Dear Parents,

I would firstly like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Armadale Mums, Grandmothers and Aunties a wonderful Mother’s Day this coming Sunday. I hope you will be thoroughly spoilt, allowed to sleep in and not have to work too hard. I am very aware of the vital role you play and the incredible contributions you continue to make to our school. This ranges from involvement in class excursions and as class helpers, class representatives, fundraisers, PFA and on School Council and most importantly just being there for your children every day.

I canvassed a few of our youngest students at assembly about what we can do for Mum on Sunday and here’s what they said:

♦ “Be kind to your Mum”
♦ “Play with your Mum”
♦ “Give your Mum a hug”
♦ “Listen to what your Mum says!”

Out of the mouths of babes! I hope all of our Mums enjoy the beautiful gift that the children have decorated for you and if like me, I always treasured those handmade gifts that were made with love.

Armadale Cares
This afternoon we will be enjoying our special Mother’s Day afternoon tea. Thank you to all the Armadale Mums for supporting the Royal Women’s Hospital, it too has a special connection for me as I had both my children at Frances Perry House.

Thank you again to Sarah and Caz for organising such a wonderful afternoon and to all the class reps who so generously helped with the catering. Thank you Lisa, Gillian and Steph for getting the Glee Club and Junior Choir ready for their first public performance.

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
Next week, our Year 3 and 5 students will complete a number of tests as part of the 2015 NAPLAN schedule. NAPLAN tests provide point in time information in relation to student performance and they complement the existing range of school based assessments. Students should not be stressed by this experience and extra pressure should not be placed on any child. VCAA recommends that the provision of a broad and comprehensive teaching and learning program is the best preparation schools can provide for their students. Excessive coaching and test preparation is in fact, inappropriate.

This annual assessment program is an initiative that includes students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 from all over Australia. The tests cover the important areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. A flyer will be distributed to all parents who have children in Years 3 & 5, providing further details of this program.

Please note the following schedule for next week’s testing, as we hope to have all Year 3 and 5 students in attendance for these tests. For any children away on these days they can catch up on the Friday, but after that they will be recorded as absent.

♦ Tuesday 12th May: Language Conventions (40 minutes) & Writing (40 minutes)
♦ Wednesday 13th May: Year 3 Reading (45 minutes) & Year 5 Reading (50 minutes)
♦ Thursday 14th May: Year 3 Numeracy (45 minutes) & Year 5 Numeracy (50 minutes)

continued over page ...
Most of this testing will occur in the morning sessions so please ensure children are at school on time. Please contact your child’s teacher if by chance you need any further details regarding NAPLAN.

Working Bee
This Saturday will be our first Working Bee for the year and it would be great to see as many families as possible attending to help with the tasks that need doing – please see Malcolm’s section for what to bring and what needs attention. I recognise that families are busy with many Saturday activities but if you could devote an hour of your time, it would be most appreciated. Morning tea and treats for the children will be provided.

Homework survey reminder
Armadale Primary is in the process of reviewing and updating the Homework Policy, within the framework provided by the Department of Education and Training (DET, previously DEECD). Your views are extremely important to us and we would be grateful if you could please spare 5-10 minutes to complete a survey from us.

Can you please complete ONE questionnaire per student at APS by Friday May 15th. We are hoping for a 100% completion rate in order to be able to gather an accurate representation of family opinions as it relates to each of their children.

If you have more than one child at Armadale Primary School, PLEASE COMPLETE ONE SURVEY FOR EACH CHILD. There is no need to repeat any general comments you have in each subsequent survey. If your comments refer to previous years at APS, please highlight which year and level your comment refers to (e.g. “2013 Grade 1”).

Anzac Day commemorations
Imogen Bickford looking as proud as can be marching in the ANZAC parade on Anzac Day.

Please find below the direct link to the survey:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3KV3QGH

We appreciate and thank you for your time. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me by phone or by email cukier.rochelle.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Assistant Principal

Waste Warrior Certificates
Congratulations and thank you to all of the students who achieved their Waste Warrior Certificate last week by consistently bringing Nude Food to school. You are making a big difference to our environment. If you didn’t receive a certificate this time it might be because you didn’t quite make it to the 5 ticks required. But don’t worry, all students who missed out on a certificate will have a chance in round two which will begin next week. It is fantastic to see so many students bringing beautiful Nude Food snacks and lunches to school, which look delicious and nutritious as well as great for our environment.

Working Bee this Saturday
9 May 9.00am-12.00pm
A final reminder about our Working Bee which will be held this Saturday 9th May from 9.00am-12.00pm. We will be planting some succulents on the day so any donations of these would be greatly appreciated. You can bring them on the day or before, just leave them with me and I will look after them until the Working Bee. Any gardening tools that you can bring along are always much appreciated as our own supply is quite limited. We also have a few specialist handyperson jobs so a couple of drills, screwdrivers etc would also be very welcome. We recognise that many families are busy on Saturday mornings so if you can’t make it we would really appreciate a payment in lieu of attendance of $30 - (see page 6 for the form or click here for the link on our school website).

Cybersafety Session for Parents
Just an advance notice about a fantastic parent information session we will be hosting in Term 3 which will take parents through the minefield of Cybersafety for your children. It will be on Tuesday 11 August at 7.00pm in the MPC. Please put this date in your calendar; it is sure to be a very popular event. More details to follow.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Student Banking
The following students have qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year:
♦ Poppy Holden
♦ Jesse Hurwitz
♦ Alexia Sideropoulos
♦ Ezekiel Roufail
♦ Harrison Michelsberg
♦ Lachie Beischer
♦ Maya Hurwitz

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

Library News

Library Club: Is a passive play option for students to enjoy on Thursday Recess. Also a great time for students to come in if they missed their library class due to other school activities (excursions, etc)

Term 2 Theme:
E-mail me a photo of your pet and I will print it out and display in the library!

New Books: The Library has a lot of new books which will soon be on display for students amongst some of them are the 2015 Children’s Book Council of Australia shortlisted. For more information go to: http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2015.htm
Happy reading.

Brett Leyshan
Leyshan.brett.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

Prep & Year 1/2 Bulletins

Prep bulletin
Year 1/2 bulletin

Year 6 Parents

Please note that the Year 6-7 transition forms that were recently sent home need to be returned to school by Friday 22 May.
Performing Arts News

Performers of the Week: Evan Polyzos
for always giving your absolute best to everything you do in Performing Arts. This commitment and dedication will take you far! You’re going to achieve great things in the performing arena.

Performing Arts Class of the Week: Prep C
for a wonderful job in your last ‘Nursery Rhymes’ class. You made spectacular lambs following Mary and jumped over the candlestick with great energy and enthusiasm!

Assembly Performances

Year 1/2D demonstrated a performance game that we play as part of our ‘Kings and Queens’ Performing Arts theme. A disgruntled, unpredictable Queen (played by Axy) decides whether her loyal subjects live or die according to her own fickle whims. Hilarity ensues! An excellent job, Year 1/2D.

Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea Performance
Get ready - Glee Club and Junior Singing Club perform for our very first time! Make sure you purchase your tickets for the wonderful afternoon tea, today Thursday 7th May.

Glee Club and Junior Singing Club Rehearsals
- Glee Club - Tuesday lunch (12:30-1:00pm)
- Junior Singing Club - Wednesday recess (11:00-11:30am)

Have you remembered your folder?

Year 5 and 6 Performing Arts Folder
This is the last week to get yourself organised! Have you got a display folder yet? (Remember, Glee Club members can use the same folder). Well done to everyone who has remembered thus far!

National Boys’ Choir Auditions

Mr Peter Casey, the Musical Director of National Boys’ Choir, will visit Armadale to audition our boys (aged between 6-8yrs) that may be interested in joining the National Boys’ Choir, on Tuesday 19th May at 9.00am. All interested boys will be called over the loudspeaker to the Performing Arts room at this time. A letter of introduction can be found on pages 12 and 13 of this newsletter.

Yours in theatre,
Lisa Vollugi.
Performing Arts Teacher

Peer Support

We are commencing our Peer Support lessons on Monday 11 May. Years 1-5 students will participate in Peer Support for 30 minutes. Two Peer Leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 younger students who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in a classroom.

We are working on a module called Keeping Friends helping us explore the concept of friendship, build relationships and develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship.

We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support, as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.
Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week: Jordan Filopoulos 3/4J

For the creativity he displayed when drawing his Street Art character. He showed skill when using posca pens and has selected vibrant colours.

Visual Art Class of the Week: Prep C

For the excellent drawings they did of our school and for the wonderful textures they created using rubbing plates.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Year 6 ANZAC Spirit Mural

Progress

This week Year 6 students learnt about how to apply spray paint to the water tank near the tennis courts. We started spray painting the background of the mural with yellow, orange and some red. We created the look of a sunrise by blending the colours. Next week we will start painting the poppies. Stay tuned!!

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Sports News

Swimming

Thank you to all the students, parents and teachers for the great success of our recent swimming program.

Here are some children enjoying their hot milo after their final lesson.

Swimming reports are currently being finalised,

Fun Fitness Activity and Cross Country Trials tomorrow

On Friday all children from Years 3-6 will be participating in a special sports session at Romanis Reserve. There will be a fun fitness run for all. Children need to wear their runners and bring a water bottle.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator
Working Bee Donation

For those parents who will be unable to attend the Working Bee this Saturday 9 May, we would be grateful if you could make a $30 contribution to our Working Bee fund for ongoing maintenance.

Please complete your details below:

☑ I would like to make a $30 (or other amount) donation to the APS Grounds fund

Family Name: ________________  
Pay by: □ Cash □ Cheque □ Credit Card □ Qkr!

☐ Direct Deposit to Armadale PS Account BSB 083 298 A/C No: 02 891 1383

*please note on your direct deposit transaction your Family Name & Working Bee*

Amount: $30.00 or $________  
☐ MasterCard  ☐ Visa

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Expiry Date: _____ / _____  
Cardholder’s Name: ___________________________
Signature: ___________________________

Working Bee

Thank you to the following families who are unable to attend the working bee this Saturday 9 May and made a donation to our grounds fund:

♦ McGrory
♦ Chadwick / Gardner
♦ Coull
♦ Iezzi
♦ Moffat
♦ Tremlett
♦ Bainger
♦ Officer (Prep C & 3/4A)
♦ Mastores
♦ Ingham
## 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

### You Can Do It! Awards

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<td>Will Officer Prep C</td>
<td>For being respectful of the spaces we share. Thank you for always tidying up without being asked.</td>
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<td>Claudi Collins Prep C</td>
<td>For using whole body listening when sitting on the mat and for making valuable contributions to our class discussions.</td>
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<td>Alastair Corbould Prep P</td>
<td>For taking the initiative when tidying up! Thank you for looking after our learning space Alastair.</td>
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<td>Isabella Keyte Prep S</td>
<td>For being a very respectful and thoughtful class member and for the kindness and care she shows towards others. Well done Isabella!</td>
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<td>Oscar Sorell 1/2D</td>
<td>For the enthusiasm and enjoyment he displays in all areas of his learning-all day, every day! Well done, Oscar!</td>
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<td>Billie Nezos 1/2E</td>
<td>For being an enthusiastic learner and always demonstrating a positive attitude to whatever tasks she is assigned.</td>
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<td>Chloe Handbury 1/2P</td>
<td>For working hard to improve her reading skills. A wonderful effort Chloe!</td>
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<td>Abbey Laughton 1/2W</td>
<td>For her calm approach to her work and with her peers. Thank you for setting a good example, Abbey.</td>
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<td>Maya Hurwitz 3/4C</td>
<td>For demonstrating a hardworking and organised approach to all areas of her learning and for her positive and friendly way she interacts with her peers. What a star Maya!</td>
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<td>Nodoka Kobayashi 3/4C</td>
<td>For settling into our classroom routines with confidence and persistence and for participating so positively to the swimming program. You respond so well to all instructions! Keep it up Nodoka!</td>
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<td>Jack Gatehouse 3/4E</td>
<td>For your continual 'can-do' attitude, caring nature and joy that you bring to the classroom. You are such a help to myself and all the students in 3/4E. Keep it up, Jack!</td>
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<td>Madeleine Fleetwood 3/4E</td>
<td>For your continual kindness and willingness to lend a helping hand to your classmates. You are growing in confidence in the classroom too and it is fabulous to see!</td>
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<td>Jonathan Sun 5B</td>
<td>For the courage you showed at your swimming lessons. Good luck with continuing to further improve your swimming skills. You can do it Jonathan.</td>
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<td>Connor Spears 5P</td>
<td>For the positive commitment that he demonstrates to his studies and the persistence he shows in all learning activities. Well done Connor.</td>
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<td>Dean Angelopoulos 6N</td>
<td>For his friendly and helpful willingness to assist a non-swimmer in the pool during lessons. Good modelling and great effort Dean!</td>
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Hi everyone,

This week is all about Mothers.......  

**Mother’s Day: Gifts**  
Every child will take their tea towel home on Friday 8th May.

**Special Mother’s Day Event:**  
(This afternoon)  
Armadale Primary is also hosting a special Afternoon Tea today, Thursday 7th May, at 2.00pm, to help celebrate Mother’s day. Mothers & Friends (Grandmothers, Aunties etc) of Armadale Primary School are invited to attend an afternoon tea “to celebrate motherhood”.

Tickets are $20, which will include a glass of bubbles on arrival, afternoon tea and a guest speaker.

There will also be a raffle with some amazing prizes, such as a High Tea at Moss Green, Seneca linen package, Miss Chic beauty pack, amongst others. Raffle tickets will be $5 each or 3 for $10.

**An invitation with all the details of a special event was sent home with every student last week.**

Hopefully, we will see lots of Mothers/Grandmothers/Aunties/special friends this afternoon.

**Grade 1/2 Cocktail Party:**  
The Grade 1/2 Cocktail party is to be held on Friday 15th May from 7.00pm to 9.00pm at Harry Hall – tickets available via trybooking.

The invitations are to be distributed this coming week by your class rep.

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**Notizie d’italiano**

*Mia dolce mamma,*  
Amore immenso,  
Meraviglioso,  
Magnifico,  
Aspettami sempre col sorriso.  
*R. Paciotti*

*My sweet mum*  
Immense love  
Marvellous,  
Magnificent,  
Always waiting with a smile.

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Years 1-6 have been looking at the following website - [www.voki.com](http://www.voki.com) where students can select an ‘avatar’ to recite the poem in Italian. Parents might like to help their child set up an avatar. It’s free, but you need to set up an account with a username and password.

Each week you can now read the latest Italian news on our website. Click [this link](http://thislink) to take you to the Italian page.

*Vita Vampatella*  
Italian Language Co-ordinator
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1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers at The Ashley Rickeston Centre, Caulfield Community Health
360 Kocoyong Rd, Caulfield
On: Mon 18th May, Mon 25th May, Mon 1st June 2015, from 10am-12:30pm.

Learn:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or scolding
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing your strategy, the three choices:
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:
Costs: $50 (payable at first session)

Register for this course contacting Access at Caulfield Community Health on 90766776.

What people are saying...

What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self-control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I noticed within the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child who later turns the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control.

The presenter for this course is Sally Silove who has completed Parentshop’s 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching Practitioner training. Sally is a Community Health Nurse with Caulfield Community Health Service Child, Youth and Family Team. Deborah Cox will be supporting Sally with the program. Deborah is Social Worker with Caulfield Community Health Service Child, Youth and Family Team.

For more information contact Sally Silove on 90766666.
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A.V. Southern support group

Do you have a child with Aspergers or HFA?
Come along to our monthly meeting.
Meet other parents/carers and share information

Aspergers Victoria is a registered health promotion charity, run by trained volunteers, with the goal of providing information and support to those living with Aspergers.

This is an AV coffee morning for parents and carers where you can meet others, share challenges and strategies, and hear occasional presentations by professionals working in the autism/Asperger field.

This group supports parents and carers of children with Aspergers and high-functioning autism living in the southern metropolitan region.

Time: 10 am to 12 noon
Date: Fourth Friday day of the month (except school holidays)

Venue: Carnegie Library and
COMMUNITY CENTRE: Boyd room
7 Shepparton Avenue, Carnegie

For more information contact:
Cristina
Email: southern@aspergersvic.org.au

- Tea and Coffee provided.
- Please bring a snack to share.

Asperger Syndrome, High Functioning Autism and Level one, mild autism. Children with average to above average IQ (no intellectual disability)

School Banking is shooting for the stars.

At the beginning of 2013, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to save by making regular deposits into their YouSave account. It was a great success. Over $58,000 School Banking deposits were made around Australia. It's a fantastic result that's seen thousands of Australian children begin their savings mission.

Rewarding good saving behaviour with two new items:
- To help keep students on track with their savings mission in Term 2, we've released two new awesome reward items from our Outer Space Savers range. Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to redeem a reward item.

You could win a 5 nights' family trip to California's Disneyland.

Don't forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits on 25% will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California's Disneyland.

For more information visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

Start planning your adventure at www.goodfoodshow.com.au!

If you'd like to arrange for a group of 15+ and receive 30% discounted tickets, please email goodfood@divcom.net.au

Terms & Conditions: Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer. Valid for general admission adult tickets booked online. Ticket price $27.20; standard ticket price is $34. Children 11 and under are free.

You’re invited to receive 20% discount on tickets to the 2015 Good Food & Wine Show on Friday 5 June!

Claim your discount by using code word SIZZLEMELB

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The **National Boys Choir of Australia** (NBCA) accepts approximately 50 new choristers each year – sufficient to train and replace the natural attrition rate in the Performing Choir due to voice change.

The **National Boys Choir of Australia** is currently recruiting and looking for boys aged 6 – 8.

The **NBCA** does not have multiple rehearsal venues around Melbourne or interstate.

**NBCA** is a not for profit organisation.

For over 50 years, **NBCA** has developed a professional choral community, recognised both nationally and internationally. The boys regularly perform with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Opera Australia and at Carols by Candlelight and are recognised from the acclaimed Qantas advertisements.

For many years, the Choir has enjoyed the privilege of being welcomed by schools to audition prospective choristers. We also understand schools are approached by many groups to source potential students for their organizations.

Auditions are designed to offer places to boys with genuine potential, not to offer false hope. Our Artistic Director, Mr Peter Casey, can often listen to over 2000 boys across many schools, inviting prospective choristers to a second and final audition.
The experiences offered to choristers are numerous and diverse. The boys perform regularly at Hamer Hall, the Arts Centre Melbourne, with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Melbourne Recital Centre, Carols by Candlelight, the Australian Open Tennis, the Grand Prix and the wonderful Qantas advertisements that have been aired over recent years.

Shortly a member of our staff will ring you to discuss a convenient time to audition your boys in Grades 1 and 2. Boys who show potential will be invited to a second and final audition on Saturday 20 June, with a view to successful boys being offered a position in our 2016 training choir.

We hope that you will allow your boys the chance to belong to one of Australia’s finest cultural organizations by accommodating our request for an appointment. I encourage you to visit our website

www.nationalboyschoir.com.au

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