Dear Parents,

The children have been in training mode in preparation for the ANNUAL FUN RUN which is on tomorrow. Thankfully the weather gods will be smiling down upon us and the school looks forward to enjoying the whole morning at Romanis Reserve.

Thank you to all the Armadale families who have been able to support this fundraiser by sponsoring the children for each lap they have run. All monies raised will go to further school improvements such as our new fence in Densham Road and the installation of new light fittings in our MPC. Unfortunately these were not covered under the building warranty and each globe and fitting is incredibly expensive and right now we are embarrassingly down to only 4 lights working. Thank goodness for daylight saving and again we are incredibly grateful for your very generous support.

A huge thank you once again to Nicki Batagol who has once again superbly organised the entire Fun Run and has been wonderfully supported by Peter Cracknell. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible down at Romanis Reserve and cheering on all of our fun runners. I hope that some of you will also run or walk with your children and children have been encouraged to wear their favourite sports clothes.

Parent Opinion Survey

The school received its results last week and I am pleased to once again share with you that for the majority of the categories we are above or at state means with the highest categories being: School Connectedness, Student Motivation, Connectedness to Peers, General Satisfaction, Classroom Behaviour, Parent Input and Approachability. Our lowest categories remain at Homework and Reporting and as a school we recognise there is room for growth and improvement. We will be moving to a new reporting system next year and we hope this will address gaps and concerns previously experienced.

I would also like to share some of the written feedback I have received:

“Our teacher really understands boys and is challenging them to do their best in Prep. Our teacher has been a great teacher for our son. She is warm and encouraging and our son loves attending school. His social skills have improved since kindy and he is learning to read and loves Maths.”

“As a new parent to the school, I am very happy. I am impressed by students’ values and the very strong school community. The teaching staff are all friendly, approachable and take great care in their work. I also appreciate the parent education sessions. Thank you.”

“We are very happy with the school. The caring, positive approach comes from the Principal. These qualities then filter down through the teachers and to the students. In terms of motivating students, a carrot or a stick method can be chosen. Clearly at APS a carrot approach has been chosen. This leads to a culture of success by encouragement. Students are engaged.”

“Principal For A Day”

Unfortunately Richard Day could not join us yesterday as the School Principal, due to illness and we will reschedule another visit for him shortly. I was explaining this to the children at assembly yesterday and said “You’ll just have to put up with boring Mrs Cukier as usual”. To my delight a group of prep children all sang out, “You are not boring Mrs Cukier!” I was so thrilled and it made my day.
Good luck to the Senior Green Team
Malcolm and the senior Green Team are participating in the Melbourne Water Youth Conference at Etihad Stadium today and tomorrow. Their wonderful video clip, EnviroGuy will be shown in a prime spot during the conference dinner and I am sure it will impress the entire conference audience as it did us.

Curriculum Day Monday 2 November
A reminder to all families that Monday 2 November will be a curriculum day and the school will be closed.

See you at the Fun Run.

Warm regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
What do we mean by ‘learning’ in a primary school?

This may appear to be a simple question with a simple answer BUT learning is more than just the 3R’s – (reading writing and arithmetic). Often when teachers and parents are talking about how to address the learning of children we seem to be on different levels of understanding. As educators, we are informed with current research regarding this matter and our current curriculum reflects how to address the learning of our children at school. When we talk about learning we can no longer refer to this simply as academic content. As educators we are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of MORE than just presenting content to the children. If our children are to achieve optimum academic growth then we MUST address their social and emotional needs in conjunction. All three elements work together and have equal importance.

As parents you also play a huge part in the learning journey. Your understanding of what ‘learning’ means needs to progress beyond the academic. The attitudes and behaviours you model at home influence the ways in which your children learn. A major concern for us as educators has been children’s attitudes towards maths. Comments such as ‘I’m hopeless at maths’ ‘I always get things wrong in maths’ and ‘I don’t know the answer’ reveal more about the learner than a result on a maths test. Our attitude and approach to maths learning needs to change if we are to help children become great mathematicians. The excerpt at right by Jo Boaler has invaluable advice for us all.

Again it all comes down to PEDAGOGY – it is not what we teach but how we teach and as parents your attitude and understandings are integral to this process.

This advice was taken from an article from a great website that teachers are using at present to help them improve their teaching practice. Please take the time to look at the section for parents as there are valuable articles that will help develop your own understandings and attitudes towards learning.

https://www.youcubed.org/parents/

Until next week...

Connie Apostolos-Thermos
Curriculum and Pedagogy Leader

Positive Norms to Encourage in Maths Class By Jo Boaler

1. Everyone Can Learn Maths to the Highest Levels. Encourage students to believe in themselves. There is no such thing as a “maths” person. Everyone can reach the highest levels they want to, with hard work.

2. Mistakes are Valuable Mistakes grow your brain! It is good to struggle and make mistakes.

3. Questions are Really Important Always ask questions, always answer questions. Ask yourself: why does that make sense?

4. Maths is about Creativity and Making Sense Maths is a very creative subject that is, at its core, about visualizing patterns and creating solution paths that others can see, discuss and critique.

5. Maths is about Connections and Communicating Maths is a connected subject, and a form of communication. Represent maths in different forms eg words, a picture, a graph, an equation, and link them. Color code!

6. Depth is much more Important than Speed Top mathematicians, such as Laurent Schwartz, think slowly and deeply.

7. Maths Class is about Learning not Performing Maths is a growth subject, it takes time to learn and it is all about effort.
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**

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You Can Do It! Awards

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<td>Sara Dewani</td>
<td>Prep C</td>
<td>For her wonderful presentations during Investigations. She always speaks clearly and provides us with relevant information. We are learning a lot from you Sara!</td>
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<td>Issy Monahan</td>
<td>1/2D</td>
<td>For listening respectfully during yoga sessions to make sure she follows the correct techniques. Well done, Issy!</td>
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<td>Billie Nezos</td>
<td>1/2E</td>
<td>For her consistently positive approach to all her learning tasks and for always giving her very best effort.</td>
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<td>Matilda Goodall</td>
<td>1/2P</td>
<td>For her focused approach when completing vertical subtraction tasks. Congratulations!</td>
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<td>Sean Hartanto</td>
<td>1/2W</td>
<td>For showing increased confidence and working more independently when completing the cards in Yellow Box – a great effort Sean!</td>
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<td>Tom Ypinazar</td>
<td>3/4A</td>
<td>For his continued effort during all class activities and persistence in making the most of every day. Keep up the excellent work, Tom!</td>
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<td>Aidin Skinner</td>
<td>3/4A</td>
<td>For his consistent contribution to all class discussions. You challenge yourself and the class to extend their questioning and knowledge. We are all learning a lot from you, Aidin.</td>
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<td>Nina Van Schoonhoven</td>
<td>3/4A</td>
<td>For her excellent approach to all class activities. You model a positive attitude that is infectious. Well done and keep up the great work, Nina!</td>
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<td>Eliza Purdie</td>
<td>3/4A</td>
<td>For her continued effort in the classroom. You are an enthusiastic student that approaches each challenge with a positive attitude. Great work, Eliza!</td>
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<td>Sasha Herbaux</td>
<td>3/4C</td>
<td>For the amazing start to Term 4. You are demonstrating a happy, caring and respectful attitude towards your learning and developing positive relationships with all your peers. Keep it up, Sasha!</td>
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<td>Lily Johnson</td>
<td>3/4C</td>
<td>For the enthusiasm, confidence and a great pride you are demonstrating towards your writing. Your pocket book and &quot;I am...&quot; poem are fun and thoroughly entertaining. Great job Lily!</td>
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<td>Max Papaspiropoulos</td>
<td>3/4E</td>
<td>For settling into the classroom routine at Armadale with such confidence and maturity. It is a pleasure to have you in our class! Max, I hope you enjoy the challenge of Term 4 with 3/4E!</td>
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<td>Polly Yeats</td>
<td>5B</td>
<td>For her enthusiastic responses to the reading of &quot;The Watertower&quot; by Gary Crew. Your observations were insightful and thought provoking. Good thinking Polly!</td>
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<td>Jamie Shaw</td>
<td>5B</td>
<td>For consistently endeavouring to do his best at school. You set a wonderful example to your peers and you can always be relied upon to do your best. You are such an asset to 5B!</td>
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<td>Max Dixon</td>
<td>5P</td>
<td>For demonstrating persistence in all areas of his learning, consistently showing improvement and displaying good work habits. Keep up the great work Max!</td>
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<td>Hugo Martin</td>
<td>5P</td>
<td>For demonstrating persistence when completing a challenging maths task on perimeter and area. Well done Hugo!</td>
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<td>Sasha Papaspiropoulos</td>
<td>6N</td>
<td>For fitting seamlessly into our class and year level, and also for her friendly, helpful nature - welcome to APS Sasha! We’re glad you’ve come to join us.</td>
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Well done everyone!

Student work is in a box outside the office so you can view the designs.

You have until today, Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} October, to place your Christmas orders.

Each student has created a Christmas Design/Open Design that can be printed onto the following:

- calendar $13
- pack of 8 Cards $15
- diary $18
- notebook $18
- iPhone case (iPhone 4, 5 or 6) $14
- pillow case $20

Please fill in an order form and include payment in a blank envelope/school envelope (if paying by card) and return to office ASAP.

Please note if you are placing orders for siblings they need to be done separately (one order form per child)

The Armadale Primary Community is invited to attend the Opening of the 2015 ‘Clay for Kids’ sculpture and painting exhibition.

the Mayor of the City of Stonnington Councillor Melina Sehr will open the exhibition and present awards on Sunday 8 November at 1.30pm

Participating Schools
Armadale PS, Sacré Coeur, South Yarra PS, Montessori School

Duldig Studio
92 Burke Road, East Malvern (Melways 59 G 11)
Open from 12 noon to 4pm

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Teacher
gorman.lucy.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Sports News

Volleyball Gala Day Years 5&6

Next Friday 30 October the students from Years 5&6 will take part in a Volleyball Gala day.

Information was distributed to all Years 5&6 students today.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

Student Banking

Last week the wrong names were put in the newsletter for student banking awards. The following students qualified for a Dollarmites Achievement Certificate last week:

- Harry O’Loughlin (Bronze)
- Freddie Moffat (Silver)
- Priscilla Moffat (Silver)
- Mia Bainger (Silver)
- Matilda Goodall (Silver)
- James Donovan (Silver)

And this week’s Dollarmites Achievement Certificates go to:

- Charlotte Bond (Silver)
- Lily Ypinazar (Silver)
- Max Schmidt (Gold)

Well done everyone!

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

Armadale Primary School is a registered SunSmart school member committed to ensuring students and staff are protected from too much UV which can cause skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Our school uniform includes covering clothing and sun protective hats and we have shady spaces for students to access. But we need your help.

SunSmart recommends SPF30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen be applied to any skin not covered by clothing. Our school will be implementing strategies to help remind students to apply sunscreen before heading outdoors.

Please help support this initiative by:

- Supplying your child with SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for use during school hours
- Talking to your child about the importance of using sunscreen regularly to help prevent skin damage and skin cancer
- Ensuring your child knows how to apply their sunscreen independently and has had some practise so they will be all set to apply it safely at school
- Being a SunSmart role model at home with sunscreen, hats, clothing, shade and sunglasses.

Sun protection is a shared responsibility. For more information about sunscreen please visit sunsmart.com.au

P.S. Have you heard about Vision202020’s My Park Rules competition? Visit http://myparkrules.com.au/ to find out more. It’s an opportunity to design a dream green outdoor space with the winner actually getting it built!

Justine Osborne
SunSmart Schools & Early Childhood Program Coordinator
Cancer Council Victoria

∴ SunSmart Schools & Early Childhood Program Coordinator

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name:_____________________
Phone:_____________________
Email:_____________________
Availability:_________________
The Fun Run is tomorrow!

**Fun Run**
Friday October 23rd – Orrong Romanis Reserve 9.30am – 12.00pm

**Sponsorship Forms**
Please continue to help your child(ren) seek sponsorship from friends, relatives and neighbours as the more money raised, the greater the chances of winning a prize donated by one of our very generous sponsors. If you have misplaced your form, there are spare forms in the office.

**Parent Helpers**
- Set-up at Orrong Romanis (spare hands needed from 8:00am)
- Drive morning tea (blue buckets) to/from Orrong Romanis
- Walk students to/from Orrong Romanis
- Cut up fruit / help at fruit station
- Mark laps completed at each class station/cone
- Distribute morning tea to students

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

*Nicki Batagol & Peter Cracknell*

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**Armadale Primary Cookbook:**
The cookbook subcommittee will continue to put together a “Cookbook on behalf of Armadale Primary”. There is still plenty of room left, for your best recipes and/or creative pieces.

The template for recipe submissions and details on how to submit art work or writing pieces has been emailed out by your Class Rep.

**The Cookbook Subcommittee will advise the new meeting schedule.**

**PFA Committee Meetings:**
- Wednesday 4 November 2:30pm in the staffroom
- Wednesday 2 December 2:30pm in the staffroom

**Icy Poles:**
Icy poles are BACK! Icy poles will be free tomorrow and then back for $1 each from 30th October.

*Thank you for your continued support of Armadale Primary School.*

*Kind regards*

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

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**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.
2015 Fun Run

Friday October 23rd – Orrong Romanis (9.30am – 12.00pm)

It’s only one more sleep until the 2015 Fun Run.

Students can dress up in the colours of their favourite sports team, or simply wear “fun” colours.

Please remember to:

- Wear runners and your APS school hat (no caps etc)
- Make sure you have sunscreen on
- Bring your drink bottle and morning tea (in a container for transfer to the oval)

Approximate timings for the event are as follows:

9:00 Children go into class. Morning tea transferred to office
9:10 Parent Helpers drive Morning tea tubs to Orrong Romanis
    Students walk to Orrong Romanis in levels
9:20 Arrive at Oval. Assemble in classes for instructions
9:40 Fun Run begins
12:00 Fun Run Ends. Walk from Orrong Romanis in levels
12:30 Free icy-poles

Parent Helpers
We will need a large team of parent helpers from each class to help with the tasks listed below. Please find an activity that is short of help and lend a hand.

- Set-up at Orrong Romanis (spare hands needed from 8:00am)
- Drive morning tea (blue buckets) to/from Orrong Romanis at 9.10am
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We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Nicki Batagol & Peter Cracknell
ARMADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2015 FUN RUN

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23RD
ORRONG ROMANIS OVAL
9:30 – 12:00

Great Prizes to be won

Money raised will be used to install grass in the playground

Dress up in sports colours or your favourite team

The more money you raise, the greater your chances of winning a prize!!

Prizes kindly donated by:
Grade 5 is supporting Operation Christmas Child - 2015

Operation Christmas child is a charity designed to bring happiness to children in South East Asia and the South Pacific who have very little. Where people like you and I can put items into a shoe box for the children to open at Christmas time. There will be a box in the office for the collection of the goods. Thank you, in advance for your generosity.

6 things to remember when choosing items:

SOMETHING TO WEAR: t-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.
SOMETHING TO LOVE: teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
SOMETHING SPECIAL: carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, a personal note.
SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL: exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.
SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH: tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind-up torch, blow up ball etc.
SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE: soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips, etc.

Do not include:

ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT: (these can spoil boxes) including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, plasticine/play dough and batteries
FOOD OR LOLLIES OF ANY KIND: (due to customs regulations) including medicines and vitamins
USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS: (due to customs regulations) including worn clothing and old toys
BREAKABLE ITEMS: including glass, porcelain and mirrors
ITEMS THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD: including war or pirate-related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures or skull and crossbones
GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS: including playing cards and dominos

The age groups for each box are 2 to 4, 5 to 9 or 10 to 14.

Please donate items to a box at the office up until October 25. Boxes need to be ready for drop off by the 31st October. Please put a smile on a child’s face for Christmas!
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