Dear Parents,

Rochelle and Malcolm are at present attending the Principals’ conference held in Creswick. The conference will run for three days whereby world renowned presenters will be sharing findings based on educational research. Our own leaders were quite excited about the prospect of exploring ways to transfer their learnings to improve our school.

100 Years of Cars

What a fantastic day last Sunday! We would like to thank all the car owners for bringing their fantastic cars for display and also to the many people who made this day a success, including:

- Porsche Centre Melbourne: Pierro Pellegrini
- Walkinshaw Racing: Bruce & Lisa Stewart
- Autobarn: Brad Hyde
- Sage Creative: Pippa Castle
- Luxe Property: Brett Graham
- Marshall White: Andrew Haines
- Interconnect: Sasha Apel
- Le Bon Ton Restaurant: Will & Mick Balleau
- Jumping Castle: Ed & Sandra Schill
- Cake Stall Organiser: Michelle Moffat
- Gabbie Nass: Ed Dixon Food Design

- Hairy’s Hair House
- Hayley Durack: Polkadot Photography
- All the volunteers of parents, teachers & students for their time and support
- Lastly, Gretchen & Flavio Puccinelli for their wonderful organisation

Over $6,000 was raised on the day. A great effort by our school community!

Public Holiday Monday 9th March
A reminder that the school is closed next Monday 9th March due to the Labour Day weekend.

World’s Greatest Shave
Brett Leyshan (staff member) will be shaving off his beard next Thursday 12th March at 11:00am. He is raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation as part of the World’s Greatest Shave. Children are welcome to bring a gold coin donation on the day to support this worthy cause (and Brett!)

Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Your Best
As part of our Armadale Primary School Playground Rules, we have focussed this week on the message, ‘Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Your Best’ for all children. There will be posters around the school promoting this important message. A list of playground rules is on display in all classrooms and on our website.

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National Ride2School Day
Friday 13th March
On this day, children are encouraged to ride/bring their bike, scooter to school for the day. There will be a special raffle for all children with their bike and prizes for the best decorated bikes. A short assembly will be held in front of the stage at 9.00am and some fun bike activities throughout the day on the basketball courts. Further information can be found on the website bicyclenetwork.com.au. Don’t forget your helmet!

Road Safety
The City of Stonnington and Victoria Police want to raise awareness about road safety around schools. We ask parents to read the letter on page 3 about how we can all encourage safe road practices both around school and whenever we are using the roads.

Curriculum Day - Wednesday 18 March
This is a pupil free day. Classes will not be operating for any students but if you do need to arrange care for your child, OOSH will be running a program for that day.

The day will be devoted to professional learning with a focus on developing our understandings of child-centred learning.

Sports News

District Swimming Report
See page 4 for a special report by our Sports Leaders and more photos.

Netball Gala Day Year 5 & 6
Tomorrow - Friday 6th March
We look forward to the exciting Netball Gala Day tomorrow. A reminder to children to be at school at 8:55am. Further information has been distributed to children and is on our school’s website - click here for all the details. Remember to Be Your Best and have fun.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

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Our own pedagogical model utilises a combination of best practice methodology to implement the curriculum taught at APS. We use interdisciplinary themes from the IB program together with Investigations and Educational Research projects from the Walker Learning Approach.

In order to improve on our implementation we have enlisted the expertise of two keynote speakers. The first speaker will be Kathy Walker who is one of Australia’s leading parenting and education experts. Kathy works with schools in personalised play and project based learning. The second speaker will be Colin Dobson who is currently a principal at Mount View Primary School. He was previously the Director of Learning at Wesley and will present his view on curriculum design which incorporates the Interdisciplinary themes.

Peter Cracknell & Connie Apostolos
Acting Principals

Performing Artist of the Week:
Sofia Pellegrini

Performing Art Class of the Week:
Prep P

Visual Artist of the Week:
Matilda Corsham

Visual Art Class of the Week:
1/2E

You Can Do It! Awards:
Nicholas Stoupas 1/2D
Angella Sideris 1/2E
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Claudia Graham 1/2 P
Poppy Holden 1/2W
Charlotte Bond 3/4C
Harry Atwell 3/4C
Samuel Stringer 3/4E
Gus Alekna 3/4E
Aryana Gallagher 3/4J
Mimi Stoupas 5B
Magnus Brenchley 5B
Alexie Angelatos 5P
Max Dixon 5P
Donations for Fiji

Dear APS families

Just a reminder about the donations for Fijian Primary schools and kindergartens. Next week is the final week of collection. The long weekend could be a good chance to go through your children’s books, laptops and educational games.

Kind regards,

Fiona Luth
feeingram@hotmail.com

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Road Safety Around Schools

The City of Stonnington and Victoria Police work in partnership with local road safety stakeholders and the community to improve the safety of road users in the municipality, including primary school aged children.

The purpose of this letter is to advise your school community about actions taken by Council and Victoria Police to improve the safety of primary school aged children, and to encourage the members of the school community to use positive road safety practices around the school.

Council has installed a variety of road safety treatments around primary schools. These include traffic calming devices, line marking and parking restriction signs. Council also employs officers to enforce parking laws and contributes to the cost of employing school crossing supervisors.

With regard to enforcement of parking laws, officers from Council’s Parking Enforcement Service regularly monitor school crossings, and surrounding areas, issuing Parking Infringement Notices to drivers of vehicles observed breaching the Road Rules. This is often at the request of the school or school-crossing supervisor.

The City of Stonnington also utilizes a special vehicle with a camera mounted on the dashboard. (Please see photo enclosed.) Photographs are taken of vehicles breaching parking rules and owners are subsequently identified. Parking Infringement Notices are then posted to the registered owner of the vehicle in accordance with the Road Safety (General) Regulations 2009. There is no requirement for an officer to approach the driver of the vehicle prior to the issue of the infringement notice.

Victoria Police may also be present around schools at any time to monitor / enforce road rules. Infringement notices can be issued for a number of offences and examples include driving through a crossing while in use by pedestrians, speeding, or any statutory offence including parking offences. It should be noted that school crossing supervisors are also able to report illegally stopped vehicles, at which time a parking infringement notice will be issued.

Achieving motorists’ compliance with road rules assists to provide a safe environment for children and other pedestrians.

Council appreciates the work that school communities undertake in promoting road safety and driver compliance to the road rules. This often includes the provision of road safety information in meetings, assemblies and newsletters and making parents aware of the risk to children of illegal driving and parking practices.

Newsletters could also include references to this website: http://www.victorialawfoundation.org.au/publications. There is a free publication at this location called Parking, the law and you which explains in simple terms common parking restrictions.

By working together in partnership, the City of Stonnington, Victoria Police and the school community can enhance the road safety of children attending your school.

Should you have any concerns / queries in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Brian Rogers of Council or Sergeant James Robbins of Victoria Police during business hours on the telephone numbers shown below.

Yours sincerely,

Ian McLauchlan
Transport & Parking Manager
City of Stonnington

Jo Dolan
Inspector
Stonnington Local Area Commander
Southport District Swimming Report

Go Sharks!


Well done to all who competed and good luck to all the students that got through to divisions later this month.

Bella C & Brett B (Sports Leaders)
Performing Arts News

Performing Artist of the Week: Sofia Pellegrini
for your incredible work ethic, kindness and cooperative nature. You make Performing Arts a truly great place to be.

Performing Arts Class of the Week: Prep P
for the wonderful progress you have made in Performing Arts so far this year. You should be very proud of yourselves! Keep up the excellent work.

Lisa Vollugi
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

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.

Art Smocks

There are still a number of students that have not brought an art smock to school yet. Each class has an art smock tub which is kept in their classroom and brought to the art room for each lesson. Please make sure smocks are clearly named and are in the classroom art smock tub by the end of this week.

Smocks can be purchased/ordered online from:

PSW
(Primary and Secondary Schoolwear)
12 Strathalbyn Street
East Kew

Thank you for your support.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week: Matilda Corsham 3/4J

For the excellent skills she displayed when drawing patterns on her Autumn leaf. The finished product looks wonderful Matilda. Well done.

Visual Art Class of the Week: 1/2E

For the excellent self-portraits they drew and the effective backgrounds they created using oil pastel and poster colour.

Year 6 Incursion - Anzac Centenary Commemorative Project

Year 6 students took part in the Anzac Centenary Commemorative project this week with Melbourne ‘Mosaicman’, Sankar Nadeson. Students did an excellent job of making poppy tiles from terracotta clay. When these have been painted and fired they will form the border of a commemorative glass mosaic of Sir John Monash. We look forward to showing you our finished piece and finding a place to hang it within the school.
### You Can Do It! Awards

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<td>For showing greater independence and being a mature member of our class. Well done, Nicholas!</td>
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<td>For always demonstrating positive work habits and striving to achieve her best in all that she does.</td>
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<td>For being a very mature and responsible class member. Well done Rudy on a super start to grade 1!</td>
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<td>For always working enthusiastically on tasks and being very organised. Great start to the year Poppy!</td>
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<td>For demonstrating a positive, hardworking and organised approach to all areas of her learning. Keep it up Charlotte!</td>
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<td>Harry Atwell 3/4C</td>
<td>For demonstrating respectful, active listening skills during our ‘History Box’ incursion and engaging in all the activities with a positive attitude. Great job Harry!</td>
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<td>Samuel Stringer 3/4E</td>
<td>For being an engaged and mature member of the audience throughout our ‘History Box’ incursion. You made an excellent marine solider, keep it up Samuel!</td>
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<td>Gus Alekna 3/4E</td>
<td>For always being a kind, considerate, enthusiastic and engaged member of our class. You are a gem Gus!</td>
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<td>Aryana Gallagher 3/4J</td>
<td>For demonstrating wonderful listening skills and enthusiasm during our ‘First Fleet’ incursion. Good girl!</td>
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<td>Mimi Stoupas 5B</td>
<td>For her thoughtfulness and helpful demeanour in and out of the classroom. You are so reliable Mimi and a real lifesaver!</td>
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<td>Magnus Brenchley 5B</td>
<td>For the willingness and enthusiasm he displayed at our Maths Target Groups. Keep it up Magnus!</td>
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<td>Alexie Angelatos 5P</td>
<td>For her energetic and enthusiastic approach during the first session in her Maths target group. Keep up the great work Alexie!</td>
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<td>Max Dixon 5P</td>
<td>For demonstrating positive work habits when editing his research task on Peter Lalor. Well done Max!</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
Hi everyone,

On Monday the PFA gave all the Armadale Primary Children a chocolate milkshake as a thank you for all their efforts in getting the school ready for the “100 years of Cars” event on Sunday. The PFA would also like to thank all our amazing parent volunteers.

And a big thanks also to Nicki Rickard, Mel Cooper and Emma Morrison.

**Grade 6 & Grade 5 Cocktail Party/Parties**

There has been a venue change for the Grade 6 and Grade 5 cocktail, due to projected numbers.

A new venue is currently being organised. An invitation with all the details will be handed out to all students by their classroom teacher next week. These parties are always a great night out, and a wonderful chance to meet parents and staff in an informal setting. If you have any questions, your class room rep will be more than happy to assist.

**Easter Raffle – Last Day of Term**

We celebrate Easter at Armadale Primary with fantastic hampers filled with Easter treats. The hampers are filled with eggs generously donated by all families. If you can afford to donate an egg or two, then please place your Easter egg/s in the timber box in the front office so each class can put together their amazing Easter hamper creations.

With the eggs that have been donated, each class at Armadale Primary will be able to create their own amazing hamper. They will be given a plain cardboard box and will be asked to decorate the box and then fill with eggs to create a master piece!

This year three hampers will be handed out to our 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize raffle winners, with the remaining hampers to be given to “Very Special Kids” by Rochelle and our school leaders. With regards to the raffle tickets, there has been a slight change to last year, the Raffle tickets will be sold by the class reps starting from the week of the 9th March (10th March), with the Easter Raffle tickets to be drawn at the final assembly on Friday 27th March. We really appreciate your support and we are sure Very Special Kids will also enjoy your generosity!

**Class Representatives**

A big thank you to all who have volunteered as class representative for their child’s class, we nearly have all classes covered, with one or two reps for every class. Except for the following who still require a class representative:

- 5B
- 6N
- 6Z

If you are interested in being a Class Representative, of any of the above mentioned classes please contact Janine Sheean on janinesheean@gmail.com

**Icy Poles**

Don’t forget to put $1.00 in your child’s bag tomorrow for Icy Poles.

Kind regards

Caz Laughton and Sarah Monahan
PFA Co-Presidents
Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com

Click here to see some more photos on the school website from last Sunday’s 100 Years of Cars event
Holiday Program
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 2015

Armadale PS OOSHIC
9-23 Densham Rd
Armadale 3143
Phone: 9322 4912
Mobile: 0421 230 769
Fax: 9824 8954
Email: ooshc@hotmail.com
Website: armadaleps.vic.edu.au

Daily Dose To Bring
- Lunch & Snack
- Drink Bottle (refillable)
- Hat / Raincoat if needed

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

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

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

HOURS OF OPERATION: 8am-6pm

ARRIVAL: The times 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 for the first 15 minutes and then $5.00 for each 5 minutes thereafter will be charged if your child/ren are picked up after 6pm. Children will only be allowed to leave the centre with an adult known to the staff of your previous arrangement.

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

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 imperative to communicate with you, to obtain on my behalf such medical treatment or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary and I understand that I shall be liable to pay the costs thus incurred.

Fees:
$50 per child per day*, full day only

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

All you are eligible for Child Care Benefit it is imperative that you register with the Family Assistance Office. The provider number is 880-611-9838. You will be required to pay full unless we have received your registration from the Family Assistance Office. Please call 13 61 61 for more information.

PAYMENTS: To book into this program you must fill in a credit card authorization form for us to deduct your outstanding fees after the holidays. If payment is not made on time, an additional fee will be added onto your fee. You will be unable to use the program again until payment is made.

CANCELLATIONS: Once you have made a booking you are unable to cancel reservations. If your child is small and you provide a medical certificate then we may be able to allow the cancellation fee.

Monday 30th March
Inflatable World – Knox
Imagine a world where you could run around and jump off things and always have a soft landing! Well imagine no more, because Inflatable World is an amazing new centre with giant jumping castles where you can bounce off everything and have hours of fun.
6:30am - 4:30pm
Transport: Bus
Parent’s Signature

Tuesday 31st March
Scienceworks
Today we will explore some of the new interactive exhibitions, see some old favourites and take in a show at the Planetarium.
8:30am - 4:30pm
Transport: Bus
Children’s Name
Parent’s Signature

Wednesday 1st April
Swimming
The Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre is a new swimming facility and is home to the world’s first Aquasphere (a crazy soft waterbowl), they also have the Constrictor waterbowl, an aqua playground and much more.
3:30pm - 5:00pm
Transport: Bus
Children’s Name
Don’t forget your bathers and towel
Parent’s Signature

Thursday 2nd April
Easter egg hunt & BBQ
What’s the best thing about Easter? An Easter Egg hunt with all your friends. We will also be having the team from Proactivate run lots of fun games and activities with us at Elsternwick park.
5:00pm - 9:00pm
Lunch will be provided.
Transport: Bus

Friday 3rd April
No Program

Monday 6th April
No Program

Tuesday 7th April
Scavenger hunt
After the success of last year’s scavenger hunt around the Malvern area we are hosting another one, but this time we will be exploring the Prahran area. We will be splitting up into teams and completing a series of tasks and finding objects on our lists.
8:30am - 4:00pm
Transports Train

Wednesday 8th April
Comedy festival
Laughter is said to be the best medicine, so today we will be going to see 2 kids comedy acts at The Famous Spiegeltent in Federation Square as part of the Melbourne Comedy festival.
8:30am - 4:06pm
Transport: Train

Thursday 9th April
Melbourne Zoo
Come and see some of the world’s most beautiful animals at the Melbourne Zoo. From tigers to meerkats, elephants and insects the Melbourne Zoo has it all.
8:30am - 4:06pm
Transport: Bus

Friday 10th April
Fishing @ Mordialloc pier
As Darryl Derwin from the Castle said ‘Fishing is 10% brains, 95% muscle, and the rest is just good luck!’ So today we will be meeting up with the team from YAPA to learn all about Fishing. You will learn how to set up your own rod, cast your line out and hopefully reel in a massive fish from the sea.
#Please wear closed toe shoes and hats
6:30 - 8:30pm
Transport: Bus

*Children’s Name
Parent’s Signature
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Society of Victoria

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*and go home in a free carry box*

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Greensborough, VIC
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www.catprotection.com.au
e: info@catprotection.com.au

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**BREAKFAST WITH WORLD CHAMPION: DAMON HILL**

**FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2015**

With the Formula 1 season beginning in Melbourne, we invite you to join 1996 World Champion Damon Hill for breakfast.

Damon will be discussing his esteemed racing career including those with Michael Schumacher and being teammate of Ayrton Senna, the pasting 2015 Formula 1 season and his passion for improving the lives of those with Down syndrome.

**TIME:** 7.30am – 9am
**WHERE:** Harbour Kitchen
Waterfront Side, Ground Floor,
NAB Building
Shop 1, 800 Bourke St,
Docklands
**PRICE:** $80pp
**TICKETS:** CLICK HERE

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**Afterschool session on 16 March from 6 to 7pm - Don’t miss out!**

**Understanding the Universe**

Facilitated by Dr Jean-Luc Boulanger, PhD in Astrophysics

Introduction session to a broader Science program

A different and exciting way for school students to enhance their skills and have an edge

Rigorous scientific approach but accessible to students without any prior knowledge in Astronomy

Focus not only on “what we know” but also on “how we know” and “what we don’t know”

Open to parents and other family members

$30 per student or $50 per family regardless of number of family members

**RSVP by 12 March:** jean-luc.boulanger@bigpond.com or 0414 438 193

Information on broader program: https://sites.google.com/site/topofminduniverseau

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**ENROL YOUR CHILD NOW!**

March 30 - 31: **Mining & Crafting:** 9am - 4pm  
April 1 - 2: **Super Hero Academy:** 9am - 4pm  

**Location:**  
Caulfield South Community House Inc.  
450 Kooyong Road  
Caulfield South VIC 3162  
Enrol online or contact Julie (limited spots)  
Mobile: 0411 369 944  
BRICKS4KIDZAUSTRALIA.COM.AU/SES  

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**Asthma and Thunderstorms**

Summer storms are becoming more frequent throughout Australia. Thunderstorms can combine heavy rain, high humidity and strong winds. A European study found there are observations in favour of the possibility that thunderstorms disturb ground-level pollen grains, bursting the pollen grains and making the allergens small enough to be inhaled into the lungs. There is also evidence that after rain and during wet conditions there are a larger amount of fungal spores in the air. These can act as a trigger for asthma symptoms.

**What can you do?**

- Ensure preventer medication is taken as prescribed.  
- Have an up to date Asthma Care Plan.  
- If your asthma gets worse during thunderstorms try to stay indoors with the windows closed.  
- Always carry your reliever medication with you.

For more information on Thunderstorms and asthma please see [www.asthmaaustralia.org.au](http://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au)