Dear Parents,

With the election now behind us and the change in Government we can now look forward to how the new Labor administration will follow through with improvements to all schools. Unfortunately Michael O’Brien’s election commitment to APS won’t become a reality and we will just have to sizzle a few more sausages. Although for a few weeks, Malcolm and I were very excited at the possibilities!

The school is now concentrating on winding up the year and as I am writing this newsletter I am being serenaded by the lovely voices of the children practising for the end of year concerts. 2015 staffing has been confirmed and I will publish the names of teachers assigned to each year level in next week’s newsletter.

Election Day Cake stall and BBQ. Thank you to all of our parents who contributed in some way to our very successful cake stall and sausage sizzle last Saturday. The home baked goods were all delicious and I am very grateful to those parents who were able to give up considerable time on both Friday afternoon and during the day on Saturday. Our voters were incredibly appreciative of what was on offer and hardly anyone went home without making a purchase. The cake stall was administered beautifully by the very talented Michelle Moffat and the BBQ had many chiefs including many of our wonderful Dads and please see Mish’s section on page 7 for the specific thank yous. It was very heart warming to hear many of the outside community comment on how lovely the school is and how well-behaved the children are. I also met many of our neighbours who live across Northcote Road and I apologised to one particular lady for the frequency of bells that ring during the day that possibly are quite disruptive. She replied “Oh I love hearing the bells, they tell me what time it is to have my cup of tea and lunch!”

End of Year Celebration Concert 15th December 6.00pm start
Our end of year Celebration Concert will take place in the quadrangle on Monday December 16th at 6.00pm. Whilst the school will provide a certain number of chairs it would be helpful if parents could BYO chairs to enable everyone to be seated. The children will sit on the asphalt in their grades.

To enable the children’s voices to be heard across the quadrangle, we are in need of some long throw microphones that will pick up all the children’s voices. If any parent could help out with the supply of these, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let Malcolm or Lisa know.

Prep Information evening
It was wonderful to welcome so many of our 2015 Prep families to Ardamale at our Prep Information evening on Tuesday night. We hope that the parents were able to take away much advice and guidance in how to help your child become “school ready”. I am grateful to our Prep Team; Pippa, Connie and Angela for putting together a very thoughtful presentation.

Parents were equally entertained by our talented Mish McGrory who spoke to the parents about the benefits of the PFA and they also enjoyed hearing from Katie and Ben regarding all that OOSHCC can offer.

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We also communicated to parents the earlier finishing times for Preps during February 2 - 6 at 12.30pm and from February 9 - 27 at 1.00pm. From March 2 the students will stay for full school days. The earlier finish enables children to have a rest in the afternoon and allows them to bounce back the next morning ready to learn. It is incredibly important to lay the foundation for a positive start to school and we know this can be hindered by tired and emotional children. Our aim is to have all of our prep children flourish and thrive. We also need to facilitate the online assessments that are required by the Education Department. Some schools will accommodate this by having Preps attend 4 days a week, but we have found that this is too disruptive when trying to embed routines.

**Performing Arts showcase concerts**

Hopefully parents can make the time to attend these showcase performances which are a culmination of all the work undertaken this year in Performing Arts. Whilst we have enjoyed many snippets at our assembly, it will be terrific to see these in full swing. These times are published further in the newsletter in Lisa’s section on page 5.

**Swimming Program at Lauriston for Year Prep - Year 2**

Thank you to those parents who have been able to attend these swimming sessions and assist the children in walking up to Lauriston and back. The Prep children are particularly tired after these sessions and it would be advisable to keep after school structured activities to a very minimal level. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

**Year 5 Leadership speeches**

Malcolm and I were very impressed as we were privileged enough to listen to the Year 5 students talk about leadership, what it meant to them, the roles they aspired to and how they would commit to their particular role if successful in being selected. I particularly enjoyed listening to their quotes, the leaders they admired and looked up to and the qualities they aspired to having. JFK was used in a quote when one of the students said: “it’s not what the school can do for you; it’s what you can do for your school”. You can imagine how much I relished hearing that. Giving students a voice in how they can contribute to our school is something which I am very keen on.

**Whooping cough in bayside primary schools**

I was alarmed to see a number of incidences of whooping cough reported in my local paper and although not in the Armadale area it’s not that far away and with many parties and functions occurring in the festive season, I just wanted to raise parents’ awareness. Please look out for any persistent coughs in children and unfortunately, even though the children have been vaccinated, whooping cough is particularly virulent.

**Assemblies**

There will be no assembly next Wednesday 10th December due to the Performing Arts Showcase, but we will have one on Wednesday 17th December as normal for all our awards and one on Friday 19th December for farewells. Please note that our final assembly on the last day of term will finish at 1.30pm.
Assistant Principal

Wildlife in our School
Some of our students were lucky enough to see the family of Tawny Frogmouths who made residence in our school for a few days earlier this week. It seems that the young fledgling was just learning to fly and the parents were keeping a very close eye on it.

I would like to think that our habitat garden is now starting to provide a good habitat for some of our native wildlife, and producing a good range of insects and bugs that are starting to attract the native birds. We have also heard some frogs calling in the evenings, again indicating a healthy range of biodiversity is developing here. I tied to take a photo but it wasn’t clear so I have found one that shows a similar looking parent and young bird.

End of Year
It’s amazing how quickly these last several weeks have gone and now we have just over two weeks to go until the end of the year. I will not take ICT sessions in the last two weeks of school, as the administrative tasks start to build. The teachers will all have some half day planning sessions next week to start doing some initial planning for next year. We will employ some replacement teachers to take their classes for these periods. All teachers have been spending many long hours writing and rewriting end of year reports, and Rochelle and I are now busy proof-reading them all ready for our final copies which will be distributed on Thursday 18 December. A reminder also to the year 6 students to send their End of Lease selection form back to me as soon as possible so that the appropriate arrangements can be made well in time for the end of the year.

Art and Environment
We have had a few examples of students creating some great art and poster work in support of our 100% Nude Food campaign. Lucy has been working with a number of classes in Art to produce a simple logo for our school to show our commitment to 100% Nude Food and there were many fantastic entries. The Green Team and a number of staff members had input into the selection and it was not an easy choice.

In end we selected Millie Bennett’s design, (above) which we thought conveyed the message with an elegant simplicity. Congratulations Millie. I was also very pleasantly surprised to receive a canvas painting from Lucie Armstrong in 1/2D (below) who just wanted to do something for the school to publicise our Nude Food.

And finally last night I was emailed a poster that Camille Rounds in 1/2K (at right) had created, also publicising our Nude Food. I think it is so inspiring to see so many of our students wanting to do things like this to support our school, and using their own initiative to help make our school a better place.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Student Banking
Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for a Silver Dollarmites Certificate for making 20 deposits this year:
✧ Jesse Hurwitz
✧ Mia McGrory
✧ Jack Cooper
Well done!

Alison Crone
School Banking Co-ordinator
Sports News

Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week: Anna Huynh 3/4M

For the excellent skills she displayed when making her angel from a wooden spoon. Keep it up Anna!

Visual Art Classes of the Week:

Prep C
For the excellent effort they made with their Christmas trees. Keep up the wonderful work Prep C.

3/4 W
For the outstanding skills they displayed when needle felting and for the wonderful felt key rings they made.

Thank you.
Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Sports News

Phillip Hughes Tribute
Thank you to everyone for joining in our Phillip Hughes tribute yesterday.

Emma S, Marco M, Yasmin F (Sports Leaders) and Olivia M (House Captain)

Year 5&6 Ultimate Frisbee Gala Day
A reminder to all Year 5&6 children to be at school tomorrow at 8.45am as we will be leaving at 9.00am sharp for our Ultimate Frisbee Gala Day. Details were handed out last week and can also be found on the school website by clicking here.

Swimming times & dates for Prep and Year 1&2 students:
A reminder for our Prep and Year 1&2 students that the swimming program at Lauriston Girls’ School continues tomorrow. See below for the dates and lesson times:

♦ 1/2K & 1/2D 9.30-10.00am
♦ Prep P & Prep S 10.10-10.50am
♦ Prep C 10.50-11.30am
♦ 1/2A & 1/2E 11.30-12.10pm
♦ 1/2P 12.10-12.50pm

The children will be leaving school 30 minutes before the start time of their lesson. Click here for all the details.

Remaining Dates:
Friday 5, Monday 8, Tuesday 9, Thursday 11 and Friday 12 December.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator
Performing Arts News

Performers of the Week
Awards:
♦ Miki Hashimoto - for throwing yourself fully into each character that you portray. You bring such passion and vibrance to the stage.
♦ Arthur Pain - for thoroughly entertaining us through pretend injuries, pulled-down pants and fairy dresses. You are a true comedian.

Performing Arts Classes of the Week:
♦ Prep S - for doing such a fantastic job in your performances for the Prep Concert. Your ‘Singing in the Rain’ dance ‘Humpty Dumpty’ poem are very exciting to watch!

Peter Pan DVDs
Orders are now open! We have been extraordinarily lucky to have the talents of Imogen and Charlie’s Dad, Aaron Bickford, to film our 2014 Production. Aaron is a professional videographer who has made an absolutely stellar film version of our beloved stage show. Not only this, he has generously donated his time so that all profits of DVD sales go directly back to the school.

Each DVD is professionally filmed from several different camera angles and edited to ensure that all of your talented children are absolute stars. Each DVD contains two full productions (both Cast A and Cast B) as well as the pre-show entertainment. In all my years of teaching, this is the by far the best filming of a school production that I’ve ever seen.

To purchase a DVD (professionally printed with cover work by Michelle Iezzi) please fill out an order form and return to Christine in the office with $25. If your child has not brought home the form, please put your payment in an envelope with your family name and how many DVDs you would like to purchase on the front.

Orders are due by this Friday 5th December and will arrive in the final week of school. Please don’t miss out! This will be a very special memento for years to come.

Peter Pan Photos
To add to the talents that we are lucky enough to have in our school community, Hayley Durack from PolkaDot Photography was our official photographer for the 2014 Production. She has captured the most beautiful moments that are absolute works of art. Not only has she photographed spectacular group shots on stage, but also very intimate close-ups of many individual performers. There are also very touching behind-the-scenes shot.

These photographs will be available to view very soon. Hayley will be providing us with a link and password to a Photo Gallery where you can preview her beautiful shots. You will be able to purchase these photos through this link and gallery. I will let you know as soon as this link becomes available as I know that many of you are eager to see your children captured onstage by a very talented professional photographer.

End of Year Showcase Concerts
It’s that time of year where we’d like to show you our hard work! In the final weeks of school there will be a series of concerts. If you’re free at the times, we’d love to have you along. We’ll be presenting a series of songs, dances, plays and poems that we’ve been working on throughout the year.
♦ Prep - Wednesday 10th December, 9:15am
♦ Year One/Two - Thursday 4th December, 2:15pm
♦ Year Three/Four - Wednesday 10th December, 2:30pm
♦ Year Five - Tuesday 9th December, 2:00pm
♦ Year Six - Friday 12th December, 2:15pm

NB: Prep to Year 4 will wear their regular school uniform at the concerts. Year 5s and 6s need to wear plain black clothes. They will wear their school uniform to school then change immediately before the concert.
### You Can Do It! Awards

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<td>Tom Forster 1/2E</td>
<td>For working confidently and effectively on improving his spelling.</td>
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<td>Shriyans Simhadri 1/2K</td>
<td>For listening more carefully and getting his work done quickly.</td>
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<td>Catarina David 1/2P</td>
<td>For always doing the right thing and for giving your best in everything you try. You are a wonderful influence on your friends!</td>
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<td>Charlie Portnoy 1/2P</td>
<td>For trying hard to improve your writing and for being extremely thoughtful when you wrote that a good friend is someone who looks after you. It was lovely to read!</td>
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<td>Sienna Gee 3/4C</td>
<td>For the gentle and caring way she relates and works with her peers. We all appreciate your helpful and respectful manner. Thank you Sienna!</td>
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<td>Ella de Hennin 3/4C</td>
<td>For the positive and helpful way you always contribute to our class. You have a great sparkle that we all love and enjoy. Thank you Ella!</td>
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<td>Samuel Harris 3/4J</td>
<td>For consistently working at his best ability during class time, especially when working on his IRP. Well done, Samuel. Keep up the great work.</td>
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<td>Hugo Alves 3/4J</td>
<td>For always approaching each task with a positive attitude, helping his class mates and consistently challenging himself. Keep it up, Hugo!</td>
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<td>Lily Henshaw 3/4J</td>
<td>For working really hard on researching and presenting her topic, Diamonds, for her IRP. Great work, Lily!</td>
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<td>Clive Landy 3/4M</td>
<td>For presenting an extremely detailed and creative IRP presentation on water with such confidence. The knowledge you have developed is wonderful!</td>
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<td>Louis Cox 3/4M</td>
<td>For presenting an interesting IRP presentation of water with a new found confidence. You continue to improve each term Louis, keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Lily Ritson-Morrison 3/4W</td>
<td>For showing a more positive attitude in all areas of her learning and focussing on completing set tasks independently. Keep it up Lily!</td>
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<td>Flossie Corsham 5B</td>
<td>For your enthusiastic attitude at the state wide debating tournament. Your energy was inspiring and your contribution was impressive. Competing in 3 debates in one day is a massive commitment. You are a team player, Flossie!</td>
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<td>Dean Angelopoulos 5B</td>
<td>For your hardworking attitude and in depth research skills that made your rebuttal very persuasive at the state wide debating tournament. Competing in 3 debates in one day is an impressive undertaking. Congratulations Dean!</td>
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<td>Mimi Dautovic 5F</td>
<td>For your dedication and hard work shown when researching and presenting your debate. Mimi, you were a great help to your team. Well done!</td>
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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**
Ho Ho Ho everyone!

Another great year at APS is drawing to a close after another fantastically successful weekend of fundraising.

The BBQ and Cake Stall made us just under $5K so...just like Christmas...our new fence will be coming soon!

We’d like to thank our intrepid Cake master chef Michelle Moffat, along with the Cullity family at kick-off as well as all her merry crew who ran the stall last Saturday, including the wonderful children who helped wrap and carry delicious morsels from the Italian room all day.

We also thank our sizzlers, fired up by Dean Park and Steve along with the Tabbagh, Ingham, Larner, Batagol, Cox, Ajani, Hodgkinson, Dixon and Johnston families for all their help on the day. And another BIG thank you to Craig Laing for his very generous donation of sausages.

On Wednesday evening I was privileged enough to attend a Prep 2015 welcome evening where our Prep teachers, along with Mrs Cukier and Mr Dow, outlined how best to prepare our new recruits for their first day at ‘big school’ and what to expect timetable-wise.

It was a wonderfully warm evening with lots of laughter and perhaps a little bit of apprehension voiced on some parents’ part.

Can you remember how you felt accompanying your child to their first day at APS? I can.

I was also humbled this morning at assembly when the Year 5 Debating Team told of their recent experience at Docklands. Rochelle summed it up when she commented how erudite, mature and considered they are as a group and I look forward to both my children developing into confident and independent thinkers through the education they receive at APS.

On this note, I would like to thank all the teaching staff for their constant commitment and genuine interest in all our students on campus.

I hope I can speak on behalf of the parent body when I say how much we appreciate you and thank you for helping raise our children.

Counting down now to Rudolph time and the Guy in the big red suit and the black black boots...

♦ Icy Poles are still on offer every Friday for $1
♦ Please check bags and tiqbiz for end of year concert times

Last PFA meeting will be held December 12 in the Staffroom at 2.30. Come and say hi and see how you can have more fun in 2015!

Exciting Things Happen At Armadale Primary

Mish McGrory 0412 554 434 and Brigid Warwick 0412 128 164
Email: mish@mccgroryonline.com brigid@warwick.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents
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A. TPCC Netball camp – 6 to 14 year olds - December 2014
Registrations are now open.
Please follow attached link to register: TPCC netball camp registrations

B. TPCC Cricket camps – 4 year old to 15 years – December 2014
Registrations are now open.
Please follow attached link to register: TPCC cricket camp registrations

C. Kickstart soccer camp – 5 to 12 year olds - December 2014
Registrations are now open.
Please go to the website to register: www.trybooking.com
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Portsea holiday home w tennis court, boatshed etc.

4 bedroom holiday house with modgrass tennis court, 2 bathrooms, 2 living areas, including aircon, heating, digital tvs, dvd player, bbq, etc. Use of large boatshed at Shelley Beach, with water, power (incl. bar fridge), two kayaks, deckchairs etc. Sleeps 8. Well behaved pets will be considered. Available to rent from 12th January 2014 onwards, including Australia Day. Also available at Easter.

Ph 9822 2804 or 0418366576

Babysitting

Two former APS teenage sisters are available for babysitting.

Please ring: Celia or Julia Hill on 0403 274 939.
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Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at Armadale Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2015.

Interested parents should call Sharon during office hours on 9818 2333

www.creativemusic.com.au

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SMDC Holiday Programme

Bookings Are Open Now

Dates
Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st January 2015

Locations
South Melbourne Community Centre & Koooyong Rd, Armadale Studio
(will be run at both venues if enough enrolments)

Times
Mornings

1. Musical Theatre - The Magic Faraway Tree (book by Enid Blyton)

Run by our fabulous SMDC musical theatre team – Suitable for ages 6 to 16 yrs and grouped according to ages
Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st January 2015 from 9am to 12pm. Run over 3 days – includes vocal work, script reading, musical theatre, dance, singing and drama. The final day includes a show of pieces from “The Magic Faraway Tree” (costumes provided)

2. Pirate/Princess/Ballerina Taster Workshop

Suitable for ages 3yrs to 5yrs – Kindergarten aged boys & girls.
Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th January 2015 from 9am to 11am
This 2 day programme includes ballet, jazz & tap and related arts & crafts. (tap shoes not required) Children may take part in the show on the final day.
A wonderful introduction to the world of dance and creativity, run by our fabulous SMDC dance teaching team.

3. Let’s put on a Ballet - Frozen

Suitable for ages 5yrs to 15yrs and grouped according to ages.
Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd January 2014 from 9am - 12pm with our ballet show/performance being held at 12pm on Wednesday 21st of January 2015.
Costumes will be provided.
This programme includes classical ballet, jazz, tap, hiphop and choreography providing the sheer joy of putting on a show.
Run by our fabulous SMDC dance teaching team.

COSTS
1. Three day Musical Theatre Programme - $135 current SMDC students / $150 non SMDC students.
2. Two day Taster – Pirate/Princess/Ballerina Workshop - $60 current SMDC students / $80 non SMDC students.
3. Let’s Put on a Ballet – “Frozen” (The Ballet) including show on the 4th day - $160 current SMDC students / $175 non SMDC students.
A further 10% discount extended to SMDC families introducing & enrolling new families into our fabulous 2014 holiday programmes.
There is a minimum of 10 participants required to run each programme.
To register for any of the programmes, simply text Ms Cass on 0406 488 845 and complete/return the tear off form below.

SMDC 2015 Holiday Programme Registration Form

Student Name ........................................................ Parent Name ...........................................................
Programme 1 2 3 Preferred Location South Melbourne / Armadale
Phone ........................................................ Email .........................................................
Postal Address (compulsory) ...........................................................
Payment Details: Cheque or EFT

Post cheque & this form to
SMDC Holiday Programme
PO Box 3055, Prahran East Vic 3181

EFT – Print receipt of payment and email to lee14sherlock@gmail.com or post
Account Name: South Melbourne Dance Centre
Bank: nab BSB: 083 2998 Account: 136 909 862

Closing date for registration – 19th December 2014