Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our Armadale Community for the start of Term 2. I hope you all enjoyed the break and the chance to spend precious times with family and friends. These holidays had a very special feel with many families celebrating Easter, Passover and just this weekend past, Orthodox Easter and whilst the focus is usually on the food and the symbolism it is also a wonderful opportunity for the families to come together.

The staff have an incredibly busy term organised for all the students: a highly engaging curriculum has been planned at all levels, students in Years 3-6 will enjoy learning the Footsteps program, participate in the intensive swimming program, and students in Years 5 and 6 are looking forward to their 5 day outdoor adventure camp at Phillip Island and various Gala Days. Students in Prep—2 will learn Tri-skills gymnastics as well as enjoy a variety of incursions and excursions. During the term the students undergo a variety of assessments which will inform the report writing the teachers will be undertaking in June.

Kathy Walker Parent Evening - 7.00pm Tuesday 21st April in the MPC
Could all parents please mark next Tuesday 21st April in their diaries to attend a parent evening at school in our MPC. A separate flyer would have come home which advises you the details of the evening. I am delighted that Kathy can fit us into her busy schedule and I can imagine that all parents will want to learn from her years of experience and research. There is a small entry cost of $10.00 per family to be collected at the door.

Winter Uniform and Raincoats
Could parents please ensure that all children have a raincoat or waterproof jacket with a hood packed in their school bag for every day. Whilst we have a wet weather process, sometimes it is only drizzling lightly and the children still want to play outside and we don’t want them to get wet. Similarly with the colder weather approaching, the children can start to wear their winter uniform or at least ensure they have a jumper in their school bags. Girls are only allowed to wear leggings underneath their skirts, dresses or tunics and not as outer garments. Hats are still required in Term 2 particularly when the UV index is over 3.

Cold and Flu season
A new strain of the flu has hit our shores and anyone with a compromised immune system or respiratory illnesses is encouraged to ask for the new flu vaccine which should be released at the end of this week. All of the staff will be vaccinated shortly as we are all prone to picking up viruses and bacterial infections. Frequent hand washing and sneezing into a handkerchief or tissues are good practices to enforce at home. When children are unwell with typically a sore throat, fever, runny nose and or cough keeping them at home is the best place to be until they are fully recovered.

Thank you Tom Lignos! (Christian’s dad in 6Z)
Tom, who is a professional painter, very kindly gave up two days in the holidays to paint my office, the general office and our hallway. It looks absolutely magic as we are finally rid of that “institutional blue”. I am very grateful to Tom for this makeover!

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Enjoy your long service Mrs Wallace
Mrs Virginia Wallace commenced her long service leave yesterday as she travelled to the States to be with her family. We wish Virginia a wonderful time away and look forward to her return and hearing about her travels. Mrs Pauline Eldridge will be teaching 1/2W in a full time capacity which is wonderful for the children.

Prep Reading Night
Thank you to the Prep Team for providing an information evening to Prep parents about the importance of reading. The wonderful foundation that is provided in Prep has enabled nearly 60% of our students in Years 3-6 to be achieving an A or B in Reading.

Congratulations to Jesse Hurwitz!
Jesse was selected as the best player during round one at AusKick and now he is looking forward to playing on the MCG and presenting the premiership team with their medallions on that one day in September at the AFL Grand Final. The whole assembly was able to watch Jesse being interviewed on Channel 7 by Hamish McLaughlin. Well done Jesse, we can’t wait to see you in September. And just to set the record straight, Jesse was nominated by his Mum, Nicki!

Congratulations to Mimi and Nicholas Stoupas!
On the first weekend of the school holidays, Nicholas and Mimi qualified for the Metro Swimming Championships (State Champs for their age group). Both Nicholas and Mimi had a successful race meet setting some great Personal Bests. Nicholas did exceptionally well in the 8 year old division (although the youngest in the finals at only 7), achieving 1st place in breaststroke, making him the fastest in the state. He will participate in the same age group next year, which should allow for some fantastic results!

Whole School Photo
Today we had our whole school photo taken and the rest of the sibling photos. Thank you to Jesper and his company for doing our photos this year and I look forward to seeing them all in print shortly.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
2015 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

All students in years 1 to 6 have been registered for the 2015 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

The Challenge has helped thousands of students discover the rewards of reading. We’re sure that many APS students will again be motivated to discover the magic of books through the Reading Challenge. The VPRC is not a competition, but places emphasis on individual challenge, participation and achievement. The VPRC challenges individual students to read, to read more, and to read more widely. We encourage all students in Years 1-6 at APS to participate in the Reading Challenge. If your child participates in, and completes the ‘2015 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge’, their name and grade will be published on the Department of Education online Honour Roll at the completion of the Challenge. You will also be issued with a Certificate of Achievement. In ICT I will teach the students how to add books to their reading list so that they can continue to add books through the year as they read. I have not issued them with password cards for the PRC as the username is their full name (sometimes with a single digit number after it) and the password for all students is armadale1. If you have any questions about the PRC please don’t hesitate to contact me or Brett.


Green Team News

It’s amazing what a 5 Star Sustainability Status does! In the past 2 weeks our Senior Green Team has been asked to present to the Department of Education at Treasury Place for their World Environment Day celebrations on 5th June, and at the Melbourne Water Youth Conference at Etihad Stadium in October. This is now part of our role as a 5 Star School; to lead and demonstrate to others about good sustainability practices.

I mentioned last term that we will be introducing a system of certificates for the students who display great sustainability practices. These will be called our ‘Sustainability Heroes’ certificates and the first one is going to be the ‘Waste Warrior’ certificate. To achieve a Waste Warrior certificate the student will need to show that they are bringing 100% Nude Food every day. I am really hoping that the vast majority of our students will achieve this certificate in Term 2. I will be speaking to the Green Team about how we organise this. If your child brings 100% Nude Food to school every day make sure they tell their Green Team class rep so that they can be nominated for a certificate. If for some reason your child misses out through this process please let me know and I can make sure that they receive the appropriate recognition.

Working Bee

Our first of only two Working Bees for the year will be held on Saturday 9th May from 9.00am - 12.00pm. There is always plenty of work to do around the school to help keep our grounds attractive and safe for all the students so we really appreciate your assistance on this day, even if it just for an hour or so. Any gardening tools that you can bring along are always much appreciated as our own supply is quite limited. We recognise that many families are busy on Saturday mornings so if you can’t make it we would really appreciate a payment in lieu of attendance of $30 (see page 5 for the form to complete).

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
Dear Parents and Students,

Our annual Footy Colours Day will be held this Friday 17th April.

We are looking forward to celebrating the 2015 AFL football season. Children are asked to wear their favourite football team colours at a special assembly and parade tomorrow on 17th April from 9:00am - 9:45am.

We will be running some special footy activities throughout the morning. Parents, family & friends are welcome at the parade.

Thank you.

Peter Cracknell & the Sports Leaders

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Sports News

Year 5 & 6 Hockey Gala Day
Friday 24 April
Please see the attached notice on page 8. Parent assistance will be needed on the day. Please contact your child’s class teacher if you are able to help.

Throughout Terms 2 and 3 we will have a number of modified sport sessions and gala days, Hockey, Softcrosse (modified Lacrosse), Soccer, Basketball and Football where the following items would be particularly beneficial:

- long socks (any pattern)
- shinpads (soccer style)
- mouthguard (chemist or sport store)

These are highly recommended. We have a limited number of small shin pads available at school.

These items will also be used during Term 2 sport sessions.

Year 5 & 6 Sports Polo Shirts
As part of our Armadale PS school uniform, all children in year 5 & 6 require a Year 5 & 6 Sports Polo Shirt. These are to be worn weekly for sport sessions (Fridays only), interschool sport gala days & special sports events.

The sports tops cost $25 and need to be ordered through the school (not PSW) on the envelope distributed at the end of last term and forwarded to the main office via your child’s class teacher.

Approximate sizing has been organised for children. We would like to see all Year 5 & 6 children wearing their new sports tops (on Fridays and special sports events only) as part of our sport education program. I apologise for the delay in the ordering process.

Swimming Term 2 - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Attached to today’s newsletter on page 7 are all the details regarding this term’s 9 lesson swimming program for the Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 students which commences next Monday 20 April.

Please read all the information about lesson times and if you are able to help with walking to and from the pool, please let your child’s class teacher know by Friday 17 April.

All parents wishing to help with this swimming program will need to have a current Working With Children Check.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

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Footy Colours Day
Friday 17th April
Hi everyone,

Welcome back. We hope everyone had a relaxing break. Term two will be another busy and fun time, starting with ...

Class rep meeting:
The first whole school class rep meeting took place yesterday, Wednesday 15th April at 2:30pm.

PFA meeting
The first PFA meeting for this term is scheduled for tomorrow, Friday 17th April at 2:30pm. It will be held in the staff room if you would like to attend.

Grade 6 Cocktail Party
The Grade 6 Cocktail party is to be held on Friday 1st May from 7pm to 9pm. For further details see your class reps.

Mother’s Day - Friday 8th May
In line with APS sustainability policy, this year our children will be getting creative and making a special tea towel in lieu of the Mother’s day stall. The tea towels are pure linen and will be individually signed and designed by each child. So they can take part in the fun, please put $10 in an envelope with your child’s name and class details and give to their classroom teacher by Friday 17th April.

Special Mother’s Day Event
Please put Friday 8th May in your diary from 2pm-3pm for a special Mother’s Day Event. Stay tuned for further details.

Grade 3/4 Cocktail Party
The Grade 3/4 Cocktail party is to be held on Friday 8th May from 7pm to 9pm. For further details see your class reps.

Grade 1/2 Cocktail Party
The Grade 3/4 Cocktail party is to be held on Friday 15th May from 7pm to 9pm. For further details see your class reps.

Icy Poles
Unfortunately, there will be no icy poles in term 2 & 3.

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

ANZAC Appeal
There are a number of items are for sale in support of the ANZAC appeal in the office.

Working Bee Donation
For those parents who will be unable to attend the Working Bee on Saturday 9 May, we would be grateful if you could make a $30 contribution to our Working Bee fund for ongoing maintenance. Please complete your details below:

I would like to make a $30 (or other amount) donation to the APS Grounds fund

Family Name: ________________  Pay by:  □ Cash  □ Cheque  □ Credit Card  □ Qkr!

□ Direct Deposit to Armadale PS Account BSB 083 298 A/C No: 02 891 1383

  please note on your direct deposit transaction your Family Name & Working Bee

Amount: $30.00 or $________  □ MasterCard  □ Visa

Expiration Date: _____ / _____  Cardholder’s Name: ________________________

Signature: ____________________
## 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**

## You Can Do It! Awards

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<th>Student Name</th>
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<td><strong>Henry Lock Prep C</strong></td>
<td>For greeting everyone with a smile. He is always polite and friendly.</td>
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<td><strong>Montana Saggers Prep P</strong></td>
<td>For working co-operatively when writing a long list of words during Investigations.</td>
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<td><strong>Max Middleton Prep P</strong></td>
<td>For the great effort he put into his writing during Investigations.</td>
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<td><strong>Campbell Anderson Prep S</strong></td>
<td>For the enthusiasm he displays towards all learning tasks and the wonderful contributions he makes to our discussions. You are a gem Campbell!</td>
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<td><strong>Poppy Morrison 1/2D</strong></td>
<td>For attentive listening and willingness to help other members of the class. Well done, Poppy!</td>
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<td><strong>Harry O'Loughlin 1/2E</strong></td>
<td>For his great efforts in practising his writing skills and working independently on classroom activities.</td>
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<td><strong>Ruby Hyde 1/2K</strong></td>
<td>For showing confidence and contributing to class discussions and activities with enthusiasm.</td>
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<td><strong>Edward Millear 1/2P</strong></td>
<td>For being attentive during teaching sessions and focused when completing set tasks. Well done Eddie!</td>
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<td><strong>Priscilla Moffat 3/4E</strong></td>
<td>For beginning Term 2 with such a positive attitude! Your dedication you are putting into all of our classroom activities is fabulous. You should be so proud Priscilla!</td>
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<td><strong>Tom Forster 3/4 J</strong></td>
<td>For displaying enthusiasm and concentration during our excursion to the Glen Eira wetlands. You were a great role model to others Tom!</td>
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<td><strong>Miki Hashimoto 5B</strong></td>
<td>For maintaining concentration throughout the Footsteps lesson and for displaying natural flair and panache. You were so entertaining Miki!</td>
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<td><strong>Tom Upton 6N</strong></td>
<td>For showing quiet confidence during his school day and for his positive attitude and independent manner in the classroom.</td>
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<td><strong>Max Officer 6Z</strong></td>
<td>For making a great start to term 2, showing a positive attitude towards his learning and displaying persistence in all of his tasks. Keep up the great work Max!</td>
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Dear Parents,

The Swimming Program gives each child an opportunity to enjoy physical activity as well as gaining a valuable life skill. Activities to develop confidence in water, swimming stroke development and water safety aspects will be covered in the intensive program beginning Monday 20th April. This program complements the school PE program and all children are expected to attend.

Term 2 Swimming arrangements for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Swimming lessons for Term 2 will commence for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 children on Monday 20th April. They will be held at the Lauriston Girls’ School Swim Centre Huntingtower Road, Armadale. This year we are running an intensive swimming program on the following dates over two weeks:

- Monday 20th April, Wednesday 22nd April, Thursday 23rd April, Monday 27th April, Tuesday 28th April, Wednesday 29th April, Thursday 30th April, Monday 4th May, Tuesday 5th May (9 lessons in total).

Each lesson will be approximately 40 minutes with trained swimming instructors provided at the following times:
- 6N & 6Z (9:30-10:10am);
- 5B & 5P (10:10-10:50am);
- 3/4 J & 3/4 E (10:50-11:30am);
- 3/4C & 3/4A (11:30am-12:10pm)

Cost & permission:
- Included in the Term 2 excursion levy form sent out at the end of term 1
- Transport:
  - Teachers will supervise the walk to and from the pool.

Swimming Items
- To assist with the changing process children swimming at the earlier lesson times can wear their bathing suits to school under their school uniform, prior to walking to the pool. (NB: Girls should wear one piece design and boys ‘speedo’ style)
- Please remember to supply underwear for your child when changing after the lesson.
- Goggles are highly recommended and need to be provided by parents prior to the commencement of the program. There will be no borrowing of goggles from the pool.
- Named house swim caps will be provided by Armadale Primary School and are included in the cost for all students. These will be distributed to each Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 child at the beginning of the program. Additional caps will be on sale for $5.00.
- Children also need to bring a towel and labelled swimming bag/sports bag. A plastic bag is not recommended.

ALL SWIMMERS MUST WEAR A CAP - GOGGLES ARE OPTIONAL BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Parent Assistance Required
- Teachers require any parents who are able to assist with walking children to/from the pool and assist with supervision/changing. 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. Please note that all parents wishing to help with swimming will need to have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC).

Parents of all children are welcome to attend swimming lessons after the first lesson.

Medical Information
- Children can be exempted on medical grounds. The confidential medical swimming exemption form is available under the Parents tab & Forms from the school website. It needs to be completed, signed by parents and returned to the office prior to the commencement of the program so that adequate supervision can be arranged.

- PARENTS – PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO SWIM IF THEY HAVE HAD DIARRHOEA WITHIN THE PAST SEVEN DAYS.

If you have any further queries please contact me or your child’s class teacher.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

SWIMMING PROGRAM TERM 2 2015 – PARENT ASSISTANCE

NB: all parents wishing to help with swimming will need to have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC).

Please note the children will be departing school at the following times
(approximately 30 minutes prior to the commencement of their lesson):

- 6N & 6Z (9:00am);
- 5B & 5P (9:40am);
- 3/4 J & 3/4E (10:20am);
- 3/4C & 3/4A (11:00am)

☑ YES, I can assist with supervision with walking to/from the pool and supervision on the following dates (please circle)

- Monday 20th April
- Wednesday 22nd April
- Thursday 23rd April
- Monday 27th April
- Tuesday 28th April
- Wednesday 29th April
- Thursday 30th April
- Monday 4th May
- Tuesday 5th May

OR ALL DAYS

Parent’s Name: __________________________ Phone No: __________________________
Child’s Name: __________________________ Class: __________________________

Please return directly to your child’s class teacher by Wednesday 15th April if you can assist
Dear Parents,

As part of our Sport Education Program, children from Year 5 & 6 will be participating in an exciting Hockey Gala Day to be held on Friday 24th April. Children will be involved in a series of round robin modified games with other schools in our Southport District.

Date: Friday 24th April
Venue: Footscray Hockey Grounds, Fogarty Ave, Spotswood (Melway 41 – G10)
Departure 8:55 am Sharp
Travel Bus
Return approximately 3:10 pm
Cost & Permission: Included in the Term 2 Excursion Levy

Children require
* Trackpants, shorts, school sport polo, runners, windcheater/jacket, raincoat
* Playlunch, lunch and drink/s in reusable containers
* Plastic water bottle
* School bag or sports bag.
* Long socks (any pattern), shinpads (soccer style) and a mouthguard (chemist or sportstore) are highly recommended. These will also be recommended for use in upcoming sport sessions & Gala Days throughout 2015.

We Urgently Need Parent Assistance
We also require two parents from each class to assist with the supervision of the children (8-10 teams). Please indicate on the return slip below if you can help and return by Wednesday 22nd April. Some staff will be involved with umpiring so any help would be greatly appreciated. Parents are welcome to travel to the venue with the children on the bus.

We look forward to a fun day.

Peter Cracknell (Sports Convenor)

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HOCKEY GALA DAY
Parent Assistance Slip
Please return by Wed 22nd April

Child’s Name..........................................................Grade..................................

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PARENT ASSISTANCE YES, I can assist on Friday 24th April with supervision at the gala day.
I will be travelling on the bus OR
I will be meeting at the venue (please circle)

Name.......................................................... Phone No..................................

Child’s Name.......................................................... Grade..................................
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Bicycle theft is a major problem in the City of Stonnington. In the past 10 years more than 2700 bikes have been stolen. Many of these have been located but have not been returned to their owners due to the bikes not being able to identified accurately.

Theft of bicycles has increased from already high levels so far this year. Malvern Police are keen to stop these thefts and are holding a bicycle theft awareness and engraving day to promote security. This will take place on Saturday the 18th of April from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Police will be available to engrave bicycle for identification and discuss how to reduce the chances of having your bike stolen. There will be displays of the various types of locks.

The first fifty people who attend will receive a free bell.

For further information contact the Prahran Pro Active Unit on 95205200