Dear Parents,

Please remember that the school is holding a Curriculum Day, this coming Monday August 17th which will be held off site, which means that all of our main buildings will be closed. OOSHC is running a Curriculum Day program to assist working families and could parents please ensure that they have booked in for this and registered with Ben and Allira before the end of this week.

The purpose for our curriculum day will be for all the staff to undertake a self-evaluation of the last four years of our strategic plan. In essence we will be evaluating what has worked well, what we need to do more of/ less of, what needs to change and what do we want Armadale Primary to look like in 5 years’ time. Our parent community will have the opportunity to feed into this self-evaluation on Wednesday August 26th at our community forum.

News from School Council – Thank you Ray Skinner

It was with a great deal of sadness that I reluctantly accepted Ray Skinner’s resignation from School Council yesterday. Ray has been on School Council for two and a half years and has been an exemplary council member in that time. Ray has devoted much of his time to active parent involvement in classes; on excursions and has been incredibly resourceful and hard working during working bees and has often been seen around the school fixing equipment, installing storage sheds, or digging building and constructing. Ray, on behalf of the whole school community we are incredibly grateful for all of your tireless work and commitment to our school, we will miss your input to School Council and thankfully you will still remain an active member on the facilities sub-committee.

If parents happen to see Ray in our school yard could you please acknowledge his contribution to the School Council.

Congratulations Michael Martin and Natalie Tabbagh!

Resignations as sad as they are, can also provide an opportunity for other members of our school community to contribute to School Council. With the recent resignations of Matt Sagger and Ray Skinner, there were two vacancies to be filled. I am delighted to announce to the school community that Michael Martin (dad of Lucia in 1/2P) and Natalie Tabbagh (mum of Lucia in 3/4C) were successfully elected to School Council at an extraordinary meeting. I know that David and myself and all the other councillors are excited to be working with Michael and Natalie.

Chocolates, Chocolates and more chocolates

Thank you again to all the parents and families for all the selling of chocolates and I can’t believe that after a small request at assembly yesterday, I don’t have any boxes left! We are very grateful for all of your marketing and hard selling and if parents could now return the monies from the selling of the chocolates, we will be most grateful.

Cybersafety Information session

It was terrific to see how engaged parents were at our recent cybersafety session held on Tuesday night. I certainly appreciate the added layer to parenting given the digital world now, which didn’t exist when my children were growing up.

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School Phone: 03 9822 7003
Website: www.armadaleps.vic.edu.au
OOSHC Phone: 03 9822 4912

Louis & George Cox selling chocolates
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The most important message I took away from the presentation was that parents have the responsibility to keep their children safe in an online environment and you must become familiar with the digital tools that enable filters and settings which can keep your children from harm. You must talk about the children’s digital footprint with them and help them navigate an online space that has very little boundaries. For further strategies on keeping children safe please read Malcolm’s section and I would like to publicly thank Malcolm for organising the esmart presentation to both parents and staff.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
cukier.rochelle.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Pedagogy Corner
MORE ABOUT SPELLING

The discussion surrounding spelling continues. Last week I mentioned ‘spelling lists’ and their ineffectiveness in teaching our children to learn to spell. In this week’s ‘pedagogy corner’ I would like us to work together to understand the act of spelling better so that we can improve ‘how’ we help our children be better spellers.

The biggest misconception about learning to spell is to read more. Although this does help, it doesn’t guarantee that children’s ability to spell will improve. Why? The act of spelling requires us to apply skills that are the opposite to the task of reading. Traditional spelling instruction that focused on repetitious copying of words and memorization of word lists does not promote active, reflective thought about language. Children need to be made aware that spoken words are made up of sounds that are represented in print by letters. Spelling a word starts with sounds, not letter sequences.

A speller must rely on phonological awareness to segment a word into its constituent sounds and then determine how these sounds are best represented in print. When spelling, a child will need to make correct choices. Articulating sounds and determining the position of sounds in the word all impact on the choice of letter or letters that will be used to spell. When building a learner’s spelling knowledge the selection of words for discovery is crucial. In the classroom, teachers are working on personalizing the way spelling is taught to children. A ‘grade’ spelling list for a class is no longer acceptable.

Task for the week:
When we hear a /k/ sound at the start of a monosyllabic word which letter or letters do we usually use?

Connie Apostolos-Thermos
Curriculum and Pedagogy Leader
Cybersafety Session

The parents who attended the Cybersafety session on Tuesday night were presented with a wide range of information and advice as to how to ensure that their children are safe and competent users of online applications and social media. As Mel, the presenter from the Alannah and Madeleine Foundation, said, children should not be banned from using online apps just because there is potential for something untoward to happen, it is much better to teach your children the safest and most appropriate way to use the online environment to their advantage, just as most adults do. Please see the Top 10 Safety Tips for Parents on page 11.

JMF for Kids

Yesterday at assembly Tiffany Loftus Hills (Alexie and Markis’ mum) came to speak to the students about participating in the JMF Kids for Kids Program, which is a great way for kids to get fit and raise money for a worthy cause. Please see the article on page 12 for more details.

Book Week 23-28 August

I am starting to get excited about this year’s Book Week and I know that Brett has been working hard for the past couple of months getting everything organised. The theme is Books Light up Our World, so children could come dressed to match the theme, or just as their favourite character for the Book Parade on the Friday. We are using a new supplier for the Book Fair this Year – Lamont Books who have a different range of books from our previous suppliers, so this will give everyone a broader range of books to choose from. See Brett’s detailed information on page 6.

Hello Music

We are excited to be offering an opportunity for all of our children to participate in some orchestral music instruction during lunchtimes starting in Term 4. Hello Music will run the group sessions and in these the children will gain experience at playing an instrument such as violins, cellos, recorders etc. To see what it’s all about there will be a free ‘come and try’ session on Monday 31st August at 12.30 for the senior students and 1.30 for the juniors (see page 13 for more details). Information will be handed out to the children who attend free sessions and parents can then make further enquiries and enrol through Hello Music. We believe it will be a great complementary but quite different program to that offered by Junior Rockers after school.

Working Bee Saturday 5th September 10.00am-1.00pm

Only a few weeks until our second and final Working Bee for the year, on the day before Father’s Day, Saturday 5th September from 10.00am – 1.00pm. As you will see in the PFA report, there will be a special Father’s Day BBQ Breakfast from 9.00am-10.00am, hence a slightly later start for our Working Bee this time. We hope that once the dads have had a hearty BBQ breakfast, they will have plenty of energy for all the tasks we have planned.

Italian News

Selected students from 1/2K presented some words they’ve been learning in their Italian lessons at assembly yesterday. They have been reading a book called ‘L’orto del nonno’, Grandpa’s Vegetable Garden.

These are some of the vegetables that grow in Nonno’s garden.

i fagioli,
le zucchini,
i pomodori,
le cipolle,
i piselli,
il cavolo

Grazie 1/2K students.

Vita Vampatella
Italian Language Co-ordinator

Sports News

District Athletics Tuesday 18 August
Selected children will receive information today. Permission and payment needs to be returned by tomorrow Friday 14 August.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator
**Italian Day at Armadale Primary School**
**Thursday 17 September 2015**

*Italian songs, Italian performers, cooking, singing, art activities, gelati van, dancing and much more... these are just some of the activities planned for our Italian day.*

**Parent help request for Italian Day**
We are calling on parents to offer their time to help with activities for our annual Italian Day. It is a fantastic whole school community event where you can participate and assist teachers and students with the special activities planned for the day. The timetable for the day is listed below. Any time you can spare to assist would be greatly appreciated.

‘Memorie d’Italia’ (Memories of Italy)
**New segment during Italian day assembly**
I would like to invite parents, nonni or zii, (grandparents or aunts and uncles,) who were born in, or who have lived in Italy, to say a few words about their memories of Italy. This segment would be on between 9 and around 9.30. Please contact me if you would be interested in participating and sharing your memories with the school community.

**Timetable for Italian Day**
9-9.50 am-assembly
10.00 -11am- activities (parent help required)
11-11.30 recess
11.30-12.30- activities (parent help required)
12.30- 1.30pm lunchtime (parent help required to help with gelati distribution)
1.30-3.00pm (parent help required)

Please complete the form below and hand in to your class teacher, or email me directly at vampatella.vita.v@edumail.vic.gov.au

Grazie mille
Vita Vampatella
Languages Co-ordinator

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**ITALIAN DAY HELP REQUEST**
I am interested in helping on Italian Day Thursday 17 September 2015.

**Name** ________________________________ **Mobile no.** ________________________________

**My child’s /children’s name/s and class** ________________________________

I am available at the following **time/s** : ________________________________
Visual Arts News

**Visual Artist of the Week:** Oliver Maughan 3/4E

For the exceptional skills he displayed when making his clay bird. Keep up the fantastic work Oliver!

**Visual Art Class of the Week:** Prep S

For the excellent modelling skills they displayed when making their pinch pots. These are fantastic Prep S!

**Street Art ‘Photography’ Competition - Attention year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students**

Please save any photos you took on our Street Art Tour 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 continued this week for all 6Z 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.

When all pieces are fired I will select 6 pieces to be exhibited in term 4 at the Duldig ‘Clay For Kids’ Exhibition.

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**Student Banking**

The following children have qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year:

- Poppy Morrison
- Edward Millear
- Sara Dewani
- Kasim Dewani

A Silver Dollarmites Certificate is awarded to the following students for making 20 deposits this year:

- Jesse Hurwitz
- Eliza Gowland
- Haydon Fa
- Luca Karafili
- Alexandra Anderson

Well done everyone!

*Alison Crone  
Student Banking Co-ordinator*
Book Week 2015

2015’s Book Week is fast approaching and we have a fantastic program of activities lined up for the week.

**MONDAY**

**Author visit: Jaquelyn Muller**, a local author will be visiting our Grade 3-6 classes today giving them a presentation and an insight into the process of writing a book and drawing from the inspirations around us.

**Book Preview Day #1:**
Students will write up a wishlist of books they would like to get from the Book Fair.

**TUESDAY**

**Tony Bones Entertainment** will be returning to the school to give two performances.

- **9:00-10:00 3-6:** A performance based on the CBCA’s shortlisted Younger Readers Book of the Year “The Simple Things”
- **10:00-11:00 Prep-2:** A performance based on the CBCA’s shortlisted Picture Book of the Year “The Stone Lion”

**Book Preview Day #2**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Author Visit:** Jaquelyn Muller returns to the school to run individual workshops with each 1/2 class to motivate their writing. To finish the day Jaquelyn will have a presentation with the Preps to show what authors do and a reading from her book.

**Book Purchasing Day #1:** Individual classes will be called throughout the day to come into the library to purchase their books. Parents may come in during the day and after school. If you are coming in after school there is usually a queue!

**THURSDAY**

**Book Purchasing Day #2:** Any students who were away the day before or any parents who would like to come in to the Book Fair to purchase books.

**FRIDAY**

**Book Parade:** We start today with the traditional Book Parade where everyone in the school dresses up as a character from a favourite book, comic book, or one of the short listed books.

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**MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS**


More information regarding Book Fair to be in the following newsletter. Any questions please contact Brett Leyshan.

E: Leyshan.brett.f@edumail.vic.gov.au
Author visit

Jaquelyn Muller

Local author, Jaquelyn Muller will visiting Armadale Primary School during book week on August 24 and 26.

Her books *I Love You 5 Lollipops* and *Elizabeth Rose on Parade* have proved extremely popular with the children for their timeless illustrations and promotion of co-reading.

Families of Armadale Primary School have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of each book that will be delivered to the school during Jaquelyn’s visit. Personalised signed copies make lovely gifts for family and friends with young children.

*I Love You 5 Lollipops* (16 pages paperback) – $10.00 each (Normally $19.95 with shipping)

*Elizabeth Rose on Parade* (32 pages hardback) – $20.00 each (Normally $29.95 with shipping)

This offer is only valid until the September 1, 2015.

To order your personally signed copies please follow the instructions below.

1. Visit Jaquelyn’s website at www.jmullerbooks.com/shop/
2. Select from the Shop which book(s) you would like to purchase and the quantities.
3. When prompted, write the first names of the people/person you would like your book(s) dedicated to.
4. If ordering *I Love You 5 Lollipops* use coupon code ARMADALEONE at checkout to receive your discount.
5. If ordering *Elizabeth Rose on Parade* use coupon code ARMADALETWO at checkout to receive your discount.
6. Your books will be delivered to the school office on the 26/08/15

If you have any questions about the ordering process, please contact Jaquelyn directly at jaquelyn.muller@gmail.com or call 0402 276 173.
### 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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<td>Ben Van Beek Prep S</td>
<td>For being very cooperative and displaying great counting on skills when playing 'Race to 20!' Well done Ben!</td>
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<td>For using her talents to raise additional money for the Fijian school in her own time by running a fairy stall. Very thoughtful, Alice!</td>
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<td>For his insightful observations and positive contributions during class discussions.</td>
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<td>For her enthusiastic attitude when writing poetry.</td>
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<td>Olivia Najdanovski 1/2P</td>
<td>For her commitment to her learning. You are a valued member of the class. 1/2P is pleased that you chose Armadale Primary as your school.</td>
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<td>Celina Hewerdine 1/2W</td>
<td>For showing greater confidence in all aspects of her learning and for always presenting her work so neatly. A fantastic effort Celina!</td>
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<td>Sasha Herbaux 3/4C</td>
<td>For the positive attitude and great team work demonstrated while playing for the Armadale Alligators at our Hootime! Great job Sasha!</td>
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<td>Imogen Bickford 3/4E</td>
<td>For the confidence, determination and persistence you displayed at our Hootime Gala Day! You were a force to be reckoned with, fantastic work Immi!</td>
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<td>Peter Kartsaklis 3/4E</td>
<td>For the confidence, determination and persistence you displayed at our Hootime Gala Day! Your team management was wonderful, such a fair player! Well done, Peter.</td>
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<td>Sierra Golusin 3/4J</td>
<td>For demonstrating all that it means to be a great Armadale student. You always display persistence and cooperation in all areas.</td>
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<td>Audrey Mellor 5B</td>
<td>For her thoroughly researched ERP on the treatment of asylum seeking refugees. You made a strong and compelling case in their favour. Well done Audrey!</td>
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<td>Carlos Maciel Pizzorno Bazzo 5P</td>
<td>For actively participating and demonstrating great basketball skills and team spirit at the Year 5/6 Hootime Gala Day. Well done Carlos!</td>
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Parents & Friends for Armadale

We are half way through the term! But before it finishes ..... 

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!
There are still a couple of tables left!
*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
If you still have an item for the raffle for the Trivia night, please hand to either your classroom teacher or class rep. Thanks.

Prep New books, toys & craft packs
Years 1&2 Non-perishable food products
Years 3&4 Beauty products
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.

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 Father’s Day DIY stall will be held the 31st of August, the cost will be $5 per child.
*A flyer will all the details will be handed out in the coming week.*
The PFA will also be hosting a FREE BBQ for Dad on the morning of the Working Bee (5th September) at school.

PFA Committee Meetings:
♦ Wednesday 2nd September 2:30pm in the staffroom
♦ Wednesday 7th October 2:30pm in the staffroom
♦ Wednesday 2nd 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

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.
Trivia Night

Friday 21st August
7pm - 11pm

Hosted by Quizmaster Andrew Burns

Armadale Primary School
Multipurpose Centre,
Densham Road Armadale

Our biggest fundraiser 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!
Resource

Top 10 cybersafety tips for parents

1. Create an ‘Acceptable Use Agreement’ for your family. Ensure that children are involved with this process.

2. Set up safe search and security controls with a platform such as ‘OpenDNS’.

3. Insist on all computers, laptops and mobile devices remaining OUTSIDE the bedroom.

4. Lights out = Wi-Fi off

5. Recharge mobile phones and devices outside bedrooms at night.

6. Get involved – show an interest in what your child is doing online.

7. Talk to your child’s teacher/s and school.

8. Don’t threaten to take away your child’s devices – they may force them to become secretive.

9. Learn how various social network services work.

10. Tell children not to respond to any cyberbullying threats or comments online. However, do not delete any of the messages – keep records to verify and prove there is cyberbullying.

For more information visit esmartschools.org.au
My name is Tiffany, I am Markis and Alexie's mum and was fortunate to be able to present to your children in assembly this week and introduce them for a second time to JMF Kids 4 Kids Challenge. I work for the John Maclean Foundation [www.jmf.com.au](http://www.jmf.com.au) where we raise money for little Aussies in wheelchairs and grant them equipment that enables them to remain as active and included in everyday life as they can.

One of the fundraising events we run every year is the JMF Kids 4 Kids Challenge which is a fun and active way for your children to work towards completing an Ironman Distance Triathlon over a 4, 8 or 12 week period. Every week your kids swim, bike and run a little whilst logging their km and raising money to grant little wheelies the basic equipment they need.

This is not a race, it is about encouraging healthy lifestyles in our children and giving them a goal with the knowledge they are helping other children their own age. Kms can be logged whilst playing weekend sports like footy, netball, basketball or whilst riding to school or taking swimming lessons. It is all about giving it your best shot.

New for 2015 is a teams category where three children can join forces and tackle the distances together or each take on one of the swim, bike or run/walk legs.

At the conclusion of the program all participants are invited to join the Foundation at the grant presentation where they will be awarded their T-Shirts, presented their medals and finishers certificates and most importantly meet the children and the families the money they have raised has helped.

https://youtu.be/ODFR-bT2iHo?list=PLeLo6DLANqc9T7AucgC18GDd0nzIoRCaB

Parents you may have noticed a very colourful flier come home in your children’s bag that talks about JMF Kids 4 Kids Challenge. The 12 week Program commences on September 5, the 8 weeks starts on October 3 and the four week on October 2015.


Last year we had a number of Armadale students participate and this year Alexie and Markis would love some more friends to join them on this journey.

Please feel free to contact me at Tiffany@jmf.com.au
**The Reading Hour with Chrissie Swan**

18 August 2015

**Celebrate the joy of reading with Chrissie Swan!**

Join The Reading Hour 2015 national ambassador and media personality, Chrissie Swan, for some favourite children’s stories.

Children of all ages are welcome.

No bookings required, simply drop in!

**Tuesday 18 August, 4.30-5.30pm, Toorak/South Yarra Library**

340 Toorak Road, South Yarra

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**TOORAK PRAHRAN CRICKET CLUB INC**

**2015/2016 Season registrations open for juniors and seniors**

Please follow this link: [TPCC cricket registrations](#) to register for the following programs in 2015/16:

- TPCC junior club sides u/11s to u/17
- Milo – 5 to 7
- T20 Blast – 8 to 10
- U10s intraclub
- All girls cricket
- MCA turf cricket
- Juniors who want to play senior cricket
- Seniors who want to play senior cricket

The club is located on Armadale Road and plays on various grounds within Stonnington.

Please contact Steve Zayler if you have any queries (0439 394 463/stephenzayler562@hotmail.com)

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**ORCHESTRA OPEN DAY AT SCHOOL!**

If you love music, performing and being part of a team, come and join us for an orchestral jam session, run by Hello Music. Whether you are an absolute beginner who would like to try an instrument, or already play an instrument, you are welcome to come along and join us as we have different parts for all levels.

**When:** Lunchtime on Monday 31st August  
(12.30pm Seniors, 1.30pm Juniors)

**Where:** Performing Arts Room

**What instruments are available:** Violins, Cellos, Glockenspiels, Ukeleles, Recorders, or BYO instrument.

Please register your interest via email: hello@hellomusic.com.au or just come along on the day.

**Enquiries:** Hello Music 95336222
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