Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to our wonderfully supportive community for all of your exceptional generosity at our annual Trivia night last Friday night. I hope everyone who came had a fabulous night and we can look forward to ongoing improvements in our school with the amount raised, which I hope to announce in next week’s newsletter.

The night was such a huge success mainly due to the tireless efforts of our PFA under the leadership of Sarah Monahan, Caz Laughton, Emma Morrison and supported heavily by Sarah Barlow, Janine Sheean, Niki Rickard, Mel Larner, Mel Labrosse, Pam Johnston and Bronte Neyland. Thank you PFA, your hard work is extraordinary.

I would also like to especially acknowledge the generosity of the Beischer, Fusco, Morrison and Thomas families, Brett Graham for his auctioning and I am very grateful to everyone else for their support of our silent auction.

Congratulations to the Pick Hat’s, this year’s winning table, who beat the teacher’s table by one point. Now I am not normally a sore loser, but a few little birdies did convey that perhaps prior knowledge had been involved. Nevertheless, we will be back next year and commiserations to the Einstein Jedi’s who didn’t fare so well this time around.

Principal’s Day 2015

What a thrill it was at assembly yesterday morning for Malcom and I to be showered with so much love and appreciation. We felt very spoilt indeed and it was an absolute treat to sit down at assembly and be given a cup of tea whilst the school leaders made the announcements on our behalf. I am very grateful to David Portnoy for organising it all, Lisa; Gillian and Stephanie for the beautiful singing from the Glee and Junior Singing Club, Lucy who helped with the Artworks, Luna and Kaya for our wonderful portraits, gifts from the PFA and flowers from the staff. Thank you to all the children for their beautiful cards and messages and visits to my office during the day. We are indeed such lucky Principals and I know it will take me at least a week to read all the beautiful hand written cards.

Book Week 2015

What a fabulous week the children have experienced to date with the wonderful book fair and author visits. The children have been incredibly excited choosing their new books and thank you to our parents for generously supporting our book fair. Despite constantly being advised of the need to expose children increasingly to technology to cater for 21st century learners, we still promote a love of reading books and an appreciation of literature. The children’s love of books will be highlighted in the Book Parade tomorrow morning and I have just been advised that the Stonnington Leader will be at our school to take photos of our children.

Another highlight of our week has been the publishing of books written and illustrated by the Year 6 students, where the content of the story is focussed on their Prep buddy. The “book launch” will take place this afternoon where the year 6 student mentors will read their story to their Prep buddy. What a wonderful outcome of their special relationship!

I would like to acknowledge and thank Brett Leyshan, our library teacher for all of his work and organisation in providing such a fabulous “Book Week” for all of our children for this year.

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School Strategic Plan Community Forum
Thank you to our School Councillors and parents for their input and discussion at last night’s Community Forum. I was very appreciative of the commitment from those parents who could attend. We will further distil your feedback at our School Council meeting this coming Monday evening. I look forward to sharing our self-evaluation with our community shortly.

Year 3 and 4 students – the excitement builds!
All Year 3 and 4 students can hardly wait until next Wednesday morning when the buses arrive to take them up to Camp Arrabri in East Warburton. I hope that the weather will be kind enough to allow the children to fully appreciate this fantastic campsite and all of the adventure type education activities that are on site. The children will experience some challenge; team building activities; risk-taking and adventure but most of all, fun, fun, fun! Thank you to Steph Eden–Mcllroy who has shown fantastic leadership in organising the camp, especially since she is still only a graduate teacher. I look forward to sharing news from the Camp in next week’s newsletter.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Pedagogy Corner
As a prep teacher, I have noticed that by guiding children to make discoveries about spelling, empowers them to make informed choices about which letter(s) to use to represent sounds. This in itself enables children to write their ideas without the fear or lack of skill to spell words. I have witnessed this same empowerment with a group of year 7 boys. Despite the age difference between my preps and these boys, they all needed the same guidance. They needed the skills to make discoveries about words so that they are able to make informed choices regarding which letter(s) to use to represent a particular sound(s).

So far we have discovered that a monosyllabic word that starts with a /k/ sound will USUALLY be represented by the letter c.
For example: cot; cake; clown; can; cat.

However how do we know when to use letter(s) k or ch when spelling a monosyllabic word that begins with a /k/ sound?
You were left with the task to discover.

Many of you will have used your problem solving skills and existing spelling knowledge to make the discovery that we do not use the letters ch in this circumstance. However we do use the letter k to spell monosyllabic words that begin with the /k/ sound when the medial sound is a long or short /i/ or /e/ sound. For example: key; kite; kit; kin; keen; kelp;

This type of thinking about words might have led you to now feel the need to discover which letter(s) we would USUALLY use when we hear a /k/ sound at the end of a monosyllabic word.

Can you uncover the pattern and make a discovery about these two groups of words?

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Send me your discoveries to apostolos.connie.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

Remember though that spelling discoveries begin with what we hear that is the same and then how we would show it.

Until next week.

Connie Apostolos-Thermos
Curriculum and Pedagogy Leader
Principals’ Day
What a wonderful surprise it was for Rochelle and I to have at assembly this morning; the School Leaders and President of School Council David Portnoy had prepared a lovely tribute to both of us recognising the work we do at school. However, as Rochelle said, our reward is seeing the children with such positive attitudes toward school and showing how much they love being here. Our School Leaders have once again shown their wonderful qualities of respect, empathy, organisation and recognition, and our artistic students, Kaya, Luna and Lexie showed their true talents in producing a beautiful portrait of each of us.

Book Week 23-28 August
Book Week this year has been a great success already. The Book Fair has been very popular and we have had lots of positive feedback about the range and selection of books available for purchase this year. The selling day yesterday was a very busy day, especially straight after school when many families came to purchase books. Thanks to Brett Leysihan, who has done a fantastic job, not only with the Book Fair but with organising the entire Book Week, with the author visits, performances and Book Parade. Many thanks also to Sara Powell, one of our Family Leave teachers who came in to assist with Book Fair selling day, we really appreciate your expert help in this area. I am looking forward to the Book Parade on Friday, always one of my favourite days.

Year 3/4 Camp
I am really looking forward to the year 3/4 Camp at Arrabri Lodge next week. It is a fantastic camp and the facilities and activities are excellent. I am quite sure that all of the children will have a great time. Many thanks to all of the year 3/4 staff who have helped to organise this and especially to Stephanie Eden-McIlroy who has done a brilliant job organising and coordinating the camp. Let’s hope for some lovely early spring weather next week!

Working Bee Donation
For those parents who will be unable to attend the Working Bee on Saturday 5 September, 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: ________________  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: __________________________

Thank you to the Dixon family (5B) who are unable to attend the working bee and made a donation to our Working Bee fund.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
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

Edward Hardman Prep C
For always trying and trying and trying and never giving up. All your hard work is paying off especially as a writer. You should be so proud of yourself Ed!

Annabel Atkins Prep P
For being a good sport and enjoying playing games to help her learn.

Minnie Anderson Prep S
For displaying a love of literature and engaging in Book Week activities enthusiastically. Well done Minnie!

Alex Smith Prep S
For being a respectful audience member when viewing the performance of 'The Stone Lion'. Well done Alex!

Lucy Hunt 1/2E
For the positive attitude she brings to all her learning tasks.

Max Stewart 1/2P
For his careful listening to instructions and creating an amazing dance sequence during Footsteps. You have rhythm!

Leonardo Carbone 1/2P
For his careful listening to instructions and creating an amazing dance sequence during Footsteps. You have rhythm!

Alexia Sideropoulos 1/2W
For working more independently and showing greater confidence when doing Yellow Box. Keep it up Alexia!

Zoe Beischer 3/4A
For demonstrating resilience when there is conflict and for being a fantastic learner and trying her hardest.

Alice Hardy 3/4A
For always trying your hardest, being an understanding and supportive friend, and for working really hard to create a detailed diorama of a rainforest.

William Challingsworth 3/4E
For always being kind and considerate towards your classmates and well-mannered and respectful towards your teachers. Thank you, Will!

Ella De Hennin 5B
For the positive attitude she brings to 5B every single day. You truly are a ray of sunshine, Ella! Thank you for being such an important part of our classroom community.

Bella Cullity 6N
For the positive attitude she brings to 6N every single day. You are a ray of sunshine and always approach your work with a fantastic attitude - keep it up!
Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week: Elli Martelli 6N

For the sensational sculpture she made at the Clay for Kids Workshop. She created a big monster with a big heart, inspired by the Street Art unit.

Visual Art Class of the Week: 6Z

For the wonderful skills and creativity they displayed when drawing their lighthouses. These are exceptional 6Z, keep it up!

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Teacher
gorman.lucy.1@edumail.vic.gov.au

Student Banking

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 volunteers to help 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.

Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by filling in the form to the right and returning it to Alison in the office.

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

The following students have qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year:
♦ Alastair Corbould
♦ Keaton Saggers
♦ Montana Saggers

A Silver Dollarmites Certificate is awarded to the following students for making 20 deposits this year:
♦ Heidi Axup
♦ Elke Chadwick
♦ Jack Cooper
♦ Honey Dee Lawson
♦ Abby Vile

Well done everyone.

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

☐ Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Availability: ________________________________

☐ ……………………………………………..
Italian Day at Armadale Primary School
Thursday 17 September 2015

Italian songs, Italian performers, cooking, singing, art activities, gelati van, dancing and much more... these are just some of the activities planned for our Italian day.

Parent help request for Italian Day
We are calling on parents to offer their time to help with activities for our annual Italian Day. It is a fantastic whole school community event where you can participate and assist teachers and students with the special activities planned for the day. The timetable for the day is listed below. Any time you can spare to assist would be greatly appreciated.

‘Memorie d’Italia’ (Memories of Italy)
New segment during Italian day assembly
I would like to invite parents, nonni or zie (grandparents or aunts and uncles,) who were born in, or who have lived in Italy, to say a few words about their memories of Italy. This segment would be on between 9 and around 9.30. Please contact me if you would be interested in participating and sharing your memories with the school community.

Timetable for Italian Day
9-9.50 am-assembly
10.00 -11am- activities (parent help required)
11-11.30 recess
11.30-12.30- activities (parent help required)
12.30-1.30pm lunchtime (parent help required to help with gelati distribution)
1.30-3.00pm (parent help required)

Please complete the form below and hand in to your class teacher, or email me directly at vampatella.vita.v@edumail.vic.gov.au

Grazie mille
Vita Vampatella
Languages Co-ordinator

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ITALIAN DAY HELP REQUEST
I am interested in helping on Italian Day Thursday 17 September 2015.

Name_________________________________________Mobile no._____________________

My child’s /children’s name/s and class ________________________________

I am available at the following time/s :__________________
At assembly this week some Prep students presented the frutta from the Very Hungry Caterpillar story. They have been learning about la frutta, e i giorni, in their Italian lessons.

**Lunedì** il bruco mangia una mela.

**Martedì** il bruco mangia due pere.

**Mercoledì** il bruco mangia tre prugne.

**Giovedì** il bruco mangia quattro fragole.

**Venerdì** il bruco mangia cinque arance.

**Sabato** il bruco mangia il lecca-lecca.

**Domenica** il bruco mangia una foglia.

Vita Vampatella,
Italian Language Co-Ordinator
Parents & Friends for Armadale

As it nears the end of August, we can all be happy with the thought that it will soon be September and holidays again. But before we are off lying on a beach just a few things....

Trivia Night:
A big thank you for everyone who helped make TRIVIA NIGHT such a great success. And a special Thank You to the Morrison family for donating our amazing quiz master Andy!

Father’s Day
This year the children will be creating a designer handkerchief for their fathers for Father’s Day. A workstation (manned by the PFA and class reps) will be set up in the multi-purpose building, where the children will be able to create their masterpiece.

All they need to do is bring $5 and their artist skills.

Father’s Day Schedule:
♦ Monday 31st August – Years 3 & 4
♦ Wednesday 2nd September – morning Prep, Years 1 & 2
♦ Wednesday 2nd September – afternoon Years 5 & 6

The PFA will also be hosting a FREE BBQ for Dad on the morning of the Working Bee (Saturday 5th September) at school.

Armadale Primary Cookbook:
The template for recipe submissions and details on how to submit art work or writing pieces has been emailed out by your Class Rep(s) last term.

We have been slowly receiving your beautiful recipes, so if you have a recipe or creative piece please send it through. The Cookbook Subcommittee will advise the new meeting schedule.

PFA Committee Meetings:
♦ Wednesday 9th September 2:30pm in the staffroom
♦ Wednesday 7th October 2:30pm in the staffroom
♦ Wednesday 4th November 2:30pm in the staffroom
♦ Wednesday 2nd December 2:30pm in the staffroom

Thank you for your continued support of Armadale Primary School.

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

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BOOK WEEK SO FAR...

A great start to the week with Jaquelyn Muller visiting students to take them through inspirations, ideas, and writing strategies.

Students were very excited to visit the Book Fair to see the great variety of new books and take home a wish list.

More news to come next week!

Tony Bones! Wow! What a Performance! The company dramatised the books “The Stone Lion” and “The Simple Things”. The feedback from the students has been positive and thought provoking.
Author visit

Jaquelyn Muller

This week, local author Jaquelyn Muller visited Armadale Primary School for Book Week.

Her books *I Love You 5 Lollipops* and *Elizabeth Rose on Parade* have proved extremely popular with the children for their timeless illustrations and promotion of co-reading.

Families of Armadale Primary School have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of each book that can be delivered to the school. Personalised signed copies make lovely gifts for family and friends with young children.

*I Love You 5 Lollipops* (16 pages paperback) – $10.00 each
(Normally $19.95 with shipping)

*Elizabeth Rose on Parade* (32 pages hardback) – $20.00 each
(Normally $29.95 with shipping)

This offer is only valid until the September 1, 2015.

To order your personally signed copies please follow the instructions below.

2. Select from the Shop which book(s) you would like to purchase and the quantities.
3. When prompted, write the first names of the people/person you would like your book(s) dedicated to.
4. If ordering *I Love You 5 Lollipops* use coupon code ARMADALEONE at checkout to receive your discount.
5. If ordering *Elizabeth Rose on Parade* use coupon code ARMADALETWO at checkout to receive your discount.
6. Your books will be delivered to the school office on September 8.

If you have any questions about the ordering process, please contact Jaquelyn directly at jaquelyn.muller@gmail.com or call 0402 276 173.
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If you love music, performing and being part of a team, come and join us for an orchestral jam session, run by Hello Music. Whether you are an absolute beginner who would like to try an instrument, or already play an instrument, you are welcome to come along and join us as we have different parts for all levels.

**When:**
Lunchtime on Monday 31st August
(12.30pm Seniors, 1.30pm Juniors)

**Where:**
Performing Arts Room

**What instruments are available:**
Violins, Cellos, Glockenspiels, Ukeleles, Recorders, or BYO instrument.

Please register your interest via email: hello@hellomusic.com.au or just come along on the day.

**Enquiries:** Hello Music 95336222
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