Dear Parents,

WOW, WOW, WOW

What an amazing achievement for our Armadale Dolphins: Lulu McLaughlin; Eliza Steele; Mimi Stoupas and Bella Cullity who won every Under 10 50 metre relay race in their swimming events and made it to the STATE FINALS on Tuesday April 29th at MSAC. Despite being cheered on by a devoted group of parents, grandparents, siblings and an excited Principal, the girls were just beaten at the wall by 6 milliseconds. They swam an incredibly strong race and I was extremely proud and fortunate to be there to witness it. Never before in the 130 year history of our school has a girls’ relay team made it to State finals!

Students in Year 5 and 6 will participate in this year’s survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 28th April to Friday 2nd May. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child’s class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July. We will inform you of the survey results through annual reporting or through the newsletter. Last year we used the survey results to plan our teaching and learning and leadership opportunities for our students. It was also a consideration in why we went to single age classes in Years 5 and 6.

I look forward to sharing the results with our community in July. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child’s experience at school.

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Canberra Calling

I am very excited about the forthcoming Year 5 and 6 Canberra Camp and accompanying the children and staff for the 4 day action packed trip. The staff attending are:

Zaim Zeneli (Camp Leader)
Jennifer Hemingway
Gillian Brown
Kate Pilgrim
Rosa Salemme
Peter Cracknell
Malcolm Dow
Rochelle Cukier

I would like to acknowledge all of the work and preparation both Robin and Zaim have put into the camp so far to ensure it is a fabulous experience for our students. I also recognize that attending any camp is not a holiday for staff, we are on duty 24 hours a day and looking after children in a totally different environment. There will be possibly be bouts of homesickness, bus sickness, friendship issues and minor accidents and we deal with it all! My thanks and gratitude to the staff who are attending will be communicated next week.

The weather is expected to be quite chilly next week - no surprises there - so please ensure children have beanies, gloves, scarves and warm jackets ready to go. Should children require medication please ensure Gillian Brown is informed. The staff will all have their mobile phones with them and the school will relay any information that parents will need to know, for example confirmed return to school time, via email or SMS text.

Just a final reminder that the buses will leave at 7.30am sharp on Monday morning and students need to be at school no later than 7.15am. Year 6’s will travel on Bus 1 and Year 5’s will travel on Bus 2. Children may load their luggage onto their allocated bus as soon as the bus hatches are opened and the bus drivers are ready to start loading. Could parents please ensure that all students have a fruit snack, morning & afternoon tea snack and a packed lunch and a water bottle to sustain the students during our first day of travel as we don’t arrive in Canberra until dinner time. Please also do a thorough luggage list check so that the children are fully equipped at the camp. Given the distance to Canberra it would be unlikely that parents could just drop in any forgotten items! A final request is that no electronic devices are to be brought to camp and these will be confiscated if students have disregarded this request. It is also good practice to have a break from technology so that children can utilize their more social skills!

During our next week, Connie will be Acting Principal on Monday and Tuesday and Kylie Thompson will be Acting Principal on Wednesday and Thursday. Should parents have any concerns or queries, don’t hesitate to make a time with Connie or Kylie - it’s wonderful to have other staff sit in the hot seat for a day or two. I look forward to sharing with you our adventures in Canberra and maybe I can even convince Tony Abbott or Joe Hockey to give more money to state education – well I can always live in hope!

PREP Cocktail Party is on tomorrow evening

I look forward to seeing all of our Prep parents at the home of Jane and David Portnoy (Nate, Charlie and Nina) tomorrow evening. The cocktail parties provide a wonderful opportunity for our parent community to mingle and chat about their wonderful children. Thank you so much to Jane and David for so generously opening up their home and hosting the Prep cocktail party. Have a wonderful week everyone.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

This Week’s Awards

House Points
Northcote won this week’s house points. Congratulations!

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Kayziah Masefau 6Z

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3/4J

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**Working Bee Staurday**

10 MAY 9am – 12 noon

Our first working bee for the year is coming up very soon. We only have two working bees per year (always on the Saturday prior to Mother’s Day and Father’s Day) There are a number of jobs to be done ranging from skilled; adjusting fence heights, installing more bike racks, to unskilled; raking sweeping cleaning. We would greatly appreciate your assistance if you can offer it, even if it just for an hour or so. If you are unable to make it (and we know weekends are very busy for some families) we would really appreciate a contribution of $30 to our grounds maintenance fund which helps in the purchase of tools, equipment etc for the continual maintenance of our grounds.

**Melbourne Water— Kids Teaching Kids**

Armadale Primary School has been lucky enough to secure a place at this year’s Melbourne Water Kids Teaching Kids Conference at Etihad Stadium and Collingwood Children’s Farm on 31 July and 1 August this year. We are able to take 8 students from our senior Green Team and we will be going through the selection process over the next couple of weeks. It is a wonderful opportunity for our Green Team reps to participate in a world class environment forum and will help guide us in our future sustainability plans for the school.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Just a little reminder to keep encouraging your child to read and record all their books on the PRC website. I have been checking most classes this week and, whilst some children have recorded a large number of books, there are a number who are yet to put any books on. If you or your child can’t remember the login details, just check with me or your child’ teacher. Click on [this link](#) to take you to the student login page of the PRC website and for more information about the challenge [click here](#).

**100% Nude Food**

Term 2 marks the transition of our school from *encouraging* Nude Food to *enforcing* it. On Thursday 5th June we will celebrate World Environment Day with a number of special activities around this theme and we will have a ceremonial removing of the outside rubbish bins. From this day on we will be expecting all students to have Nude Food every day. For many of our parents this will just be ‘business as usual’, but for some it will mean a small change in the way food is prepared for school. Other schools that have adopted this approach have reported that the food children bring to school is much healthier, once the Nude Food rule is introduced. There will need to be an exemption for the lunch orders. I have spoken to Classroom Cuisine and they have assured me that virtually all the containers are recyclable so we will be asking students to place their Classroom Cuisine containers in the recycling bins. More details about our transition to 100% Nude Food will follow in the weeks to come.

**Malcolm Dow**

Assistant Principal
**Library News**

The **Rainforest** has arrived in the library for term 2, feel free to come in and take a look.

The Library Club has started. Tuesday (Junior) & Thursday (Senior) at recess. Students will be able to get extra time outside of their designated class time during the week to explore the library and borrow books.

Save the date....

**Thursday 8th May**

We will be trialling after school borrowing from 3.30-4.00pm on 8th May, parents please feel free to come in with your child and borrow a book you find interesting!

Happy reading,

*Brett Leyshan*

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**Visual Arts News**

**Visual Artist of the Week**

Kayziah Masefau 6Z

For the excellent skills and creativity she displayed when painting her interpretation of Ned Kelly, inspired by Sidney Nolan's Ned Kelly series.

**Visual Art Class of the Week— 3/4J**

For their excellent Mother's Day paper designs and for the fantastic behaviour they displayed throughout the lesson.

**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 suppliers.

**Coughs, Colds and Asthma**

Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma.

The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

- Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.
- If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.
- Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found [here](#) and can also be determined by your doctor.
- Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medications. Such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

*Stay warm this winter!*
Performing Arts News

**Performer of the Week**

*Last term…* Noah Holuigue, 3/4S, for being an energetic and engaging performer who has a charismatic stage presence.

*Last week…* Eliza Motion, 6N, for the dedication, integrity and maturity she brings to her essential role in Production. She is a conscientious and cheerful assistant who demonstrates the impressive skills of problem-solving and taking initiative. She is an invaluable asset to the Production.

*This week…* Henni Graham, 3/4J, for doing an outstanding job in her first rehearsal as a Fairy in Peter Pan. Henni continuously works with enthusiasm and concentration to create exciting performances. You’re a wonderful member of the Performing Arts classroom, Henni!

**Performing Arts Class of the Week**

*Last term…* Prep C for coming up with creative ideas and working together to explore the exciting world of Drama.

*Last week…* 1/2K for continuously displaying excitement, energy and enthusiasm in Performing Arts. You work together as a wonderful team to develop entertaining and engaging performances. Well done!

*This week…* 5F for an exceptionally impressive start to the Fairy Tale unit. You’ve demonstrated the ability to work as a cohesive team in order to piece together a play which will entertain and delight your peers. Your organisation and work ethic is outstanding!

**Assembly Performances**

*Last term…* 3/4M presented an exciting (and slightly terrifying) rendition of *Shiver Me Timbers* from *Muppets’ Treasure Island* as part of their unit of work on Pirates. We certainly had shivers indeed!

*This week…* A group of Year 6 students performed the Frank Sinatra classic, New York New York, Broadway style! Their sparkling top hats and dapper canes added a snazzy, jazzy element to the morning’s assembly.

**Armadale’s Parents Have Talent (we hope!)**

We’re still on the lookout for the creative secret skills of our school’s parents! If you have any skills that you think would benefit our school production such as sewing, publicity, crafting or boundless enthusiasm, I’d love to know. We’re looking to build a wonderful group of parent helpers who work together to support their children in Production and create an astonishingly exciting show. If you could please email me at vollugi.lisa.m@edumail.vic.gov.au, your children, the school and I would be greatly appreciative.

**Peter Pan**

The play has been cast, the scripts have gone out and the rehearsals have begun! Congratulations to all students who were chosen to be part of the cast and part of the pre-show entertainment. It is certainly an exciting achievement. The first two weeks of rehearsals have been a smashing success, demonstrating the talent and commitment of Armadale’s students.

If you require an additional rehearsal schedule or any other documentation, please let me know and I will be happy to organise this for you. The Production ‘notice board’ is in the front window of the Multi-Purpose building, next to the stairs. Please have a regular peek at this board to learn about upcoming rehearsals and various Peter Pan related information.

**Peter Pan is now on FaceBook!**

Please ‘like’ our page, ‘Peter Pan: An Armadale Adventure’ to keep up with all Production related information and excitement. It will be a great opportunity to have an insider’s peek into all of the exciting adventures of the cast and crew!

Yours in theatre,

Lisa Vollugi

Performing Arts Coordinator

vollugi.lisa.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
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<td>For being a great listener when sitting on the floor.</td>
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<td>For explaining the maths book she made during Investigations. Great counting Matilda!</td>
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<td>For a terrific effort in sounding out a sentence about making Batman's cave. Well done Leo!</td>
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<td>For approaching her learning in a positive manner and completing all classroom activities with great enthusiasm. Great job Indigo!</td>
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<td>For demonstrating sensitivity and respect whilst performing “The Ode” as part of our ANZAC Day investigations. Good boy.</td>
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<td>For settling back into her school routine beautifully and demonstrating a strong commitment to her learning. Fantastic work Rhi!</td>
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<td>Mia McGrory</td>
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<td>For beginning the term with a positive attitude and demonstrating a strong commitment to her learning. Excellent work Mia!</td>
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<td>Kya Thompson</td>
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<td>For the fantastic effort you put into your research and explanation about space. You taught all of us something new. Well done!</td>
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<td>Charlie Sorell</td>
<td>3/4W</td>
<td>For being a cooperative and helpful member of his group when working on 2D and 3D shapes and for demonstrating excellent &quot;getting along&quot; skills. Well done Charlie!</td>
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<td>Tilly Campbell</td>
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Armadale Dolphins SHINE in the pool—
30 April @ State Swimming Finals

How close was that!

Receiving the Silver Medals

Excited coach and swimmers

A very proud Principal celebrates with the team.

Lulu McLaughlin; Eliza Steele; Mimi Stoupas and Bella Cullity

THE PODIUM

Beaming girls with their medals:
Hi everyone,

“I’m putting on my top hat…”

Yes, it’s all things musical in the yard. The level of excitement is palpable and even the rain hasn’t dampened the excited spirits of the children as they dash to rehearsal. The rehearsal timetable speaks volumes as to the quality and commitment of the staff we enjoy at APS. We thank you and our children thank you for all the excitement, fun and learning that comes with such a huge production.

If your child is part of the cast we encourage you to volunteer your skills to help and also to please remember to pay your $40 production contribution fee by Friday May 9.

Please note the following activities for May:

Prep Cocktail Party – Tomorrow evening – enjoy!

Mother’s Day Stall – Friday 9 May. $5.00 per gift.

Level 1/2 Cocktail Party – Friday 30 May. 7.30pm at the Mt Erica ($20 per head).

Level 1/2 Cocktail Party

Our wonderful reps have organised a great evening at the Mt Erica Hotel (corner of Williams Rd and High St) on Friday 30 May from 7.30pm. Not only will you catch up with friends and meet new ones but you will also receive a welcome drink and delicious nibbles. An invite will be coming via school bag so please remember to check all bags so you don’t miss out. At $20 a head it’s a chance early like to help in class or on excursion – it’s easy and it’s free!

We have lots of exciting things planned for the term so rug up and stay tuned!

Exciting Things Happen At Armadale Primary.

Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick
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brigid@warwick.com.au

PFA Co-Presidents

The Mothers’ Day Stall will be held over May 8th and 9th, only 2 weeks away, so get your $5 ready for Mum!

In a change from prior years and in recognition of the never ceasing generosity of our Armadale Primary families, we will not be asking for individual donations this year. However, if anyone has a company connection and they would be happy to donate any gorgeous Mum gifts or “end of line” items please contact us as they would be greatly appreciated. Ideas may include magazines, cosmetics, chocolates, photo frames etc.

We would love for any helpers to join us either for the pre wrap on Thurs 8th May or for the stall on Fri 9th May, it is a lovely catchup over morning tea and helping the children select their presents is a real delight.

If you have any questions please contact:

Susan Hucker 0404 392 240
Kristen Steele 0417 703 998

Wanted!

Donations for Year 1&2 Investments are always welcome throughout the year, including:

♦ Dress ups and costumes
♦ Racing cars/ matchbox cars
♦ Home office/kitchen type play areas (e.g. shelves, plates, utensils etc.)

Year 1 & 2 Teachers
ARMADALE PRIMARY IS GOING..........  
100% NUDE!  
(WITH THEIR FOOD)

This term we are moving toward 100% Nude Food. That means all our food will be in reusable containers.

On World Environment Day (Thursday 5 June) we will remove all rubbish bins from the school grounds.

SO START GETTING ORGANISED NOW! AND HELP MAKE ARMADALE A TRUE WASTE FREE SCHOOL.

THE EARTH WILL THANK YOU.
Working Bee

Saturday 10 May
9am-12noon

We only have two working bees per year and our first one is only a few weeks away. Please mark this date in your diaries. Lots of skilled and unskilled jobs to do to help make our school look great!
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