Dear Armadale Community,

Thank you Natalie Tabbagh – we can now purchase a defibrillator for our community!

I was thrilled to receive an email from Natalie Tabbagh (Lucia 5G) to say that she had hosted a very special high tea fundraising event at Moss Green Tea Rooms in Armadale last weekend for 7 Armadale families. The girls in these families all play in the APS netball team and they invited a grandparent to come along to the High Tea. Natalie recalls that it was a gorgeous day and the girls did a terrific job looking after their grandparents. The fundraiser raised $1000 which Natalie kindly said was to go towards purchasing a defib for our community.

The families involved who very generously supported the fundraiser are:

- Maya Hurwitz with Grandmothers, Annette and Sue
- Matilda Corsham with Grandfather, Peter
- Sierra Golusin with Grandmother, Fay
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- Axie (&Skype) Park with Grandmother, Jayne
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- Immi Bickford (who couldn’t attend but kindly donated).

We are incredibly grateful to Natalie, all the girls and the grandparents for making this happen. However, we still needed to raise $1400 to purchase a defib.

Coincidently local real estate agency, Hocking Stuart, contacted Malcolm and offered our school $1000.00 to purchase what we would like. We were originally thinking of some new seats for the children, but then Malcolm thought we would use it for the defib! We were nearly there, only approximately $400.00 short. Unbelievably, I received a phone call from Liza Chancellor (Charlie and Oscar Sorell) yesterday and she says she would like to pay for the rest of the defib!

Thank you so much to Natalie, our Armadale grandparents of the APS Netball team and now Liza Chancellor, the defib for our school community is no longer a dream, but a reality!!

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This Week’s Events

Friday 5 August
- Year 5&6 Hooptime gala day

Tuesday 9 August
- Mini Olympics fun day

Wednesday 10 August
- Year 5&6 Greek arts/dance incursion

Thursday 11 August
- Year 6 CERES excursion
- Friday 12 August
- Curriculum day - student free day

Coming Events

Tuesday 16 August
- ICAS Maths

Friday 19 August
- Trivia Night

Wednesday 31 August
- Year 3&4 students leave for Camp Rumbug
- 6K Duldig incursion

Thursday 1 September
- Year 1 Art excursion
- Year 6 Science incursion

Friday 2 September
- Year 3&4 students return from Camp Rumbug

Click here to go to our school website calendar for more details
Other parents to thank for improvements to our facilities include Dugald Jellie and his crew for our Planter Boxes under the new drinking taps and Fiona Cabassi for the planting. Make sure you read Dugald’s story in the newsletter on page 4 – it’s a cracker!

Curriculum Day next Friday August 12th – no children are required to attend school
All of the staff on this day will be continuing with strengthening and deepening our ongoing learning journey. Ed Partnerships will be facilitating this day. Our staff have undertaken research with all of the children in Years 3-6 and it will be interesting to see what this research on our pedagogy, reveals. For parents who need to have their children looked after, please sign up with the OOSHC team for the day, they have a great program prepared.

Congratulations to our Student Wellbeing Team!
Our Year 6 Wellbeing team leaders have done an excellent job in organising their casual clothes day yesterday. They raised over $400.00 for The Smith Family and are hoping to make it over $500 with the addition of donations from the 3/4 students on Monday. Congratulations Alexie, Sofia, Clea and Scarlett on making a difference to the life of one child.

Tuesday August 9th – we are celebrating the Olympics!
We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our special assembly and activities next Tuesday as the school celebrates the Olympic Games in Rio.

Students Leaving Armadale Primary at the end of this year
May I request that any parents who know if their child will not be returning to Armadale Primary for 2017 could you please advise the school. We will soon begin to undertake the complex staffing process for 2017 which is determined by our student numbers.

Have a wonderful week and start practising your knowledge of trivia!

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Sports News

Mini Olympics Fun Day Tuesday 9 August
An exciting day is planned for a whole school Mini Olympics day next Tuesday. Come dressed as an athlete from an Olympic sport on the day. See the details on the school website including the timetable for the day.

Year 5 & 6 Hooptime Gala Day Friday 5 August
Tomorrow the Year 5&6 students will be attending a Hooptime gala day at MSAC. Information was distributed and is also available on the school website.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

Prep Bulletin
Please click on the following link to read this week’s news from your child’s year level:
♦ Prep bulletin
or go to the Students tab on the website and then your child’s class for all the latest news.

Student Awards
This week’s student awards are presented to:
♦ Lucy Silk
♦ Chantael Croos
♦ Milan Krajsnik-Teo
Assistant Principal

Compass Absence Reporting
Hopefully all parents have now successfully logged on to Compass and have been able to access the student reports from last semester. If for some reason you have not been able to do this please let me know ASAP, as Compass will increasingly become an important portal through which parents connect with the school. To this end, the next stage of this connection process is the recording of reasons for absences. From now on we are asking parents to log in to Compass and give a reason for an absence that is about to occur or has already happened. This will then be matched up with the classroom teachers’ recording of absences in Compass. It is a very simple process, especially from your smartphone: Click on the Compass App, choose your child, and you will see a tab at the top called Approvals. Click this tab and then you will see a plus sign down in the bottom right corner. Click this and record your reason for absence via the drop down box and add any other details you wish. This will then go straight into the system and the classroom teacher will be able to see that your child has an approved absence. I realise that sounds a little complex but many other parents who have used it at their school have told me it is very simple to use, and saves making a call to the school or writing an absence note, which may or may not get through to the teacher. You can also do this via the Compass website on any computer. Please try using Compass for all future absence notification and let me know your feedback.

Green Team Planting Day
We had a lovely time last Friday with the Green Team Reps from Years 2, 3, 5 and 6 at Malvern Urban Forests helping the Stonnington Council Parks staff plant native trees and shrubs to improve the habitat and biodiversity of the urban forest. We learnt how to remove the plants from the tubes and plant them carefully in the soil and then water them in. The rains of recent days will certainly help to settle them in. We could see where other areas have been planted in previous years and had grown to look like a real natural bushland, so it is exciting to think that our planted areas will look the same in just a few years.

New Taps and Planter Boxes
Yesterday we planted out our special new planter box outside the Prep area under the new drinking taps. This has been a joint project involving contractors to do the plumbing, parents such as Dugald Jellie who did much of the design and construction of the planter boxes, including all of the bricklaying, Simon Glyde, who did the concrete cutting in preparation for the bricklaying, Matt Dunckley who waterproofed the planter box, Justin Cox who helped out with tools and expertise and Fiona Cabassi who sourced our mints and helped the prep children plant them.

What a great example of a community project with a great outcome. We are very appreciative of the great work by all of these parents. Please see Dugald’s article on page 4 of this newsletter.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
A Story of Water and Planting: From Concept to Creation

A school is a community, working in many ways. Jams and chutneys made for a polling booth cake stall turn into bricks and mortar, and a mint garden for children that might make them think about much more. In between, others lend a hand, share ideas, and a circle is closed.

In no particular order, master builder Simon Glyde (father of Lucy, 1P, and Bill, 2J) returns to the tools, bending his back with his demolition saw, making perfect cuts, spitting out bitumen on his unwitting foreman, taking time-out from other jobs. He looks good in gumboots. He probably also looks good on the dance floor. Earlier, many others had raised funds – Liza Chancellor, Alicia Smith, Simon Gowland, Steve Kruk, and all who made baked goods, and sold snags that on Election Day put about $5000 into the school’s kitty. Kudos to them all (mentioned in an earlier newsletter). And to the AEC for the changed Senate voting system that slowed crowds, lengthened queues; put extra spare cash into school’s pockets.

Assistant principal Malcolm Dow came up with the idea, and saw opportunity. Drinking taps outside the prep building were faulty. Sand washed off toys clogged drains regularly, with costly repair bills. He saw other schools had installed garden beds under drinking taps. A house near the school was being demolished; he had a labourer salvage the bricks, wheelbarrowing them into the school, in return for a takeaway lunch.

Italian teacher Vita Vampatella shared the idea among the children; about considering water, recycling water, and about a kitchen garden beneath the taps that would collect spillage. A dripping tap could grow a plant, a garden.

Unskilled labourer Dugald Jellie (proud father of Alastair Corbould, 1P) mixed concrete for a footing, buttered bricks, and raised courses (don’t look too closely, none are true and level), and wondered about the critics of the handiwork: the mothers of Armadale. Then he wondered about jumper leads – he ran the car battery flat, listening to the footy on the radio (his team lost, again).

Near neighbour Justin Cox (father of Eliza, Prep S) helped with the flat battery, and later lent his angle grinder and cutting discs, and his muscle in clearing up (in between making the sets of goalposts for all the school kids who banana kick).

Business editor of The Age, Mat Dunckley (father of Tom, 1E, and Alice, Prep S) found himself on paternity leave (congrats, I’ll Emma is six weeks!). Between changing nappies, he lined the planter box wall with waterproofing bitumen paint. Two coats, mucky black stuff.

Gardening club children filled the planter box with soil, and artist Fiona Cabassi (mother of Willoughby Cabassi de Lacy, Prep E) brought along a collection of mint varieties (English mint, Vietnamese mint, peppermint, chocolate mint, apple mint). She put them in the soil with the children, blessed them, set the greenery on its way. The planter box beneath the Preppies’ new taps is made of mostly recycled materials: bricks, corrugated iron, a ceramic stormwater pipe, old drains and roof tiles. It might make the children inquire; about water, and reusing materials. Some bricks on the top-layer were upturned, showing the manufacturer’s stamp on the frog: CITY bricks. There’s a whole history of how these bricks got here (from brick pits in Hawthorn), and children can ponder this word: CITY.

Total cost for the planter box was about $1,000, funded by the Election Day stall. Fringe benefits: once the mint garden is established it’ll perfume the children, and can be pruned by parents for cookery, or summer mojitos.

Dugald Jellie
Parents & Friends of Armadale (PFA)

Hi Armadale families,

As the world gets ready for the Olympics, the Armadale community is readying itself for the annual Trivia Night. So make sure you have booked your place and your mind is sharp, as the competition will be fierce!!

Trivia Night
Payment of $30 per head can still be made, at the front office or via QKR. Table lists are currently by the front office, so please ensure you complete it with all your team’s participants.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the trivia night. We currently have over 70 items to be won. Amazing effort.

Live Auction prizes include:
- Porsche Boxter for the weekend
- Helicopter flight
- Art work by Cressida Beale
- Signed Collingwood jumper
- Signed Melbourne jumper

Many other great silent auction prizes. May the best team win!

Mums’ Movie Night
Join the girls for a fun night out!

The PFA is hosting a private screening of “Bad Mums” on Friday 12th August at the Palace Cinema Como.

Tickets are $30 each, which includes a 6:30pm screening and a glass of wine on arrival. Further details are available on the flyer distributed by your class rep.

Father’s Day
This year for Father’s Day the PFA is hosting a kids’ and Dads’ night on Thursday 15th September. The night will include games and a food truck, and will be held at school.

Stay tuned for further details.

Armadale 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 cookbook, please contact Sam Haydon 0414 399 488 or on the above email.

PFA Meeting
The next PFA meeting is on Tuesday 6th September at 2:30pm in the Staffroom. This meeting is open to all Armadale parents, so everyone is WELCOME.

If you are able to help please in any way please contact the PFA armadalepfa@gmail.com

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

Student Banking

The following students have qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year:
- Ezekiel Roufail
- Elke Chadwick
- Benjamin Van Beek
- Ryan Heidari

A Silver Dollarmites Certificate is awarded to the following students for making 20 deposits this year:
- Priscilla Moffat
- Gabriel Haddad
- Annabelle Michelsberg

Well done everyone!

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator
Prep Music Incursion

In their arts class this week, the preps participated in a music incursion where they learnt to play the glockenspiel and other percussion instruments. They created their own pirate song by singing, playing their instrument, creating their own sound effects for a pirate’s ship and finishing with a big pirate’s AARGH!

Laura Welch  
The Arts Co-ordinator

Library News

Premiers’ Reading Challenge
The closing date for the PRC is September 9th, you still have lots of time to finish those books J

Book Week!
Introducing our second Author who will speak to students in Grade Prep to 4 on Wednesday 24th August.

The theme for Book Week this year is ‘Australia! Story Country’ celebrating Australian history and stories.

Happy reading,

Brett Leyshan  
Leyshan.brett.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

Kim Kane
Author

Kim Kane was born in London in a bed bequeathed by Wordsworth to... a writer, a painter or a poet. Despite this auspicious beginning, she went on to practice law.

In 2004, Kim threw her unbridled materialism to the wind and started to write. Kim now works exactly part-time as a lawyer and exactly part-time as a writer and the combination is perfect.

Kim has noticed that most proper children’s writers like chickens. Kim hates chickens. She does, however, like being backstage, her nephew, Angus, and, if she is strictly honest, most fatty snacks. Above all of these things (except perhaps Angus), Kim likes telling stories, and on a good writing day she wouldn’t trade her life for anything.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 5 have been delivered to school and were distributed this week.

Head Lice

We still have some cases of head lice reported in various classrooms.

Please check your child’s head tonight and if head lice or eggs are found, treat your child’s hair and advise your child’s class teacher.

Health regulations require that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. This refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to lice eggs.
ARMADALE PS BOOK WEEK 2016

Thursday 18
Author Visit
Pre-event with a visit from author Felice Arena giving a talk to Grades P-2 & 3-6
10:00-11:00
11:30-12:30

Wednesday 24
Book Buying Day #1
Individual classes will be called throughout the day to come into the fair to purchase. Parents may come in during the day and after school. If you are coming in after school there is usually a queue.

Monday 22
Book Previewing Day #1
Students come into the Book Fair (Library) and create a wishlist of books they would like to buy.

Tuesday 23
Book Previewing Day #2
Book Performance
A special performance of CBCA books for all students by Meerkat Productions.
9:00-11:00

Thursday 25
Book Buying Day #2
Author Visit
Book purchasing for anyone who missed out on Wednesday.
Kim Kane will be giving a 1 hour workshops to students in Grade Prep to Four.

Friday 26
Book Parade
Author Visit
We start with the traditional book parade where everyone dresses up as a favourite character. Then at 10am David Astle will be spending time with the Grades 5 and 6

More information to come on buying books...
Leyshan.brett.t@edumail.vic.gov.au
Today we will catch the train to Imax cinema for the ultimate movie experience.

Time of activity: 9:00-4:00
Transport: Train
OOSHC—Centre opening times: 8:00-6:00
Cost: $70 per child (CCB reduction does apply)
Please provide your own lunch and snack

Child’s Name: ____________________________________________.

I consent to my child taking part in this excursion and where the leader in charge is unable to contact me, I authorize them to:

◊ Organise medical transportation for my child.
◊ Consent to my child receiving 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: _________.

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GUT HEALTH WITH LEE HOLMES

Lee Holmes is a nutritionist, whole foods chef and author of the Supercharged Food book series. She has an incredible story and is making waves in the health and wellbeing space. Join us to discover why gut health is so important and find out how to make small and sustainable changes to improve your health and wellbeing.

DATE: 9 August
TIME: 7.30pm – 9.00pm
LOCATION: The Beatt Treehouse Studio
24 Beatty Avenue, Armadale

Book in via the Wellness Workshops, Courses & Events page on our website at www.thebeatt.com.au

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