Dear Armadale Community,

Another busy week has flown past and it all started on Friday night with our annual Family Fun Night. We were so lucky that the rain held off and we could all enjoy the evening before it became too dark. The junior school has started swimming and I am sure you will notice the children coming home more tired than usual. I also suspect that they will be slightly more hungry with all the walking and swimming, so some extra lunch will go a long way. It is so important that all children learn how to swim as there have been some alarming statistics recently released about the increased incidence of drowning in young children.

Our Year 6’s enjoyed their annual excursion to the Lygon Street on Tuesday and I would like to acknowledge and thank Vita Vampatella for all of her organisation and administration. It was terrific to see so many parents accompany the students and I am sure they enjoyed it as well, especially the lunch at Il Gambero!

Family Fun Night
How fantastic to see so many people come to our Fun Night and enjoy the gourmet BBQ – expertly cooked by Simon Gowland and his band of men; the sweet treats and Christmas delights cooked by Pam Johnson and all the wonderful bakers; the beautifully decorated Christmas decorations and lolly stall courtesy of Nikki Rickard and Amy Norbury, snow cones to die for expertly topped by Sarah Barlow and Janine Sheean, the fresh Christmas lilies and trees sourced by Sarah and Caz and special mention to Charlie Portnoy for his amazing soft drink spruiking. Thank you to all of our PFA members and School Councillors who helped to make Friday a terrific family night – a good time was had by all!

Congratulations Jen Drew and Simon Brown
Wonderful news came through yesterday morning that Jen Drew gave birth to a bouncing baby boy, Oscar Andrew Brown, a healthy 3.4kgs. Mum and baby doing well and we all can’t wait to meet him.

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WANTED

Two highly enthusiastic and committed people (mums, dads, uncles, aunties) to be our 2016 PFA Presidents!!

It’s a highly paid job in love and cuddles and reward, you’ll see plenty of dollars, but they aren’t for you to keep. If you are looking for a way to give back to our community please consider this and pop in for a chat about what is involved. We have a wonderful history and traditions already established and there are dates set and routines that already work. But equally we are open to new suggestions and new ways of doing things. We just need your enthusiasm, time and willingness to continue to help make this a wonderful school for our community. All applicants welcome!!

Speeding motorists nearly knock down our lollipop lady!

We had to comfort a very distressed Judy, our lollipop lady on Densham Road, the other afternoon. Whilst Judy does have the registration of the black four wheel drive car that almost ran her over, I thought it timely to remind all of our parent community that the safety of our children is of utmost importance. There are speed restrictions for a reason outside every school and it is unforgivable and inexcusable if any of our children are ever hit by a car. Our children when at school know the right thing to do and it is very frustrating when parents will demonstrate dangerous and ill considered behaviour that puts our children and other lives at risk. This is not okay!

Whole School Transition – this afternoon

Our whole school will transition this afternoon up to their next year level. The purpose of this transition is to familiarise the children with some of the expectations; learning activities; and curriculum of the next year level. The teachers who will take the children for these sessions are not necessarily their teachers for next year, nor are they necessarily the children who will be in their individual class. This won’t happen until the “Meet the Teacher” day on Wednesday 16th December.

End of Year Celebration Concert! Tuesday 15th December at 6.00pm

Could all family members please keep this night free to join in our celebration concert. We are making it a real community event with everyone invited to sing along and enjoy. Please watch out for more details from Lyndsey and Vita.

Have a wonderful week.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

New Prahran Secondary School – committee member required!

There have been various committees established to start to look at the way forward to realise this new school for our children. David Portnoy has been involved up to this point but reluctantly David needs to step aside from this role. If there are any parents who are interested in having a voice on a committee to push for the new school, could you please contact me so I can pass your names on.

This Week’s Awards

Visual Artist of the Week: Misha Saito

Visual Art Class of the Week: 1/2E

You Can Do It! Awards:

Isaac Miller 1/2E
Imogen Hardy 1/2K
Sasha Bindley 1/2P
Lachie Beischer 1/2W
Luke Vickery 3/4E
James Bessell 5P
Leo Kim 5P
Samuel Fitton 5P
Jamie Nguyen 6Z
Daisy Alekna 6Z

Wanted
ICT
We have been having great fun learning how to make movies with the Years 1-4 classes. It is a great skill to learn and I have said to the children that they may like to turn their hand at producing a Christmas holiday movie. I am sure at least I could have some entertainment watching those early next year! I have also said to many of the classes that it would be a great idea for each child to bring along a USB over the next week or two and copy all of the files in their folder on the school server over to the USB. At the end of the year all of the student files are deleted from the server, so in order to save any documents or PowerPoints or movies, they will need to copy these onto the USB and take the USB home. That way, if they have anything they want to continue using next year, they can bring it back and copy it onto the server.

Also just a reminder to parents of our Year 6 students that they will need to return the form telling us their intentions for their end of lease netbooks.

End of Year Reports
As the end of the school year approaches there are many tasks that need to be completed; one of the major ones is report writing. The teachers have been very busy in their own time completing assessments and then writing out the reports, having them proof read and then revising as appropriate. The final version is then printed out and distributed to each child in the last few days of school. If your child will not be at school in those last few days, please make sure you leave a forwarding address or an email address that we can send it to.

Work completed and to be completed
I have already mentioned some of the projects that we have completed this year; the new front fence on Densham Rd, our sandpit boxes, air conditioning in the PA room to name a few. We are just about to have all the lights in the MPC replaced, as many of them have failed. We are replacing them with new LED light modules which have a expected life of 185,000 hours. If you are wondering what that equates to with normal use they should last 42.2 years! So I may not be around to replace them!

We are also going to get our stormwater pipes cleaned out over the holidays as these have been blocked for many years and not allowing the water to escape through the downpipes. As I have said before, all of these projects are only possible due to the fantastic fundraising efforts of our PFA and other parents in the school. Without these valuable contributions, it would be difficult to make many improvements to school at all.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
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<td>For her wonderful attitude towards all classroom activities. Well done Imogen on being such a positive role model.</td>
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<td>Sasha Bindley</td>
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<td>For always having a happy disposition with a charming smile. You help us all to remain calm.</td>
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<td>For the enthusiasm and the increased effort he has shown in all areas of his learning! Well done Lachie!</td>
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<td>Luke Vickery</td>
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<td>For always being such a kind and compassionate member of our class. Your genuine concern when someone is hurt or upset is remarkable. You should be very proud Luke!</td>
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<td>For demonstrating a positive attitude in Maths and for showing greater persistence when approaching more challenging tasks. Keep it up James!</td>
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<td>For demonstrating great confidence when approaching more difficult mathematical concepts. A great effort Leo!</td>
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<td>Samuel Fitton</td>
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<td>For always challenging himself, asking questions and displaying a mature attitude towards his learning. Great work Sam.</td>
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<td>Jamie Nguyen</td>
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<td>For his wonderful persistence during maths problem solving tasks. Fantastic work Jamie!</td>
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<td>Daisy Alekna</td>
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<td>For her excellent work as a Sports Leader this year. She showed wonderful resilience and organisation to work hard even when missing class time. Fantastic work Daisy!</td>
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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
Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week: Misha Saito Prep S

For the excellent skills she displayed when making her wooden plane and for painting it with an interesting combination of colours and lines.

Visual Art Class of the Week: 1/2E

For the excellent effort they made with their poly bugs. They looked awesome 1/2E, well done!

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Teacher
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QKR! App

If you have an iPhone 5s or newer, or an iPad that supports Touch ID, the Qkr! (pronounced ‘quicker’) app can now also use these same credentials to ensure you never forget your password again – or more to the point, there is no chance of your child seeing your password and ordering half the lunch menu without your knowledge. Enabling Touch ID on an Apple device does not share your fingerprint data with MasterCard, as it remains stored securely within the device itself. Qkr! is all about making things easier for you, so now Apple customers have one more way to streamline the process of ordering items from the school.

Student Banking

The following students have qualified for a Dollarmites Certificate this week:

- Alastair Corbould (Silver)
- Mia Kliegl (Silver)
- Jack Gatehouse (Silver)
- Daniel Barlow (Gold)
- Carrie Hogan (Gold)
- Eliza Gowland (Gold)

Well done everyone!

Please note that next week (8th December) will be the last week for Student Banking this year.

Some reward items are now out of stock and any reward items ordered next week will be held over till January 2016.

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator
OOSHC News

Dear OOSHC families,

The 2016 January Holiday Program is now out and available on the school website - or click on this link for all the details.

Please return the signed Holiday Program form, as well as a 2016 OOSHC Registration form for each child which is also available on the school website - or click here.

Please hand in booking forms ASAP, as days will fill up quickly. Any enquiries, please email or call Ben.

Sports News

Swimming Prep and Years 1&2

A reminder that swimming lessons for all children in Prep and Years 1&2 have commenced and continue this week and next week. Please click here for more details and if you are able to help with walking the children to/from the pool please contact your child’s class teacher.

The remaining dates for swimming are:
- Friday 4 December
- Monday 7 December
- Tuesday 8 December
- Wednesday 9 December
- Thursday 10 December

Bike Education & Year 3/4 Sport next week

Next week these will be held on Monday 7th December 9.30-11.00am.

A special Bike Education excursion is being held on Monday 14th December. Information has been distributed to those children attending the excursion - click here for the details.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

AFL 9’s Gala Day Years 5&6

Tomorrow, Friday 4 December, all Years 5&6 students will be participating in an AFL 9’s Gala Day. Information has been distributed to all children. Click here for more details.

Please remember to be SunSmart and bring:
- sunscreen
- school sunhat and
- drink bottle

HOLIDAY PROGRAM
JANUARY
Parents and Friends for Armadale

Only just over two weeks until the end of term..... And the celebrations have certainly started!

The PFA would like to thank all those parents that put in so much hard work for our Family Fun Night last Friday night. It was a great evening and a tribute to everyone’s hard work.

Those that ordered Christmas lilies and / or mini live Christmas trees, your orders will be available for collection at the front office on Wednesday 16th December.

New PFA Presidents:
Interested in being the new PFA president, or know someone who would be fantastic for the role, please contact either one of us or Rochelle on cukier.rochelle.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Even if you do not want to be the PFA president, but would like to be involved, there are many projects that we would love your help with. So if you have the time and would like to assist, we would love to hear from you.

PFA Committee Meetings:
Wednesday 9th 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
December 1st 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Armadale Primary School (APS) is implementing a number of initiatives to enhance the operation and experience of its Out of School Hours Care (OOSHC) and Holiday programs. These initiatives are designed to ensure the smooth operation and ongoing viability of the programs, while at the same ensuring that staff are not distracted from their number one priority, the care and safety of your children. While some changes have been forced on us due to increasing costs and operational requirements, others are required to give the program better control over its cash flow which will ultimately lead to a better level of service.

Starting from January 1, 2016, there will be changes to the fees and how you pay your OOSHC accounts. These changes are outlined below:

1) Payment via Ezidebit:

In order to simplify the OOSHC payment process, from January 1 2016, all accounts will be payable through Ezidebit, a firm dedicated to the collection and management of customer payments. The move to Ezidebit will save significant costs associated with credit card fees, and will free up administrative time for OOSHC staff to focus on delivering a high quality of service at affordable rates.

Fees will continue to be collected monthly and families can choose to pay via Direct Debit (at no additional cost) or Credit Card (transaction fees will apply). You will be required to complete an Ezidebit Direct Debit Request Form and nominate your payment preference along with your enrolment form PRIOR to using the service in 2016.

OOSHC will no longer accept manual credit card payments and all fees must be paid using Ezidebit from January 1st 2016.

You will still be sent a monthly invoice prior to fees being taken from your account. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have enough funds in your account to cover the fees, otherwise the transaction will fail and Ezidebit will deduct an additional $9.90 from your account.

*Please note, for those who chose to pay by Credit Card, “Ezidebit Childcare” will appear on your statement. For those who pay via Direct Debit from a nominated bank account, “Armadale OOSHC” will appear on your bank statement.*

2) A once-off enrolment fee per family:

To cover the administrative costs associated with setting up each family in the new OOSHC system, a once off enrolment fee of $10 per family will be levied. This is standard practice for out of school hours care and is well below the enrolment fees charged by comparable services in the area. This is NOT an annual fee and will only be deducted from your account one time.
3) Increase in fees:

The cost of **before and after school care** will increase by $1 per session from January 1\textsuperscript{st} 2016 as follows.

- Before school care (‘Befores’): $12
- After school care (‘Afters’): $17

The cost for **Holiday Program Excursions** will increase to $70 per day from January 1\textsuperscript{st} 2016 (Note: incursions will remain at $60 per day).

The decision to increase the fees was not taken lightly but is necessary to meet the increased cost of salaries, maintain the safety of the Multi-Purpose Centre and ensure that the service provided meets the required standards. Again we have benchmarked the new fees against comparable services in the area and the APS OOSHC program remains one of the lowest cost programs, despite the fee increase.

The OOSHC Working Group (a sub-committee of School Council) is working very hard to enhance OOSHC and the Holiday programs and ensure their continued viability for the ongoing use and benefit of our local community. We thank you for your continued support and will continue to monitor and continuously improve the service provided.

Yours sincerely,

**OOSHC Working Group**

Simon Gowland (Chairperson), Nicki Batagol, Rochelle Cukier, Malcolm Dow, David Portnoy, Laurie Conheady and Michael Martin
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Sports include Cricket, Football (AFL), Basketball, Soccer and much more!

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