Dear Parents,

It was a wonderful atmosphere at our assembly yesterday morning where we celebrated so much success for our whole school community. We celebrated our students’ personal learning success through the YCDI awards, academic excellence in the international arena with the ICAS test awards for students who sat the English and Maths tests and I was incredibly proud of the number of merit, credit and distinction certificates that our children received. We celebrated our Italian kitchen garden planting and our senior Green Team’s wonderful two day conference at Etihad Stadium and the Collingwood Children’s farm and commended Detective Dow who solved the mystery of the boggy courts! We also celebrated, clapped and cheered each of our teaching staff for everything they do for our children day in and out and for the way they inspire and encourage each one of the students. For all the educational research on what helps children learn the most, whether it be class sizes, digital technology, open spaces, or even modern buildings, the teacher in the classroom is without doubt the most important influence on student learning. Therefore it was very fitting that our Year 6 students made up and presented each of our teachers with “Best teacher awards at Armadale Primary” to acknowledge and celebrate “World Teachers’ Day” which is tomorrow, Friday October 30th.

I look forward to sharing with our community Keryn’s findings within her report and to look at our next steps. I am excited by this opportunity as educators we are constantly seeking ways to improve our school and it will be wonderful to have an external lens to help us shape this.

**OOSH C Halloween Party**
A huge thank you to Ben and his team for organising this year’s Halloween Party and though not a traditional Australian cultural event, it was certainly booked out in a matter of days. I know the children are excited to attend the party this afternoon and were all happily chatting about their costumes. Just a word of caution too if I may, the desire to go “trick or treating” has certainly gained in popularity and just wanting to reiterate to our community that it’s okay to say “no” to the children if they want to do it, they won’t miss out on anything too significant. But if you want them to participate, please ensure that an adult goes with them at all times and no children are sent out on their own. That’s it with the lecturing!

**Curriculum Day and Melbourne Cup Day**
Just a reminder to the community that our school will be closed on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd November and I look forward to seeing all the children on Wednesday morning 4th November.

Have a wonderful week everyone

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Melbourne Water Youth Conference

I was very lucky to have the opportunity to take some of our Year 5 and 6 Green Team students to the Melbourne Water Kids Teaching Kids Youth Conference last week. As usual it was a fantastic two days and the students gained a great deal from the experience. The Kids Teaching Kids model is a fantastic way to engage other students and pass on skills and information in a way that is more tangible, especially as so many of the workshops were hands-on activities.

Hopefully our representatives will pass on what they learnt to other students at our school. Our video, EnviroGuy, was very warmly received at the conference dinner on Thursday evening. If you haven’t seen EnviroGuy yet, please go to the Green Team section under the Sustainability tab on the school website (or click here).

Before and After School
A reminder to parents and children that they cannot be unsupervised out in the playground before 8.30am or after 3.45pm. If you send your child outside these times they must be directed to go to OOSHC. Obviously if the parents remain with the children then they are exempted from this procedure.

Assistant Principal

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

This Week’s Awards

Visual Artist of the Week: Flossie Corsham
Visual Art Class of the Week: 3/4C
You Can Do It! Awards:
- Leah Tehan Prep P
- Will Ellis Prep P
- Coco Gallichio 1/2E
- Harrison Michelsberg 1/2 K
- Caolan Robinson 1/2P
- Niko Papaspiropoulos 1/2W
- Bill Wang 3/4A
- Tilly Hunt 3/4C
- Madeleine Fleetwood 3/4E
- Jack Gatehouse 3/4E
- Sebastian Pegler 3/4J
- Euan Stewart 5B
- Dylan McAlpine 5P
- Chloe Darby 5P

Works Completed
Our outside works continue to progress, with our sandpit storage boxes and front fence and gates due to be completed by next week. These, along with the other projects mentioned in last week’s newsletter, are only made possible by the support of fundraising activities such as the Fun Run.

We hope that parents appreciate seeing the funds raised being put to immediate use in the school grounds.

Thanks Ray and Tonga
Another big thank you to our resident handymen Ray Skinner and Tonga Kelly, who have both been working hard over the last few weeks keeping our grounds and classrooms functioning so well. Our whole school community is indebted to them both for the countless hours they put into making our school a better place.
**Sports News**

**Volleyball Gala Day**  
Years 5&6  
Tomorrow, Friday 30 October, the students from Years 5&6 will take part in a Volleyball Gala day. Please make sure students arrive at school on time as we will be leaving at 9.00am sharp.

Information was distributed to all Years 5&6 students last week or click here.

**Play at the Park**

On Thursdays during November (weather permitting), we will be trialling taking down a group of Year 3,4,5 & 6 students to Orrong/Romanis Reserve for active play at lunchtime. The children will depart at 12:15pm and return at 1:30pm. Children will also take their lunch down to the park. Any parents who could assist walking children to/from the park please contact Peter Cracknell. We plan to start next Thursday 5th November.

**Family Yoga Sessions**

We would be delighted if you would join us on Monday 9 November and Friday 13 November as we will be running a Life Skills Group Family Class at the following times:

**Monday 9 November**

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So often as parents we are racing home from work, cooking dinner, doing the homework, getting the kids to bed and doing the housework before falling into a deep sleep; only to wake up and do it all again.

In this Family Yoga Class, parents, carers and children participate in games and relaxation activities that they can then take home and use on a regular basis. Fun, ‘bite-sized’ exercises are provided that can be tried at home to help each family member unwind and connect with each other.

Don’t forget to wear comfortable clothes on the day you come and join in.

*Peter Cracknell  
Sports Co-ordinator*

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**Head Lice**

We still have some cases of head lice reported in various classrooms.

Please check your child’s head tonight and if head lice or eggs are found, treat your child’s hair and advise your child’s class teacher.

Health regulations require that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. This refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to lice eggs.
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>For confidently writing a recipe after being inspired by the old cooking utensils from our history box discussions.</td>
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<td>Will Ellis Prep P</td>
<td>For listening so beautifully during assembly. Keep it up Will!!</td>
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<td>Coco Gallichio 1/2E</td>
<td>For her positive attitude and her increasing attention to detail in all her learning tasks.</td>
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<td>Harrison Michelsberg 1/2K</td>
<td>For being a focussed worker and completing all classroom tasks when expected. Well done Harrison!</td>
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<td>Caolan Robinson 1/2P</td>
<td>For his concerted effort to improve his reading skills and comprehension. It is a pleasure to listen to you reading.</td>
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<td>1/2W</td>
<td>Niko Papaspiropoulos 1/2W</td>
<td>For joining our class so smoothly and making friends very quickly. We hope you are enjoying your new school, Niko!</td>
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<td>Bill Wang 3/4A</td>
<td>For his outstanding effort at the Fun Run on Friday. We are all very proud of you, Bill!</td>
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<td>Tilly Hunt 3/4C</td>
<td>For always displaying a hard working approach to all areas of her learning and the care and support she gives to all her teachers and peers. You are truly lovely, Tilly!</td>
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<td>Madeleine Fleetwood 3/4E</td>
<td>For setting challenging but achievable learning goals for this term to make sure she has her best term yet. Keep up the fantastic work Maddie, you can do it!</td>
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<td>Jack Gatehouse 3/4E</td>
<td>For continually being a helpful, respectful and mature member of our class. Your care when helping your classmates is wonderful. Keep it up, Jack!</td>
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<td>For displaying confidence and persistence whilst completing his online tests. Keep up all your hard work Seby!</td>
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<td>Euan Stewart 5B</td>
<td>For his consistently diligent and devoted dedication to his Green Team leadership position. You have done an excellent job this year and you should be proud of your achievement.</td>
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<td>Dylan McAlpine 5P</td>
<td>For the positive commitment that he demonstrates to his studies and the persistence he shows in all learning activities. Well done Dylan.</td>
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<td>For showing increased focus and attention to all areas of your learning. Keep up the great work Chloe!</td>
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Visual Arts News

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For the excellent skills she displayed when making and decorating her basketball ring and pineapple sculpture. Keep up the wonderful work!

Visual Art Class of the Week: 3/4C
For their ability to work together as a team. They showed initiative when working on their class canvas and finished the birdie project with enthusiasm.

Christmas Orders
final day for orders is today

All Christmas Orders need to be in today.
Student work and order forms are outside the office. Please fill in an order form and include payment in a blank envelope/school envelope (if paying by card) and return to office before the end of the day.

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

2015 Armadale Primary Art Show

There’s only 2 more weeks until Armadale’s whole school Art Show! Save the date in your diary and come along to see the wonderful ‘street art’ style artwork the students have done.

Prep to Year 5 have been working on a class canvas each which will be up for a ‘Silent Auction’, highest bidder wins! The Year 6 students have been working in pairs to produce a ‘street art’ style canvas, which is also up for grabs. As well as the canvases students have been working on a 3-dimensional art piece that was linked to our street art theme, which will also be included in the exhibition. Art work will be on display for one day only! Don’t miss out!

When: Thursday 12th November
3.30pm - 6.00pm
Where: MPC

‘Clay for Kids’ Exhibition

Come along to the ‘Clay for Kids’ Exhibition next Sunday the 8th November to see the wonderful sculptures that were selected by the following Year 6 students. Awards will be presented at 130pm.

Where: Duldig Studio,
92 Burke Road,
East Malvern
(Melways 59 G 11)

When: Sunday 8 November from 12pm-4pm

1. Elli Martelli 6N (monster)
2. Christian Lignos 6Z (dinosaur)
3. Bella Cullity 6N (Gelato Messina)
4. Blayke Sheean 6Z (makeup)
5. Daisy Alekna 6Z (lemonade)
6. Luna Cho 6Z (paint tubes)

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Teacher
gorman.lucy.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
You’re Invited to Armadale Primary School’s

PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

Come have a peek into the exciting world of Armadale Performing Arts!
Multi-Purpose Centre, Armadale Primary School

Prep - Wednesday 4th November, 9:40am (following assembly)
Year One/Two - Thursday 5th November, 2:30pm
Year Three/Four - Wednesday 11th November, 9:40am (following assembly)
Year Five - Tuesday 10th November, 2:15pm
Year Six - Tuesday 10th November, 9:00am

Friends and family welcome!
Dollarmites Certificates
This week are awarded to:

- Finlay Johnston (Bronze)
- Maya Hurwitz (Silver)
- Robert Strangward (Silver)
- Isabella Taylor (Silver)
- Charlie Keenan (Silver)
- Summer Thompson (Gold)
- Lachie Beischer (Gold)
- Misha Saito (Gold)
- Amelia Anderson (Gold)

Well done everyone!

Just a reminder there will be no Student Banking next week due to the holiday for Melbourne Cup day.

Banking will resume on Tuesday, 10 November.

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

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3/4J won the pizza punti for term 3. They were excellent listeners and attentive learners during their Italian lessons. 3/4J cooked pizza in the staffroom during their Italian lesson last week.

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We would like remind all students to please take care around our garden beds so as not to damage the plants while they are becoming established.

Grazie.

Vita Vampatella
Italian Language Co-ordinator

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**Fun Run**
The Fun Run was last Friday at Orrong Romanis, well done to everyone’s efforts!
If you could please have your sponsorship forms, and sponsorship money back to Wednesday 11th November at the latest.

**New PFA Presidents**
We would like to thank the whole school community for your support over the past year, and ask for your understanding in our decision to not undertake another 12 month tenure as PFA Presidents. When we took up the position at the end of 2014 it was at the understanding that we would go year by year.

Our external pressures have increased, and hence preventing the full potential of the role from being realized.

It is for this reason and with the knowledge of the importance of the role to the sustainability of our School, that we relinquish the role of PFA President and ask for another parent to stand up and take on the role for 2016.

If you are interested or would just like to discuss what is involved please contact either one of us or Rochelle on cukier.rochelle.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

**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**
Remember your $1 for Icy poles on Friday!

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

Kind regards

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

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

Last Friday, Orrong Park was filled with energy and enthusiasm for the 2015 Fun Run. Thank you to the Armadale community who volunteered - from driving morning tea buckets, to cutting up fruit, to marking laps. I was overwhelmed by the offers of help in the lead-up to Friday and as always, your support and participation made the event so much more successful. A special thank you to Peter Cracknell for running the Fun Run and keeping the kids moving with smiles, and to Christine Leyshan who always organises the printing and behind the scenes supplies so effortlessly. And of course, thank you to all staff for your enthusiasm and support both in the lead up to the event and on the day.

One final thank you – to Rocky’s Wholesale Fruit & Vegies who very kindly donated all of the apples and oranges.

Importantly, the Fun Run is also about fundraising so please remember to bring your form and money raised into the office. There are lots of great prizes to be won but to be eligible for raffle tickets, all money raised and sponsorship forms are due back before Wednesday 11th November.
Dear Diary,
Today is Friday the 23rd of October. This morning I was very excited because the Fun Run is today! All the students from prep to 6 are coming. I’m also very grateful to Nicky and the teachers for organising it and I’m happy I helped make the school better.
From Keira
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Wallitude is a new business that produces adhesive art and the bits and pieces to encourage and facilitate a daily gratitude practice - something that behavioural scientists tell us has numerous benefits for the mind, body and soul.

The first product under our brand is The Tree of Gratitude. Based on a beautiful Plane tree in the grounds of a 90 year-old school in the Eastern Suburbs, and illustrated by Melbourne artist Ingrid Wilson, The Tree of Gratitude comes with pencils, sticky leaves and a book of 300 prompts to help your family or workplace get its gratitude practice underway. It’s part art (The trees are a limited series and each is signed and numbered by the artist), part fun and easy project and part rewarding mental health aid! (The Tree of Gratitude also makes an ideal Christmas gift for the family that has everything!)

To celebrate our recent launch, Wallitude would like to offer families at Armadale Primary School free shipping on any purchases by typing ASPS at the online checkout.

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