Dear Armadale Community,

I was thrilled to receive a number of emails over the weekend from parents who thanked and acknowledged all of the staff who attended the Canberra camp. I am very grateful that we have a community who appreciate the commitment my staff put into the experiences afforded to our children that go above and beyond the daily curriculum. I particularly wanted to single out Zaim Zeneli who designed and organised the whole trip, from the transport and plane travel, to all the sites the children visited, the accommodation and all the meals and activities the children participated in. We usually outsource this trip to a particular company, but when Zaim offered to take up the challenge himself, we gratefully accepted and he excelled in his organisation and administration of the camp. I did acknowledge all of the staff in last week’s newsletter who went and I think that parents would all agree that the care of and devotion to all of the students was extraordinary.

Winter Blues
With the first day of winter now upon us we are having chilly starts to our mornings particularly with these clear skies. Could I ask please if all children could wear their school winter uniform to school and could I please request that they all carry a waterproof jacket in their school bags. The children enjoy their learning experiences outside their classrooms but we want them to still be warm. There are a number of long sleeve tops and jumpers available from our second hand uniform cupboard. Additionally we are starting to see more coughs, colds and viruses appearing so may I request that with any sign of fever, a sore throat or persistent runny nose or cough, the children are kept at home to rest and get better. Although all of my staff have had their flu shots, classrooms can still be incubators for a host of viruses. Thank you very much for your cooperation with this matter.

Reporting period
We have swapped to a new reporting package, “Compass” and Malcolm will detail the process of accessing your child’s reports online in his section. We have also changed the style and flavour of the reports to reflect the growth of the whole child, their dispositions and capabilities which aligns with our Annual Implementation Plan and our transition to the new Victorian Curriculum. I will be very keen to seek your feedback on these new reports from a range of perspectives and will provide this opportunity from the start of Term 3.

Long Service Leave
My last day for Term 2 will be next Thursday as on Friday, Christine, Rosa and I will be attending a Professional Development Day in the city. After the Queen’s Birthday holiday, my husband, John, and I are flying to the UK for a holiday and road trip around England, Scotland and Ireland. I have family scattered throughout England and will be staying with them and catching up with family and friends. I have never been to the UK before and I am very excited to also visit Ireland as my Mum was born in Dublin. Please let me know if you have any “must visit or must do” suggestions.

Whilst I am on leave, Malcolm will be our Principal and Connie will be our Assistant Principal and I know that I can leave the country with everything running as wonderfully as it always does. Mary Rodder who is a highly experienced teacher of Prep and is a former staff member, will be teaching in Connie’s class.

This Week’s Events
- **Friday 3 June**
  - Year 5&6 Touch Football gala day
  - Year 3 cocktail party

- **Tuesday 7 June**
  - PFA meeting 2.30pm in staffroom

Coming Events
- **Friday 17 June**
  - Year 6 cocktail party

- **Thursday 23 June**
  - Tommy Lahiff cup
  - Disco

- **Monday 11 July**
  - Term 3 commences at 9.00am

- **Friday 12 August**
  - Curriculum day - student free day

- **Friday 16 September**
  - End of term

Click [here](#) to go to our school website calendar for more details on coming events.
Kate Pilgrim will also be on leave after the Queen’s birthday and Michael Avery will be teaching 6P. Michael is already well known to the children.

Prep Enrolments 2017
May I ask our community that if you are aware of any new families who are in our zone and they wish to enrol in our school, enrolments for any level, but particularly Prep need to be in by the end of this term. Thank you for your help with this.

Have a wonderful week.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Year 5 & 6 Canberra Camp

Last week our Year 5 & 6 students undertook an education tour of the national capital Canberra. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Working Bee donation
For those parents who were unable to attend the recent 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 both the Essential items and Donations tabs)

☐ Direct Deposit to Armadale PS Account BSB 083298 A/C No: 028911383 please note on your direct deposit transaction your Family Name & Working Bee

Thank you to the following families who were unable to attend our recent working bee and made a donation to our grounds fund this week:

♦ Cooper
♦ Haddad

Beware!
One of our parents had their car broken into while dropping a lunch off at school on Wednesday morning in Northcote Road. Please don’t leave any items of value visible in your car.
6K Reflections from Canberra Camp

WAR MEMORIAL

When we went to the War Memorial, the first stop was the Discovery Zone. In the Discovery Zone I learnt a lot about aviation history in the Vietnam War. I found the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier very quiet and emotional. The Roll of Honour was really sad because all of the names on the wall were the people that died for us in war. The Last Post was very special to witness.

James B 6K

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War Memorial

At the War Memorial we started off in a hands-on place called the Discovery Zone. After that we walked around and looked at the walls with lots of poppies all over them. The wall was called the Roll of Honour. I really liked the Roll of Honour because it made me feel a bit sad and sorry for all the people that died in the war. We also went into the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. At the end, a soldier played The Last Post. I really liked the War memorial.

Oliver M 6K

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WAR MEMORIAL

On Thursday we went to the War Memorial. The first thing we did was go to the Discovery Zone and there I learnt a lot about the Vietnam War.

I really liked how they had all the planes and objects to help us learn about what it was like for all the soldiers who fought in the Wars. I found it really interesting to learn about the plane that my grandfather’s father’s cousin flew in. This plane was called ‘G for George’ and it was the only Lancaster Bomber that survived World War

2. After we explored all of the cool things inside we went outside to the Roll of Honour. There we went to have a look inside the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier which I found very quiet and emotional.

Alexie 6K
Assistant Principal

Compass is Coming!

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters we are moving to a new reporting system this year called Compass.

Compass provides an online parent portal to see all of their children’s reports, and further down the track will provide a number of other functions and services such as absence notifications and excursion permission and payments. Although the reports are online, they will still have some similarities to the previous reports; there will still be an AusVELS Summary Page which gives a graphic representation of how your child has performed against the expected standards for each year level. The letter grading has been removed as many parents found this confusing. The written comments section has been rationalised to two sections: one entitled ‘Teacher Comments’ and the other ‘Areas for Improvement’. We believe that these sections will give the parents greater insights into how your child presents and learns in the classroom each day.

Sports News

Tri Skills Gymnastics
All students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to take part in the Tri Skills gymnastics program.

Please remember:
- Shoes and socks off 5 minutes prior to the scheduled lesson start time (gymnastics lessons)
- No jewellery or watches
- Long hair tied back
- Shorts, bike shorts or tracksuit pants
- No skirts or tights please!
- Signed permission with term 2 excursion levy form needs to be returned to school.

Year 5 & 6 Touch Football gala day
This will be held tomorrow Friday 3 June at Fawkner Park. The students will be involved in a series of fun round robin games with other schools in our district. Information has been distributed to the children.

Please click on this link to go to the website for all the details about the day.

John Mulligan
Acting Sports Co-ordinator

Next week you will receive a special booklet entitled ‘Welcome to Compass – a Guide for Parents and Families’ which outlines all of the features of Compass and how you can use it to view your child’s reports. Accompanying this will be a single page sheet with your username and password printed on it. This sheet is very important, please do not throw it away, as you will need it to log in to the parent portal.

At the end of week 10 (second last week of term) we will make the reports available to parents to read online, and to book a time to speak to your child’s class teacher at an interview the following week (June 20 and 21).

If you have any questions about Compass, or the reports, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Mobile Phone and Battery Collection

Dear Parents,

The Green team is collecting mobile phones and batteries. We will be going around the school to all the classrooms with a container to collect them in. We will be giving them to a battery and mobile phone foundation that turns them into something new and exciting! If you have any unwanted batteries or mobile phones please get your child to bring them to school.

Thanks,

From the Green team
Parents & Friends of Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

Firstly a big welcome to winter! Freezing! For those that Ski, Yah, for those who do not, just hold on........a few more weeks and then we can go and seek sun.

Election Day Stalls
We are still looking for someone to organise and be in charge of the cake stall at the Election Day stall. Please contact the PFA if you or a small group of you can help.

There will be a sausage sizzle, a jams and preserves stall and a second hand book stall.

With regards to the second hand book stall, we are also looking for donations of good quality second hand books. If you are able to help or have any books that you would be prepared to donate, please contact the PFA at armadalepfa@gmail.com

Cocktail Parties
There are still a few Cocktail Parties to go......

♦ Year 3  3rd June
♦ Year 6  17th June
For more information on your year level cocktail party, please see your class representatives.

The School Disco
This term the PFA will be hosting an “End of Term Disco” on Thursday 23rd June.

The disco has been organised to accommodate all levels, so we will kick off with a disco for Preps, Year 1 & Year 2 only from 6-7pm.

Then the disco will open up for Years 3 – 6 from 7pm to 8pm.

This will be a very fun night, however to make sure everyone has a good time we do need to have enough supervision, so we are looking for a number of parents to help supervise the night. Please let your class rep or the PFA know if you can help.

Armada Cook Book subcommittee
Submit your recipes in any format to armadalecookbook@gmail.com
They can be anything from favourite family dinners, soups, salads, vegetarian, seafood, rice, pasta, meat, dessert, lunch box snacks, biscuits, gluten free, cakes, to preserves and more!
If you would like to help with this cook book, please contact Sam Haydon 0414 399 488 or on above email.

PFA Meeting
The next PFA Meeting is on Tuesday 7th June 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

Year 6 Cocktail Party

Friday June 17th, 7.30-11.00PM

Hosted by
Alison Lane and Greg Campbell
1506 High Street
Glen Iris

Food provided
BYO Champagne/Wine/Beer
$30 pp

RSVP
(By payment at School Office)
Friday June 10th
Saturday 2nd July

- Election Day -

Armadale Primary School’s Cake, Jam & Conserves Stall

Our famously successful Election Day cake stall falls in the school holidays, and it’s important we don’t miss such a terrific fundraising opportunity for Armadale Primary. There are numerous ways you can help on the day, or:

1) Pre-bake before end of term: Jams/Conserves/Relish/Chutney/Sauces & deliver to Liza Chancellor (3E,6Z) or Alicia Smith (PrepE, 3E,6K).

   OR

2) Bake fresh and deliver Friday 1st July to Liza’s home in Prahran OR deliver fresh the morning of Saturday 2nd July direct to the stall at Armadale Primary.

   OR

3) Make a donation in lieu of $10 per family (or more if you feel inclined). A donation box is at school Reception.

   

We hope the above options provide families with the opportunity to contribute to a great Fundraiser for our school. Please email Liza lizachancellor@netspace.net.au or Alicia acsasbs@bigpond.net.au to nominate your preferred option(s). If you choose Option 2, we will provide you with a plate, ingredient labelling instructions etc.

   Thank you, we look forward to hearing from you.
Thank you to everyone who has been donating footy cards at the office - we really appreciate your generosity. It's not too late to make a donation.

The Arts News

Supplies for the Arts Studio

We would love the following to use in our arts classes:

- Stockings
- Wadding or pillow filling
- Newspaper
- Toilet rolls

Please drop them straight in the arts studio.

Laura Welch
The Arts Co-ordinator
welch.laura.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Fortunate Footy Cards 2016

Meet our Carlton Football Club ambassadors!

Do you have a surplus of silvers? Do you have a google of golds?

Do you have way too many wilds? Can you forfeit your footy pointers?

Then... DONATE YOUR DOUBLES!!!!

Fortunate Footy Cards provides disadvantaged children with the experience of owning and trading footy cards and albums as the 2016 AFL season progresses.

From April, there will be a collection box at your school reception to receive your donated doubles.

Please tell your family, friends and colleagues to pass on their unused cards so others can benefit.

Cards from near and far can also be sent to PO Box 8310 Armadale VIC 3142.

Don't forget to like us on Facebook.
The following students have qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year:

- Brigitte Dixon
- Grace O’Loughlin
- Alexia Sideropoulos
- Eliza Gowland

Well done everyone!

Alison Crone
School Banking Co-ordinator

Scholastic Book Club

A reminder that orders for Scholastic Book Club need to be placed by tomorrow Friday 3 June.

Alison Crone
Scholastic Book Club Co-ordinator
JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Monday 27th June – Friday 8th July 2016

Armadale PS OOSH 9-23 Densham Rd Armadale
Phone: 9824 4912 Mobile: 0421 230 769
Fax: 9824 8954 Website: armadaleps.vic.edu.au
Email: ooshc@armadaleps.vic.edu.au

For further inquiries, please contact Ben Hyams

Go to the Holiday Program page on the school website for more information

Monday 27th June
Extreme Screen Movie
We are going to the Hoyts cinema at Melbourne Central to watch Ice Age 5. Popcorn and drinks are included. Extreme screen, Extreme Fun!!!
Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm Bring: Lunch, water Transport: Train (Excursion day, $20 per child)

Child/ren’s Name__________________________ Parent’s Signature__________________________

Tuesday 28th June
Ice Skating
If you love the idea of skating, why not try ice skating with us at the Medibank Icehouse this winter. Enjoy a day at one of Australia’s largest ice skating rinks.
Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm Bring: Lunch, water Transport: Bus (Excursion day, $25 per child)

Child/ren’s Name__________________________ Parent’s Signature__________________________

Wednesday 29th June
Mini Master Chef
Roll up your sleeves and get ready to cook! We will have master cooking classes and food tasting during the day. Everyone will also make their own lunch today.
Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm Bring: Water Venue: School (Excursion day, $50 per child)

Child/ren’s Name__________________________ Parent’s Signature__________________________

Thursday 30th June
Kidspace
Get in the space shuttle and we are heading to Kidspace for an adventure. Run, jump and slide around in this huge indoor play center in Hallam.
Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm Bring: Lunch, water Transport: Bus (Excursion day, $20 per child)

Child/ren’s Name__________________________ Parent’s Signature__________________________

Friday 1st July
Museum: Jurassic World
Travel to Nublar as a VIP guest and explore Jurassic World with us this winter. Come face-to-face with all the dinosaurs and learn all about these incredible prehistoric creatures.
Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm Bring: Lunch, water Transport: Train (Excursion day, $20 per child)

Child/ren’s Name__________________________ Parent’s Signature__________________________

Monday 4th July
Magic Day
Magic is coming to the school. Alex the Magician transformed the action as a grand finalists on Australia’s Got Talent last year and he is coming to teach our children a trick or two.
Time: 9:30am to 3:00pm Bring: lunch, water Venue: School (Excursion day, $50 per child)

Child/ren’s Name__________________________ Parent’s Signature__________________________

Tuesday 5th July
Latitude
Come and defy gravity! We are going to Latitude and there are activities that will challenge your balance and strength. Think you are up for it?
Time: 8:30am to 3:00pm Bring: Lunch, water Transport: Bus (Excursion day, $20 per child)

Child/ren’s Name__________________________ Parent’s Signature__________________________

Wednesday 6th July
Melbourne Aquarium
Come dive into the water and check out some amazing creatures that live at the Melbourne Aquarium. Take a fascinating journey from the coast to the ocean depths through 12 themed zones.
Time: 8:30am to 4:00pm Bring: Lunch, water Transport: Train (Excursion day, $20 per child)

Child/ren’s Name__________________________ Parent’s Signature__________________________

Thursday 7th July
WaterMarc
Today will be a fun filled day at WaterMarc, playing in the pools, inflatable, the water ropes and one of the biggest water slides in the southern hemisphere!
Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm Bring: Lunch, water, swimming gear including Bathers and towel Transport: Bus (Excursion day, $20 per child)

Child/ren’s Name__________________________ Parent’s Signature__________________________

Friday 8th July
The Big Freeze Festival
We are bringing you to the snow this year. The Big Freeze is an awesome festival where children can have an incredible fun snowy winter experience.
Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm Bring: Lunch, Water, Warm clothes and Spade dry clothes Transport: Bus (Excursion day, $20 per child)

Child/ren’s Name__________________________ Parent’s Signature__________________________
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