Dear Armadale Community

Thank you and Congratulations Pam and Sarah!!

What a fantastic evening we had last Friday night when we welcomed new and old families to our first community event, the Armadale Picnic. I am very grateful to our new PFA Co-ordinators, Sarah Barlow and Pam Johnson for everything they did to make the evening so successful. Of course, nothing at Armadale is ever done by just one person so special thanks to the following people: Nikki Rickard, Christie Kelso, Nikki’s mum, Dimity and Spencer Millear, Sarah Barlow, Pam Johnson, David Portnoy, Simon and Gen Gowland, Ben Hyams, Mel and Andrew Cooper, Emily Atkins, Kim Hyde, Janine Sheean, Nicki Batagol and Dean Park. Apologies if I have left anyone off the list.

From all accounts everyone enjoyed the event, the children loved ProActivity and there were still families in our grounds long after the lights had been turned off.

School Council News

Our AGM was held on Monday night and I am very excited to be working with our new council for 2016. Nicki Batagol, our new co-Vice President has written a wrap-up of items from School Council which is included in this newsletter under “Council Corner”. Make sure you read this to catch up on all the news.

We are fortunate to once again have David Portnoy as our School Council President and I introduced David to all of our students at assembly this week where he shared the role of council with them. It was such an exciting assembly.

Prep Parents

It’s wonderful to see you enjoying our school grounds with your children after they have been dismissed at 2.30pm, however because of our shortage of space we really need the area to be cleared so that other classes can use the playground and equipment after this time.

We also prefer you to go home at 2.30pm so that the children can have a rest, ready for another big day at school. Should you have difficulty in convincing your child that it is time to go home, please let me know and I will be happy to help. I also appreciate that coming back for older children an hour later can be difficult please speak to me or the class teacher about how we can help with looking after your Prep child.

This Week’s Events

Friday 4 March
- Ride2School Day
- Icypoles $1
- Year 5&6 Cricket Gala Day
- Schools Cleanup Day

Coming Events

Monday 14 March
- Labour Day public holiday

Friday 18 March
- Prep cocktail party

Monday 21 March
- Downs Syndrome “Lots of Socks Day” – raising awareness

Wednesday 23 March
- Harmony Day

Thursday 24 March
- End of term

Monday 11 April
- Curriculum Day - pupil free day

Tuesday 12 April
- Term 2 commences
- PFA meeting 2.30pm

Click here to go to our school website calendar for more details on coming events
This Week’s Awards

Artist of the week: Angella Sideris

Arts Class of the week: 2J

Lost and Found

Last week a scooter was taken from the bike racks. It is very precious to the owner, so please return it if you accidentally took the wrong scooter home.

There are two car keys in the school office - one belongs to a Mercedes and one to a Toyota.

Assistant Principal

Ride2School Day and Clean Up Schools Day

Today Friday 4th March, is a very big day on our calendar; it is our annual Ride2School Day and Clean Up Schools Day.

Unfortunately our Year 5 and 6 students will be attending a Gala Day, but there is no reason why they can’t still ride to school if they wish. 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. If you didn’t see the Fact Sheet that I attached last week, here it is again.

Our Clean Up Schools Activity will take place in the afternoon and all students in Years 1-4 will participate in a special Clean Up Schools activity at 2.30-3.00 (Preps will do theirs earlier in the day). We also plan to analyse the litter to see what makes up the greatest part. As most of our students are great at bringing their Nude Food to school each day, food wrappers shouldn’t be a large component at all. We will let you know the results next week.

Arriving on Time

Whilst there has been a definite improvement in the arrival time of most students we still have a few stragglers arriving after 9.00am. Please do your best to get your children to school by 8.50, it makes such a difference to the start of the school day in the classroom.

Parking on the Crossing

Another repeat from last week, but our crossing supervisors and other parents are telling us that there are still some people putting our students at risk by parking in the wrong place, and even on the crossing. Please make sure you never do this. If by doing this you caused one of our students to be seriously injured, I am sure that you would feel very remorseful. Much better to do the right thing in the first place, even if it means being a few minutes late to work. We have adjusted the crossing supervisors’ morning times to cover the greater number of people using the crossing. Their hours are now 8.15am to 9.15am. This change is not to encourage late arrivals, but to allow for parents and toddlers using the crossing on their way back home from school. Afternoon times remain the same, 3pm – 4pm.

Principal Conference at Lorne March 9th - 11th

Malcolm and I will be attending the 2016 Principal Conference next week at Lorne from Wed 9th to Friday 11th. I hope to share all of our learnings with you after this. Connie Apostolos and Peter Cracknell will be Acting Principals during this time.

Have a wonderful week.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Council Corner

Welcome to the first edition of ‘Council Corner’ where on behalf of School Council, I will provide you with an update on key issues and decisions being considered by the School Council. If you have any questions or suggestions, we would love to hear from you, Nicki Batagol

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

On Monday night we held our AGM where we welcomed the new and returning School Council members and elected the Office Bearers including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Minute Secretary (see below for 2016 Councillors).

We also agreed the membership of the Sub-Committees which are responsible for exploring key strategic issues in more detail and providing recommendations to School Council.

At APS we have 4 Sub-Committees including:

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Other Matters Discussed by School Council

- Discussion regarding electrical works which are planned for the main office building over the upcoming Easter holidays. No power to the main building.
- Confirmed the approval to improve the access and integration between the Infant Hall (Prep building) and the Mod 10 building (2-storey portable). Works are planned to be completed over the Easter holidays.
- Approved the March/April Holiday Program to be run by OOSHC. Schedule to be sent to APS parents to make bookings.

2016 Council Members

- 8 x Parent Members: David Portnoy (President), Nicki Batagol (co Vice-President), Simon Gowland (co Vice-President), Laurie Conheady (Treasurer), Michael Martin, Liza Chancellor, Natalie Tabbagh, Justin Mastores
- 4x DET Employee Members: Connie Apostolos, Gillian Brown, Malcolm Dow, Mat Sweetlove
- 2 x Community Members: Stephen Kruk, Alicia Smith
- Principal: Rochelle Cukier

Interested in joining a Sub-Committee?

Do you have specific knowledge or interest in one of the Sub-Committees? If so, you are welcome to join any of the Sub-Committees and make a meaningful contribution to the school. Each Sub-Committee meets 2 times per term (at 8.00am) to discuss specific topics and make recommendations to School Council.

If you are interested in joining, please feel free to reach out to Rochelle Cukier or David Portnoy.

Library News

Are you great at wrapping? In particular Books? We need some volunteers to put contact onto some of our new additions to the library.

Please contact Brett in the library if you’re interested.

Leyshan.brett.f@edumail.vic.gov.au
The Arts News

Artist of the week: Angella Sideris 3C

For using clear symbols in her Aboriginal Dot Painting to depict the story told.

Arts Class of the week: 2J
For showing a positive attitude when working on their ‘emotional faces’.

Art Smocks
Thank you to everyone who has provided their own art smocks and stored it in their classroom tub. If you are yet to bring in an Art Smock, they can be purchased from: PSW (Primary and Secondary Schoolwear) 12 Strathalbyn Street East Kew.

Stockings for Drying Rack
Thank you to those who have generously donated stockings for our drying rack. If anyone is willing to donate any stockings (old ones with ladders are fine), we would love for them for the drying rack. You can drop them straight to the arts room.

Newspapers
If you would like to recycle your old newspapers we would love to use them in the art room. Please feel free to drop them directly into the art room.

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

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Please take the time to complete the survey with your child as it will enable them to further their own intercultural understanding. Click here to go to the survey on the school website.

Pleased return the survey to myself or your child’s class teacher by Friday 11 March to enable the results to be collated.

Further information about Harmony Day will be communicated via the newsletter.

Grazie.

Vita Vampatella
Italian Language Co-ordinator

Active Play at the Park
Years 3-6

A reminder that on Thursdays in 2016, weather permitting, we are taking groups of students from Year 3-6 for lunch recess at Orrong Park departing at 12.20pm and returning by 1.30pm. Yesterday the Year 5&6 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

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Parents and Friends of Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

What a **FUN** night, last Friday night at our annual School Welcome Picnic!

**Parent Volunteers**
Thank you to everyone who helped out at the school Welcome Picnic: Niki Rickard and her mum Robyn, Dimity and Spencer Millar, Christie Kelso, Kim Hyde, Ranesni Stewart, Nicki Batagol, Mel and Andrew Cooper, Dean Park, Simon and Gen Gowland, David Portnoy, Sam and Emily Atkins, Bronte Neyland, Robyn Stutt and her daughter Tessa. We apologise if we have missed anyone.

Thank you also to everyone who came and helped make it such a fun night.

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**Cocktail Parties**
The Prep Cocktail Party will be held on **Friday 18th March**; please see your class representative for further details. For more information on your year level cocktail party, please either see your class representative or please contact our class representative coordinator: Janine Sheean janinesheean@gmail.com

**Save the Date**
This year the Mother’s Day Event will be held on Wednesday May 4th. More details to follow very soon.

**Easter Raffle**
If everyone could please start sending in your **Easter Egg** donations for the Easter Raffle and Very Special Kids.

**PFA Meeting**
The next PFA Meeting is on **Tuesday 12th April 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 next week for Icy Poles.

Kind regards

*The Armadale PFA Committee*
Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com

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**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.

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**COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION**

**ON FRIDAY MARCH 18TH**
7.30 - 10.30 PM
MPC, ARMADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

$47.50 - FINGER FOOD & DRINK ON ARRIVAL

BOOK TICKETS BY FRIDAY MARCH 11TH
WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU
PASSWORD - prepparty

COME AND CELEBRATE SURVIVING THE FIRST TERM IN PREP!
Keeping up with the year 6's

E.R.P'S

This term the year 6s have been working on E.R.Ps (education research project). The topic is Australian history. We have been learning about Edmond Barton, Sir Henry Parks and many more people. We are also learning about heritage. Some of the topics people have chosen to do are chinese immigration, world wars, Olympics, popular artists. We all had to choose a project between the timeline of 1900s to 2000s.

On March the 2\textsuperscript{nd} the year sixes enjoyed their leadership breakfast. They were presented with their leadership pledges and read them out to the parents and teachers.

A special thanks to all the teachers that where involved in putting it together and for parents for coming to this wonderful breakfast.

Upcoming school events for the year 5/6s

4/03- Clean up Australia day, ride to school day, 5/6s cricket gala day
07/03- Cyberbullying and social leadership incursion for the year 6s
11/03- Superhero day
14/03- Labour Day weekend
16/03- Andy Warhol art gallery excursion year 6s
17/03- Cyberbullying and social leadership incursion for the 5/6s
18/03- Footy colours day
23/03- Harmony day
23/03- Whole school incursion for the year 5/6s
24/03- End of term 1
Armadale Primary School Playground Rules 2016

The following rules have been agreed upon by students and staff at Armadale Primary School.

There are two basic rules:
• Everyone has the right to be safe
• Everyone’s property must be protected

Remember:
‘Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Your Best’

Sunhats
• During Term 1 & 4: ‘No Hat, No Play’. Children without approved hats need to sit on the bench under the large tree outside Multi Purpose Centre (MPC).

Inside Passes (children need to go in pairs)
• No child inside unless they have a Building Pass given by the teacher on duty. There will be no access to classrooms at morning recess and lunch except in special circumstances.
• Children injured or unwell need a First Aid Pass given by the teacher on duty.
• Children will be removed from the playground for serious misbehavior via a note given by the teacher on duty.

Food
• Nude Food: Children need to use reusable containers at morning recess and lunch.
• No food is to be eaten on the basketball courts or artificial grass area near the water tank.
• Fruit scraps are to be placed in the compost bin.
• All children are responsible for keeping the playground rubbish free.

Playground Equipment & Games
• Play equipment next to sand pit only for use by students in Year Prep, 1 & 2 at morning recess.
• Dome play equipment for use by students in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 at all times.
• Dome play equipment for use by students in Year 1 & 2 at lunch time only.
• No ball games at any times with the exception of 4 square on the diamond area between the main buildings at morning recess and before/after school.
• Students are not permitted in garden beds.
• No chasing games are permitted on the play equipment.
• All students may use the basketball court area for games during morning recess & lunchtime.
• Sports equipment borrowed at lunch time, needs to be returned to the sports box after use.

Passive Play Areas
• Stage
• Fairfax Circle Area
• Artificial Grass Area near water tank
• Artificial Grass area under the large tree next to MPC
• Outside portables
• Walking only around the MPC pathways (pathway outside Italian room out of bounds)
• Year 6 students may use the large wooden table at front of the main building at morning recess.

Out of Bounds Areas
• Inside buildings & doorways/steps
• Outside school grounds
• Behind buildings
• Grass area at front of the school
• Area in front of Year 1/2 & Year 3/4 portables at lunchtime
• Bike Racks
• Pathway outside Italian room next to MPC
APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Tuesday 29th March – Friday 8th April 2016

Armada PS OOSHC 9-23 Densham Rd Armadale
Phone: 9822 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

Click here to go to the Holiday Program page on the school website

Daily Items to Bring:
• Lunch & Snacks
• Drink Some (refrigerate)
• Hat/Flyseal as needed

Please dress in an appropriate manner. We encourage children to wear sturdy shoes that are comfortable for walking during excursions.

ID: All personal items need to be named. Children will not need any money when enrolled at the program.

Please note: Armadale Primary School OOSHC takes no responsibility for belongings that are brought on excursions.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 6am-6pm

ARRIVAL: The time printed below each day’s activities are when the activities are conducted. Please ensure that your child/ren are here at those specified times.

DEPARTURES: Children must be picked up by 6pm. A late fee of $10.00 per hour will be charged if your children are picked up after 6pm. Children will only be allowed to leave the Centre with an adult known to the staff or by previous arrangement.

ALL EXCURSIONS ARE COMPELLENTARY AND TRANSPORT IS EITHER BY BUS (WITH FITTED SEATBELTS), TRAIN OR TRAM.

By booking your child in for these excursions you authorize the person in charge of the Armadale Primary School Holiday Program, in the event of illness or accident when it is impractical to communicate with me, to obtain on my behalf all such medical transportation and medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary and I understand that I will be liable to pay the costs thus incurred.

COST: Excursions (out of school) $70.00 per child per day*, full days only.

Parents eligible for Child Care Benefit will have their daily fee reduced accordingly.

If you are eligible for Child Care Benefit it is important that you register with the Family Assistance Office. The number is 1300 008 020. You will be required to pay half of the cost and have your registration confirmed by the Family Assistance Office. Please call 13 91 51 for more information.

PAYMENT: To book into this program you must fill in the Armadale Primary OOSHC E-Book Direct Debit Request form, with your nominated credit cards bank details.

CANCELLATIONS: Once you have made a booking we are unable to take cancellations. If your child is unwell and you can provide a medical certificate, we may be able to provide a refund.

REFUNDS: Refunds will only be given for children who are sick and upon presentation of an official medical certificate.

Monday 28th March
Faster Monday

Public Holiday: No program

Tuesday 29th March
Faster Egg Hunt
Come and look for yummy Easter eggs at today’s Easter egg hunt. Proctor will be joining us with lots of fun and games.
Time: 9:30am to 10:30am Bring: Lunch, water & hat Transport: Bus (Excursion day, $70 per child)

Wednesday 30th March
Worrola Zoo
Step into the African Savannah without ever leaving Australia. Warrunyup Nature Park Zoo transports you to the wild habitat of the African plains.
Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm Bring: Lunch, water & hat Transport: Bus (Excursion day, $70 per child)

Thursday 31st March
Costume Carnivale
Put on your coolest outfit and come join us for a day of endless fun. We will have a giant jumping castle, inflatable obstacle course and lots of different games. There will also be a prize for the best costume.
Time: 9am to 4pm Bring: Lunch, water & hat Venue: School (Excursion day, $70 per child)

Friday 1st April
Movie @ Jaws Factory
Today we will go to the Jaws Factory to watch King Po Po. Pizza & popes and drinks are included. Hopefully the weather will be nice afterwards when we have our lunch at the park.
Time: 9am to 4pm Bring: Lunch, water & hat Transport: Tram (Excursion day, $70 per child)

Saturday 2nd April
Visit the Girraffe Farm

Monday 3rd April
Inflatable World
It’s all about having fun, so come with us and bounce on the inflatable world. Please wear sports clothes and socks for the day.
Time: 8:30am to 4pm Bring: Lunch, water, hat & socks Transport: Bus (Excursion day, $70 per child)

Tuesday 4th April
Cosmo Dome
Cosmo Dome is coming to the school, so come along for the major theater experience. We will be doing some fun and exciting science experiments in the afternoon.
Time: 9am to 4pm Bring: Lunch, water & hat Venue: School (Excursion day, $70 per child)

Wednesday 5th April
Bayley Race
Rock climbing is an awesome way to have fun and get fit, so bring your muscles and get ready for a day filled with action.
Time: 9am to 4pm Bring: Lunch, water, hat & transport: Bus (Excursion day, $70 per child)

Thursday 6th April
Coyote Creek
Come and see the beautiful Coyote Creek in the beautiful mountains.
Time: 8am to 4pm Bring: Lunch, water & hat Venue: School (Excursion day, $70 per child)

Friday 7th April
MSAC
MSAC today will be another fun filled day at MSAC. We will be playing in the indoor and outdoor pools, water pool and massive water slides.
Time: 9am to 4pm Bring: Lunch, water, hat, sunscreen & swimming gear including bathers & towels Transport: Bus (Excursion day, $70 per child)

Saturday 8th April
Visit the Giraffe Farm

Sunday 9th April
Visit the Giraffe Farm

Monday 10th April
Inflatable World

Tuesday 11th April
Cosmo Dome

Wednesday 12th April
Bayley Race

Thursday 13th April
Coyote Creek

Friday 14th April
MSAC

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DOES YOUR CHILD NEED A DENTAL APPOINTMENT?

Is your child eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Scheme with Medicare?

DR ADAM FREDERICK

at the Prahran Dental Group is bulk billing eligible patients.

For more information or to make an appointment contact us at

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228 Malvern Road, Prahran or www.afredericksmile.com.au
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