Dear Parents,

Our Curriculum Day on Monday 17th August was highly productive with all of our staff participating in our self-evaluation as we work towards our new Strategic Plan. We discussed our data and all of the programs, curriculum planning, opportunities for student growth and achievement that we have implemented and have produced successful outcomes for our students over the years.

Next Wednesday evening, August 26th it will be your opportunity to contribute to this self-evaluation in our Community Forum which will be held in the MPC at 7.00pm.

This opportunity to contribute in an open forum only happens once every 4 years so I am hoping that as many parents as possible will be able to make the evening and contribute to the new vision for the school.

The forum will be facilitated by our school councillors and I hope that the question prompts will foster robust and constructive discussion.

The questions will be centered around where shall we focus our future efforts to continue to improve our school.

• What have we done well?
• What shall we do more of / less of?
• What should Armadale Primary School look like in 5 years?
• What are the values that we should see in all of our students (top 5)
• What is our point of difference?

Looking forward to seeing many of next Wednesday evening.

Our annual TRIVIA NIGHT is on tomorrow evening at 7.00pm in the MPC.

Make sure you have your tables and babysitters booked for what should be a wonderful night out. Don’t forget to be dressed in your denim and diamonds and have your brain power fully charged. I am bringing my daughter Gabbi and son-in-law, Jason for an injection of youth and vitality and to compensate for any senior moments I might have! Looking forward to seeing our fabulous Armadale Community in action on the night.

Congratulations Kaya Cho!

Kaya Cho in 6N was recently awarded 2nd prize in an essay competition, “A United Community gives Light to the World” which was open to all the students in the Stonnington Community. Kaya will be presented with her prize, a $100 book voucher at Malvern Town Hall next week. It is wonderful to see so many of our children being awarded for their academic excellence.

Crossing supervision on Densham Road

Just a reminder to our parents that our crossing supervisor finishes her morning duty promptly at 9.00am. Therefore any parents bringing the children late to school and dropping them off on the eastern side of Densham or in Glassford are allowing their children to cross the crossing unsupervised. In the rush for children to not be late to school, I worry that they will just run across the road. In the interest of all children’s safety please ensure the children are safely at school well before 9.00am.

Random Acts of Kindness

Thank you to both Alice Hodgkinson and Nina Portnoy in 1/2 P for setting up a fairy stall on a Saturday afternoon to raise additional money to send to the children in Fiji. The girls raised $20.70 from their own crafted fairy products. Girls you brought a little bit of fairy dust and magic to our assembly yesterday morning as well.

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NAPLAN results

I am really pleased to be sharing with you our recent NAPLAN results for our year 3 and 5 students. Students will have brought their results home either yesterday or this afternoon and whilst our overall school results are above state mean, there were some outstanding individual results where our students perform off the charts. There may also be some individual disappointments and I would ask parents to remember that these tests are just a snapshot from one day back in early May and do not represent the sum of your whole child. More importantly as a school we look to the growth of our children over 2 years and were very pleased to see that the majority of children had achieved high – medium growth from Year 3 in 2013 to Year 5 in 2015. We also don’t compare our results with the year before, because they are different cohorts of children.

The areas asterisked are those focus areas for the whole school. As a school we will continue to target our teaching to individual students, to differentiate and to ensure that our teachers know how our students learn and how to get them to the next level of growth. Should you have any concerns regarding your child’s NAPLAN results please do not hesitate to speak to your child’s class teacher.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

Pedagogy Corner

I am pleased that Pedagogy Corner has sparked conversations about spelling. As a parent, I often have conversations with other parents about school. Concerns are universal. The aim of pedagogy corner is to demystify some of the myths about learning. One of the biggest myths about learning to spell is that many believe spelling is simply an act of memorization. Unfortunately storing the spelling of words in our long-term memory is not simply achieved by just memorising.

One way we can help young spellers to store words in their orthographic memory is to develop their sense of hearing and ability to segment words into phonemes.

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Last week I ended the segment with a spelling task:

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

When trying to solve this puzzle it is important to note the key words in this task. The key words are ‘usually use’ and ‘sound’ and ‘letter(s)’.

As proficient spellers we are aware that the /k/ sound can be represented by the letter(s) c OR k OR ch when we hear it at the start of a word. BUT how do we know when to use which letter(s)? It is for this reason that children need to be guided to discover some of the many consistencies in spelling.

When teaching spelling we need to guide children to discover that monosyllabic words that start with a /k/ sound will **USUALLY** be represented by the letter c. For example: cot; cake; clown; can; cat.

The task for next week is to determine when we use the letter(s) k or ch to represent the /k/ sound at the start of monosyllabic words?

Connie Apostolos-Thermos
Curriculum and Pedagogy Leader
Assistant Principal

Book Week 23-28 August
We are getting closer to 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 in the newsletter.

If you can give us an hour or two of your time it will be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to attend you can still contribute in a meaningful way by making a donation to our working bee fund – (Recommended $30 but you are welcome to contribute more) This money is used to buy equipment and supplies used on the working bee, eg, garden supplies, building materials, tools and tool hire, as well as plants trees etc that help improve our grounds throughout the year. Please use the form below, or the Qkr! app to make your payment.

Working Bee Donation
For those parents who will be unable to attend the Working Bee on Saturday 5 September, 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: ________________ 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: ___________________________

Skoolbo
The students in years 1-4 have been working on Skoolbo, an online program that has activities in English and Maths, and uses an algorithm to increase or decrease the difficulty of each activity based on the number of correct answers given in the previous activity. Most of the children should have their login details, but if they don’t I will make sure they do in the next few days.

Although it will work simple on your browser you can download a Skoolbo app for whatever platform you are using. This will allow for easier log in access and also shows more advanced graphic features. It may ask for the school code when you download the app. The correct code to use for Armadale is 28815GX. Please let me know if you have any problems with this.

The program is by no means compulsory. It is just one of a range of programs that we use at school and you may find it is helpful as a motivator to encourage your child to try some maths or English activities. Click here for a link to the app downloads (http://skoolbo.com.au/downloads/) or here to play the games.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
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

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:________________________
You Can Do It! Awards

Nathan Tan Prep C  For being a helpful and considerate friend to his classmates in Prep C.

Haydon Fa Prep P  For the great effort he puts into all his work. Well done Haydon!

Finn Johnston Prep P  For concentrating so well during Footsteps. Great dancing Finn!

Grace Ward Prep S  For being a kind and thoughtful friend and looking out for others. Thank you for being so considerate Grace!

Yohan Kim 1/2D  For the wonderful interest he has shown in our author studies and the effort he has put in to his illustrations. Great work, Yohan!

Zeke Roufail 1/2E  For being an enthusiastic learner and for his insightful contributions to class discussions.

Ruby Hyde 1/2K  For the enthusiasm and focus she displayed during footsteps when dancing with her partner.

Rudy Nass 1/2K  For the enthusiasm and focus he displayed during footsteps when dancing with his partner.

Max Schmidt 1/2P  For his conscientious effort when writing about his very busy long weekend. Well done Max.

Skye Park 3/4A  For remaining focused on your work and making the most of learning opportunities.

Anna Fyson 3/4A  For enthusiastically participating in tri-skills and encouraging others to be their best.

Grace O’Loughlin 3/4C  For the persistence and focus she is demonstrating with her writing. Keep it up Grace!

Luke Vickery 3/4E  For continuing to grow in confidence in all learning areas, inside and outside the classroom, while always being kind and respectful towards your classmates and teachers. You are a gem, Luke!

Thomas Dixon 3/4J  For being an enthusiastic class member. Thomas thinks creatively and deeply about many environmental issues. Keep it up Thomas!

Jeongwoo Choi 5B  For his assistance in helping a fellow classmate with a fraction task displaying kindness and patience. Thanks for your help, Jeongwoo!

Sami Skinner 6N  For his great effort in compiling a comprehensive list of words, based on Greek and Latin roots and producing a creative and well written paragraph using these words.

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
Visual Arts News

Visual Artist of the Week:
Chantael Croos 1/2P

For the fantastic flower she constructed using cardboard, wood and magiclay. She showed great skill in shaping and colouring her flower.

Visual Art Class of the Week:
1/2D

For the outstanding effort they made when painting their flower sculptures. You all listened carefully to the instructions and took care with the outdoor paint.

Street Art ‘Photography’ Competition

Thank you to all the students who saved their photos from the Street Art Tour into studentshare. It was very hard to choose 4 winners out of such a wonderful selection of photos. Student names and their photos will be included in next week’s newsletter. The pieces selected will be framed and used at the Trivia Night this Friday!

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Teacher
gorman.lucy.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Student Banking

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

- Oscar Sorell

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

- Ava Roufail
- Carrie Hogan
- George Schmidt
- Annabel Atkins
- Poppy Parker
- Kayla Rickard
- Maisie Henshaw
- William Castine

Well done everyone!

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator

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

2015’s Book Week is next week and we have a fantastic program of activities lined up!

**MONDAY 24**

**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 25**

**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 26**

**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 27**

**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 28**

**9:00-10:00 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. Weather permitting this will be held outside, alternatively it will be in the MPC.

**More Information on Events**


Any questions please contact Brett Leyshan.
E: Leyshan.brett.f@education.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.

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.
Book Fair Information

Preview Days:

Students will be visiting the Lamont Book Fair with their class on Monday and Tuesday. The students will be given a “Wish list” form to write down books they would like to purchase (the prep classes will be helped by buddies), the students then bring home the wish list and together you discuss which books they will get.

Purchasing books:

There are 3 different ways to purchase books:

Credit Card details
You can send credit card details with the books that you would like to purchase and these will be entered in at the end of day.

Cash (on the purchasing days)
As traditionally offered the school will take cash payments on the purchasing days. Students can purchase during the school day when their class is called up OR after school purchases can be made with parents.

Eftpos
There will also be an eftpos machine at the book fair, this facility will be available on purchasing days Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th.

What happens if the book I want sells out?
Don’t stress! This is a regular occurrence when a popular book is at the book fair. The book will be placed on back order and should be arriving at the school no later than 2-3 weeks later.
Parents & Friends for Armadale

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.

Prep & Year 1/2 Bulletins

Tomorrow night is TRIVIA NIGHT!!!

**Trivia Night:**
Only one day until the big night!

There are still people that need to pay for their tickets, so please do so within the next 24 hours, by QKR! or by cash or credit card at the office.

We have a very exciting array of silent auction items, and a beautiful Diamond Pendant has been donated to be sold by LIVE auction!

So please loosen the purse strings and bring out your generosity to support our wonderful school!

As in previous years, please bring your own glassware and food... Pizzas can also be ordered from Crust and delivered to the school...

You’re welcome to bring your own bubbles and beer.

There will also be a wine bar, which we hope you will support!

Looking forward to a fun night!

**Raffle items for the Trivia Night**
Thank you to all those that put in for the raffle items. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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 Cookbook Subcommittee will advise the new meeting schedule.

**Father’s Day**
The Father’s Day DIY stall will be held in the week of the 31st of August, the cost will be $5 per child.

A flyer with 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.

*Caz Laughton and Sarah Monahan*
*PFA Co-Presidents*
*Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com*
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!
TOORAK PRAHRAN CRICKET CLUB INC
2015/2016 Season registrations open for juniors and seniors

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:

a) TPCC junior club sides u/11s to u/17
b) Milo – 5 to 7
c) T20 Blast – 8 to 10
d) U10s intraclub
e) All girls cricket
f) MCA turf cricket
g) Juniors who want to play senior cricket
h) Seniors who want to play senior cricket

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

Please contact Steve Zayler if you have any queries (0439 284 284)
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
Junior Rockers runs instrumental music lessons right here at school. To find out all about our music lessons, head to our website. From there you can check which instruments are available at your school, get up to date pricing and apply for lessons online.

www.juniorrockers.com

Rather chat in person?

We’d love to speak to you. Call us on 1300 GO ROCK (1300 46 7625)

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

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