Dear Parents,

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS
My sincere thanks to the many parents who have completed the official forms to nominate themselves on School Council. I continue to be so impressed and grateful for the wonderful parent support we have at Armadale Primary. All of the vacancies have been filled with several other parents and staff electing to become members of one of the Sub Committees of School Council. I will confirm the final School Council membership for 2013 in next week’s newsletter.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE
Many may not realise that the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) does not provide any insurance/compensation if a child is involved in an accident at school and sustains an injury that requires medical attention. When this happens, parents unfortunately cover all costs associated with the injury. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

LEARNER PROFILES
Thank you to all parents who have already brought back the student learner profiles to their class teachers. This is particularly important as we lead into our Family Conferences on March 4th and 5th. The students from Level 2-6 have been working on developing their learning goals and I was very pleased to witness this in Robin’s class yesterday afternoon, where the Level 6 students have clearly articulated personalised learning goals. The more specific and targeted a goal, the easier it is for the students to work towards and reflect on their learning.

FAMILY CONFERENCES
The Family Conferences for this semester will be held from 3.30 – 7.30pm on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March for parents from Levels 2, 4 & 6. The Family Conferences provide the opportunity for parents, teachers and students to collaboratively discuss your child’s strengths and identify the learning road map that the students will navigate this year. We encourage student voice in this process and most of the students will have already considered their learning goals. It is expected that all parents will book a conference timeslot and unfortunately due to industrial bans we can only allocate one time slot per student. You can book a time by following the instructions and the links on the homepage of the school website and detailed information is provided on page 7 of today’s newsletter. Please note that all of the teachers will be having a tea break from 5.30 - 6.00pm and that the conference times are of 15 minutes duration.

If there are no suitable times available on the schedule for a specific teacher, please contact the classroom teacher directly to arrange an alternate interview time outside the allocated schedule. If you need to change your interview times after bookings have closed, please contact the school office on 9822 7003. Please note that bookings will close at 9.00am on Monday 4th March.

STOP WORK ACTION
Thank you to our parents who supported the school’s stop work action last Thursday. We understand how hard it can be to make alternative arrangements under these circumstances. Hopefully a resolution to these negotiations isn’t too far down the track.

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SWIMMING SPORTS

What a fantastic day the students in Levels 4 and 6 experienced at the Richmond Recreation Centre last Friday at the annual house swimming sports. The children excitedly participated in all their events and the sense of sportsmanship that they displayed to each other was exemplary. All children are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and strong connectedness to their houses. Would all parents who attended the swimming sports please accept this as a public thank you for your support and assistance, and in particular we are very grateful to Libby Brown and Andrea Gray for their assistance the whole day. Thank you also to all the teachers who endured fairly hot and steamy conditions whilst marshalling, supervising, recording, judging and timekeeping. I know the whole Armadale Community will join with me as I thank and congratulate Peter Cracknell for his superb organisation and management of all the students and their events, transportation to and from the pool, liaison with the staff at the Richmond Recreation Centre, devising the whole swimming program and ensuring the staff were well supplied with refreshments. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a highly competent leading teacher at Armadale Primary.

Congratulations to all the students who went on to represent Armadale yesterday at the District Swimming Carnival at Prahran Pool and I know many of you have now made it into the Zone competition and I wish you all the very best as you go on to swim at this next level.

FOUNDATION INFORMATION EVENING

Thank you to the many parents of our Foundation students who were able to attend the Information Session held on Tuesday evening. We hope this session has provided a clear overview of the learning programs planned for this year, as well as the learning expectations we have for students at this level. Thank you to Pippa Cocks, Connie Apostolos and Jennifer Drew for all their hard work in putting this session together and for Malcolm Dow for his assistance on the evening. Students in Foundation will not have Family Conferences this first semester as they have all just had their Family Interviews and online English assessments.

INFORMATION BULLETINS FOR STUDENTS IN LEVELS 2-6

Because of the ongoing industrial action, the Leadership Team decided not to run Information evenings for all the other levels as we want our teachers to stay back for the Student Led Conferences on March 4th and 5th. For those parents of students in Levels 2-6, an Information sheet will be uploaded onto the school website to provide a clear overview of the learning programs planned for this year, as well as the learning expectations we have for students at these levels. These will be uploaded by Monday 25th February.

ARMADALE WELCOME FAMILY PICNIC

All Armadale families are invited to our wonderful Welcome Family Picnic on Friday night, March 1st from 6.00-8.00pm. It is a fantastic opportunity for new parents to meet other families in our community. The children will be entertained by ALLSPORTZ and there will be refreshments for the parents available to purchase. All you have to do is BYO picnic, picnic rug, blanket or chairs.

The PFA are very excited by their first event for the year and we are all looking forward to seeing as many families as possible. There are bright green sheets of paper all over the school detailing the event and I hope all families have kept this night free!!

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Warm regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Better Buddies Program

Our Better Buddies Program, endorsed by the Alannah and Madeleine Foundation, is off to a wonderful start with Foundation and Level 6 students getting to know each other in recent weeks.

For the younger children, an older buddy provides an extra familiar face in the yard and helps to alleviate any fear of the ‘big’ kids in the playground. A variety of activities are planned throughout the year for the children to participate in, such as sports games, reading sessions, maths or science activities or art and craft sessions. In our experience, as the Foundation children get to know their buddies we see a huge growth in their confidence. At the end of the term we are planning to have a ‘buddy picnic’ at a local park!

For the older children, the buddy program provides them with opportunities to undertake peer tutoring, promotes confidence, encourages them to behave as positive role models, fosters skills of empathy and contributes to a positive and caring school culture.

A notice board located in the stairwell of the Infant Building has more information about buddies and will showcase photos of the various buddy activities throughout the year.

In addition to this, the Level 2 and 4 classes are ‘buddying’ up this year and will meet a couple of times each term. To further support positive friendships amongst students at Armadale Primary School, the aim of buddying up with another grade will assist in developing friendships across year levels and supporting each other, particularly during multi-age day activities and when transitioning to the next level late this year and early into 2014.

Jennifer Drew, Colleen Johnson and Virginia Wallace (Buddy Program Team)

Level 1 Weekly Bulletin

This week’s Level 1 bulletin for Foundation parents is on the website under your child’s class in the Students tab or click here.

OOSHC News

A temporary cook is needed in OOSHC:

- 4 days a week
- $25 an hour to prepare food and fruit platters
- A Working With Children card is required

Please speak to Katie Wallman or email ooshc@hotmail.com for more details.

Don’t forget icypoles are for sale tomorrow at recess - only $1
Performing Arts News

Congratulations to Rebecca Buluran, Mia Vodicka Georgiou and Milla Alekna. These three girls are my Performing Arts leaders for 2012. Over the year we will hopefully hear much more from them in both the newsletter and in assembly.

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD: 2J – For making the most out of our time together by being great listeners, being respectful of one another and for being efficient.

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES – either singing or playing an instrument
Students are encouraged to perform at assembly and share their music with the school. Please contact me or your classroom teacher if you would like to play/sing for us.

CHOIR 2013
- Senior Choir will have an introductory session this Friday 22nd at 12.30pm during the senior lunchtime in the Performing Arts room
- Junior Choir will be running this Friday as well at 8.15am in the Science room with Colleen

ALL WELCOME!
Amanda will be running Senior Choir for term 1 while I learn the ropes. Keep your eyes peeled for more information next newsletter.

THE AUSTRALIAN BOYS’ CHOIR – will be visiting grade 2 & 3 boys TOMORROW IN THE MPB Friday the 22nd at 10.00am. The purpose of this program is to run preliminary choir auditions looking for musical talent and potential. Boys will participate in an informal sequence song that involves all children singing together and a simple exercise to briefly assess pitch and rhythm. It is great fun for the boys and takes approximately 15 minutes.

AFTER SCHOOL MUSIC TUITION – Information provided at the office.

THANK YOU to Kim Fleetwood (Madeleine’s mum) for the generous donation of instruments to the PA room.

We always welcome any unused instruments and costumes.

Lauren Rich
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Visual Arts News

Art Smocks
Please remember to bring your Art Smocks back to school if you haven’t already. If you do not have an Art Smock you can purchase one at the uniform shop in Kew.

Newspaper
We would love anyone who gets The Age to bring any unwanted papers to the Art Room. We find the large sheets cover our tables best.

Visual Artist of the Week:
Isabella Wollaston 2J

For the excellent drawing she did of a flower. She layered oil pastels effectively and scratched in texture. Isabella’s choice of food dye wash complements her oil pastel work. Amazing job!

Visual Art Class of the Week: 4S
For the excellent drawings they did of ‘Pets’. They applied their knowledge of line and pattern to create wonderful pieces.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

This Week’s Awards

Performing Arts Class 2J
Visual Arts Class 4S
Visual Artist Isabella Wollaston 2J
You Can Do It! Awards:
Lucia Tabbagh 2A
Jordan Filopoulos 2E
Tabitha Ingham 2J
Lucy Silk 2P
Henry Steele 2S
Max Dixon 4B
Josh Bufé 4B
Jamie Shaw 4F
Finlay Galvin-Rowley 4S
Clea Robinson 4S
Sarah McLellan 4W
Joe Power 4W
Harry Xi 6N

House Points
Munro won this week’s house points. Congratulations to all the children in Munro who enjoyed 10 minutes of extra play today.
You Can Do It! Awards

Lucia Tabbagh 2A
For being confident and performing an entertaining puppet show to our class. We loved all the character voices! Well done on using 4 puppets when you only have two hands!

Jordan Filopoulos 2E
For demonstrating great listening skills and striving to do his best in all his classroom activities.

Tabitha Ingham 2J
For working so well to settle in to her new Level 2 class. You also have shown that you ‘Get Along’ with all your class members. Well done!

Lucy Silk 2P
For her conscientious approach to all work tasks and for using excellent strategies to get along with her new friends.

Henry Steele 2S
For his terrific efforts in Numeracy when continuing number patterns and recognising odd and even numbers. Well done Henry!

Max Dixon 4B
For waiting patiently for his relay race at District Swimming and for representing Armadale Primary School. Excellent achievement!

Josh Bufé 4B
For waiting patiently for his relay race at District Swimming and for representing Armadale Primary School. Excellent achievement!

Jamie Shaw 4F
For his detailed reflection on the ‘Aborigine for a Day’ incursion and for his creative portrayal of a goanna in the dance activity.

Finlay Galvin-Rowley 4S
For showing persistence with your maths activity until you really understood. You showed no fear. Well done!

Clea Robinson 4S
For assisting your classmates with their learning. You showed great leadership. Thank you!

Sarah McLellan 4W
For showing great enthusiasm when participating in the activities during our ‘Aboriginal For A Day’ Incursion and for writing a detailed recount of what she learnt. Well done Sarah!

Joe Power 4W
For showing great enthusiasm when participating in the activities during our ‘Aboriginal For A Day’ Incursion and for writing a detailed recount of what he learnt. Well done Joe!

Harry Xi 6N
For being a very positive, helpful student who helps in the classroom without being asked. Keep it up, Harry!

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
Parents and Friends for Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

We hope the first few weeks of the new school year have been enjoyable and exciting for you and your child/ren, and that all our new families are settling in well. Please remember that the PFA’s role is to offer support to the parents, friends and children within the Armadale Primary community. At our monthly meetings we receive many suggestions and ideas to help make life at APS more enjoyable. For the parents and friends who become involved in our activities throughout the year, it is a hugely rewarding experience. We welcome your input at any time.

We are also formulating a ‘wish list’, with Rochelle and her team, of the types of improvements we would all like to see our fundraising efforts achieve this year for the school. The children are the beneficiaries of all funds we raise so stay tuned to see what we are working toward with our first event, the Welcome Picnic.

Coming events to note include:

- **Friday 1 March** – School Welcome Picnic
- **Monday 4 March** – Easter Raffle
- **Tuesday 12 March** – PFA Meeting
- **Friday 22 March** – Prep Cocktail Party

**Friday 1 March – School Welcome Picnic**

All parents and children are invited to our annual school welcome picnic on Friday 1 March from 6pm onwards. The picnic is held in the school grounds and is a fantastic opportunity to meet and socialise with others in the school community. The children just love it and have a fabulous time. There will be supervised sporting activities provided by the fantastic team at Allsportz! for the children from 6.00pm – 7.00pm on the tennis courts. Plus, a bar for the parents with beer, wine and Pimms available along with icy poles and juice for the children - all at very reasonable prices. You may want to see some flyers around the school so pack your picnic baskets, rugs, and chairs, and see you on the 1st.

**Class Representatives**

For Class Reps already on board, we will be sending out a reminder next week to attend the upcoming PFA meeting where you can meet the team and be briefed on how to feed communications out over the year – easy and pain free we promise. For those that have not considered this role as yet, each year we ask for volunteers to act as Class Representative for your child’s class. The role is a fantastic way to be more involved in your child’s class and the school community. Most importantly, it is really enjoyable and not demanding! Both Brigid and I have taken on this role in the past and enjoyed it so much, look what happened! Responsibilities include preparing rosters for classroom helpers, assisting with sausage sizzles, classroom morning teas, cocktail parties, and assisting with the Healthy Breakfast later in the year. If you would like any further information on the role, please don’t hesitate to contact us to discuss. We have received a great response so far but do require reps for, 2J, 4C, 4F, 4S, 4B, and 6W so if you can help please do.

The first Class Reps meeting for the year will be held in the next few weeks – details will be advised shortly.

**Please remember that volunteering your help to either your teacher or to others at drop off is wonderful but you do need to fill in a form so we can collate your information in order to contact you with all relevant information. We urge you to complete the form on our website – armadaleps.vic.edu.au – under the ‘Parents’ and then ‘Forms’ tab. Please return your completed form to the office asap. If you have any problems with the web or printing, please write your name, email and phone on a piece of paper and drop it to the office.**

**PFA Meeting**

Our next PFA meeting is set for Tuesday 12 March after drop off in the Multi-Purpose Centre. All parents, class reps and friends are welcome. No RSVP required, we look forward to seeing you there!

**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 basket in the front office asap so we can start making up some delicious hampers. Please look out for the Raffle tickets coming home on March 4. Perhaps a bag-check might be in order as the children wait with baited breath for the Raffle to be drawn at final assembly on March 28. You will be asked to pay for and return tickets to the office by March 22. We really appreciate your support!

**Icy Poles**

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

**Prep Cocktail Party**

The first for 2013 will be the Prep Cocktail party to be held on Friday 22nd March so Prep parents we hope you have already diarised the date. Details will be provided as soon as we meet on the 14th to discuss logistics. These parties are always a great night out, and a wonderful chance to meet parents and staff in an informal setting.

**Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick**

0412554434 0412128164

Email: mish@mcgroryonline.com brigid@warwick.com.au

PFA Co-Presidents
Dear Parents

Family Conferences will be held from 3.30 – 7.30pm on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 March for parents from Levels 2, 4 & 6. You can book a time by following the instructions below or following the links on the homepage of the school website:

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Go to www.schoolinterview.com.au and enter our school code. Then follow 3 easy steps.

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3. Choose times

When you click finish, you can either print your interview timetable or email it to yourself. If you don’t receive an email straight away – check your junk mail folder. Also, if something comes up you can return to www.schoolinterview.com.au and change your interview time.

- If there are no suitable times available on the schedule for a specific teacher, please contact the classroom teacher directly to arrange an alternate interview time outside the allocated schedule.
- If you need to change your interview times after bookings have closed, please contact the school office on 9822 7003.
- Bookings close at 9.00am on Monday 4 March.

Regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
SCHOOL BANKING AT ARMADELA PRIMARY SCHOOL

The School Banking program is designed to teach a child a life skill to develop savings behaviour—not grown-ups doing it for them. It includes an exciting and exclusive Rewards Program designed to encourage students to get into the habit of making regular savings.

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How to Participate

Participation is simple and easy

1. Existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account holders can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet on Banking Day—TUESDAY.

2. A CBA representative will be at the School, in the quadrangle, outside the Multi-Purpose Centre, under the tree, next:
   - THURSDAY 28.2.2013 between 8.30 to 9.30 a.m. as well as 3.00 to 4.00 p.m.
   - to open accounts. Please bring ID with you i.e. drivers licence.

3. A Youthsaver account can be opened immediately by visiting any CBA Branch.
4. Existing Commonwealth Bank customers with access to NetBank can apply for a child’s Youthsaver account online.

Benefits to your School

The School receives commission as follows.

- $5 for every student that starts banking through the School Banking program at school.
- 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit) ongoing.

Important information: Terms and conditions issued by Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 for Youthsaver Account are available from the Bank, and should be considered before making any decision about the Youthsaver Account.

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program
For any School Banking Questions please contact
CBA School Banking Specialist – Leanne Laverly M: 0423 758 056
There are Free Family passes at the office.

Would you like to be a School Crossing Supervisor?

The role of a “Lollipop” person is important to our community and we need dedicated, reliable people to join our team. If you are interested and can commit to Monday to Friday, 8am – 9am and 3pm – 4pm in an ongoing role, then please call us now.

Crossings are available in the Monash, Stonnington and Boroondara districts.

Thankyou
Chandler Macleod Workforce
Ashleigh Rea – 1300 40 40 49
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