Dear Parents,

Conference Reflection
Malcolm and I were very fortunate to attend a Principal Class conference last week along with 150 Principals and Assistant Principals from inner city Melbourne schools within the Stonnington, Glen Eira, Kingston and Bayside LGA’s. It was a wonderfully stimulating conference based on the theme of “Leading for World class Learning”. Two international speakers, Professor Yong Zhao from the University of Oregon and Dr. George Otero who runs the centre for relational learning in Sante Fe, New Mexico provided us all with evidenced based research on how we can be leading our schools for world class learning.

Dr Yong Zhao’s research focuses on the implications of globalisation and technology on education. Yong spoke about the need for a new education paradigm, a shift in how we traditionally have taught students to be prepared for a job in the work force after they have completed both secondary and tertiary education. Yong said that given the technology and globalization of the world economy many of our traditional careers are no longer relevant. He believes that we need to teach our students to be creative and curious, to develop innovative solutions and entrepreneurial skills. We need to teach our students humility and to appreciate diversity, curiosity and creativity. He likened the traditional way of education to a sausage maker where everyone is churned out the same because we are all taught the same way within a very prescriptive model. Yong states that our current traditional paradigm doesn’t value creativity and diversity and that schools should offer a broad and flexible curriculum that also empowers students to have a voice in their learning and environment. He also spoke of the need for Australian schools to become more globalized and have international partnerships with other schools and have our students engaged in international activities.

Dr George Otero talked to us about creating powerful learning relationships through a whole school community approach. George has recently written a book that addresses the challenges communities and schools face in ensuring that all children are succeeding in life. The book outlines the policies, practices and principles that support the development of productive partnerships between schools, families and communities by personalising learning, connecting parents and the community and extending learning opportunities through play, games, dialogue, art, story and ceremony. I think we are already very fortunate at our school to already have a highly connected and supportive parent community, but there are schools which this unfortunately isn’t the case.

Another presenter we had was Peta Sigley, who is a Principal with the Resilience Institute in Australia. Peta defines resilience as having the ability to bounce back; being able to thrive on challenges; reaching your full potential and having a positive impact on others. The great thing about resilience is it can be a learned skill. It is an investment in self. Peta said we all need to have resilience for health, happiness and performance. As Principals are in a fairly stressful job, Peta’s advice was very reassuring to us all and she left us with three key messages to take away back to our schools:

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This Week’s Events
Friday 15 March
♦ Icypoles $1
♦ Crazy Hair and Colour Day

Monday 18 March
♦ Parent Helpers’ Session
2.15 to 3.15pm in Performing Arts Room

Tuesday 19 March
♦ Footy Colours Day

Wednesday 20 March
♦ School Photo day

Thursday 21 March
♦ Curriculum Sub-Committee Meeting 8.00am in Library

Friday 22 March
♦ Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting 8.00am in Principal’s office
♦ National Ride 2 School Day
♦ Return Easter raffle tickets
♦ Foundation Cocktail Party

Coming Events
Wednesday 27 March
♦ Harmony Day celebrations

Thursday 28 March
♦ Easter raffle drawn at assembly
♦ End of term

Monday 15 April
♦ Term 2 commences
1. We must be self-aware of when we are not ourselves or not operating fully.
2. We must stay connected to a wide circle of friends and family; professional connections are important but are not everything.
3. When not feeling well, we need to seek professional help and we need to have health professionals around us and most importantly we need to regularly exercise.

None of this is new to Malcolm and I, however it is always affirming to know that you are doing the best you can for your health. Now if I could just lose those 5 kilos ………

Whilst Malcolm and I attended the Conference, Peter Cracknell and Connie Apostolos looked after the entire school. I am very grateful to both of them for giving up their classes to manage the school and it was wonderful to leave the school in such capable hands.

**Student Leadership Conference**

As you are aware all of our Grade 6 students have leadership portfolios that they are responsible for. Each of the Grade 6 students are mentored by a teacher in their role. I am the mentor teacher for our school leaders; Darcy and Liadan; and the SRC leaders: Jacob; Angelique; Georgia and Adam. Today we went to the Melbourne Convention Centre for the national Student Leadership Conference. The students had a fantastic day and are full of inspiration and enthusiasm for the year ahead. Look out for their ideas in next week’s newsletter.

**Congratulations Malcolm Dow!**

Malcolm as you know has worked tirelessly to ensure our school is working towards 5 star accreditation as a sustainable school. He has also been responsible for organising our solar panels; habitat garden, rain garden and other conservation and sustainable programs in our school. Malcolm today is representing Armadale Primary School at the Toolbox for Environmental Change Conference at the Melbourne Museum. Malcolm’s session is called “Treetops” and he is co-presenting with Kirsty Costa and Deanne Wijey from CERES. His workshop will focus on changing behaviours in schools. What’s the point in installing new bins if no-one uses them correctly? Or solar panels if your school is still consuming huge amounts of electricity? Behaviour change is vital to a successful school sustainability program, yet one of the biggest challenges! In the workshop participants will explore tools that can help change behaviours at primary or secondary school. Teachers will learn some of the psychological factors involved, easy actions that can be taken by teachers and students, examples from other schools and how this all relates to ResourceSmart AuSSE Vic. The workshop will also provide an opportunity to meet other educators who are dealing with similar challenges, share ideas and success stories. I can’t wait for Malcolm to share his workshop went.

**SRC Crazy Hair Day tomorrow!**

Whilst the children will be having fun tomorrow with their crazy hair, we can’t ignore the importance of the research behind finding a cure for any of the blood cancers: leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma. We are incredibly fortunate to live in Australia, where not only are chemotherapy and radiotherapy readily accessible, our cancer survival rates are amongst the highest in the world. Only just very recently was it announced that a new test from the Sydney Children’s hospital can detect the smallest amounts of leukaemia in children’s bone marrow before the children even relapse. This enables the doctors to treat the children earlier, which again boosts survival rates. Please ensure your child brings a gold coin donation so we can give generously to the Leukaemia Foundation.

**Footy Colours day Tuesday March 19th**

We are excitedly anticipating this day to coincide with the start of the real footy season. All children are encouraged to come dressed up in footy colours.

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The children don’t necessarily have to wear a footy jumper, they may like to wear scarves or beanies or socks and club mascots are also fantastic. We will have a footy parade from 9.00 -10.00 and then during the day we will be visited by some AFL players from some of the teams.

Whole School Photo day March 20th
Please note that school photos have been planned for next Wednesday 20th March and as it is a very tight schedule to have every photo taken, we will not be running an Assembly that day. If possible, we would appreciate minimal student absences and lateness to school on this day so that all grade photos are as inclusive as possible of all students.

Please ensure that photo forms are returned to school before or on next Wednesday. In addition to the traditional grade photo and individual shots, family photos are also available. Separate envelopes are available from the office for these family shots. You would have noticed a change in photographic company between this year and last year. This is simply because the company last year had difficulty in managing their time schedules and a survey of schools in our network revealed that School Pix is a favoured supplier amongst our local schools.

School connectedness – participating in your child’s education
Don’t forget the opportunity to be part of what your children do in school, by attending the Parent Helpers’ session on this coming Monday at 2.15 -3.15pm in the Performing Arts room. This session is run by Pauline Eldredge and she would be delighted to have you attend.

School Council Sub-committees:
The first of our sub-committees will be held next week and parents are invited to attend these if they wish to.

Curriculum sub-committee Thursday 21st March 2013 8.00am in the library.
Sports News

Footy Colours Day
Tuesday 19th March

To celebrate the start of the AFL football season, we are having a Footy Colours Day. Children are asked to wear their favourite football team colours at a special assembly and parade on Tuesday 19th March from 9:00am - 9:45am. We will be running some special footy activities throughout the day. Parents, family and friends welcome.

Pictured above are our Sports leaders, Nick, Lewis and Jack with our new sports equipment from the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Thank you to all the families for supporting the school by collecting tokens.

Library News

Mr Dow has some new books that are not required in the library. Please see Mr Dow if you would like to choose one of these books and take it home for your own library.

Parent Helpers’ Session for Levels 0-6 next Monday

Parent help is always appreciated by the teachers! There are varied ways you can be of help - in classrooms during lesson time, going on excursions, walks or sports days and also manual tasks like covering books (which can also be done at home).

If you would like to help in any way, we need you to attend the Parent Helpers’ Session on Monday 18 March at 2.15 - 3.15pm in the Performing Arts Room.

Pauline Eldredge
eldredge.pauline.g@edumail.vic.gov.au

SRC are having a Crazy Hair and Colour Day!

Show your true colours and go hair crazy on Friday 15th March!

Bring a gold coin donation for the World’s Greatest Shave!
Help raise money for the Leukemia Foundation!

Foundation 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.
Performing Arts News

Performing Arts Award: 6N for agreeing to work together in order to not waste time and for their imaginative role plays. Special mention to Ted: for his impassioned speech before class to encourage his peers to be respectful and to make the most of their time. Well done 6N you are well on your way to being great role models.

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

LEVEL 2 STUDENTS WE NEED YOU

We are looking for more level 2 students to join the choir. We would love to see more smiling faces (especially boys) on Friday mornings.

Junior choir is a great way to make friends, gain confidence, learn singing techniques and have a great time.

♦ Junior Choir (level 2) will be running
  Friday mornings at 8:15am in the PA room with Colleen

♦ Senior Choir (level 4 & 6) will now
  rehearse at Friday lunchtime 1:00pm-1:30pm in the Performing Arts room.
  ALL WELCOME!

Thank you to the parents who have shared their feedback regarding the new arrangement. We appreciate the difficulties associated with having choir at separate times and we are working hard to come to an arrangement that suits parents and teachers alike. If you would like to provide feedback you can either email myself (see below) or Mrs. Cukier.

After School Music Tuition – Information provided at the office.

Till next week.

Lauren Rich
Performing Arts Co-ordinator
Email: rich.lauren.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

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 still love anyone who gets The Age to bring any unwanted papers to the Art Room. We find the large sheets cover our tables best. Thank you to everyone that has been bringing theirs in so far, it is much appreciated.

Visual Artist of the Week:
Yasmin Feile 6N

For the excellent painting skills she displayed when creating her Three Friends of Winter piece. Keep up the wonderful work!

Visual Art Class of the Week: 6W
For the creativeness they displayed when drawing their 'Three Friends of Winter' pieces. They studied a variety of pictures to capture the characteristics of each plant and their finished pieces look amazing.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

This Week's Awards

House Points
Munro won this week's house points. Congratulations to all the children in Munro.

Performing Arts Class 6N
Visual Arts Class 6W
Visual Artist Yasmin Feile
You Can Do It! Awards:
Charlie Zelouf 0C
Zoe Alekna 0J
Nicholas Stoupas 0P
Matilda Corsham 2A
Indigo Warwick 2E
Ryan Nguyen 2J
William Cullity 2P
Skyle Park 2S
Scarlett Campbell 4B
Kip Abbott 4C
Charlotte Gatehouse 4C
Claire Gray 4F
Aimee Dautovic 4S
Freddie Moffat 4W
Sol Hashimoto 6N
Lewis O'Donnell 6Z
Lucien Catrice 6Z
You Can Do It! Awards

Charlie Zelouf 0C | For being a friendly class member and caring about other people’s feelings.
Zoe Alekna 0J  | For showing great strategies for calming herself down when she was upset. Great to see lots of smiles since, Zoe!
Nicholas Stoupas 0P | For being a friendly and helpful class member. You are kind and respectful to everyone.
Matilda Corsham 2A | For displaying a positive attitude towards learning, becoming more inquisitive, having a go at challenges and completing her work with enthusiasm.
Indigo Warwick 2E | For her respectful and enthusiastic attitude to her learning and her persistence in completing all given tasks to a high standard.
Ryan Nguyen 2J  | For working so hard on his resilience foundation by showing he can be an independent and cooperative class member. Keep it up Ryan!
William Cullity 2P | For being totally focused and persistent when completing all his learning tasks.
Skye Park 2S  | For engaging positively and enthusiastically in Investigations. A wonderful effort and terrific attitude Skye!
Scarlett Campbell 4B | For using initiative and creativity to construct a cardboard sailboat at home in conjunction with our investigation on First Contact. Very impressive effort Scarlett!
Kip Abbott 4C  | For being a respectful listener, conscientious and hard working student. You are always ready to put a great deal of effort into all tasks. Well done Kip!
Charlotte Gatehouse 4C | For showing great confidence and enthusiasm towards all her learning and for always being ready to help her classmates. Well done Charlotte!
Claire Gray 4F  | For the detailed newspaper report you wrote on 'Cane Toads'. You used interesting and descriptive words and phrases.
Aimee Dautovic 4S | For using your excellent organisational skills to complete work on time and to a brilliant standard. Super effort!
Freddie Moffat 4W | For presenting a range of interesting arguments in his persuasive text – ‘Wearing School Uniform Is Important’. Well done Freddie!
Sol Hashimoto 6N | For showing initiative by organising a whole class sharing activity - I look forward to seeing your plan happen!
Lewis O'Donnell 6Z | For confidently performing a fantastic musical piece on the piano. You showed calmness and confidence while performing in front of a large audience. Fantastic work Lewis!
Lucien Catrice 6Z  | For being a fantastic team player at the netball gala day. You displayed excellent co-operation and team work skills. Great work Lucien!

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,

As we quickly move towards the end of term 1 we’d like to remind you of the following coming events to note:

- **Easter Raffle** - Eggs to be donated to the office, monies returned by 22 March and drawn at final assembly on 28 March (more tickets are available in the office if required)
- **Prep Cocktail Party** – 22 March
- **Harmony Day** – 27 March

We would also like you to diarise the following for Term 2:
- **Level 6 Cocktail Party** – 19 April
- **Level 2 Cocktail Party** – 10 May
- **Level 4 Cocktail Party** – 24 May

**Icy poles**
Don’t forget to put $1.00 in your child’s bag tomorrow for an icypole!

*Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick*
0412554434  0412128164
Email: mish@mcgroryonline.com  brigid@warwick.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents

Updating School Records

At the start of each school year we ask parents to contact the office with any changes or updates to your child/ren’s enrolment information. If you have any changes to:

- Phone numbers
- Email addresses
- Home address
- Emergency contacts or
- Changes to family arrangements

please email the school at armadale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or put the changes in writing and bring them to the office as soon as possible so that we have the most current information relating to your child.

Thank you to those parents who have already updated their information.

School Photos

**Wednesday 20 March**

SchoolPix will be taking photographs of all students and groups on Wednesday 20 March. Personalised payment envelopes were sent home with each child last week.

Please make sure that the completed envelopes are returned to your child’s class teacher either before the photo day or on the day itself.

Sibling portrait envelopes, 25% discount vouchers (for families with 3 or more children) and spare payment envelopes are available outside the office.

APS FOUNDATION COCKTAIL PARTY
METRO GALLERY
7 - 9.30pm
FRIDAY 22nd MARCH

Drinks and finger food @$25 per head, cash only.

RSVP By Monday 18th March for catering purposes. Please place the money in an envelope with those attending written on the front to the office.

Metro Gallery, 1214 High Street, Armadale, 3143
Wednesday 27th March at Armadale PS

We will again be celebrating Harmony Day at Armadale Primary School on Wednesday 27 March. Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia in March each year, in many schools, workplaces and local communities. It’s a day where we celebrate our cultural diversity and the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live. The theme for this year’s Harmony Day is Many Stories - One Australia. Each of our 23 million citizens has a unique story to tell, and this is what makes up the chapters of the bigger Australian story we share today. The day will be a fantastic opportunity to explore and celebrate our cultural diversity at Armadale.

The timetable for this year’s Harmony Day is as follows:

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Would you like to share your story with the students at Armadale?
The theme for this year’s harmony day is Many Stories - One Australia. We would like to invite parents, or grandparents, to come to school to share their special story with the students during one or both of the scheduled Harmony Day activity times. You could show photos, bring in an artefact or object to talk about, teach the students a game or a dance... or anything else that fits the theme. If you are interested please speak to or email Vita at vampatella.vita.v@edumail.vic.gov.au, or 0422 428 153.

Dressing up
Students will be able to dress in clothing representing their cultural background for the day, or in their favourite sports team colours.

International Food tasting
We would like students to taste and share international food with their classmates. If you would like to contribute some food for your child’s class to taste, please ensure it is sliced and ready to be eaten in the classroom. If there are children with allergies, parents are requested to provide the appropriate food for their child. All food provided should be able to be served at room temperature, so please, no food that requires refrigeration or heating.

Lunch
We ask parents to please provide lunch for their child as usual on the day. The food tasting will be in addition to your child’s usual lunch.

Class reps could you please check with parents providing food that there is a variety of food, the appropriate amount, (remember, it is in addition to the children’s lunch) and not too much doubling up.

Grazie, and looking forward to a wonderful celebrazione!

Vita Vampatella
Languages Co-ordinator
The following stories were written by some of the students in combined 2A and 2J. They were given a picture of a famous painting and asked to write a narrative about the pictures. All stories are on display in the classrooms, but here are three stories as an example of the great work they did.

Colleen Johnson and Kylie Ashton

The Desert

By Catalina Addis (2A) and Robert Strangward (2J)

Once there was a place called the desert. It was filled with clocks and it was so hot that they melted. The clocks were boiling. People would die if they lived in this desert.

One day some Americans came across this place. They wondered where the water was, but they couldn’t find water anywhere. They started to die. For days they lay with no breath.

Then one day a helicopter came. They got in the helicopter and drank all their water. They went wild for water.

The Man and The Cows and the Dog

By Luke Vickery (2J) and Willow Smith (2A)

A long time ago when it was cold, the man walked to the river. The cow pushed him in.

He could not swim. Then the cows pulled the man onto the grass. He then took a shower and dried off.

He went back with the dog then he found the cows. He tripped over a stump then got dirty again so he walked to his house, took a bath and went to bed.

The Dogs

By Camille Rounds (2A) and Tess Davies (2J)

Long ago there lived 7 dogs. They were playing cards. One was cheating. Two were drinking. Two were smoking and one was looking cool.

Once they were done, there was a knock at the door. Knock, knock, knock! The dogs were scared.

“Who was that?” said the dogs

The dogs opened the door and there was no-one there.

“Is it a ghost?” asked the dogs.

But one of the dogs said, “It is a ghost”.

“How do you know?” said the dogs.

But luckily it was a good ghost!
BEACHSIDE DIVISION SWIMMING

On Friday 9th March 2013 a group of selected children went to the Beachside Division Swimming Carnival. The team was Jack M, Lewis O’D, Darcy M, Jacob M, Sol H, Charlotte S, Angelique L, Millie S, Mark A L, Jackson D, Adam S, Henry H, Rose O’D, Bella C, Winnie L, Isla T and Mimi S. All these students came first or second at the districts and competed at the Beachside Division finals at GESAC. We all Represented Southport District as a whole and we all did amazingly well against some very good swimmers. Congratulations to everyone on their efforts and thank you to the parents who came along and supported us.

Go Armadale!

By Jack Mangano and Lewis O’Donnell
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MALDON STATION

Sat / Sun : April 13 / 14

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Clown on board. Novelty Rides.
Sausage Sizzle. Horse Cart Rides

Great Family Day
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On Line Bookings available

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Thank you to Steve Zayler seen in this photo conducting football clinics with all our Level 0 & 2 children last week.

REGISTER NOW!!!

AUSKICK AT TOORAK PARK

WHAT: NAB AFL AUSKICK PROGRAM – A SAFE, FUN, LEARNING ATMOSPHERE TO DEVELOP FUNDAMENTAL MOTOR SKILLS AND HAVE FUN WITH FRIENDS

WHO: PROGRAM FOR 5-8yr olds, if you have older child interested please contact us

WHERE: TOORAK PARK, ORRONG ROAD, ARMADALE

WHEN: SATURDAY MORNING 8:45AM-10:15AM, START DATE APRIL 20TH - AUGUST 25TH

HOW: CHECK BACK OF SHEET FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTER – WE ARE THE STONNINGTON/OLD XAVS CENTRE

FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE PLEASE CONTACT STEVE ZAYLER OR MADELINE O’CONNOR

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Richmond SC is looking for talented players in the 12-14 age groups as we firmly position the club for inclusion in the National Premier League for season 2014. Information can be found at www.richmondsc.com.au or on www.Facebook.com/RichmondSoccerClub

COME AND TRY OUT TODAY

EMAIL admin@richmondsc.com.au WITH YOUR DETAILS

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WHERE: Prahran RSL Memorial Hall
301 High Street, Prahran, 3181

WHEN: Wednesday 3rd April 2013

Email: rebelstepz@gmail.com PH: 0410 045643
WEB: www.rebel-stepz.com/events.php
St Kilda Mums is a not-for-profit organisation run and staffed solely by volunteers, operating from our own homes.

We collect donations of nursery equipment and recycle cots, prams, bassinets, clothes and other baby essentials by cleaning and repairing them, and making sure they meet safety requirements.

We receive requests from Maternal Health Nurses and local charities on behalf of families in need. We then try to match our stock with what each family needs.

As you might guess, demand always exceeds supply.

In fact, prams and cots are in such high demand, they are re-homed within days of receipt.

**We currently have a waiting list of families who are desperate for cots and prams.**

If you have a cot or a pram which is in decent condition and you live in the Melbourne area, please email us at mums@stkildamums.org.au

If you would like more information please contact us or visit our website.