Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of a very full on term of education at Armadale Primary. There is much to celebrate and applaud and equally much to learn from and continue to grow and improve. The children are ready for a holiday and a break from routines. May I take this opportunity to thank our wonderfully supportive school community for all of your engagement with our programs this term. We continue to appreciate all that you bring to our school, whether it is your involvement on School Council, the PFA, being a parent rep, in classroom and on excursion helpers, coming in for special activities and events, or just being there for your children on a day to day basis. The research is compelling: the greater the partnership between parents and their primary school, the more successful the student is, in their learning journey. I would also like to thank the entire staff of Armadale Primary school for their ongoing devotion to the children throughout the term, their commitment to their profession and the excellent provision of education, starting from the office to classes, to OOSHC.

End of term assembly

Our students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday at the end of our Assembly. Our assembly will start at 1.30 to ensure we don't go over time. I wish all of our Armadale families a wonderful break and enjoy the opportunities to rest, relax and rejuvenate and enjoy the quality time spent with the children. For those of you travelling please enjoy safe travels and I hope you manage to escape to warmer climes.

Term 3 resumes on Monday July 14th at 9.00am and I look forward to seeing all the students then. Could parents please ensure that all of the students are in winter uniform and all have raincoats in their school bags in readiness for the next one and a half terms of winter.

Semester One reports

All of our students will be bringing home their semester reports this afternoon and I hope that both parents and students go through these reports together and celebrate your children’s educational success. There is a great deal of information within the report which communicates your child’s growth at this particular time. Whether your child is working towards their expected achievement levels, or at them, or working above expected levels, each report contains advice and guidance for parents and a commitment from the school to continue the growth of the child. I would like to acknowledge all of the work from our teaching staff in undertaking the assessments and moderation of student work samples, which then enabled teachers to write these reports for parents.

Parent / Student / Teacher interviews

In forward planning for Term 3, parents should mark Tuesday 29th July in their diaries as our third pupil-free day which we will use for Parent / Student / Teacher interviews for Year 1 to Year 6 students and Parent / Teacher interviews for Prep. The day will start at 12.00pm and conclude at 7.30pm and parents will be able to book 15 minute interviews with the class teacher early next term using our on-line booking system. The Parent / Student / Teacher interviews are a change from the student-led conferences we have had previously. These interviews will focus on information in the reports and have a future focus on how to best support the students continuing and ongoing growth in their learning and development.

This Week's Events

Friday 27 June

♦ Red Nose Day - SRC fundraiser
♦ End of term 2 - assembly at 1.30pm and children dismissed at 2.30pm

Coming Events

Monday 14 July

♦ Term 3 commences

Tuesday 29 July

♦ Pupil-free day - Parent / Student / Teacher interviews

Click here to go to our school website calendar for more details on coming events
... continued from page 1

Parents will have the opportunity within the interview to talk to the teacher without the student present if they wish. More information will be provided early next term.

Farewell to Priya Jaya of 5B and his family
Michelle, Armen and Priya have decided as a family to relocate to Bali to show Priya his incredible Balinese culture. Priya will need to learn Balinese and will have many new learning experiences. We wish the entire Jaya family all the very best with their new adventures and hope that they keep in touch with us.

Religious Instruction consent form
On pages 7-9 is a new consent form for your child/children’s participation in Special Religious Instruction (SRI). This new form is being issued midway through the year because a new Ministerial Direction which governs the way SRI is delivered in schools has been issued, and takes effect on 14 July 2014 (the first day of Term 3). Please complete and return the consent form by the first week of next term.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Schools Students with Disability
Parents of students whom the school has identified as having a health or learning condition requiring adjustments to be made to support their access to and participation in education will be sent a letter to provide an opt–out consent to have students identified for inclusion in the Data Collection. This will occur over the next few weeks and was a very similar process to what occurred last year.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday and looking forward to seeing you all at the start of Term 3!

Warm regards,

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Assistant Principal
Thank You
Many thanks to all the parents who have gone to so much trouble to ensure our students are fully Nude Food compliant. It is not easy to do this and I’m sure that it would be much more convenient to buy lots of packaged goods. But I believe we have made a great achievement and the playground does look so much cleaner and tidier and I’m sure the students are feeling much healthier for it. We have a few more recipes published in today’s newsletter, so we will hand out the remaining prizes at our final assembly tomorrow afternoon. Some members of the Green Team have produced a film about our Nude Food journey and this will be submitted to the Resource Smart School Awards. These will be announced later in Term 3. We will also show this film at the final assembly on Friday.

ICT Programs
I have been encouraging the students in the ICT session to keep persevering with the

Premiers’ Reading Challenge through the holidays. If the weather is like it is this week, it would be a great opportunity to get in some extra reading and add these to the Challenge list. As well as that don’t forget the Reading Eggs/Eggspress activities, Mathletics and Skooville. I certainly do not advocate any children spending all their holidays in front of the computer; there are lots more healthy and fun things to do than that! But on those dull and dreary days when it is just too cold or wet to do anything else, then these activities will be more productive than just watching movies or playing games.

Leave
I will be on Long Service Leave for the first two weeks of next term, to spend some time in a warmer climate, should be just the thing for recharging the batteries. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in week 3 next term.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

This Week’s Awards
House Points
House points resume in Term 3.

Prep Bulletin
Please click on the following links to read this week’s news from your child’s classroom:

♦ Prep bulletin
Click on this link to go to the bulletin page or go to the Students tab on the website and then your child’s class for all the latest news.
Parents and Friends for Armadale

Hi everyone,

Into the latest apps?

Heard of Bubble Witch Saga, Toca Kitchen Monsters, BrainPOP, Plants vs. Zombies 2, Jetpack Joyride, Science 360, Bike Race Free or Nasa app?

Well, they are SO yesterday compared to tiqbiz.

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Believe me, I can’t wait to hear news direct from school and not via the “kid crazy distortion news telegraph”. Jump on www.tiqbiz.com today and join the app brigade.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Don’t forget to keep encouraging your children to read books for this year’s Premiers’ Reading Challenge during the school holidays.

Click on this link to take you to the student login. page of the PRC website.

Year 3&4 Camp
3-5 September

The Year 3&4 students have been given a letter detailing the balance of the Camp Rumbug payment.

The letter is also on the school website - please click here if it has been mislaid. The final payment is due back at school next term by Friday 22 August.

Student Banking

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

- Alexandra Park
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Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

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Enjoy the break and keep warm.

Please keep checking the newsletter and your specialist year level bulletin to keep up to date with all things APS.

Exciting Things Happen At Armadale Primary

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Green Fundraising

As you may know, we’ve decided to try this new fabulous “green” fundraising idea for next term.

Once back from holidays you’ll receive a bag of tasty herbs to sell or use for yourself. These self-contained kits are designed to grow herbs on your window sill. Each pack contains 10 individual herb packs which you can sell for $6 per pack, keep for your own cooking or keep to gift to friends and family at Christmas.

Simply tear open the packet, toss in the seeds, water regularly and watch them grow. The herbs grow inside the specially-designed bag. You don’t need to re-pot them.

Each herb pack contains everything you need to grow your herbs and if you don’t want to use them straight away, you can leave them unopened for up to a year.

- 2 x Basil growing kits
- 2 x Parsley growing kits
- 2 x Chives growing kits
- 2 x Coriander growing kits
- 2 x Rocket growing kits

You don’t need a green thumb to get fantastic results so please embrace our new fundraising idea and help support our 2014 ‘Back to the Future’ initiative to enable our kids to enjoy upgraded play and study areas. More information next term.

Thanking you,

Georgie Handbury

Red Nose Day

Tomorrow, Friday 27th of June the SRC team will be holding a red nose day to raise awareness for SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome). On the day the SRC will be selling foam red noses for $3, Pens for $5 and you can get your nose painted red for $1.

There will also be a jar of jaffas which you can pay $1 a guess to guess how many jaffas are in the jar. Whoever guesses the closest wins the jar of jaffas. It would be very much appreciated if everyone participated in this event.

Will, Ava, Carla and Aiden

Communication Survey

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to complete our communication survey this week. We really appreciate your responses and will report back with the results next term.

If you would like to participate in this anonymous and quick (about 5 minutes) survey to improve our communication with you, please click this link to start the survey or go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HKSCW2H.

The closing date for the survey is 18/7/2014 at 11:45 PM

Kylie Ashton,
Maggie Brown,
Alison Crone,
Malcolm Dow
APS Communication Action Team

Thanking you to those parents who made a donation this week - we are up to $4600
Banana Muffins with crunchy topping.

**Ingredients**
- 1/2 cup (125 g) wholemeal self-raising flour
- 1/2 cup (125 g) plain flour
- 1/2 cup (125 g) wholewheat flour
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- a pinch of salt
- 50 g chopped pecans
- 50 g raisins
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp of vanilla extract/paste
- 125 ml plain yogurt
- 3 bananas, mashed
- rolled oats and mixed sunflower seeds and pumpkin seeds (optional)
- 30 g (2 tbsp) crunchy and honey

**Method**
1. Preheat oven to 180°C or 160°C for fan-assisted ovens. Grease a 1 kg loaf tin or a 12-hole muffin tin with butter and dust with a bit of plain flour.
2. Make crunchy oat topping.
3. Soft flour with sugar and large dots of butter in a bowl. Combine milk into one bowl and pour into the bowl. Stir with a whisk or spoon.
4. Bake, uncovered, about 20 minutes.
5. Heat enough sugar to pour 5 minutes; turn to aside up.
6. Add 1/2 cup of baked with a little bit of butter and mix until the mixture is just melted. Set aside to cool.
7. In a large bowl, stir together all the dry ingredients.
8. Whisk the yogurt, vanilla and eggs together in a separate bowl.
9. Combine the mix with the mashed bananas and dry ingredients.
10. Mix well ensuring there are no lumps of flour!
11. Pour mixture into the preferred tin.
12. Top with a handful of rolled oats and mix. Pour the mixture into the preferred tin.
13. Bake for 15-20 minutes until lightly golden. Allow the mixture to cool for 5 minutes, then remove from the baking tray and cool completely on a wire rack.

Pre-heat the oven to 180 C or 160 C for fan-assisted ovens. Grease a 1 kg loaf tin or a 12-hole muffin tin with butter and dust with a bit of plain flour.

Thank you for all the recipe contributions - look out for more great nude food ideas in next term’s newsletters.
The School Leaders’ News

As Leaders of the school we have been thinking of some more ways we could contribute to our school community. So what we are planning is to start writing an article each week about the exciting things that may be going on in our school, we will also go up each week to talk at assembly. At assembly we will introduce a student from each year level to collect a prize. To win this prize you would have to be a great role model to others and show responsibility in the playground. We will be keeping our eyes out at lunch and recess. But we will also ask the teachers whether the students are good in class not just when we are around.

For this week we will talk about the amounts of rubbish we have spotted in the yard. Now the bins are gone people have been dropping their rubbish on the ground. If you have rubbish hold onto it and take it home. We would appreciate it if you don’t bring rubbish to school at all.

From your School Leaders

Winnie, Stephanie, Will and Tilly
26 June 2014

Dear Parents

Attached is a new consent form for your child/children’s participation in Special Religious Instruction (SRI). This new form is being issued midway through the year because a new Ministerial Direction which governs the way SRI is delivered in schools has been issued, and takes effect on 14 July 2014 (the first day of Term 3).

The requirements of schools and SRI instructors are different under this new Ministerial Direction, and as a result existing parental consent does not extend into Term 3.

This form will be issued again for the beginning of the 2015 school year and, following that, annually and/or each time the school is approached by an SRI instructor seeking to deliver SRI in the school.

Please ensure that you thoroughly read the second page of the consent form, as it contains important information on what SRI is (that is, that it is not education about the religion, but instruction in how to live according to the tenets and beliefs of that religion), and the process through which it is delivered. SRI does not deliver on the AusVELS curriculum – it is an extra-curricular activity delivered by volunteers associated with religious organisations.

Your child will only be eligible to participate in SRI if you tick both acknowledgement boxes, sign, and return the consent form to school by the date specified. If SRI is offered and your child does not participate, they will be engaged in positive, educationally valuable activities while SRI is running.

Please note that even though forms are being issued, SRI sessions may not run in the school. Once consent forms have been received and compiled, I will then assess whether SRI can be offered within available resources.

In addition to reading the information on the consent form, I would encourage you to familiarise yourself with the changes to the way SRI is run, both through the Ministerial Direction (http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/legislation/Pages/sri.aspx) and Department of Education and Early Childhood Development policy (http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/pages/religious.aspx).

Regards

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Special Religious Instruction  
– Parent Consent Form  
(CFMD141)

School Name: Armadale Primary School

Date form issued: June 26th 2014

Schools are obliged to provide parents with this form if approached by an accredited and approved SRI volunteer. Once this form has been provided to parents and returned forms compiled, the principal will decide whether there are sufficient resources to enable SRI to be offered at the school.

The school has been approached by a Special Religious Instruction volunteer offering SRI in the following religion: Christianity

If it is offered by the school, it will be delivered by the following instructor(s) and organisation(s) with the following religious affiliations:

Volunteer Instructor Name(s): Janet, Margaret, Gabi, Judy, Wayne

Provider who has accredited the SRI volunteer: ACCESS Ministries

Religious affiliation/auspicing church: Armadale Uniting Church, Armadale Baptist Church

If it is offered, it will be delivered for 30 minutes per week. The program will be run all year.

Further information and program overview/materials may be accessed online at: http://www.accessministries.org.au/

If offered, I authorise my child/children

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To participate in Special Religious Instruction in the religion specified above, should it be offered at the school.

I confirm that I have read the information about SRI on p2 of this form prior to signing □

I understand that there may be an associated fee to purchase materials for my child’s use in SRI, and that this will be collected once it is determined whether SRI will be offered in the school □

Parent/Guardian’s Name: ........................................................................................................................................

Address: .................................................................................................................................................................

Signature: ................................................................................................................................................................

Date: ........./........./.........

If you would like your child to participate in SRI, please sign and return this form to the school by

If you do not return this form, your child will not participate in SRI, should it be offered at the school.


Parent Consent Form CFMD141- version 1 17/6/14
Special Religious Instruction – Parent Consent Information

The provision of Special Religious Instruction (SRI), delivered by churches and other religious groups, in government schools is authorised under section 2.2.11 of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

Special Religious Instruction Policy

SRI may only be offered and delivered in accordance with Department policy and Ministerial Direction MD141. SRI can be offered only where accredited and approved volunteer religious instructors have approached a particular school, are available to provide a special religious instruction program and where a school has the resources to comply with legal requirements and ensure that duty of care obligations are met to all students during SRI.

Schools are obliged to provide parents with this form if approached by an accredited and approved SRI volunteer. Once this form has been provided to parents and returned forms compiled, the principal will decide whether there are sufficient resources to enable SRI to be offered at the school.

MD141 and the policy are available online at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/legislation/Pages/sri.aspx

What is Special Religious Instruction?

SRI is instruction in the specific religious beliefs and tenets of a religion, and is not to be confused with General Religious Education (GRE). GRE is education about religions (which may or may not include using representatives of a particular faith to explain the workings and belief structure of their religion), whereas SRI programs are instruction in a particular religion and may include scriptural studies, and instruction in how to live and behave according to the tenets of the particular faith.

SRI does not provide an overview of all faiths or religions. Each particular SRI offering is instruction in one faith only, provided by a church or other religious group. Given the religious nature of the program, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not endorse program content used to deliver SRI by accredited volunteer instructors.

Who delivers Special Religious Instruction?

Special Religious Instruction is available to schools in a range of faiths including Christianity, Catholicism, Orthodox Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Bah’á’í, and Sikhism. The religions available to schools will vary depending on whether any instructors approach the school. Currently the providers accrediting the volunteer Special Religious Instructors are:

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Participation in Special Religious Instruction

Participation in Special Religious Instruction is voluntary. Schools cannot place children in SRI unless parental consent is provided for a child to participate (opt-in). SRI materials are available online and via the agency delivering SRI for parents to review.

Parents are requested to complete and return this form to the school if they wish their child to participate in SRI, should it be offered at the school. If this form is not returned, the child will not participate in SRI, should it be offered. Students not participating in SRI will be engaged in educationally valuable activities that are outside the core curriculum in a separate classroom or learning space to the students participating in SRI.

If SRI in more than one religion is being offered at your child’s school, you will be provided with a consent form for each religion.

You may withdraw your child/children from Special Religious Instruction at any time by notifying the school principal in writing.

Further information

MD141 and Department policy can be accessed at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/legislation/Pages/sri.aspx
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