Dear Parents,

Maths Fun Night – Education Week
It was fantastic to see so many of our children and their parents enjoying our “Cracking the Code” activity on Tuesday night. Thank you to all of the teachers for staying back and for opening up your classrooms and helping the children find their way around. Riley, Freya and Lucy Thompson were the first children to crack the code, with the answer being SOLUTION.

A special thank you to Larissa Raymond for organising all of the activities and for constructing the evening in such an effective and productive way. I think we were all a bit overwhelmed with the number of families that participated as all our other Education evenings had been well attended, but not by such a large number of people! Of course we were thrilled and enjoyed hearing all the feedback for the parents, especially from one father as he left who said, “Great night Rochelle, when is the next one?”

Given the overwhelming positive responses we will engage Larissa again to deliver an informative Parents’ evening that will focus on helping your child be a great numeracy learner.

When Larissa asked the children and families to reflect on what they thought were the ‘characteristics of great numeracy learners’ there were a number of interesting responses that we wanted to share with you. Great numeracy learners:

- are willing to have a go
- have an inquisitive mindset
- are creative
- they like numbers’
- they are happy
- take their time when learning
- see the importance of maths
- know that your brain learns when we make mistakes.

Larissa also provided a wonderful document for parents to look through which details how you can help your children with maths. If any parent would like one of these who couldn’t come on the night, please let me know.

This Week’s Events

Friday 22 May
- Facilities sub-committee meeting 8.00am in Principal’s office
- Walk Safely to School Day
- Year 6-7 transition forms to be returned
- Grades 3&4 Cocktail Party

Coming Events

Monday 25 May
- Year 5&6 students leave for Phillip Island camp

Friday 29 May
- Prep RACV incursion
- Year 5&6 students return from Phillip Island camp

Wednesday 3 June
- Cookbook sub-committee meeting 3.45pm in 1/2E

Wednesday 10 June
- Pyjama day for Nepal earthquake victims

Friday 12 June
- PFA meeting 2.30pm in staffroom
This Week’s Awards

Performing Artist of the Week:
Alexander Drohn

Performing Art Classes of the Week:
6Z

Visual Artist of the Week:
Lucie Armstrong

Visual Art Classes of the Week:
6N and 6Z

You Can Do It! Awards:
Sam Ypinazar Prep C
Charlie Colquhoun Prep P
Honey Dee-Lawson Prep S
Will Castine 1/2D
Haruki Kobayashi 1/2K
Leonardo Carbone 1/2P
Lachie Beischer 1/2W
Madi McGrory 3/4A
Bella Simmons 3/4C
Ryan Hartanto 3/4C
Jaxsen Farah 3/4E
Toby Ralph 3/4E
Luke Vickery 3/4E
Eva Henshaw 3/4 J
Quinn Suter 3/4 J
Alessandro Maciel Pizzorno Bazzo 5B
Charlotte Gatehouse 6N

Poor Mr Dow!
On Tuesday night Malcolm suffered a nasty fall riding home on his bicycle from the Maths Fun night. His wheels slipped on a big pile of leaves along Northcote Road. Malcolm continued riding home only to discover a very swollen elbow. A visit to the Sandringham Hospital revealed the worst news – he had broken his elbow! On behalf of the entire Armadale community, we wish Malcolm a most speedy recovery and a return to full health as soon as possible.

Writers’ workshops
Our students have all been enjoying working with Beth Cregan undertaking the Writers’ workshops. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it is quite amazing the difference a professional writer can make in developing the ideas and stories in children. Thank you to Connie for organising Beth once again to work with our children.

Junior Rockers
I was thrilled to see the children’s reaction to Andrew’s performance at assembly yesterday morning and to hear him singing and fully engaging the entire school. There were a number of flyers handed out after assembly and if you would like another one for your child/ren, please let me know.

To inquire about their after school music lessons please go to: www.juniorrockers.com.

Again the reason for the changeover was based on parent feedback and my desire to see a revamp of music at assemblies and my long held vision for a school band. There was no other benefit to the school of changing music providers.

Creative Music will finish up providing afterschool lessons at the end of this term.

Parking and road rules
The crossing supervisors have mentioned to me that they are not happy with how many people are not doing the right things when dropping off and picking up children. Parents have been seen dropping their children while double parked on the school crossing. Could all our parents please obey the rules and model good driving habits to our children.

Year 5 and 6 camp to Phillip Island Adventure Camp
The Year 5 and 6 students are getting incredibly excited about their forthcoming camp and all the exciting adventures they will have. They will be leaving bright and early on Monday morning at 9.00am and instructions for departure will be communicated through the teachers.

The staff who will be accompanying the students are:
Zaim Zeneli; Robin Nicolson; Kate Pilgrim; Peter Cracknell; Virginia Wallace; Vita Vampatella; Christine Leyshan; Ben Hyams and three of our student teachers.

1/2W will be taught by Gillian Brown for the first two days and the students in Years Prep-4 will not have Italian classes for next week. To facilitate a 5 day camp there will always be some adjustments with regards to staffing and classes to ensure that all our requirements are covered. I am sure that for the Year 6’s as this is their last camp at primary school, they are going to have the best time ever! I will keep you updated with news from camp next week.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Walk Safely to School Day

As part of our ongoing support of active healthy travel to school, we are participating in the national Walk Safely to School Day tomorrow Friday 22 May.

The website has all the details, as well as a competition for students, where they can win an ipad mini tablet. Let’s hope the weather stays kind to us tomorrow so that we get as many children walking (or riding, scooting or skating) as possible.

Student Banking

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

- Amelia Anderson
- Alexandra Anderson
- Luca Karafili
- George Schmidt
- Jack Cooper
- Poppy Parker
- Luke Vickery
- Lily Ritson Morrison
- Edward Cooper
- Elke Chadwick
- Summer Thompson

Well done everyone!

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

Year 5 & 6 Camp Medication

Parents who are sending children with any type of medication for camp, need to complete the APS form which was distributed yesterday. The form needs to be returned on Monday morning with the medication in a named bag or container.

If you have misplaced the form, click here to print another one from our website. All the camp information letters and forms are also available on the website - click here.

Robin Nicolson, Zaim Zeneli, Kate Pilgrim and Gillian Brown

Year 6—7 Transition Forms

Attention, all parents of Year 6 students!
There are still some secondary school application forms not returned. These must be back to school by tomorrow (Friday 22 May) in order for your child to be enrolled for Year 7 in 2016.

Robin Nicolson

Prep & Year 1/2 Bulletins

Please click on the following links to read this week’s news from your child’s year level:

- Prep bulletin
- Year 1/2 bulletin

or go to the Students tab on the website and then your child’s class for all the latest news.

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:

- Nguyen
- Maine / O’Connell
- Pellegrini
- Martin
- Imam

Robin Nicolson, Zaim Zeneli, Kate Pilgrim and Gillian Brown
Performing Arts News

**Performer of the Week: Alexander Drohn**
for all your amazing work in Performing Arts. You are developing into a very expressive and exciting performer!

**Performing Arts Class of the Week: 6Z**
for the spectacular duels that you performed. They were incredibly tense, dangerous and exciting.

**Assembly Performances**
1/2P performed a classic Danish children’s game based on the popular fairytale, Sleeping Beauty. They told the story of Thorn Rosa, who has a spell cast on her by the Ugly Witch. Soon after, the Handsome Prince arrives who wakens her with his gentle touch. Well done, 1/2P!

**Year 5 and 6 Commedia Dell’Arte Incursion**
Next week I will have a few photos from our exciting incursion two weeks ago. What an incredible experience!

**Education Week Performance**
Mrs Brown, Mrs E-M and I were very proud of the way that Glee Club and Junior Singing Club performed at the Education Week evening. Their pizazz and vigour was the perfect way to kick off an eventful evening!

Glee Club and Junior Singing Club Rehearsals

**Our new song is starting this week!**

**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?

**National Boys’ Choir**
On Tuesday morning we had many 6-8 year old boys audition for the National Boys’ Choir with their director, Mr. Peter Casey. Congratulations to all those boys! You sang beautifully and did Armadale Primary proud.

Yours in theatre,

*Lisa Vollugi. Performing Arts Teacher*

Library News

**New Books:** A collection of new books will be added in the coming weeks which also includes the 2015 Short Listed CBCA awards books. These books will be browse only for Term 2.

**Term 2 Theme:**
The collection of photos is slowly filling up the library walls! Thanks to those who have sent through a photo, more are most welcome.

**Scholastic Book Club:** New forms are available on the table outside the library. Grab one today!

Happy reading,

*Brett Leyshan*
Leyshan.brett.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

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*
Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week:
Lucie Armstrong 1/2D

For the creativity she displayed when designing her street art character and for her excellent drawing and painting skills.

Visual Art Classes of the Week:
6N and 6Z
For the excellent skills they displayed when painting the ANZAC Spirit Mural. Congratulations to everyone, the tank looks wonderful!

Year 6
ANZAC Spirit
Mural Progress
We were lucky enough to have a bit of sun on Monday! The year 6’s did more work on the tank. Some of the grass was painted and we touched up the background. When the Year 6’s return from camp we will finish the rest of the painting. Well done for your efforts so far Year 6 students, you have worked so well together. What a great team!

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Pyjama Day
Wednesday 10 June

The SRC are organising a pyjama day in support of the Nepal earthquake victims to be held on Wednesday 10 June.

All children will be asked to bring a gold coin donation to school.
You Can Do It! Awards

Sam Ypinazar Prep C
For the effort he is making to do 'whole body listening' when we have whole class discussions on the mat. Thomas Margie is learning a lot from you Sam!

Charlie Colquhoun Prep P
For working co-operatively and encouraging others when playing group games. Well done Charlie!

Honey Dee-Lawson Prep S
For taking great care and pride in her work. Your illustrations are wonderful Honey. Well done!

Will Castine 1/2D
For showing excellent speaking and listening skills when sharing his expertise with the class about his telescope. Well done, Will!

Haruki Kobayashi 1/2K
For being a responsible and organised member of the class.

Leonardo Carbone 1/2P
For his excellent concentration during maths assessments which were capably completed.

Lachie Beischer 1/2W
For demonstrating greater confidence and showing a huge improvement in his reading. A fantastic effort Lachie!

Madi McGrory 3/4A
For having a go at spelling challenging words when our class played "Sparkle" and for demonstrating perseverance during Blue Box and achieving great results.

Bella Simmons 3/4C
For the gentle and caring way she relates and works with her peers. We all appreciate your helpful and respectful manner. Thank you Bella!

Ryan Hartanto 3/4C
For demonstrating respectful listening and persistence when learning more about fractions. Great job Ryan!

Jaxsen Farah 3/4E
For your wonderful concentration and participation in Footsteps this week. You really have the moves Jaxsen, keep up the fantastic work!

Toby Ralph 3/4E
For your amazing concentration in Footsteps this week. Your moves were very impressive Toby, great display of persistence!

Luke Vickery 3/4E
For your continual kind nature and willingness to lend a helping hand. You light up the classroom with that smile, Luke!

Eva Henshaw 3/4J
For being so helpful when getting our class ready for the Crack the Code Education evening. You have an excellent eye for design Eva!

Quinn Suter 3/4J
For demonstrating confidence and persistence when writing many different genres of text. I can’t wait to read your Adventure story Quinn!

Alessandro Maciel Pizzorno Bazzo 5B
For his excellent concentration at this week’s Footsteps lesson. Your maracca moves were rhythmic and energetic. Well done Alessandro!

Charlotte Gatehouse 6N
For showing maturity in the way she thought about trying out different positions when trialling soccer at the Regional Team Selection day, to maximise her chance of selection. Great effort, Charlotte!
Parents & Friends for Armadale

Hi all,

We still have one more cocktail party for the year to go……This Friday is the Grade 3/4 Cocktail party...have FUN!

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. Looking forward to a FUN night!

Armadale Primary Cookbook
This year Armadale Primary and the PFA are putting together a Cook Book that includes amazing recipes from Armadale Families and Chefs / Restaurants / Cafes in the wider Armadale community.

The first cookbook subcommittee meeting was on Wednesday 20th May in the 1/2E room, after pickup. THANK YOU to everyone who attended and those that were unable to attend, but have put up their hand up to be involved.

The schedule for the Cookbook Subcommittee is as follows:

- Wednesday 3rd June 3.45pm after pick up in room 1/2E
- Wednesday 15th July 3.45pm after pick up in room 1/2E
- Wednesday 5th August 3.45pm after pick up in room 1/2E
- Wednesday 7th October 3.45pm after pick up in room 1/2E
- Wednesday 4th November 3.45pm after pick up in room 1/2E

If you are still interested in joining the Armadale Primary CookBook subcommittee and can’t make it to the next meeting please just email Sarah & Caz on armadalepfa@gmail.com.

PFA Committee Meetings:
- Friday 12th June 2.30pm in the staffroom
- Friday 17th July 2.30pm in the staffroom
- Friday 7th August 2.30pm in the staffroom
- Friday 9th October 2.30pm in the staffroom
- Friday 6th November 2.30pm in the staffroom

Kind regards
Caz Laughton and Sarah Monahan
PFA Co-Presidents

Elliana’s famous Nonno

My Nonno came to Australia in 1950 as a young boy. He went on to become a professional cyclist between 1950 and 1960. He was a member of the Italo-Australian Collingwood Cycling team which was sponsored by an Italian Company called BORSARI in Carlton. This is a photo of one of the original Jerseys he wore during that time.

Notizie d’italiano

Ciao a tutti

Here’s an update on the Giro D’Italia from our Culture and Community Leader, Sofia, and from Elliana in 6N.

The Giro D’Italia is the cycling event that is on at the moment in Italia.

Tappa 10 (Stage 10) was run on 19 Maggio (19 May)
There are 21 tappe in total and right now they are at Tappa 10.

Stage 10 started in Forli and finishes in Civitanova Marche.

When the cyclists win a tappa they wear the Maglia Rosa (pink jersey).

The Australian team, Orica Green Edge, have won Tappe 1 and 3. Orica Green Edge is coming 17th overall.

Another Australian who is doing very well and coming 3rd is Ritchie Porte who rides for the Sky team.
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