Dear Parents,

Education week information

Our students will all be getting involved, intrigued and inspired by maths during Education Week which is next week, from 17-23 May 2015. Our teachers have a number of activities planned for the students with a focus on Maths.

Our school is holding a special maths evening on our Open Day, Tuesday 19th May.

We are running two fully booked tours during the day for prospective parents at 10.00am and 2.00pm. Our school leaders will be assisting to co-host these tours.

Later in the afternoon:

- **5.15pm**: our Glee Club and Junior choir will perform on the stage (weather permitting)
- **5.30pm**: Children and their parents go to their classroom where they will receive their map and their instructions for the Cracking the Code activity from their classroom teacher
- **6.00pm-6:45pm**: Children and their parents assemble in our MPC for an active workshop with Larissa Raymond on “Helping your child with Maths” – an introduction to hands on strategies parents can use to help children become a great numeracy learner. Larissa is a Maths Education consultant, she works with a number of schools in a coaching capacity and has worked at various universities delivering Maths Education to pre-service teachers. Moreover, Larissa is Mum to Lucie in 1/2D and we are very fortunate to have her as a member of our parent community.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday evening at our school, for what will be a very engaging evening. We have deliberately started it quite early so everyone should be home around 7ish.

**Working Bee thank you**
Thank you to Malcolm and all the parents (please see Malcolm’s section) who spent their Saturday morning here doing so many jobs around our school. The grounds were immaculate, vines cut back, the drains had been cleared, new garden beds prepared, the habitat garden was totally weeded, the front garden has all been improved, we have a new succulent garden, bike racks fixed and best of all, a new storage shed for the Level 2 area. The Level 2 teachers could hardly contain their excitement on Monday morning. I am incredibly grateful for all of the work undertaken.

**New after school music provider**
After much consideration and feedback from our parents, the school has decided to offer a new after school music provider to our community. Creative Music will be offering their classes up until the end of this term.

“Junior Rockers” is the name of the new provider and I have asked them to give our school a demonstration of what they will offer at next week’s assembly, Wednesday 20th May. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, please come along to assembly to hear from Junior Rockers.

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Just as our Performing Arts and Visual Arts programs have given wonderful opportunities to students to showcase their talents, I would like a more robust music program to do the same. It would be wonderful for example if we could have a school band performing at our Assemblies and special events which could accompany our choirs. I just have to be a little patient!

Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea
Thank you so much to Sarah and Caz our PFA Co-presidents, our PFA committee, our class reps for their wonderful organisation and generous donation of luscious food. Thank you also to all of the Parents, Grandparents and extended family members who supported the afternoon. Especially, I would like to thank Melissa Labrosse who spoke to me last year about doing something for the Royal Women’s Hospital on Mother’s Day after she went through a difficult ordeal, but felt brave enough to bring it to our community’s attention.

It was indeed a bittersweet afternoon, one which caught many by surprise, brought tears to the eyes of those Mums in our community who had experienced such a loss and to everyone else who knew of someone who also had a heartbreaking loss. But, out of all of our tears and heavy hearts came a sense of “giving back” and APS through the funds raised in the raffle has now been able to contribute directly to the RWH, to the wonderful legacy set up in the name of baby Charlotte.

Many Mums spoke to me directly and to Sarah and Caz and emailed afterwards, describing the very special feeling in the room that afternoon and how glad they were they made the time to attend. Thank you Armadale Cares!

I thought I would share one of the emails with you:
Caz, Sarah and the rest of the PFA, What a wonderful event you created yesterday and what a turnout!! Such a divine feeling of community supporting two special causes. It really was very special and I felt very proud to be an APS mum. The catering, singing, speeches were all beautifully executed. I feel very honoured to be involved in 2015!

Enjoy the photos below:

This Week’s Awards
House Points: Rose won this week’s house points. Congratulations to all the students in Rose.

Performing Artist of the Week: Axy Park
Performing Art Classes of the Week: 1/2D
Visual Artist of the Week: Elke Chadwick
Visual Art Class of the Week: 1/2K
You Can Do It! Awards:
Lachie Bond Prep C
Zoe Pratis Prep P
George Schmidt Prep S
Axy Park 1/2D
Gabriel Vogelsberger 1/2E
Caolan Robinson 1/2P
Sasha Bindley 1/2P
Henry Stringer 3/4A
Saskia Van Beek 3/4A
LuKa Jevtic 3/4C
William Cullity 3/4E
Kayla Thompson 3/4E
Matilda Corsham 3/4J
Charlie Sorell 5B
Scarlett Campbell 5P
Clive Landy 5P
Enzo Iezzi 6N
Katija Sucic 6Z

School council Sub-committees meet next week
♦ Finance on Tuesday 19th May at 8.00am in Rochelle’s office
♦ Curriculum on Thursday 21st May at 8.00am in the library
♦ Facilities on Friday 22nd May at 8.00am in Rochelle’s office

These sub-committees are open to all members of our community and if you would like to attend one, please just let me know.

Have a wonderful week.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
A huge thank you to all of the families that came to our working bee last Saturday. We had over 60 people over the morning and were able to achieve many of our proposed jobs. We erected a shed, transported garden beds, put up sensor lights, a display board and hose reel. Some classrooms had display ropes installed. Many garden beds were weeded, drains cleared, trees and vines trimmed. All in all it was a very successful day and we really appreciate all of the people who gave up part of their weekend to assist. Thanks also to Rochelle for providing us with some delicious morning tea to keep the workers going. If you were not able to attend, but would still like to contribute, you are most welcome to make the $30 donation in lieu of attendance. This money helps pay for all the tools and equipment for the working bee and at the moment we have a shortfall. Please see in this newsletter the form for making a Working Bee payment.

Our school has been asked to create a short video to highlight the importance of keeping rubbish and waste out of our waterways. The 8 Green Team Reps, including our 2 Green Team Leaders, are planning and preparing ideas for the video, and they have come up with some great suggestions. We would really like to find someone who has a little bit of experience or expertise in filming or editing that could assist us in creating something really special. It will be shown to about 600 students and teachers at this year’s Melbourne Water Youth Conference at Etihad Stadium in October. If you think you might be able to help us, please contact me ASAP to discuss.

The annual Walk Safely to School Day is coming up on Friday 22 May. As part of our sustainability program, we always encourage to actively travel to school, so this day is a great opportunity to highlight this. We will present the younger students with stickers as a small reward for their efforts. Let’s hope the weather is better than it has been this week.

Well done!

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

Student Banking

The following students have qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year:

- Zach Larner
- William Castine
- Ruby Hyde
- Mia Bainger
- Brigette Dixon
- Abigail Gowland
- Charlie Beischer
- Claudia Collins
- Kayla Rickard
- Haydon Fa
- Misha Saito
- Maximillian Schmidt

Year 6 Parents

Please note that the Year 6-7 transition forms that were recently sent home need to be returned to school by next Friday 22 May.
Performing Arts News

**Performer of the Week:**

**Axy Park**

For your outstanding portrayal of a disgruntled and fickle Queen. You had us both laughing and terrified at the same time! Fantastic work.

**Performing Arts Class of the Week:**

**1/2D**

For the amazing job you did entertaining everyone at assembly. Your portrayal of a kingdom desperately trying to please their scary Queen was spot on. An amazing effort!

Assembly Performances

6Z performed a spot of classic Musical Theatre with ‘Easy Street’ from Annie. Their Lilys were particular ditzy, their Miss Hannigans sufficiently ‘wobbly’, and their Roosters just sleazy enough. A great job, 6Z!

**Year 5 and 6 Commedia Dell’Arte Incursion**

Our senior students were incredibly lucky to take part in a very special incursion on the tradition Italian clowning form of Commedia Dell’Arte. They watched a performance entitled ‘Venice in Love’, which included just the right blend of crowd participation, teacher humiliation and fart jokes.

Following the performance, each Year 5 class had an exclusive one-hour workshop with Rosa Campagnaro, one of Australia’s leading Commedia actresses. Our actors-in-training experimented with various walks, comedic ‘fazzi’ and the traditional masks.

It was an incredibly worthwhile, exciting and hilarious experience! I was incredibly proud of the maturity and discipline that our young actors and actresses displayed.

**Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea Performance**

We loved performing for all the special Mums at the Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea. They were regaled with our interpretation of Mark Ronson’s *Uptown Funk* and Pharrell William’s *Happy*. A very happy Mother’s Day to all of you from Glee Club and Junior Singing Club.

Glee Club and Junior Singing Club Rehearsals

Our new song is starting soon!

- **Glee Club** - Tuesday lunch (12:30-1:00pm)
- **Junior Singing Club** - Wednesday recess (11:00-11:30am)

Have you remembered your folder?

**Year 5 and 6 Performing Arts Folder**

Time is up! Have you got a display folder yet? (Remember, Glee Club members can use the same folder). Well done to everyone who has remembered thus far!

Yours in theatre,

Lisa Vollugi.
Performing Arts Teacher

Peer Support

During Peer Support this week the children will look at qualities their friends may have and the concept that we choose friends based on the qualities we admire in them. They will also explore the skills of friendship, specifically those of co-operating and listening.

During the week encourage your child to show they are interested in the person they are talking to by being an active listener.

Kate Pilgrim and Gillian Brown

Library News

**Library Club:** Is a passive play option for students to enjoy at Thursday recess. Also a good way to stay warm!

**Term 2 Theme:**

Thank you to those who have e-mailed a photo of their pet in to put up the wall, the wall of photos is slowly growing. It’d be great to have more.

Happy reading,

Brett Leyshan
Leyshan.brett.f@edumail.vic.gov.au
Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week: Elke Chadwick 1/2E

For the excellent Starburst she created using posca pen. She added lots of details and applied the posca with care. An outstanding effort Elke!

Visual Art Class of the Week: 1/2K

For the excellent focus they displayed when drawing patterns on their starbursts. They were persistent and produced fantastic designs.

Year 6 ANZAC Spirit Mural Progress

On Wednesday Year 6 students painted the poppies and the leaves onto our ANZAC Spirit Mural. We had a rough start, battling the wind and rain in the morning. But we persisted and by the afternoon the sun was out!

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Cracknell for helping us stay dry with his canopy!

The mural needs some finishing touches, we will put some more details on the poppies and we will finish the grass. We hope to have this all done by next week! Fingers crossed, weather permitting.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Armadale News (aka Armadillo)

Dear School Community,

Have you got a copy of the Armadale news between the years of 2002-2006? We are currently looking for a copy of these years to collate into a collection of Armadillo news. If you have a copy please bring it into the office so we may photocopy it. These years would have been printed in black and white. Any other information you might have on these years would be appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Brett Leyshan
leyshan.brett.f@edumail.vic.gov.au
Working Bee Donation

For those parents who were unable to attend the Working Bee last 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

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Expiry Date: _____ / _____ Cardholder’s Name: ___________________________

Signature: ___________________________

Working Bee

Thank you to the following families who were unable to attend the working bee last Saturday 9 May and made a donation to our grounds fund:

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♦️ Fleetwood
♦️ Middleton
♦️ Tabbagh
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

Lachie Bond Prep C For always coming to school with a huge smile and keeping that smile all day! You should be so proud of your ‘have a go’ attitude to all your learning.

Zoe Pratis Prep P For working so hard on your writing. Well done!

George Schmidt Prep S For the great concentration, independence and care he showed when making his dinosaur book during Investigations. A terrific effort George!

Axy Park 1/2D For her hard-working approach and ‘can do’ attitude to her learning. Well done, Axy!

Gabriel Vogelsberger 1/2E For his enthusiastic approach to his learning and for working hard on his Writing.

Caolan Robinson 1/2P For putting in a concerted effort to improve his reading. Well done Caolan.

Sasha Bindley 1/2P For her interesting presentation on crystals following a visit to the museum with her parents.

Henry Stringer 3/4A For demonstrating excellent listening skills and for being confident and showing us all your dance moves during footsteps.

Saskia Van Beek 3/4A For concentrating on your work, enjoying a bit of a challenge and always doing your best.

LuKa Jevtic 3/4C For always contributing great ideas to our class discussions and working cooperatively with his peers. Great job Luka!

William Cullity 3/4E For always being a considerate and thoughtful member of 3/4E. You tackle every task with confidence and skill, even when it is something new. Keep it up Will!

Kayla Thompson 3/4E For continuing to display a positive attitude towards all class activities and for giving everything a go! Keep up the fantastic work Kayla.

Matilda Corsham 3/4J For displaying confidence and persistence when completing writing tasks. Well done Matilda!

Charlie Sorell 5B For leading his Peer Support lesson by himself and without much notice. You did a great job Charlie. Group 14 is very lucky to have you.

Scarlett Campbell 5P For displaying initiative and confidence when teaching the Peer Support lesson by herself. You did a great job Scarlett!

Clive Landy 5P For displaying initiative and confidence when teaching the Peer Support lesson by himself. You did a great job Clive!

Enzo Iezzi 6N For his more confident and more polished presenting of Arts awards at last week’s assembly. Keep practising those speaking skills, Enzo and you’ll become an accomplished MC!

Katija Sucic 6Z For displaying persistence in her maths target groups working on fractions. Keep up the great work Katija!
Hi everyone,

Firstly, we would like to say an enormous thank you to all the wonderful women who attended our Mothers and friends afternoon tea last Thursday. It was a huge success, and we couldn’t have done it without the help of our wonderful class reps, incredible helpful mums, the sponsors that came on board (see following page), and our fantastic Grade Six students who helped serve the food.

We would also like to thank Sue Morisset and Sharyn Kirsopp from The Royal Women’s Hospital for being a part of the afternoon. It was an emotional, but special afternoon for all those that attended.

We raised over $2,000 for our school, and our Armadale Cares Program has helped Mel Fusco get over $1,000 closer to the purchase of the cuddle cot for The Women’s. We will keep you posted as Mel, with the help of Armadale Cares, reaches her goal.

We are nearly half way through the year! So once again it is time for some FUN raising.

Grade 1/2 Cocktail Party:
The Grade 1/2 Cocktail party is to be held on this Friday, 15th May from 7.00pm to 9.00pm at Harry Hall, 115 Glenferrie Road, Malvern.
Looking forward to a FUN night!

Grade 3/4 Cocktail Party:
The Grade 3/4 Cocktail party is to be held on Friday 22nd May from 7.00pm to 9.00pm at Lona, 963 High Street, Armadale.
The invitations will all the details have been distributed this week.

Cookbook
This year the PFA would love to put together a Cook Book that includes amazing recipes from Armadale families and chefs / restaurants / cafes in the wider Armadale community.

The first cookbook subcommittee is scheduled to meet Wednesday 20th May in the Prep Infant Hall after pickup. A meeting request will be sent out, however if you have not received a meeting request and would like to attend we would LOVE to see you.

THANK YOU to everyone that has already put up their hand
If you are interested in joining the Armadale Primary Cook Book subcommittee and can’t make it to the meeting please just email Sarah & Caz on armadalepfa@gmail.com.

Thanks again xxx

Kind regards

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

At yesterday’s assemblea, Carlos e Sofia, our Culture and Community Leaders told us about a world famous sporting event on in Italia at the moment- The Giro D’Italia.
The Giro d’italia is the cycling event that is on every year, in May in Italy.
The 2015 Giro d’Italia is the 98th Giro d’Italia, one of cycling’s Grand Tour races. The Giro started in San Lorenzo al Mare, on 9 May, and will finish on the 1st of June in Milan.
There is an Australian team competing called Orica-GreenEDGE. Orica-GreenEDGE team member Simon Gerrans won, Tappa 1, (stage one) of the race and the first maglia rosa (pink jersey).
Michael Matthews, another Orica-GreenEDGE team member took the maglia rosa in Tappa 3 (stage three) which was classed as medium-mountain and included a second category climb.
For more information go to the official website - www.gazzetta.it/Giroditalia/2015/en

Years 5 and 6
Years 5 and 6 have been doing some online grammar and vocabulary activities about saluti, greetings, on the following sito web - http://www.oggi-domani.com/site/lessons/lesson01/
Click this link to take you to the Italian page on our website.
Vita Vampatella
Italian Language Co-ordinator
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Saturday 30 May 2015
10am - 3pm
Ripponlea Primary School, Carrington Grove, East St Kilda
For kids aged 4-12

Come and join us for a day of art and craft making and playful experiences. Discover how to recycle, re-use and rethink all kinds of wonderful waste and ingenious junk into awesome experiences and masterpieces.

$5.00 entry gives each child access to exciting group art making and play experiences including Box City Building, a Laser Maze Challenge and a giant Mandala play space. You can also watch artists at work creating murals and sculptures, visit the student artwork exhibition and vote in the people’s choice award and even purchase an artwork from the affordable art auction.

A gold coin donation will enable you to make a masterpiece to take home. Activities will run from 10am to 12noon or 1.00pm to 3pm and include:
- Badge making
- Flying comets
- Recycle bottles and jars in to piggy banks and candleholders
- Box construction
- Make a pompon in 5 minutes
- String pictures
- Seed pod creatures
- Fun with paper

Delicious snacks and food will be available to purchase all day including egg and bacon breakfast rolls, coffee cart, sweet treats, sausage sizzle and hot lunch snacks!

Art Attack will be a weather proof event. Come rain, hail or shine, it’s on!!! Entry for adults is free. Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Parents are responsible for any children in their care.

Any Questions: Feel free to contact Art Attack organiser on 0407 360 433 or directly to the school
Phone: 03 9527 5728

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School Banking is shooting for the stars.

At the beginning of 2015, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to save by making regular deposits into their YouthSaver account. In just one term, over 98,000 School Banking deposits were made around Australia. It’s a fantastic result that’s seen thousands of Australian children begin their savings mission.

Rewarding good savings behaviour with two new items
To help keep students on track with their savings mission in Term 2, we’ve released two new awesome reward items from our Outer Space Savers range. Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to redeem a reward item.

Invisible Ink Martian Pen
Intergalactic Rocket

You could win a 5 nights’ family trip to California’s Disneyland
Don’t forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland.

For more information visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking