Dear Armadale Community,

We have had a number of new families start with us this year and it is so rewarding to listen to the children’s and parents’ feedback about the start they have had and the very warm welcome, sense of belonging and inclusiveness that is extended to these new children. Above all, they also comment on the learning environment, the caring nature of their teachers and the overall feel of the school. I feel very blessed to be the Principal of this amazing school and thrilled that our strategic direction will see it go from strength to strength.

**Meet the team information evenings**

Our new strategic plan has mapped out goals and targets, and one of our key improvement strategies is to further strengthen our partnership with our parents.

We are offering our community the opportunity to come and “Meet the Team” of educators who will be supporting your child’s learning throughout this year. We have deliberately staggered these evenings one night per level to afford you the time and space to meet the team without having it clash with another level on the same evening.

Please make note of the following times and locations:

- **Year 1’s** Tuesday 14th February 6.30 - 7.00pm in Pauline’s classroom (1P)
- **Year 2’s** Monday 13th February 6.00 - 6.30pm in Rosanna’s classroom (2C)
- **Year 3/4** Wednesday 15th February 6.00-6.30pm in the MPC
- **Year 5/6** Thursday 16th February 6.30 - 7.00pm in the upstairs 5/6 classrooms

We look forward to seeing our parent community at these sessions where you will find out:

- what will the teaching and learning look like for 2017;
- how will your child’s learning be supported and developed;
- what are our expectations for our learners;
- what can parents do to support their child’s learning at home;
- and how can parents strengthen their partnership with us, what can you bring to us to support APS in our educational provision. It may be that you have experience in making animations; or work as a research scientist; or write books; or you may be an artist or in Charli Maine’s father’s case...a helicopter pilot, or in Amar Beresha’s father’s case - a famous soccer player for Melbourne Victory!! Or you may be able to help us on excursions or in the classrooms, or on the PFA. We know that no matter what you can do, any involvement in your child’s school has a direct positive relationship with their engagement and academic achievement.

**Family Interviews**

Following on from our “Meet the Team” Information nights, we are holding two evenings of Family interviews the week after next on the Tuesday and Wednesday nights: there may be some exceptions to these nights, due to our part-time teachers and instructions on how to book your conference/interview will be sent to parents tomorrow or early next week.

**Grattan Institute**

The Grattan Institute recently released a report on the lack of engagement in students which can lead to low academic growth and achievement. Engagement is just not about being present in the class, but about being actively involved and curious and wanting to know more about the current learning experience. We know continued on page 2...

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**This Week’s Events**

- **Friday 10 February**
  - Scholastic Book orders due
- **Monday 13 February**
  - Years 5/6 Sovereign Hill excursion
- **Tuesday 14 February**
  - Year 1 information evening
- **Wednesday 15 February**
  - Year 1 information evening
- **Thursday 16 February**
  - Years 5/6 information evening
- **Friday 17 February**
  - School Welcome Picnic 5.30-8.00pm in the school grounds

**Coming Events**

- **Monday 20 February**
  - House Swimming Sports Years 3-6 at Prahran Pool
  - Nomination forms for School Council to be returned
- **Tuesday 21 February**
  - Years 1-6 family interviews
- **Wednesday 22 February**
  - Years 1-6 family interviews

Click here to go to our school website calendar for more details on coming events.
that if we want to engage our students in their learning we need to connect with them and their interests and above all develop genuine and caring relationships with them. We can do that once we know more about who our students are. You will be receiving an invitation to complete a learner profile or a letter to the teacher on your child. The teachers will use this information to guide the learning experiences offered and to map a pathway for each child. Please stick to the timelines to return these to your class teachers to ensure the family interviews are productive and constructive for everyone.

Late to school
Could all parents please be vigilant about ensuring children are at school before 9.00am. Children who are often late have to start their learning without hearing all the important instructions and information about the day. They are also embarrassed about coming late to school and this is even more so the case, when coming late during assembly.

Extreme Weather
A reminder to parents that when we have extreme heat and the temperature reaches 36 degrees during the school day, an extreme weather timetable will be implemented and the children will be kept inside in air conditioned classrooms.

Kiss and Go Zones
These are enforced by Stonnington Council and I will have no hesitation in ringing parking officers to administer fines where parents have deliberately parked and left their cars to come into the school grounds. It is totally unfair for all the other parents who continually do the right thing.

Welcome to Armadale Family Picnic on Friday 17th February 5.30 pm - 8.00pm
The picnic starts from 5.30pm and all parents and children are invited to attend. The picnic is held in the school grounds and is a fantastic opportunity to meet and socialise with others in the school community. Please bring all of your own picnic requirements, chairs, blankets, food and drink and or you may like to purchase fantastic hamburgers and sausages from the famous Armadale BBQ. There will also be popcorn and icy poles, soft drinks for purchase and a “refreshments bar” for the adults. The PFA have generously engaged PROACTIVITY to engage and interact with the children from 6.00pm - 7.00pm and there is no charge for the children to participate. In the interests of children’s safety, could parents please ensure that no glassware is brought into the grounds. Because we have removed our rubbish bins, we would also appreciate parents taking their rubbish home with them.

Fingers crossed for a perfect night weather wise!

Have a wonderful week.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Digital Technologies at Armadale

As all Victorian schools are now using the Victorian Curriculum as their overarching guidance for the structure of the learning occurring at their schools, there are a few changes in the way some parts of the curriculum will be delivered. What was called ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) is now called Digital Technologies and comes under the broader area of Technologies. Here is a small sample of one of the areas in the Year 6 Digital Technologies Curriculum: “Plan, create and communicate ideas, information and online collaborative projects, applying agreed ethical, social and technical protocols”. So through this year we will ensure that the expectations for each year level are covered in our Digital Technologies program.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet day was celebrated on Tuesday at a number of schools across the country. This is an initiative of the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner, which reveals children as young as eight are sharing their surnames, school details and uniforms, phone numbers, and street addresses on their social media accounts. The idea behind Safer Internet Day was about raising awareness of the risks involved with revealing too much personal information online. We need to be having regular conversations with young people about what is and is not OK to share online, and make sure we are modelling the same behaviours in our own social media use. At school we emphasise the importance of always being safe online and we use programs such as Skooville to reinforce this message. It would be great for parents to reinforce the same message at home too. The eSafety Commission’s Website has some great information and ideas for parents.

Another initiative in Digital Technologies that we are undertaking this year is to enable all of our year 3-6 students access to the G-Suite for Education (formerly Google Apps for Education) which affords a number of advantages over our previous system of saving all files on the school server. Through this process the children learn about the importance of keeping their account passwords safe and private, and about setting up security questions for lost passwords – all important skills for the future. There are many advantages with using G-Suite; the files are always accessible from any location, saving documents is simple and it is almost impossible to lose a document or worse – have someone else delete your document. This website will give you further information on G Suite for Education.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
Captains’ Corner

Welcome back to the second week of school for term 1. It is only the second week and there has already been so much going on. The preps have started their school life, the buddies program has begun, our first assembly, class expectation talks, specialists and much much more. The new preps have been dying to start school and finally they have made it. The year sixes and year fives met their buddies yesterday and we can’t wait to spend more time with them throughout 2017. The year ones are enjoying the big step up. The 3s, 4s, 5s, and 6s have loved getting back into their level sport. Can’t wait to see what the next week has to offer. We spoke at assembly about the expectations that all Armadale Primary School students should follow. These were - Be safe, Be kind and Be your Best.

Have a great week!

From your school captains,
Lucia and Jack

No Hat No Play

A reminder to all students that they will need to bring a hat to school each day to wear when playing outside.

Art Smocks

Please remember that visual art can sometimes be messy and each student will need an art smock. 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 stored in the classroom Art Smock Tub.

If you have misplaced it since last year, there are art smocks for sale in the second-hand uniform cupboard outside the staffroom.

Pippa Cocks
The Arts Co-ordinator
Sports News

House Swimming Sports

On Monday 20 February, all Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 children will be participating in the House Swimming Sports at Prahran Aquatic Centre. All children received information yesterday. Permission is to be made via Compass, and payment via Qkr! Click here for all the details.

Parent assistance is needed and children need to return the swimming level information by Wednesday 15 February.

Health & Well Being (HWB)

Our exciting new room in the MPC (see photo) will focus on developing Health & Well Being (HBW) for all at Armadale Primary School. We look forward to promoting these important life skills.

Team Vic Trials

Following last week’s information regarding Team Vic Trials, there was an issue with the School Sport Victoria’s website. Please go to the link below to access the registration page and information which was experiencing problems last week. School Sport Victoria has asked us to forward this link to all the families in our school community so that the relevant communication is not missed. You can find all the instructions on this link of the SSV website. http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/ContactUs.aspx

Peter Cracknell
Sports Convenor

Sports News

Prep Parents Drinks Party

Friday 3rd March 7.30-10.30pm MPC. Tickets available from Qkr! 13th February

Class Reps

We still need class reps for the following classes 1C, 1P, 1K, 2S, 2J, 3/4W, 3/4G and 5/6Z. If you are interested please contact Bec Bond via email at RBond@citycentralgroup.com.au. We are keen to get them all sorted and class list circulated. We would also like to invite all class reps to a meeting to discuss what we are doing this year and get their input.

Next PFA meeting Wednesday 1st March 2.30pm in the staffroom. Welcome to all.

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

PICNIC

FRIDAY 17TH

5:30 - 8PM

Kids Activities
with
Proactivity
6 - 7pm

Sausage Sizzle

Popcorn

Icypoles

Pimms and Beer Bar
Dear Parents,

On Monday 20th February, all children from Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be involved in the House Swimming Sports and District Swimming Trials for the upcoming District Swimming Sports. Children will be participating in either 25m (shallow end) or 50m freestyle based on their swimming Certificate of Achievement at our 2016 swimming program at Lauriston. (If your child was assessed at swimming level 3 or below and has progressed to 50m freestyle since the swimming program or your did not participate in the swimming program please complete slip below)

Children at swimming level 4 or above may also participate and be trialled in 50m backstroke, breaststroke or butterfly. Children will also participate in a range of fun water relays/activities in the shallow area of the pool based on fun and participation in their house groups. These sports will be held at the Prahran Aquatic Centre.

See over for event timetable (approximate times only).

Date: Monday 20th February
Venue: Prahran Aquatic Centre 50m outdoor pool, 41 Essex Street, Prahran 3181
Departure: 9:00am
Travel: Private Bus
Return: 3:20pm (approximately)
Cost: $20.00 to pay by Osk or BPay by Wednesday 15th February
Permission: to be made via Compass by Wednesday 15th February

Please note:
No child can attend without the signed permission on Compass.

Children require:
> To assist with the changing process it is recommended that children wear their bathers to school under their school uniform, prior to the sports.
> NB Girls should wear one piece design and boys ‘speedo’ style
> Please remember to supply underwear for your child when changing after sports.
> goggles and house swimming cap from 2016 program (highly recommended)
> children need to also bring a towel and labelled swimming bag/sports bag. A plastic bag is not recommended.
> school uniform
> play lunch, lunch and drinks in reusable containers
> plastic water bottle
> school bag or sports bag

Parent Assistance Required
Teachers require any parents who are able to assist with supervision/changing and as officials. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the form and tear off slip below and return to your child’s class teacher if you can assist by Wednesday 15th February. Parents assisting are welcome to come on the bus. Please advise if you wish to do so as spaces are limited.

If you have any further queries please contact me or your child’s class teacher. We look forward to a fun day.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Convener

< Swimming Level Information (please return by Wednesday 15th February)
Child’s Name: ____________________________ Class: ______

Swimming Level 3 or below
My child was assessed at Level 3 or below in the Lauriston 2016 Program and has progressed to 50m freestyle since the swimming program. I would like my child to participate in the 50m freestyle.

Parent’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

< Parent Assistance at the Swimming Sports (please return by Wednesday 15th February)
Yes, I can assist on Monday 20th February with supervision or as an official at the Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Sports and Trials.

Parent’s Name: ____________________________ Phone No(s): ____________

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Class: ______

☐ I do require transport on the bus if space permits ☐ I do not require transport on the bus
House Swimming Sports/Trials 2017
Armadale Primary School
Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Venue: Prahran Aquatic Centre

Events  (approximate times only)

9:45am  Arrival

9:55am  Assembly & Event Organisation

10:20am

50m Freestyle
- 12/13 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls
- 11 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls
- 10 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls
- 8/9 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls

11:30am

25m Freestyle
- 12/13 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls
- 11 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls
- 10 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls
- 8/9 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls

12:30pm

50m Backstroke
- 12/13 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls
- 11 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls
- 10 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls
- 9 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls

50m Breaststroke
- 12/13 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls
- 11 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls
- 10 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls
- 9 Year Age Group
  Boys/Girls

60m Butterfly  (selected children only)

- 12/13 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls
- 11 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls
- 10 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls
- 9 Year Age Group
  Boys
  Girls

12:45pm-1:15pm (approx lunchtime)

1:15pm

25m House Relays & Games
- 12/13 Year Age Group
  Mixed or Boys/Girls
- 11 Year Age Group
  Mixed or Boys/Girls
- 10 Year Age Group
  Mixed or Boys/Girls
- 9 Year Age Group
  Mixed or Boys/Girls

2:40pm Presentation & Conclusion
2:50pm Departure
Armadale Primary School Playground Expectations 2017

The following expectations have been discussed & agreed upon by students and staff at Armadale Primary School.

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

Remember at all times outside in the playground:
‘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
• Nuc Food. Children need to use reusable containers at morning recess and lunch
• No food is to be eaten on the play equipment, 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 or ball 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 at rear of MPC out of bounds)

Out of Bounds Areas
• Inside buildings & doorways/steps
• Outside school grounds
• Behind buildings
• Grass area at front of the school
• Bike Racks
• Swimming pool
• Pathway at rear of MPC
• Around recycle bins
Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is Tuesday

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please fill in the tear off section below and return it to Alison in the school office.

Completing your deposit slip for School Banking day.

Please ensure your child’s deposit slip is filled out before banking with School Banking. All 7 fields below need to be completed:

1. Child’s name
2. Child’s School Banking student number
3. Child’s Youthsaver account number
4. Date
5. Amount in coins, notes and/or cheques
6. Total amount of deposit
7. Total amount of deposit (input into the “Add this deposit” field)
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Please complete a 2017 OOSHC registration form to be able to use the Before and After School Out of School Hours Care (OOSHC) program in 2017. The form is available on the school website. All parents need to update the form each year.
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Try Rugby Union
FREE Clinic & BBQ & meet the Rebels

DATE: Saturday 25th February
TIME: U6 – U10 2pm – 3pm, U11 – U13 3pm – 4pm
WHERE: Orrong Romanis Reserve, A’Beckett St, Prahran
New players welcome – boys and girls, any age

Saturday morning competition starts 22nd April 2017

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Reading/writing/spelling
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