Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of a very eventful term of education at Armadale Primary. There is much to celebrate and applaud and equally much to learn from and continue to grow and improve. The children are ready for a holiday and a break from routines. May I take this opportunity to thank our wonderfully supportive school community for all of your engagement with our programs this term. We continue to appreciate all that you bring to our school, whether it is your involvement on School Council, the PFA, being a parent rep, in classroom and on excursion helpers, coming in for special activities and events, or just being there for your children on a day to day basis. The research is compelling: the greater the partnership between parents and their primary school, the more successful the student is, in their learning journey. I would also like to thank the entire staff of Armadale Primary school for their ongoing devotion to the children throughout the term, their commitment to their profession and the excellent provision of education that is given to all.

End of term assembly
Our students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday at the end of our Assembly. Our assembly will start at 1.30 to ensure we don’t go over time. I wish all of our Armadale families a wonderful break and enjoy the opportunities to rest, relax and rejuvenate and enjoy the quality time spent with the children. For those of you travelling please enjoy safe travels and I hope you manage to escape to warmer climes.

“Helping your child with Maths”
After the success of the Cracking the Code evening during Education week, we have invited Larissa Raymond back to host an evening for parents on Tuesday July 21st in our MPC at 7.00pm. This evening will be for parents only and it should finish at 8.30pm. Larissa will offer strategies for parents to help their children become great numeracy learners. Please see page 5 of today’s newsletter for all the details.

Congratulations to the Year 5 and Year 6 students on their performances on Tuesday afternoon!
The entire school was highly entertained by the Year 5 Commedia Dell’Arte Showcase on Tuesday afternoon. The students were incredibly comedic, talented and clever, especially as they had made up their own scripts and performances. Their accents were also wonderful and had us all in stitches. The Year 6’s were also terrific with their improvisations which saw the Year 3/4’s wanting to do the exact same thing.

Congratulations to the Flying Parrots!
I was thrilled to receive the email from Sophie Simmons (Bella’s Mum) to tell me that The Flying Parrots basketball team, made up of girls from Year 3 at APS, won their grand final on Friday night at MSAC with a final score of 15-9!
It was a fantastic game with fierce competition from the other team so all the girls are incredibly proud of their achievement. The Parrots are coached by Andrew Adjani, Marc van Beek and Antony Simmons every week and all the parents share the driving and scoring.

Sophie mentioned that their win came from collective achievement and hard work, with all the girls demonstrating persistence, teamwork and positive attitudes in the team - all APS qualities! The girls also excitedly presented at this week’s assembly and showed the school their well-deserved flags and trophies.

Well done girls and I can’t wait to hear how you go next season!

Thank you Jed Salmon!
Last week I thanked Dugald Jellie for all his work with the new prep installations, trees and wonderful installations, but I totally overlooked the fact that Dugald had an accomplice! Jed Salmon, dad of Anders and Allegra had been wonderfully supportive in assisting Dugald. According to Dugald, Jed saved him hours of work - cutting boards and shovelling soil (and the sand for the sandpit!) Thank you so much Jed and apologies for my oversight!

Let’s talk about education
The Victorian Government is building the Education State – supporting all Victorians to live the lives they want to live and get the jobs they need, securing our state’s economic and social future.

Every Victorian has an equal right to the knowledge and skills to shape their lives, regardless of their background, their personal circumstances and where they live.

Education influences every corner of our society and our state, and the vision for Victoria as the Education State is about a public guarantee – the guarantee of educational excellence and opportunity in every community.

The government wants to hear from all Victorians on their ideas and aspirations for the Education State – read the consultation papers, join in an online discussion and help shape the Education State. Please look at the following website to have your say about education in Victoria by following this link.

Farewell to the following APS families
It can always be a sad time when we have to farewell some of our families and children.

Penny, Ben, Charlie and Claudi Collins will be moving to Barwon Heads for a sea/farm change and we wish them all the very best in their new school and environment.

Olivia Nagle is leaving Armadale to join St Catherine’s and we wish her all the very best in her new school.

Freddie and Priscilla Moffat are having a term in the snow fields as are Will and Harry Atwell and we look forward to welcoming them back in Term 4.

Happy Long Service Leave Mrs Pearse!
On behalf of the whole school community we wish Mrs Pearse a wonderful overseas holiday during our holidays and for 2 weeks after that. Rachel Jackson will be teaching 1/2P during that time. Rachel is a highly experienced teacher and she is currently on family leave from APS and is well known to the children.

I will also be on leave for the first 2 weeks of term 3 and know that Malcolm Dow will be highly supported by you all in his role as Acting Principal.

Have a wonderful restful and refreshing break. Warm regards,

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Assistant Principal

Waste Warrior Certificates

Many thanks to our Green Team Leaders; Jade Johnson and Nicholas Bayly for helping to organise and print all of the second round of the Waste Warrior certificates which will be distributed before the end of term. Congratulations to all of the children who achieved a certificate in either the first or second round. All up we had over 90% of students achieve the certificate which is a fantastic result, and it means that our Nude Food program and policy is now very well embedded into our whole school culture.

If you would like your Prep child to participate in the challenge, please let me know and we will get them into the system.

This year we will have a couple of different incentives to encourage students to do their best:

- every student who achieves 100 books (the maximum that can be put into the system) will receive a special prize and
- the class which achieves the highest success rate of students completing the challenge will win a prize for their whole class.

Below are the stats from the PRC as of yesterday. Keep up the great work everyone!

Click here to go straight to the PRC website.

Summary: Armadale Primary School
Books
376 started
3,817 finished
53 verified
4,193 books listed

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Library News

End of Term Reminder
Please return books that might have spent too long at home! Grab some new ones for the holidays.

Term 2 Theme
Thank you for all the support and photos that made this theme a success.

Responsible Pet Ownership
I hope the staff and students enjoyed the visit from Peter and Willow to talk about responsible pet ownership to tie in with our library theme.

Enjoy your holidays,

Brett Leyshan
Leyshan.brett.f@edumail.vic.gov.au
Parents & Friends for Armadale

Good afternoon all,

Tomorrow is the last day of term! Yah, we hope everyone has a relaxing break. But before we go.....

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraising:
The eldest child from each family will go home today or tomorrow with a box of Cadbury fundraising chocolates.

The funds raised are not due in until the end of the second week of Term 3, so even if you are going away for the school holidays, there is still plenty of time to hold a chocolate stall or sell them to your family and friends.

To make the collection of the funds raised as simple as possible, we recommend you utilise Qkri! (The Qkri! App can be downloaded free of charge and is a great way to pay school fees, excursion levies etc)

Armadale Primary Cookbook:
The template for recipe submissions and details on how to submit art work or writing pieces will be in emailed out by your Class Rep(s) this week. Once you have received the template and decided on what you would like to submit, please return your completed electronic copy of the Cookbook template to your Class Rep.

Our next meeting is scheduled for the first week of term 3 on Wednesday 15th July at 3:45pm after pick up in room 1/2E.

The schedule for the Cookbook Subcommittee is as follows:
♦ Wednesday 5th August 3:45pm after pick up in room 1/2E
♦ Wednesday 7th October 3:45pm after pick up in room 1/2E
♦ Wednesday 4th November 3:45pm after pick up in room 1/2E

We are still at the beginning stages, so if you would like to be involved but have not been so far, we would love to see you! If you can’t make it to the next meeting please just email Sarah & Caz on armadalepfa@gmail.com

PFA Committee Meetings:
♦ Friday 17th July 2:30pm in the staffroom
♦ Friday 7th August 2:30pm in the staffroom
♦ Friday 9th October 2:30pm in the staffroom
♦ Friday 6th November 2:30pm in the staffroom

Thank you for your continued support of Armadale Primary School and we hope you have a lovely break.

Kind regards

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

Student Banking
The following students have qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year:
♦ Henry Gray
♦ Jack Handbury
♦ Flynn Goodall
♦ Audrey Mellor
♦ Angella Sideris
♦ Lily Ypinazar
♦ Sam Ypinazar

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator
‘How can maths at school spark curiosity and wonder in our children about the world around them?’

We will also delve a little deeper into some of the insights touched on at the conclusion of our Family Maths Evening in May.

◊ What makes a great numeracy learner and how we might foster these characteristics at home.
◊ Why a change in approach?
◊ What are some of the key changes?
◊ What might this mean for our children’s learning?

This 90 minute session will be facilitated by our parent Larissa Raymond. It will be quite hands-on throughout the session ensuring lots of parent interaction through conversation and activities.

We hope you can join us - please RSVP via the event on our school website calendar at www.armadaleps.vic.edu.au.

About our facilitator

Larissa Raymond is a parent at our school and currently an associate at EdPartnerships International. She has extensive experience in co-designing and facilitating programs with various education, government and community sectors. Many of these programs focus on contemporary pedagogical approaches to learning and leading learning, with a particular focus on the leading of numeracy learning.
Dear Parents,

The Parent/Student/Teacher conferences for Year 5 and Year 6 students will take place on:

- **Tuesday 14 July** from 1.00pm – 7.00pm and
- **Wednesday 15 July** from 1.00pm – 7.00pm in your child's classroom
- each conference is allocated 15 minutes
- Please note that your child attends the interview with you.

To book a conference time that suits your family, follow the instructions below.

- Bookings for the conferences will open at 5.00pm on Friday 26 June and close at 5.00pm on Monday 13 July 2015.

Go to either:

- the PTO link at www.armadaleps.vic.edu.au
- or click on the ‘interviews’ box on the tiqbiz app
- or www.schoolinterview.com.au

and enter our school code

When you click finish, you can either print your conference time or email it to yourself. If you don’t receive an email straight away – check your junk mail folder.

If you need to change your conference time you can return to the PTO link on the website or tiqbiz app and change your conference time until bookings close at 5.00pm on Monday 13 July.
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Melbourne Football Club Training Session & FREE Family Fun Night
Thursday 25 June, 5pm-7pm
Toorak Park, Orrong Road, Armadale

- Watch the players train & get autographs
- Meet mascots Chuck and Checker
  - Jumping Castle
  - Face painting
- Kids activities & games
  - Giveaways
- Merchandise on sale
  - BBQ

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