Dear Parents,

Thank you to those parents who have been so generous recently by making contributions to our building fund. We have really appreciated all of your support and it enables our pipe dreams to become a reality. We have certainly made headway towards our target, but there is still a long way to go. Don’t forget that your donation is a legitimate tax deduction!

Thank you Mr Cracknell

The students in Years 3 – 6 are just about to complete their 9 day intensive swimming program at Lauriston. The students have enjoyed this program immensely and it is reassuring to know that the majority of our children will have learnt to swim in readiness for the forthcoming summer season. I also know that many of our children undertake private swimming lessons and that many of them are already highly skilled and competent swimmers, for example our Armadale Dolphins who went on to state championships. Thank you Peter Cracknell for organising the program, thank you also to all the teachers for accommodating the curriculum changes necessary and to all the parents who accompanied the classes to swimming and helped out, we are very grateful. The Preps–Year 2 students will start their program later in the year when the weather is warmer!

Parent code of Conduct

We are incredibly fortunate at APS that we have a wonderfully supportive parent community who are highly aspirational and recognise the fantastic job that our teachers do each and every day. Our teachers are always highly professional and always have the wellbeing of your child at the centre of everything we do. A couple of incidences recently have caused concern from the staff, where parents have tried to engage staff in discussions at or during inappropriate times. We care very deeply about your children and we are more than happy to support their learning and social interactions and help them get along. But it is impossible to do such a discussion justice, when staff are disrupted during their lunchtimes, when they are on yard duty and on their way to their class or to meetings. May I ask parents then to please make an appointment with the teacher and/ or myself at a mutually appropriate time, should you have any concerns or complaints that you would like to raise. As we work incredibly hard to build up a culture of respect with all of our students and instil kindness and manners in them and as you are their most important role models, I would appreciate your support in always demonstrating respectful behaviours towards my staff and towards each other. I have included an excerpt from the school’s “Student Engagement Policy” which outlines the Rights and Responsibilities of Parents. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a community to make a school a great place to be.

See over the page for the table outlining the:

Rights and Responsibilities of Parents/carers

Principal’s report continued over page ...

This Week’s Events

Friday 30 May
❖ Year 1&2 excursion to Heide 1/2E &1/2A
please ensure children arrive at school by 8.45am
❖ Swimming lessons Years 3-6
❖ Years 1&2 Cocktail Party

Coming Events

Thursday 5 June
❖ World Environment Day
❖ Year 1&2 excursion to Heide 1/2D, 1/2K & 1/2P
❖ Year 5&6 Touch Rugby Gala Day

Monday 9 June
❖ Queen’s Birthday holiday

Tuesday 10 June
❖ Student-free Staff Training Day
This Week’s Awards

House Points
Northcote won this week’s house points. Congratulations!

Artist of the Week:
Matilda Hayman

Art Class of the Week: 1/2E

You Can Do It! Awards:
Haydn Sheean Prep C
Isabel Larner Prep P
Nina Portnoy Prep S
Alexia Sideropoulos Prep S
Harrison Shaw 1/2A
Violet Johnson 1/2A
Ivy Graham 1/2D
Madi McGrory 1/2E
Poppy Morrison 1/2K
Catarina David 1/2P
Sienna Gee 3/4C
Stefan Rajchevikj 3/4J
Jamie Shaw 3/4M
James Bessell 3/4M
Dylan McAlpine 3/4S
Noah Holuigue 3/4S
Sebastian Pegler 3/4W
Athena Gallagher 6N
Millie Bennetts 6Z

Rights

- Parents/carers have a right to expect that their children will be educated in a secure environment in which care, courtesy and respect for the rights of others are encouraged.
- Expect that the safe, supportive and shared environment will be provided to both teachers and children.
- Feel that their children are safe and respected as individuals by their teachers.
- Have the right to communicate freely with teachers.
- To be involved and included in the school community.
- Accurate information about their child.
- Knowledge that their child is safe at school.
- Have an informed say in school matters through school council.
- Participate in school programs as appropriate.
- See their children go to school in a happy state of mind and return home happy too.
- Have their say within reason.
- Have their opinion respected.
- All parents have the right to know that their children are learning at school.

Responsibilities

- Parents/carers have a responsibility to:
  - promote positive educational outcomes for their children by taking an active interest in their child’s educational progress and by modelling positive behaviours.
  - Reinforce our school’s expectations.
  - Ensure their child’s regular attendance.
  - Engage in regular and constructive communication with school staff regarding their child’s learning.
  - Support the school in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students.
  - Ensure their child attends school.
  - Ensure their children are punctual.
  - Not to interrupt class lessons.
  - Support school programs and our curriculum.
  - Treat, staff, students and other parents with respect.
  - Actively participate in their children’s learning.
  - Keep their child safe.
  - Bring their children on time to school.
  - Ensure their child eats healthy lunches and snacks.
  - To be a good role model to their children.
  - To be involved in their child’s education.
  - Provide 10 hours sleep to children.
  - Contribute to school activities and functions.

Playing on the Dome

Just a reminder to parents that children under Year 3 are not allowed to play on the Dome at any point during the school day, due to height and weight restrictions. They are simply not tall nor strong enough yet to manage the wider spaces between the ropes and the height off the ground. The red net and play equipment adjacent to the sand pit are perfect for our younger students to climb.

Safety in our school

Even though the incident at Glenferrie Primary school turned out to be a hoax, I still would like parents to have children remain inside our yard until they are picked up by a parent/guardian. May I also request that parents who use the 5 minute drop off zone outside the front of the school, please stick to the 5 minute time limit and then enable other parents to quickly park there.

Thank you everyone for co-operation with these matters.

Kind regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Nude Food Ideas

4-Ingredient Banana Oat Bars

2 large, very ripe bananas
1 teaspoon vanilla (optional)
2 cups rolled oats
1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
1/4 cup pitted, chopped dried dates
1/4 cup chopped nuts — such as walnuts, hazelnuts or pecans
Grated nutmeg or cinnamon (optional)

Heat the oven to 350°F and lightly grease a 23x23cm square baking dish with olive oil or butter.

Peel the bananas and mash their flesh in a medium mixing bowl. Mash very thoroughly until no large chunks remain; the bananas should be essentially liquid — you will have between 1 cup and 1 1/4 cups. Stir in the vanilla, if using. Add the oats and stir them in. Stir in the salt, dates, and nuts. Pat the thick mixture evenly into the baking pan. If desired, sprinkle the top lightly with nutmeg or cinnamon.

Bake for 30 minutes or until the edges just begin to crisp up.

Place the baking pan on a rack to cool. When the pan is mostly cool, cut into bars.

Cyber Smart

Just following on from our session last week for Education Week, I came across this little snippet from the Cybersmart website. It contains some nice simple advice for children who may be experiencing any forms of cyber bullying:

What to do if somebody is being mean to you online:
The internet lets us watch videos, play all kinds of games and find out interesting stuff.
But sometimes people can be mean on the internet, just like some people are mean in real life.

If someone is being mean to you while you are on the internet or on a mobile phone:
1. Tell one of these people: your mum or dad, your teacher, an aunty, an uncle, a grandparent, your brother, your sister or a friend. Keep telling them until they help.
2. Don’t answer any of their mean comments. Save them and show them to a parent or teacher
3. Get a parent or teacher to help you block them so they can’t contact you any more
4. Report them to the game/video host so they get blocked
5. Remember it isn’t your fault if someone is mean online. Nobody should be bullied.

Nude Food Day Q and A

As it is now only one week to go until we remove the rubbish bins from the grounds of Armadale Primary School, I thought it would be a good idea to address some of the questions that I have been asked by parents, students and staff over the past few weeks:

Q. Will my child be punished if they bring non reusable wrappers or packaging to school?
A. No they will not be punished, they will simply be asked to take the rubbish back home with them, this may involve packing it back into their lunch box, or putting it into their pocket.

Q. What is the point of opening the packet at home and putting it into a reusable container? The same amount of rubbish is generated.
A. The idea is that we hope parents will start to think more creatively about their child’s food and snacks, and either buy in bulk, or follow Pam Johnson’s lead and make healthier and cheaper snack food at home.

Q. My child loves his/her pack of chips/twisties/sweet biscuits each recess. What can I use as an alternative?
A. There are many more nutritious alternatives that don’t come in a throw away pack. Buy bulk quantities of dried fruit or nuts, and then just put the required amount in the container each day. Better still get your children to do the selecting and packing. Fresh fruit, such as bananas, are about as healthy and inexpensive as you can find, and they have no packaging.

Q. So what do they do with the fruit scraps when they are outside in the playground?
A. There will be a compost bin placed near the junior vegetable garden. Please place all fruit scraps in there.

Q. My child has a lunch order from Classroom Cuisine. Where does he/she put the packaging?
A. All classroom cuisine packaging is recyclable, the children just need to place the containers in the recycling bins inside or outside.

Please let me know if you have another question that hasn’t been covered here, and I will try to address it in next week’s newsletter.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
Hi everyone,

Being a PFA President has its privileges. We are privileged to often be ‘the go to’ person in the yard for children and parents alike who have wide ranging queries from “Mish, where’s my class this morning?” to “Do they still need hats this term?”. We are privileged to have close relationships with both our teaching and office staff. We are privileged to gain insights into their total workload and how involved they are in raising our children to be the best they can be. We are privileged in knowing the future plans that will forge a better future for APS and very privileged to help make them a reality.

But, most importantly, we are privileged to have such a wonderful parent, helper and child community who supports us and our school to be the best school for our children.

You too can feel the privilege of being a PFA President. You too can feel the wonder and warmth that comes with a child coming to you for advice because you are a well-known and trusted member of our school community.

Being a PFA President has its privileges, yes, but the rewards of being a PFA President are priceless.

Sadly, Brig and I will be relinquishing our role at the end of the year and we are asking you to put your hand up for this most special role for 2015. Grab a friend and email us. Everyone welcome, especially our new Prep parents – this is a great way to forge lasting relationships with all levels in our community and be a decision maker in allocating funds to what will most benefit our children.

Our next PFA meeting is June 22, 9am in the Italian Room. You can be a ‘tyre kicker’ or serious contender for a role on the committee. Please join us – we love company and welcome all input.

Please check out the following PFA activities:
- Level1/2 Cocktail Party – Tomorrow 7.30pm @ The Mt Erica. See you there!
- Level 5 Cocktail Party – June 19 (Thursday) TBC
- Prep Tulip Drive – June. More on this later
- End Term 2 – June 27
- Term 3 Herb Drive – July 22.

Term 3 Herb Drive
Sick of chocolates? You’re not the only one! This year we have replaced our annual chocolate drive with a herb drive. You can purchase a herb pack or gift a pack. It’s healthy, tasty, aromatic and a great hands-on educator for our children, not to mention a money-saver at the checkout. More on this later.

Some things you might think about….
Got that smock yet?
Year 3/4 Camp Rumbug deposit. RSVP’d yet?
Done a nit check this week? Tonight then?
Is your child swimming this week? Might like to add a little to the lunchbox and remind them to suck on their drink bottle and fill it during the day if empty.
Have a Peter Pan cast member? Check the timetable on the MPC window and don’t forget your song folder and snack for rehearsals.

Please keep checking the newsletter and your specialist year level bulletin to keep up to date with all things APS.

Exciting Things Happen At Armadale Primary
Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick
0412554434 0412128164
Email: mish@mcgroryonline.com brigid@warwick.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents

Prep & Year 1/2 Bulletins
Please click on the following links to read this week’s news from your child’s classroom:
- Prep bulletin
- Year 1/2 bulletin

Click on this link to go to the bulletin page or go to the Students tab on the website and then your child’s class for all the latest news.

Swimming for Years 3 - 6

The last swimming lesson is tomorrow at the Lauriston Girls’ School Swim Centre on:
Friday 30th May
Each lesson is approximately 40 minutes with trained swimming instructors provided at the following times:
- 5F & 45B 9:30-10:10am
- 6Z & 6N 10:10-10:50am
- 3/4C & 3/4S 10:50-11:30am
- 3/4M & 3/4W 11:30am-12:10pm
- 3/4J 12:10-12.50pm

Year 5 & 6 Touch Rugby Gala Day
Next Friday 6 June the Year 5&6 students will be participating in a Gala Day. Information was distributed to the children today.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator
Today we will be having a fun day at school with a variety of craft, science and sports activities.

Activities begin at 10.00am. Opening times: 8:00am—6:00pm
Cost: $60 per child (CCB reduction may apply)

Child’s Name: __________________________

I consent to my child taking part in this incursion and where the leader in charge of the incursion is unable to contact me, or it is otherwise impractical to contact me, I authorise the leader in charge to:
- Organise medical transportation for my child
- Consent to my child receiving such medical or surgical attention as may be deemed necessary by a medical practitioner,
- Administer such first aid as the leader in charge may judge to be reasonably necessary.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: __________________________ Date: __________

Student Banking

Congratulations to the following children who have qualified for a Dollarmites Bronze Certificate for making 10 deposits this year.

- Toby Ralph
- Edward Millear
- Daniel Barlow
- Ezekiel Roufail
- Birinderjit Singh
- Winnie Mastores
- Coco Gallichio

If you have ordered a reward item with your tokens, please check for a note in your deposit wallet which will advise you when it is available for collection from the office.

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

Visual Arts News

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Year 1/2 Gardening Club

Our salad bar held on Tuesday at recess was a great success!

Grazie to the following gardening club students for harvesting, washing, and preparing the celery from the prep garden for our salad bar:

Pascale, Zoe, Felicity, Sweekrit, Shriyans, Robert and Camille

Students loved the celery with cream cheese!

Grazie.

Vita Vampatella
Languages Co-ordinator

World Environment Day at Armadale

_Thursday 5 June_ marks a new era for Armadale: No Outside Rubbish Bins Anymore!

To celebrate this we are having special day which coincides with _World Environment Day_ where we will ceremonially remove the outside bins and look at where rubbish goes to and the effect that it has on the environment. This will help everyone understand why we are becoming 100% Nude.

The Environment Committee has been planning the day and below is a very brief outline of how the day will run.

**PROGRAM FOR THE DAY**

9.00- 9.30 All classes: Assembly outside - a song and a speech or two, followed by the removal of the outside rubbish bins

10.00 – 11.00 Year 5 and 6: Baykeepers film and discussion by April Seymour from Port Phillip Eco Centre in MPC

10.00 – 3.30 Each level will be involved in the following session:
Presentation about where our waste goes by Louise Donaghey from Envirocom

Thank you to those parents who made a donation this week - we are up to $2825
You Can Do It! Awards

Haydn Sheean Prep C
For always working really hard to do her best.

Isabel Larner Prep P
For offering to write, on behalf of all the Preps, a letter to Vita so that she could help us use our basil.

Nina Portnoy Prep S
For the confident manner in which she presented her talk on crystals and the creativity she displayed when creating her crystal box. Well done Nina!

Alexia Sideropoulos Prep S
For the lovely and thoughtful connection she made with the story of The Bad-Tempered Ladybird. Well done Alexia!

Harrison Shaw 1/2A
For doing his homework, learning all of his spelling words, and writing a recount in his best handwriting.

Violet Johnson 1/2A
For being an enthusiastic learner, researching and creating an interesting diorama of a tropical rainforest.

Ivy Graham 1/2D
For confidently engaging her classmates with interesting stories and facts about her horses. What a great passion, Ivy!

Madi McGorry 1/2E
For working hard on her spelling with great results and demonstrating persistence with her Numeracy.

Poppy Morrison 1/2K
For working independently and conscientiously during her investigation of Loom Bands.

Catarina David 1/2P
For being focused while she has been doing her reading and maths assessments. A fantastic effort!

Sienna Gee 3/4C
For persisting with a maths problem until she got it right. Fantastic effort Sienna!

Stefan Rajchevikj 3/4J
For being so resilient whilst learning how to swim. Stefan has demonstrated persistence even when some of the lessons have been difficult for him. Good boy Stefan!

Jamie Shaw 3/4M
For displaying resilience and cooperation throughout the swimming block. Well done on always completing your lessons with care and displaying safe walking skills!

James Bessell 3/4M
For displaying resilience and cooperation throughout the swimming block. Well done on always maintaining a positive attitude when completing your lessons!

Dylan McAlpine 3/4S
For the intelligent and methodical way you approached a difficult mathematical problem. Great problem solving, Dylan!

Noah Holuigue 3/4S
For the terrific persistence and pride you demonstrated when practising your circus skill. I was so impressed, Noah!

Sebastian Pegler 3/4W
For concentrating and making a great effort to improve his handwriting in all written tasks. A great effort Sebastian!

Athena Gallagher 6N
For the persistence and determination she displays when participating in Circus Skills. Very impressive stilt-walking skills Athena, great job!

Millie Bennetts 6Z
For displaying confidence and persistence throughout the swimming and circus skills programs. Keep up the great work Millie!

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
Whilst all care is taken to ensure the validity of advertisements in this newsletter we take no responsibility and imply no endorsement.

**Is your Grade 6 child a high achiever?**

Auburn High School offers an accredited Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program which brings together like-minded, high-achieving students and helps them to fulfil their potential.

- Please register your interest online by June 13, for your child to sit a test on June 21.
- For more information, please visit www.auburnhs.vic.edu.au or call 9822 3247.

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**Elite Tennis Academy is offering a 3 WEEK FREE TRIAL of Tennis Hot Shots for three consecutive weeks in June 2014!**

Tennis Hot Shots is a grassroots tennis program for children aged 3-8 years. Smaller courts, lighter rackets, and low compression balls makes it easy for kids to hit the ball in their first lesson.

Lessons will be held at:
- St Andrew’s Gardiner Tennis Club
- Karra Road, Glen Iris, VIC, 3146
(located near Burke Rd & Monash Fwy Int)

We have limited places available so be sure to book your free trial soon to avoid disappointment!

For more information or to book your child in you can visit our website: www.elitetennisacademy.com.au

Do you have a question? Email Kate: info@elitetennisacademy.com.au

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**Little St. Margaret's: 85th Year Celebrations**

Please join us and enjoy the celebrations at an Afternoon Tea Party for past students from 1920s – 1970s

Friday 30th May, 2-4pm at Little St Margaret’s Kindergarten

Special Guest Ms Kelly O’Dwyer MP

RSVP events@littlestmargarets.com.au or call 9822 7106 by 21st May
Do you have any **warm winter coats** or **clothing** your children no longer need? St Kilda Mums needs your help to find 1000 coats for babies and children in need.

St Kilda Mums is a not-for-profit organisation run and staffed by volunteers, operating from our own warehouse in St Kilda.

We collect donations of nursery equipment and recycle cots, prams, bassinets, clothes and other baby essentials by cleaning and repairing them, and making sure they meet safety requirements.

We receive requests from Maternal Health Nurses and local charities on behalf of families in need. We then try to match our stock with what each family needs.

As you might guess, demand always exceeds supply. For this coat drive we aim to warn 1000 babies & children.

Now that the weather has begun to get chilly, there are many families who are not able to keep their babies and children warm, or allow them to play outside, due to an inability to afford warm winter clothes.

We would particularly love coats, but will gladly accept all warm clothing, hats, gumboots, gloves, scarves, etc.

Please also ensure they are freshly-washed, with no holes, rips or bad staining. A good guide is to think “would I give this to a friend”?

If you have any warm, winter clothes from size 1 to 10 that your children no longer need please email us at donate@stkildamums.org

If you would like more information please contact us or visit our website www.stkildamums.org

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**Enrolments for 2015 are now open.**

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