Dear Parents,

I can’t believe the term has nearly come to an end and we are already gearing up for Easter with our Easter raffle and we are all looking forward to our term break. The staff all enjoyed their Curriculum Day yesterday with the focus on engaging children in their learning within a social and emotional framework and planning for an excellent curriculum implementation. Kate and Gillian led the staff through the Peer Support program for our Year 5 students and the Year 5s will have their two days training off site on Monday and Tuesday of next week. I delivered a presentation which was meant to be delivered by Kathy Walker, but unfortunately she was unwell, but I have rebooked her for a forthcoming parent session. I focused on the importance of developing emotional intelligence in our students and the importance of how we develop relationships with our students and wider school community. Connie then led the staff through our revamped planning templates and we were all enthralled with the presentation and guidance from Colin Dobson, Principal of Mount View Primary School who led us through his planning model. After lunch, the teachers all reflected on term one’s teaching and began planning the next term’s teaching. Feedback from the staff was very positive and everyone thought the day was incredibly worthwhile. We do relish these opportunities to have professional learning, discourse and planning which unfortunately can’t take place during the busyness of a normal school day.

Planning Week - this week and next
Teachers will be involved in planning for the rest of this week and into next. Whilst the teachers are planning, the students will be taught by their specialist teachers and in some cases, CRTs. These replacement teachers are in most cases known to the students. Please see the schedule below

- Thursday 19th March – Prep teachers planning
- Friday 20th March - Year 5 and 6 teachers planning
- Monday 23rd March – Year 3 and 4 teachers planning
- Tuesday 24th March – Year 1 and 2 Planning
- Wednesday 25th March – Specialists Planning

Wednesday 25th March is School Photo Day (please note that the Assembly time will be at 3.00pm on this day to enable the photographs to be taken)
All class groups, individual students, special groups and siblings will have their photos taken on this day. We are excited to be offering one of our parents, Jesper Nielsen this opportunity as it is quite a large scale operation to be undertaking. Jesper approached the leadership team about this possibility late last year after he took such fabulous photos of the Year 6 students for their Graduation. As always, I am very keen to support members of our own school community.

Thursday 26th March - Harmony Day
This is a fabulous day and opportunity for our school community to celebrate the many cultures we have in our school and the rich diversity of heritage that our students are fortunate to have. We are incredibly privileged to be an inclusive school.

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school, we celebrate difference and uniqueness and I firmly believe that all of the students have strengths and qualities which we all admire and appreciate. Please join us for our special Harmony Day assembly in the morning and please ensure children have come dressed in clothes that signify the heritage they have been blessed with. Thank you to those parents who are able to make special foods for the students to taste and enjoy.

**This Week’s Awards**

**You Can Do It! Awards:**
- James Donovan Prep C
- Misha Saito Prep S
- Jack McMahon 1/2D
- Bill Glyde 1/2E
- Liberty Chamberlain 1/2P
- Charlie Portnoy 1/2W
- Maisie Henshaw 3/4E
- Mia McGrory 3/4E
- Jules Vodicka 5P
- Jett Bolt 6N
- Nicholas Bayly 5P
- Freddie Moffat 6N
- Christian Lignos 6Z

**House Points:**

Rose won this week’s house points. Congratulations to all the students in Rose. Well done.

Friday March 27th will be our last day of Term 1 with an earlier finishing time of 2.30pm.

Please note that we will conclude Term 1 with an earlier finishing time at the end of our final assembly for Term 1 at 2.30pm.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Rochelle Cukier  
Principal

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**School Council President**

**We Need Your Help**

In the next few weeks School Council will start to revisit Armadale Primary School’s 5 year plan which is up for renewal this year. As part of that plan, going forward, I would like to set some goals for the school outside of the curriculum and the classroom that will:

- Increase the visibility of the school within the wider community
- Enhance the school experience for the children and parents
- Strengthen relationships with the business community
- Promote long term ties with the school for graduating pupils and their parents

These areas are outside the work of the PFA and School Council and I am looking to form a group of talented parents who would like to make a real difference to the school and their children’s time here. If you have experience in sales, marketing, fundraising, legacy or reward programs, or if you are interested in helping put together a plan, please, contact me info@earlyimage.com.au or on my mobile 0438 204443

Thanks.

David Portnoy  
School Council President

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**Library News**

**Library Club** Thursday recess the library is open for students to come in.

**Term 2 Theme:** The Library has received some great photos so far to the theme, please keep bringing them in for next term!

**Librarian:** Will be away the last week of Term 1 and the first week of Term 2, if you have any questions please contact before the 24th of March.

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

Back to Reality!
It feels like I have been away from school for a while, with the Principals’ Conference followed by my short Long Service Leave last week, where I spent a blissful week on Lord Howe Island. I visited the primary school there and was fascinated to learn how they organised the whole student population of 42 into their classes. It was very much like the old country schools, right down to the children all being barefoot. Of course living in a World Heritage area there is a major focus on sustainability there, and it was a little bit sad to see that even on their seemingly pristine beaches, they had collected thousands of pieces of plastic that had washed up on their shores from other places including mainland Australia. It reinforced to me the importance of ensuring that we reduce the waste that we produce to prevent it getting into our oceans.

Ride2School Day
It sounds like Ride2School Day was a great success last Friday. This was the third running of this event and again we had great levels of participation.

Congratulations to all the students and families who were able to ride to school, and make such a colourful spectacle at our school. Thanks also to the students and families who were still active by walking, skating or scooting to school. Thanks once again to Melbourne Bicycle Centre in High Street Prahran, were very generous in their donations of the prizes that we used, and Clint at MBC has told me that he will look after any families that come from Armadale PS to purchase bikes or related products. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work that Peter Cracknell did throughout the day providing all the students in the school who brought their bikes with a fantastic Bike Ed session – great work Peter!

Cybersafety
I know I have mentioned this several times before, but it is an ever present issue, and growing. With the much more widespread use of portable digital devices, it is much more difficult for parents to monitor the usage of these devices by their children. There are some really good resources for parents which will help build their knowledge and understanding of Cybersafety and the best way to equip their children to deal with the issues that may arise.

The federal government’s website www.cybersmart.gov.au is the best place to start, and from here you can go to the parent section which gives you a range of information and resources across all of the Cybersafety issues. There is a ‘Kids’ section too which I have been using with the senior students and these have generated some very useful discussions.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Ride2School Day
It was a great day last Friday.

Thank you to:
♦ Clint from the Melbourne Bicycle Centre in Prahran for donating all the fabulous prizes
♦ Malcolm Dow
♦ The house captains and sports leaders
♦ Lucy Gorman

It was terrific to see so many children riding, scooting and walking to school last Friday. We encourage parents to continue their cycling and always use bike paths with their children.

Don’t forget to support the Melbourne Bicycle Centre at 179 High Street Prahran who were so generous to our school.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator
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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### You Can Do It! Awards

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<td>For displaying much confidence when sharing her knowledge with the class about Tapirs. You taught us a lot Misha. Well done!</td>
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<td>For his well prepared investigation about crocodiles and speaking more clearly to the audience. Good effort, Jack!</td>
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<td>For his increased confidence in contributing to class discussions and the quiet persistence he applies to all tasks.</td>
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<td>For attentive listening and demonstrating that she can work independently. Liberty you are always smiling.</td>
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<td>For demonstrating a positive approach to his Maths Target group when converting mixed numbers into improper fractions. Great work Jules!</td>
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<td>Jett Bolt 6N</td>
<td>For her calm and relaxed attitude towards all classroom tasks and for her quiet and positive approach to individual tasks. Don't forget to ask those questions though, Jett!</td>
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Hi everyone,

Nearly there, only just over one week until school holidays and Easter!

Before we go we have a busy time, firstly with the Easter Raffle……..

**Easter Raffle – Last Day of Term**

We celebrate Easter at Armadale Primary with fantastic hampers filled with Easter treats!

With all the eggs that have been donated (thank you), each class at Armadale Primary will be able to create their own amazing hamper!

They have collected a plain cardboard box and are currently in the process of decorating the box and then filling with eggs to create a master piece! These masterpieces will be collected on the **Friday 20th March 2015**, and will be on show in the Multi-Purpose room.

This year three hampers will be handed out to our 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize raffle winners, with the remaining hampers to be given to “**Very Special Kids**” by Rochelle and our school leaders. The presentation of these amazing hampers to “**Very Special Kids**” will now take place on **Tuesday 24th March**.

The raffle tickets have gone home with the eldest child from each family. To be in the raffle, that is to be drawn at the final assembly on **Friday 27th March**, your ticket butts and corresponding cash will need to be back to either your class rep or the office by **Monday 23rd March**.

We really appreciate your support and we are sure **Very Special Kids** will also enjoy your generosity!

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**Grade 5 Cocktail Party**

The Grade 5 Cocktail party is tomorrow night! **Friday 20th March, upstairs at “Lona”, 963 High Street Armadale.** An invitation with all the details has been handed out to all students by their classroom teacher. These parties are always a great night out, and a wonderful chance to meet parents and staff in an informal setting. If you have any questions, your class room rep will be more than happy to assist.

**Grade 6 Cocktail Party**

The Grade 6 cocktail has been rescheduled to **Friday 1st May 2015**. An invitation with all the details will be handed out to all students by their classroom teacher at the beginning of term two. If you have any questions, your class room rep will be more than happy to assist.

**Class Representatives**

The first class rep meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 15th April** before pick up. For further details please **Janine Sheean on janeshee@gmail.com**

**Icy Poles**

Don’t forget to put $1.00 in your child’s bag tomorrow for Icy Poles.

Kind regards

_Caz Laughton and Sarah Monahan_  
_PFA Co-Presidents_  
_Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com_
Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia in March each year, in many schools, workplaces and local communities.

It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

The day will be a fantastic opportunity to explore and celebrate our cultural diversity at Armadale.

The timetable for this year’s Harmony Day is as follows:

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<td>11.00-11.30am</td>
<td>Whole school recess</td>
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<td>11.30am-12.20pm</td>
<td>Harmony Day incursion for students, Western Creation, indigenous performance in MPC Performance 2 (other half of school, excluding Years 3/4 students)</td>
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<td>12.30-1.30pm</td>
<td>Whole school lunch</td>
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**Dressing up for the day**

Students will be able to come to school in clothing that is of cultural significance, or that represents a country of their choice, or in national flag colours.

**International Food tasting**

We would like students to taste and share international food with their classmates. If you would like to contribute food for your child’s class to taste, please ensure it is sliced and ready to be eaten in the classroom. If there are children with allergies, parents are requested to provide the appropriate food for their child. All food provided should be able to be served at room temperature, so please, no food that requires refrigeration or heating.

**Lunch**

We ask parents to please provide lunch for their child as usual on the day. The food tasting will be in addition to your child’s usual lunch.

**Class reps** could you please check with parents providing food that there is a variety of food, the appropriate amount, (remember, it is in addition to the children’s lunch) and not too much doubling up.

Grazie, and looking forward to a wonderful celebrazione!

Vita Vampatella
Italian Language Co-ordinator
MLC Gymnastics
Talent Day

When: Thursday 9th April, 2-4 pm
Where: MLC Gymnastics,
207 Barkers Road, KEW
Who: Girls born between 2007—2010

There is no cost involved in this holiday activity.
Please contact MLC Gymnastics
on 9274 6410 or email
doldens@mlc.clg.edu.au to enrol.

Gymnastics provides a great athletic base for all sports, developing your daughters
strength, flexibility, coordination and agility.
No gymnastics experience is necessary. If your daughter is small, strong and energetic,
then gymnastics might be the sport for her!

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Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at Armadale Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2.

Interested parents should call Sharon during office hours on 9818 2333

www.creativemusic.com.au

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Your LOCAL Community-Run Kindergarten offering 3 & 4 year old programs (limited places available)
9509 3187
www.armadaleec.vic.edu.au

3 Fulton Road, Armadale 3143
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Chase Basketball March/April Holiday Camps for Girls and Boys

The Chase Basketball team is happy to announce the opening of registrations for:

March/April SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS @ MSAC:
Beginner/Intermediate Camps (6-12 YR) 30th & 31st March, 7th & 8th April and 9th & 10th April @ 9am-3pm
Advanced (8-12 YR) 30th & 31st March and 7th & 8th April @ 9am-3pm
New – Advanced Plus Camps for Rep & Elite Players (9-14 YR) 30th & 31st March and 9th & 10th April @ 9am-3pm
Shoot 500 Clinic (8-12 YR) 1st April @ 9am-3pm

NEW ONE DAY SKILLS CAMPS – Boys & girls @ ALBERT PARK COLLEGE
Shooting Day (5-9 YR) 1st April @ 9am-3pm
All Skill Day (6-9YR) 2nd April @ 9am-3pm
Beginners Intermediate (6-9 YR) 7th & 8th April @ 9am-3pm
Junior Dribblers (5-7 YR) 9th April @ 9am-1pm
All Skills Day (6-9 YR) 10th April @ 9am-3pm

Head to www.chasebasketball.com.au for camp dates and details or to register. Alternatively, contact our Chase Basketball team at admin@gaze.com.au // 9699 2204.

Chase your best!
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5 Finch St,
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Fri 20th Mar:
9am - 5pm

GEELONG
All Saints Parish Hall,
113 Noble St,
Newtown
Mon 23rd Mar:
9am - 5pm

WILLIAMSTOWN
Lacrosse Club,
Cnr Garden St,
Williamstown
Tues 24th Mar:
9am - 5pm

CAMBERWELL
St David's Hall,
Cnr Burke Rd &
Mont Albert Rd,
Camberwell
Wed 25th Mar:
9am - 5pm

SANDRINGHAM
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Sandringham
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Enrichment, Education, Excitement - Become a Volunteer Host Family!

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Italy, Belgium, the USA, and France are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!

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