Dear Parents,

Every day counts – school attendance
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:
♦ Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
♦ Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws meant that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

The Age ran an interesting article on the weekend about the pros and cons of travelling with children during school terms. It makes an interesting read and I have attached a link to it or click here: http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/no-safe-level-of-missing-school-study-finds-20140802-zsq00.html

Searching for a new site for Prahran Secondary College
Many families would be aware of the recent State Government announcement of funding for a new government secondary college to cater to the Prahran area.

To ensure a full range of community views is heard, a Community Consultation Committee held its first meeting on July 29. I am a member of this committee along with local principals, parents and school councillors. We are being supported by representatives from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Stonnington and Port Phillip councils, and committee chair, Parliamentary Secretary for Education Clem Newton-Brown.

The committee’s key task at this time is to help identify and assess all practical locations for the school in Prahran and neighbouring areas. As part of this process, we will catalogue the community’s preferences and concerns about potential sites, help design the site evaluation criteria, and explore opportunities for community partnerships and integration of community facilities.

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If you have any ideas on potential locations for the school, please contact me by Friday 8 August 2014 or email Clem Newton Brown directly.

This is an exciting time for many families and I look forward to keeping you up to date on the site selection process in the coming weeks.

Our recent fundraiser...the Herb Drive
The herbs have taken off in a big way and according to Georgie are already blooming. Thank you to all of our Armadale Families for selling these, your efforts are gratefully appreciated and will go towards our ongoing improvements in our school grounds. Please return your monies and any excess herbs you don’t wish to keep to the office by Friday August 8.

Thank you so much to our herb drive organiser Georgie Handbury – what a delightful parent you are!

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Assistant Principal

Melbourne Water Kids Teaching Kids Conference
I had a great experience last week, taking 6 senior students to the Melbourne Water Kids Teaching Kids Conference at Etihad Stadium and Collingwood Children’s Farm. The Kids Teaching Kids model is an excellent one where students from other schools lead a workshop session to teach a group of other students about a particular topic. This year our students were: Lucien Catrice, Martha Conheady, Lexi Picciani, Mimi Dautovic, Charlotte Gatehouse, and Blayke Sheean. They all acquitted themselves very well over the two days of the conference and participated fully in all workshops and activities.

Thanks to Rosa Salemme and Brett Leyshan who assisted us at the event.

Book Week August 18-22
Keep an eye out in this newsletter on page 8 for a comprehensive information sheet on all the activities coming up at Book Week this year. Brett Leyshan has done a fantastic job organising and planning this week and I am sure that it will be every bit as good as we have come to expect. Start thinking about your costume...Rochelle and I have been making some plans!

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

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Sports News

Hooptime Basketball Year 3 & 4
Friday 8th August
A reminder that all children from Year 3 & 4 will be participating in the Hooptime Basketball Gala Day tomorrow Friday 8th August at MSAC. Information was distributed last week and attached to last week’s newsletter.

Reminder Departure: 9:00am Sharp
(Children need to be at school at 8:50am)

Hooptime Basketball Year 5 & 6
Thursday 14th August
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Date: Thursday 14th August
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We also need parents to assist with supervision of teams throughout the day. Please complete the slip on the information sheet on page 6 if you can help and return to your class teacher by Tuesday 12th August. We need at least two parents to assist from each class. Parents assisting are welcome to come on the buses.

Information has been distributed to all children today and a copy attached on page 6.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Convenor

TERM 3 REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Please remember that it is important to attend all rehearsals.
If you cannot attend for an important reason, please have Mum or Dad email Lisa at vollugi.lisa.m@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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Visual Arts News

Artist of the Week: Kayla Thompson 3/4S

For the exceptional skills she displayed when making her Owl Collage. Keep up the wonderful work Kayla.

Visual Art Class of the Week 5F

For the excellent effort they made with their Stadium designs. They were both inventive and displayed very good collage skills.

Art Smocks

A number a students still do not have an art smock. If you do not have an art smock please make sure you get one over the weekend and put it in your classroom’s art smock tub. These can be purchased from the uniform shop (PSW) in Kew.

PSW (Primary and Secondary Schoolwear)
Address: 12 Strathalbyn Street,
East Kew, 3102
Phone: 9819 7809
Website: www.psw.com.au
Monday - Closed
Tuesday to Friday - 8.30am to 5.00pm
Saturday - 9.00am - 2.00pm
Sunday – Closed

Alternatively if you can find a smock somewhere else just make sure the material is similar to a rain jacket, the cotton smocks are not as effective. Also make sure the smock has long sleeves.

A notice will be sent home this week to students still requiring an art smock.

See example of art smock below.

Thank you for your support.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Prep & Year 1/2 Bulletins

Please click on the following links to read this week’s news from your child’s classroom:
- [Prep bulletin](#)
- [Year 1/2 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.

Nude Food Ideas

**The Morrison’s Favourite Banana Cake**

1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tsp butter
2 eggs
1/2 tsp baking powder
1 1/2 cups self-raising flour
2 cups sour cream
1 banana, mashed
1/2 cup icing sugar

**METHOD**

1. Heat oven to 180°C. Grease cake tin.
2. Cream butter + sugar.
3. Beat in eggs
4. Add mashed banana, half the flour, and all the sour cream + 1/2 cup sugar.
5. Stir in remaining flour + milk.
6. Bake 55 - 60 mins

**Topping**

1. Melt butter + sugar in saucepan over low
2. Blend in sour cream + banana in the bowl
3. Spread over hot cake then spread cool until spreadable!
## You Can Do It! Awards

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<td>For showing persistence in recording information that required him to recall how he used his senses when we visited the Botanical Gardens. What a great scientist you are Charlie!</td>
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<td>Mia Kliegl Prep S</td>
<td>For her wonderful efforts in sounding out her words when writing about a dog’s visit to the vet. Well done Mia!</td>
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<td>Harrison Banks 1/2D</td>
<td>For excellent concentration and trying his very best during Circus Skills!</td>
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<td>Isaac Miller 1/2E</td>
<td>For his enthusiasm and persistence in all areas of his learning and his caring attitude to all creatures great and small.</td>
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<td>Aryana Gallagher 1/2K</td>
<td>For working really hard on all her tasks and great writing.</td>
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<td>Axy Park 1/2P</td>
<td>For being persistent when completing her recount of a busy weekend.</td>
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<td>Michael Wang 3/4C</td>
<td>For consistently trying to improve his listening and really concentrating on improving the neatness of all his book work. Great job Michael!</td>
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<td>Jamie Shaw 3/4M</td>
<td>For always assisting and looking out for his learning partner and for persisting in all learning areas. You are a delight to have in the classroom Jamie! Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Isabella Carbone 3/4S</td>
<td>For demonstrating greater organisation and responding to instructions quickly.</td>
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<td>Clancy Hyde 3/4W</td>
<td>For settling to his work quickly and showing greater persistence by completing his ‘spelling sort’ in the time given. Keep it up Clancy!</td>
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<td>Daisy Alekna 5B</td>
<td>For her graceful high jump technique that she demonstrated at level sport and her beautifully presented solar system diagram. You are a well rounded student Daisy. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Kuba Lambert 6N</td>
<td>For creating a really interesting story for his prep buddy Charlie! I hope you both enjoy reading it and that you can teach Charlie all about the adjectives and adverbs you’ve used to make it so exciting!</td>
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<td>Aiden D’Cruz 6Z</td>
<td>For showing determination and persistence in all areas of his schooling and giving 100%, even with an injured hand. Great work Aiden!</td>
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<td>Jamieson Kennedy 6Z</td>
<td>For creating a fantastic floorplan of her dream house. You used correct measurements and conducted a fantastic investigation. Well done Jamieson, a future architect in the making!</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**
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**Children require**
- Trackpants, shorts, navy & gold school sport polo, runners and school uniform windcheater/jacket
- (Coat should also be brought)
- Playlunch, lunch and drink/s in reusable containers (a plastic water bottle is also needed.)
- School bag or sports bag.

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We look forward to a fun day.

Peter Cracknell (Sports Convenor)

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**HOOPTIME BASKETBALL GALA DAY PARENT ASSISTANCE**
*Please return to your child’s class teacher by Tuesday 12th August if you can assist*

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**PARENT ASSISTANCE** YES, I can assist on Thursday 12th August with supervision at the Year 5 & 6 basketball gala day. I will/will not be travelling on the bus (please circle)

Name: .................................................. Phone No. ........................................

Child’s Name: .................................................. Grade: ........................................
Hi everyone

Lots on the go so please check below.

- **Herb Drive ends tomorrow** – Bring monies and unwanted herbs into the office today.
- **Trivia Night Friday August 22** – Hamper time!
- **Level 3/4 Cocktail Party - Friday August 29.**

Our first-ever Herb Drive
Ends tomorrow. Please return monies and unwanted herbs to the office by end of day tomorrow.

**Trivia Night Friday August 22**
Don’t be ashamed if you haven’t got in the game...as yet. Your child would love to bring in something to place in the classroom donation box. See below for your year level hamper theme.

Invitations will be in bags this week so get your winning table ready. We’ve already received pre-bookings for 3 tables of eight. Need to know catering logistics? It’s BYO food but no BYO alcohol. The Trivia Bar will cater to every beer and wine lover’s dream at very reasonable prices. Stumped for food ideas? Last year we saw sushi tables, cheese and cracker tables and even ‘hot pizza delivered to the gate’ tables.

The silent auction has something for everyone with family fun days to Sovereign Hill, Luna Park and ACMI as well as women’s fashion and facials. Feel like eating out or have a kid’s birthday coming up? You need to be there on the night! Need a luxury weekend away or thrill ride over Melbourne? Perhaps some fine art? The live auction action will be hot hot hot! If you have something you might like to offer please pass to the office or contact Brig or myself.

A little reminder as to your year level hampers:

**Preps and Level 6 – A Book Hamper.**
Any and all NEW books: coffee table, fiction, non-fiction, child and adult, photographic, educational or perhaps a book voucher.

**Level 1/2 - Beauty Hamper.**
All things beauty and pampering: hair, skin and nails, moisturisers, manicures and facial vouchers. Nail polish, make-up, bath oils and the like, as well as hair products.

**Level 3/4 - Food Hamper.**
All things gourmet: chutneys, jams, mustards, fresh pastas and biscotti, infused oils, vinegars and exotic sauces. Tongs, mitts and utensils.

**Level 5 - Wine Hamper.**
All things sommelier: cab sav, sav blanc, sparkling, champagne, red sparkling, riesling, shiraz, dessert ‘sticky’...you know the drill.

**Level 3/4 Cocktail Party - Friday August 29.**
The parties keep coming for some at APS. Lock in Friday August 29 @ The Malvern Hotel. Starting at 7:30pm with $30/head for finger food and drinks purchased at the bar what’s there not to love?

**Exciting Things Happen At Armadale Primary**

*Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick*
0412554434
0412128164
Email: mish@mcgroryonline.com
brigid@warwick.com.au
PFA Co-Presidents

See page 3 for the Peter Pan rehearsal times for the remainder of this week and for next week.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge
Don’t forget to keep encouraging your children to read books for this year’s Premiers’ Reading Challenge which continues until 12 September.

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

**Level 3/4 Cocktail Party**

*When: Friday Aug 29th 7.30pm*
*Where: The Malvern Hotel*
*Cnr Glenferrie & Malvern Rd Toorak*

$30 per head for fabulous finger food Drinks can be bought from the bar

(Footy fanatics - there will be a TV close by)

Please RSVP by 22/8 linda@inmixedcompany.com.au
This year’s Book Week is fast approaching and we have a fantastic program of activities lined up for the week.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR PREVIEW AND BUYING DAYS**
**MONDAY 18 – TUESDAY 19 AUGUST – BOOK FAIR PREVIEW DAYS**
Children will preview books available for purchase and will write out their wish list to take home. Parents are welcome to come either during their child’s class timeslot or before or after school as shown below. No purchasing on these days.

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**TUESDAY AUGUST 19 – PERFORMANCE:**
Tony Bones Entertainment:
9:00-10:00 (Grade 3-6) The CBCA Short Listed 2014 “Younger Reader’s Book of the Year” *My life as an Alphabet* by Barry Jonsberg adapted for the stage.

10:00-11:00 (Prep to 2) The CBCA Short Listed 2014 “Picture Book of the Year” *The Windy Farm* by Doug MacLeod and Craig Smith adapted for the stage.
*Parents are welcome to attend these sessions and watch!*

**WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST – BOOK FAIR BUYING DAY**
Children will be called to the book fair at given times throughout the day. If parents prefer to purchase the books with their children they are welcome to attend after school on Wednesday, 3:30 – 4:30pm and on Thursday from 9 – 10am.

**FRIDAY 22 AUGUST – BOOK PARADE – 9.00 – 10.00 (ALL CLASSES)**
We start today with the traditional Book Parade where everyone in the school dresses up as a character from a favourite book or one of the short listed books that we have been reading in library.

The cost for these activities and events for the week is $12 per student and will be paid for in the Term 4 excursion levy.
*Parent help on the day of purchasing (Wednesday, 20th August) would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you can help (even if it is for an hour!)*
If you have any questions regarding Book Week please don’t hesitate to ask me.
Brett Leyshan: leyshan.brett.f@edumail.vic.gov.au
Next week is **Cricket Australia’s National Sign up week** and your school has been chosen to participate in a **Girls MEGA Clinic with VicSpirit player Emma Inglis**! Assisting Emma will be the Melbourne Stars mascot ‘Starman’ along with several Cricket Victoria field staff.

**When:** Wednesday 13th August, 2014  
**Time:** 10am to 12.30  
**Where:** Toorak Park, 580 Orrong Rd, Armadale, Melway 58 J7

**Participants per school:** up to 35  
**Year levels:** 6, 7 & 8  
**Cost:** FREE!

There will be heaps of fun activities, giveaway’s, photo opportunities, sausage sizzle and information about where your students can play cricket!

Please email me if you have any questions and follow this link to register: [https://cricketvictoria.wufoo.com/forms/toorak-park-girls-mega-clinic-wednesday-13th-aug/](https://cricketvictoria.wufoo.com/forms/toorak-park-girls-mega-clinic-wednesday-13th-aug/)

**Please register by Friday 8th August, 2014**
Phoenix Park Neighbourhood House

22 Rob Roy Road, Malvern East 3145

Phoenix Park Neighbourhood House has some great activities planned for its upcoming Arts Festival and Exhibition (part of the City of Stonnington Glow Winter Arts Festival) all of which are open to the general public. Commencing with the opening of its art and photography exhibition at 7.00 pm on Friday 15th August, on Saturday 16th we will be offering a free writers’ workshop over brunch (bookings essential), a treasure hunt through the adventure playground followed by a tour of the fabulous “glow cave” for the children and a lunchtime sausage sizzle.

Work exhibited at the Festival will be from the Phoenix Park Neighbourhood House community, students from Malvern Valley Primary School, Malvern Artists Society and many other local artists. For more details of what’s happening at Phoenix Park during the Arts Festival and Exhibition please visit our website www.phoenixparknh.org.au or ring the Neighbourhood House on 9530 4397. The Festival and Exhibition is proudly sponsored by the City of Stonnington and the East Malvern Community Bank.