showing all of year 3/4 how strong you are by doing lots of push ups, as well as how to be a goanna in the Aboriginal dancing.</td>
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<td>Imogen Bickford</td>
<td>3/4E</td>
<td>For always being a kind and considerate class member and even helping the younger children in the playground. You are truly lovely Immi!</td>
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<td>Emma Zagame</td>
<td>3/4J</td>
<td>For always demonstrating her getting along skills when assisting other students. Emma is first to volunteer to help when needed.</td>
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<td>Polly Yeats</td>
<td>5B</td>
<td>For happily helping out another student complete numerous tasks and for always offering assistance to those around her. You have a kind heart Polly!</td>
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<td>Luna Cho</td>
<td>6Z</td>
<td>For being an excellent role model to her Prep buddies and conducting a fantastic interview to find out more about Sofija and Leah.</td>
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Hi everyone,

We had a fantastic turn out on Friday at the whole School Welcome Picnic. And thanks to our friends at Allsportz, we hope everyone had a FUN night.

Other upcoming events for Term 1 include:

- **“100 Years of Cars”** – Sunday 1st March 2015
- **Prep Cocktail Party** – 27th February 2015 at “Harry Hall”
- **Grade 6 Cocktail Party** – 13th March 2015
- **Grade 5 Cocktail Party** – 20th March 2015
- **Easter Raffle and Easter Hampers** - to be drawn in the last week of term

“100 Years of Cars”

Gretchen Puccinelli (Cas’s mum 1/2W), has been working extremely hard to organise what will be an amazing day for car lovers and a fun day for all. The day will celebrate the history of cars. There will be a number of cars on display, together with a jumping castle, face painting, head braiding, sausage sizzle, cake stall just to mention a few.

The stalls do require volunteers, however as there appears to have been an error with the set-up of volunteer spot, if you are able to volunteer could you please email the PFA directly: armadalepfa@gmail.com

Prep Cocktail Party

The Prep Cocktail party is to be held this Friday 27th February upstairs at Harry Hall, 115 Glenferrie Road, Malvern from 7pm – 9pm. The cost will be $35 per head, which includes nibbles and a drink on arrival. Drinks will be available at a reduced rate for the remainder of the evening. If you have not already booked and paid for your tickets, the trybooking details are: www.trybooking.com/GZMC

Grade 6 & Grade 5 Cocktail Party

The second and third functions to be held for 2015 will be the Grade 6 and then the Grade 5 cocktail parties.

The Grade 6 Cocktail party will be held on Friday 13th March and the Grade 5 Cocktail party will be held on Friday 20th March. Both functions will be upstairs at Harry Hall, 115 Glenferrie Road, Malvern from 7pm – 9pm. An invitation with all the details will be handed out to all students by their classroom teacher in the coming weeks. These parties are always a great night out, and a wonderful chance to meet parents and staff in an informal setting. If you have any questions, your class room rep will be more than happy to assist.

Easter Raffle – Last Day of Term

We celebrate Easter at Armadale Primary with fantastic hampers filled with Easter treats. The hampers are filled with eggs generously donated by all families. If you can afford to donate an egg or two, then please place your Easter egg/s in the basket in the front office so each class can put together their amazing Easter hamper creations.

With the eggs that have been donated, each class at Armadale Primary will be able to create their own amazing hamper. They will be given a plain cardboard box and will be asked to decorate the box and then fill with eggs to create a master piece! This year three hampers will be handed out to our 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize raffle winners, with the remaining hampers to be given to “Very Special Kids” by Rochelle and our school leaders. With regards to the raffle tickets, there has been a slight change to last year, the Raffle tickets will be sold by the class reps starting from the week of the 9th March (10th March), with the Easter Raffle tickets to be drawn at the final assembly on Friday 27th March.

We really appreciate your support and we are sure Very Special Kids will also enjoy your generosity!

Icy Poles

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

Kind regards

Caz Laughton and Sarah Monahan
PFA Co-Presidents
Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com
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Donation on Entry
To all the APS families....

We have a very exciting event happening at our school grounds on Sunday 1\textsuperscript{st} March from 10.00am to 3.00pm - \textbf{100 Years of Cars}.

As this will generate lots of people into our gorgeous school grounds, it is a fabulous opportunity to have a cake stall and raise some funds for our great APS.

Once again we call on your baking, creating or gardening talents (baked goods, jams, cordials, herbs, lemons, flowers, craft items etc). Please start thinking about what you could generously donate. Our APS stalls are such a great collection of delicious and clever treats!

As the event is on Sunday 1\textsuperscript{st} March we ask for all donations that can be made prior (and stay fresh) be delivered on Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} February to the Italian room from 2.30pm (for wrapping and pricing). Otherwise all other fresh items that can’t be baked prior please deliver fresh on Sunday 1\textsuperscript{st} March, from 8.00am until 10.00am! Don’t forget if you don’t bake, it can be any donated item (or even a money donation!) that can enhance our cake stall.

This week I have sent home with your eldest child, a cake stall information parcel, please look out for it!

If you are able to help with wrapping tomorrow Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} from 2.30pm, or on Sunday 1\textsuperscript{st} between 8.00am and 2.00pm, please contact me on 0419 601 788.

Thank you all so much for your support....any questions please call me!

\textit{Michelle Moffat}
\textit{Phone: 0419 601 788}
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