Dear Parents,

We have had another exciting week this week with our annual Athletics Carnival held at Duncan MacKinnon Reserve on Tuesday. Thank you so much to Peter Cracknell for his amazing organisation and administration of the whole day and to all the teachers, house captains and parents who supported the event and braved quite chilly and wintry conditions. It was the first carnival I had missed and it was only because I am nursing a chest infection, but I informed the children at assembly that I was sorry I missed all the fun and action. The staff informed me that the children were exemplary on the track and that they enjoyed the entire carnival.

Congratulations to Northcote House Captains Holly and Phoebe Lovell and all the students for your wonderful win! Congratulations also to Densham and Lulu and Lucy for coming a very close second!

The excitement was building as we moved towards Wednesday and the Year 1 and 2 students could hardly contain themselves as they prepared their products for their Craft Market in the afternoon. The Craft Market concept was born out of the current unit of Inquiry the children were investigating – Needs and Wants and covered quite sophisticated economics and marketing. The children were also using the monies raised to support children and services in Fiji. The teachers were initially concerned that they wouldn’t have any customers and would have too much produce left over. However by 2.30pm, the MPC was overflowing with people and by 3.00pm the children had sold out. What a highly successful authentic learning activity and well done to everyone in Year 1 and 2.

Chocolate Drive
Thank you to all the families who have already sold their chocolates, returned their money and/or chocolates and the school is very grateful to you for your help. If you haven’t returned chocolates or money, could this please be done by this Friday. If any families would like to take more chocolates, to sell, please come and see me in my office. Your help with any extra chocolates is very much appreciated.

Trivia Night - Friday 21st August - Denim and Diamonds
Book the babysitter or send the kids out for a sleepover – always a grandparent’s treat! But don’t miss out on the Armadale Community’s best night of the year – the PFA Trivia Night! With a new quizmaster you will have fun whilst challenging your friends on other tables, can you name that song on the tip of your tongue and more importantly which table will be able to finally challenge the Einstein Jedi’s – winners two years in a row?

Get a table of 8 together, bring everything you will need and come dressed to impress in diamonds and denims. The staff table has already been practising.....

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Celebrate National Science Week at Monash University Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, 381 Royal Parade, Parkville on Sunday 16th August
Monash University is opening up its “house” to show how much fun and inspiring science can be. There will be science experiments; a dispensary bar for refreshments for kids; free face painting, loads of giveaways and entertainment and more importantly, research stalls on solving cancer, superbugs and Alzheimer’s. We need more students to study sciences at University and scientists in our country, take the children along on that Sunday and you just might spark a flame!

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This Week’s Events

Friday 7 August
♦ Years 5&6 Hooptime Gala day
♦ PFA meeting 2.30pm in staffroom

Tuesday 11 August
♦ Year 3&4 Hooptime Gala day
♦ Cybersafety parent session 7.00-8.30pm please RSVP here

Thursday 13 August
♦ ICAS Mathematics

Coming Events
Monday 17 August
♦ Curriculum Day - pupil-free day
Friday 21 August
♦ Trivia Night
Monday 24 August
♦ Book Week commences
Thursday 26 August
♦ Community Strategic Planning forum 7.00pm in MPC

Wednesday 2 September
♦ Year 3&4 students to Camp Arrabri - click here for more information
Friday 4 September
♦ Year 3&4 students return from Camp Arrabri
Strategic Review Planning is well underway!
You may not be aware but all schools use a 4 year plan to frame their goals and targets and use key improvement strategies to achieve these on a yearly basis. 2015 is the last year of our current 4 year strategic plan so we now must plan for our next 4 year plan, 2016 - 2019. Before we can actually design our new plan we must review our current one and evaluate how successful we were. To assist our school in the design of a new plan we will be appointing an external reviewer and 2 peer reviewers who will validate the content of our new plan.

Where we have been successful, the challenge is to look at what is next for our school and where we didn’t meet our targets, we need to analyse what hindered our achievements and what then must change?

Community input from School Council, our parents and our students is vital if we are going to live and breathe our new plan. The plan should not just be lifted from another school’s – it must be right for our context and right for our children.

The first opportunity for the community to help with evaluating our last 4 years will be a Community Forum on Thursday 26th August at 7.00pm in the MPC. There will be table discussion groups which will be facilitated by School Councillors and you will be asked to provide feedback on what we have done well, what should we do differently, more or less of and what should Armadale PS look like in the 5 years. All parents are warmly invited to this evening and your input is very welcome.

Have a wonderful week.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
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Performing Arts News

Performers of the Week:
Charlie Smith
For being a creative and expressive whirlwind in Performing Arts. Your energy and perseverance is astounding!

Samuel Fitton
For your commitment to Performing Arts. You work exceptionally hard to polish and perfect your performances. You are developing into an exciting and dynamic performer!

Performing Arts Classes of the Week:
3/4J
For presenting your fairy tale plays to the Year 1s and 2s. Your plays were very clear, entertaining and showed excellent teamwork. Great work, 3/4J!

1/2P
For always trying your hardest in Performing Arts. You listen so well to all instructions and put your full energy and excitement into all performing tasks. Great job, 1/2P!

Rehearsals
- Glee Club – Tuesday 12:30 – 1:00pm
- Junior Singing Club – Wednesday 11:00 – 11:30

Lisa Vollugi
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

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URGENT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED:
We are desperately seeking a Mum, Dad, Grandparent, Friend or Neighbour who may be able to build a special curtain frame for the school. This frame would be used for many upcoming assemblies and performances. If you think you could help, please either pop into the Performing Arts room or email me at vollugi.lisa.m@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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This Week’s Awards

Performers of the Week:
Charlie Smith
Samuel Fitton

Performing Arts Classes of the Week:
3/4J
1/2P

Visual Artist of the Week:
Daisy Alekna

Visual Art Class of the Week:
5B

You Can Do It! Awards:
Kayla Rickard Prep C
Thomas Dunckley Prep P
Lucy Glyde Prep S
Lucia Pegler 1/2D
Sabine Henshaw 1/2E
Rihanna Boktor 1/2K
Matilda Goodall 1/2P
Haydn Sheean 1/2W
Lulu McLaughlin 6N
Holly Lovell 6N
Tom Upton 6N
Lucy Yeats 6Z
Phoebe Lovell 6Z
Lexi Picciani 6Z
Isabella Durnic 6Z
Christian Lignos 6Z
Cybersafety Parent Session
Tuesday 11th August 7.00-8.30pm

Another reminder about our upcoming Parent Information Session, which is on the very important topic of Cybersafety, and run by the Alannah and Madeleine Foundation titled Educating – Protecting – Empowering. Here is some further information about the session: Australian research (2014) shows that 78% of children are most likely to turn to a parent as their main source of information when they have an issue relating to online safety, however 75% of parents feel uninformed to respond appropriately.

This workshop invites parents/carers in our school community to come together and be informed about how child/ren interact and are involved in the digital world.

Tips and strategies will be discussed about how to best educate our children to be savvy online users and consumers. Parents/carers will be provided with the latest research and trends towards protecting children, and how to empower children to use safe, smart and responsible behaviours in the digital space.

We urge parents to come along to this session as it will be very valuable to parents of children of all ages. Please book via the calendar on our website.

Facilities News

Thanks to the wonderful contributions from the parents to the building fund, and the great work done by the PFA in their fundraising endeavours, e.g. the chocolate drive, the Facilities Committee has been able to proceed with two of its priority projects for this year. One is a pergola/shelter over the covered way of the 1/2 classrooms. This will allow a lot more of the shared class activities during investigations to happen outside and creates a valuable outdoor learning space.

The other is a large decking/seating/storage area beside the sandpit, which will provide a nice divider between the sand and the synthetic grass, a great seat for the children and the parents waiting for pickup and a very useful storage area for all the sandpit equipment.

More Recycling Facilities at Armadale

We are very proud of our recycling systems in place at Armadale to reduce waste going to landfill, and now we are expanding our recycling system to offer parents the opportunity to recycle single use batteries and mobile phones. Through our partnership with Stonnington Council we will become a drop off point and then we will pass the batteries and phones onto Council for recycling. The two containers will be found at the front reception area, just under the display case. We hope parents find this a convenient way to help improve their recycling practices.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

ICAS Maths
Thursday 13 August

The ICAS Maths will be held in the Library for those children involved next Thursday 13 August.

This will be held in the Library before school from 8:00-9:00am or after school from 3:45-4:45pm.

The time preference form distributed today needs to be returned by Tuesday 11 August. Children then need to come to the Library at their selected time.

Peter Cracknell
ICAS Coordinator

Sports News

Hooptime Gala Days

❖ Years 5&6 Friday 7 August
Tomorrow all the Years 5&6 students will participate in a Hooptime Gala Day. Please make sure that students arrive at school by 8.55am.

❖ Years 3&4 on Tuesday 11 August
Next Tuesday all the Years 3&4 students will participate in a Hooptime Gala Day. Payment and permission must be returned prior to Tuesday in order for your child to attend the gala day.

Please make sure that students arrive at school by 8.55am.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator
Pedagogy Corner

‘Pedagogy’ is a word used extensively in education today. As a school, we started to explore what was meant by pedagogy in 2013 when the position of ‘Curriculum and Pedagogy Leader’ was created and I was successful in the appointment to this position. Integral to my role has been to support teachers at Armadale to make informed adjustments to the ways in which the curriculum is delivered.

The introduction of AusVELS meant that we could no longer successfully implement all of the curriculum with our current practices.

It is so exciting to see the efforts and the learning that has taken place with regard to how we will deliver a curriculum that aims to optimise all our children’s learning. Within a short space of time we have made significant changes to our pedagogy.

Teachers at Armadale value the importance of educational research and do make informed decisions about the children’s education. One major change that we have made is to reflect on the various programs we use in the school.

Although some programs have valuable educational components, as educators we are making it part of our practice to evaluate and use components of various programs to deliver a comprehensive curriculum. There is not one program that does this alone.

The teaching of spelling has been and will always be a priority for us as educators. At present, we are in the process of exploring how to best teach spelling. Programs like ‘The Great Australian Spelling Bee’ unfortunately promote a skewed perception of spelling and its place in literacy. Spelling is more than memorising how to spell big words. If children can spell big words but do not know what the words mean then they can’t use them in their writing. Knowing how to spell them only has a limited purpose. Furthermore, learning to spell is complex – far more complex than Look, cover, write, say, check.

Teachers are exploring ways to help children build their orthographic memory. This memory is long term and not short term - that is what weekly spelling tests promote.

Connie Apostolos-Thermos
Curriculum and Pedagogy Leader

Library News

Book Week: A lot of exciting news and events to look forward to. This year it will be held August 24-28

New Theme: With all the great projects and demonstrations the Grade 6’s completed last term it was fantastic to be able to display some of them for “Natural Disasters” in the library.

Brett Leyshan
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Book Week is coming!
August 24-28
Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week: Daisy Alekna 6Z

For the excellent stencils she made for her street art inspired piece. She showed persistence and paid attention to detail. Keep it up Daisy!

Visual Art Class of the Week: 5B
For the excellent skills they displayed when working with air drying clay. They manipulated the clay to make a sculpture of a head and added facial features. Outstanding work 5B!

STREET ART EXCURSION PHOTOS - Attention year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students
Please save any photos you took into “your name”>studentshare>streetartphotos when you get a chance. You can create your own file with your name and add all your photos to this. If you are having trouble copying photos from an iPhone/iPod, I have an iPhone 5 and 6 cord that you can use at school. I will be selecting 10 of the best photos for an upcoming event (stay tuned) and there will be prizes for the photos selected. So make sure you save your awesome photos!

Clay for Kids Workshop
The Clay for Kids Workshop commenced this Wednesday 5th August for all 6N students. Stefan from the Duldig Studios, Malvern came and worked with the students for a 2 hour workshop. The students have produced fantastic sculptures based on ideas and images they have seen during their Street Art unit. 6Z will do this workshop next Wednesday 12th August from 9.00am -11.00am.

Student Banking

The following students have qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year:
- Coco Gallichio
- Jack McMahon
- Max Middleton

A Silver Dollarmites Certificate is awarded to the following students for making 20 deposits year:
- Amelia Anderson
- Charlie Beischer
- Ezekiel Roufail
- Misha Saito
- Summer Thompson

Well done everyone!

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Teacher
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You Can Do It! Awards

Kayla Rickard Prep C For her inspiring wondering questions about 'how the seasons affect our world'.

Thomas Dunckley Prep P For writing a wonderful poem that was inspired after making jelly.

Lucy Glyde Prep S For the great care and pride she took when making her winter jacket. Well done on a super effort Lucy!

Lucia Pegler 1/2D For being a wonderful team member at our craft market. Great enthusiasm, Lucia!

Sabine Henshaw 1/2E For demonstrating increasing confidence when attempting to work independently and for her persistence with Numeracy tasks.

Rihanna Boktor 1/2K For the excellent reflection she did on the year 1 and 2 Craft Market. Her PMI was detailed and set out clearly.

Matilda Goodall 1/2P For demonstrating persistence when completing her interpretation of data during Mathematics. What an effort Matilda!

Haydn Sheean 1/2W For her confidence in busking so well during our craft market. You are a great entertainer, Haydn. Well done!

Flynn Goodall 3/4C For his persistence and thoughtful reflection when writing about the House Athletics. Great job Flynn!

Lily Ypinazar 3/4E For demonstrating persistence when competing in last week’s House Athletics. You kept going even though you were nervous and had a couple of injuries. Brilliant work, Lily!

Tom Hucker 3/4J For his determination and persistence with all spelling, writing and reading activities. You should be very proud of your efforts Tom!

Anna Huynh 5B For an impressive display of her basketball skills at year level sport last Friday. Look out Lauren Jackson because Anna is on her way!

Will Hucker 5P For showing quiet confidence during his schoolwork and for his positive manner and attitude in the classroom. Well done Will!

Lulu McLaughlin, Holly Lovell, Tom Upton 6N For organising and assisting their houses competently and confidently during our recent House Athletics Sports.

Lucy Yeats, Phoebe Lovell, Lexi Picciani, Isabella Durnic, Christian Lignos 6Z For organising and assisting their houses competently and confidently during our recent House Athletics Sports.

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
Parents & Friends for Armadale

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.

The schedule for the Cookbook Subcommittee is as follows:
The progress and schedule of the cookbook subcommittee was reviewed yesterday – details will follow next week.

Father’s Day
The PFA is finalising the details of our Father’s Day activities…… it will include a gift for Dad …… and a ……… LOOK out for the flyers for all the details!

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraising
If you still have money outstanding from the Cadbury Chocolate Fundraising please either finalise it on Qkr! or hand it into the office by tomorrow. Thanks.

(The Qkr! App can be downloaded free of charge and is great way to pay school fees, excursion levies etc)

PFA Committee Meetings

- Wednesday 2nd September 2:30pm in the staffroom
- Wednesday 7th October 2:30pm in the staffroom
- Wednesday 4th November 2:30pm in the staffroom
- Wednesday 2nd December 2:30pm in the staffroom

Thank you for your continued support of Armadale Primary School.

Kind regards

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

The Trivia Night
The Trivia Night will be held on Friday 21st August. This is such a FUN night! So if you can make it please do!

Sign-up sheets are outside the office.

If you are able to donate an item or experience, please contact Sarah Monahan armadalepfa@gmail.com

Raffle items for the Trivia Night:
We are asking each level to contribute to the Trivia Night by donating an item to be included in the raffle hampers. There is a box in each classroom for the items to be placed. The items will be collected on Friday 11th August

- Prep New books, toys and craft packs
- Years 1&2 Non-perishable food products
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- Years 4&5 Wine

Armadale Primary Cookbook
The template for recipe submissions and details on how to submit art work or writing pieces has been emailed out by your Class Rep(s) last term.

We have been slowly receiving your beautiful recipes, so if you have a recipe or creative piece please send it through.

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Armada...
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Armadale Primary School
Multipurpose Centre,
Densham Road Armadale

Hosted by
Quizmaster
Andrew Burns

Our biggest fundraising of the year!

Exciting live Auction
Silent Auction
Wine Bar
Team and individual prizes
BYO Beer and bubbles

Prizes for the best dressed team/individual in

Denim & Diamonds

Team signup sheets will be located opposite the office,
tickets are limited, so be quick!

Cost $25 per person,
Payment to be made at the school office or through QKR!
 Have you wondered how you can contribute to your local community but only have limited time available?

Opportunities are now available for School Crossing Supervisors in your local area and it's a great opportunity to earn that extra cash you have been looking for.

These roles are for school terms only and require your commitment for 1 hour of a morning and afternoon (2 hours per day); 5 days per week.

Besides knowing you are assisting in the safety of local school children in crossing the road, you will also be rewarded with a good hourly rate ($23.10 per hour) with a full uniform provided.

You will be required to have a valid working with children check along with current police check which we will assist you in obtaining prior to commencing.

If you would like to know more about these opportunities, please contact our Sourcing Team on 1300 40 40 49 for further details.

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