Dear Parents,

Happy 131st Birthday to our school!

I can’t believe that it was this time last year that we were gearing up for our 130th birthday celebrations. How the year has flown so quickly by and so much has happened. Despite it only been a 9 week term it certainly has been a busy one.

It is always a sad time at the end of term when we have to say farewell to our much loved families, with all of them moving out of Armadale to other locations. Sebastian and Liberty Chamberlain and their family are moving to Singapore for an exciting city change and a new school at the Australian International School in Singapore. Chloe and Ella D’Cruz are moving to Brighton Beach Primary and are excited with the new friends they will make; Sanika Kumar and her family are moving to Sydney and Birinderjit Singh and his family are moving to Berwick. We wish them all the very best and know that they will take fond memories of their time at Armadale with them.

We warmly welcome back Haruki and Nodoka Kobayashi to Armadale Primary as they have spent the last two terms at the English Language School and will now enjoy their learning to a much greater degree.

Congratulations Kate Pilgrim and Janine Sheean

Kate is the successful applicant for the Year 5 leave position and Janine is the successful applicant for Integration Aide position to support one of our Prep students through his education at Armadale Primary School. I look forward to continuing the work with both these staff members.

Working with Children Check (WWWC)

It was fabulous for Angela, Connie and I to see so many parents at our Parent Helpers’ session on Monday evening and it is so gratifying to know that we are able to call on parents to be actively involved in classrooms, excursions and Community events. I also recognise that whilst many parents would like to be more involved, it is not always possible because of work commitments. Within our excursion and incursion policy, it is a requirement that when parents volunteer in our classrooms or on excursions they must have a current WWWC. These are available online or may be applied for through Australia Post. In order for your name and number to be on our register, could you please ensure that you have nominated Armadale Primary School as a place where you volunteer.

Harmony Day

Today our students celebrated Harmony Day and it was a very fitting end to our first term. Our community is becoming increasingly richer through our diversity and celebrating our heritage and our roots is significant to the social and emotional development of a child. In order to have a sense of security children must have a strong sense of belonging and identity and that’s where our family history; culture; religion and heritage comes into play. The tapestry of our community is spread very far and this was highlighted by the many colours and costumes the children were wearing. Thank you to those families who were able to make food for the children to enjoy.

Our community is very grateful to Vita for singlehandedly organising such a fabulous day and congratulations to our Community and Cultural leaders, Sofia Pellegrini and Carlos Maciel Pizzorno Bazzo who did a wonderful job in hosting our Assembly and supporting Vita.

This Week’s Events

Friday 27 March
◆ Icypoles for sale at recess $1
◆ End of Term 1 - children dismissed at 2.30pm

Coming Events

Monday 13 April
◆ Term 2 commences at 9.00am

Tuesday 14 April
◆ Prep Reading Information Night 7.00-7.40pm

Wednesday 15 April
◆ Class Rep meeting
◆ Footy Colours Day

Monday 20 April
◆ Swimming program commences for Years 3,4,5&6 students

Tuesday 21 April
◆ Year 6 Gallipoli Youth Cup excursion

Friday 1 May
◆ Grade 6 Cocktail Party

Friday 8 May
◆ Mothers’ Day Stall / Event
◆ Grades 3&4 Cocktail Party

Friday 15 May
◆ Grades 1&2 Cocktail Party
Our Easter hampers were delivered to Very Special Kids!

Thank you so much to our very generous Armadale community for donating so many eggs and bunny’s to enable the teachers and students to put together 16 amazing hampers. It was a tricky job for the PFA to judge the three winning classes. Make sure you read the PFA section to see who these winners are!

I received an email from Jennifer yesterday who is in charge of fundraising.

“Dear Rochelle and Christine,
Thank you so much again for supporting Very Special Kids yesterday.

It was a pleasure to show you around the Hospice and meet the wonderful school leaders who showed a genuine interest in how we support Victorian families at Very Special Kids.

The children in the hospice will be sent home with hampers this week and Jack has already picked his hamper to take home.

We would love to continue a relationship with the school and have many ways you can get involved including Piggy Bank Appeal activities in September and Toy Drives in November.”

From Stonnington Council: Cyber Safety and Young People

FREE parent education session on Monday 27 April from 7pm-9pm about Cyber Safety and Young People.
Children born today are being referred to as "Digital Natives". Young people do not remember a time in their lives when they could not access a screen in order to play, to socialise and to learn. While there are many benefits for young people accessing the digital world, there are pitfalls to look out for also. You are invited to listen and participate in a Q&A panel with Steven Dupon (Manningham YMCA) who will discuss the impact of video games on young people and Kathy Walker who will talk about social media and related issues such as online bullying.

Speakers:
Steven Dupon - Manningham YMCA
Kathy Walker (OAM) - Early Life Foundation

Bookings Required:
For further information and to make bookings please visit the Stonnington website events page www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/events/?Cat=Children and Youth or click this link. For some web browsers you may need to copy and paste the link into your internet browser.

We received this Bulletin from the Education Department on Tuesday regarding smoking bans on school grounds S085-2015 New smoking bans to apply on school grounds and at school entrances.

♦ From 13 April 2015, smoking will be banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987.
♦ A similar ban applying to the entrances and grounds of Victorian childcare centres and kindergartens will be introduced at the same time.
♦ While smoking was banned on the grounds of all Victorian Government schools by the Minister for Education in 2009 via a Ministerial Ban Order, the new bans are enshrined in legislation and will also apply to Catholic and independent schools in Victoria, thereby ensuring a consistent approach across the government and non-government sectors.
♦ It is a legislative requirement that each school installs suitable ‘No smoking’ signs at all entrances to the school premises.
♦ Signs and other communication materials, such as posters and brochures, will be available to order free-of-charge from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) from late March 2015. These can be ordered from the Tobacco Reforms website: www.health.vic.gov.au/tobacco reforms.
♦ Please contact the Tobacco Control Section in the DHHS if you have any questions regarding the new smoking bans, via phone (03) 9096 0469, or via email tobacco.policy@health.vic.gov.au.

Happy holidays to all!
Just a reminder to parents that the children will be dismissed from our final assembly at 2.30pm tomorrow afternoon. School will resume for everyone on Monday 13th April at 9.00am.

There will be some roof works over the holidays and children accessing the holiday program or just coming in to play in the grounds will need to be mindful of any workmen and equipment and must keep a safe distance. When the men are working on the roof they will cordon off the area.

I wish all our Armadale families a wonderful term and Easter break, safe travels to those who are going away and enjoy having the children at home.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Assistant Principal

5 Star Status
We have finally received all of the official documentation and a new sign, telling us that Armadale Primary School is a 5 Star Sustainable School. This has been the culmination of 6 years of work by many students, staff and parents to ensure that our school has the highest possible standards when it comes to sustainability. Of course this doesn’t mean we should now rest on our laurels; we still need to work hard to ensure that these high standards are maintained and even improved on well into the future. To this end we will be introducing a system of certificates for the students who display great sustainability practices. These will be called our ‘Sustainability Heroes’ certificates and the first one is going to be the ‘Waste Warrior’ certificate. To achieve a Waste Warrior certificate the student will need to show that they are bringing 100% Nude Food every day. I am really hoping that the vast majority of our students will achieve this certificate in Term 2. I will remind everyone about this next term.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Premiers’ Reading Challenge is on again this year and we are now all set up and ready to go. Brett has registered all students and reassigned them to their new class. We will go through the process in the first couple of weeks back to make sure everyone is starting to enter books, but for those who feel confident and keen, you are welcome to log in and start entering books already. Usernames and passwords should be the same as last year. Click here to go to the PRC website.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal

Books for Fiji

Dear APS community

All the donations have now been collected. They look absolutely wonderful; in tip top condition and all excellent quality. For a school of 16 classes you excelled yourselves. It was two full carloads worth of donations. It was well over 1000 books. The donations will be enough for one Library and a top up to a kindergarten on the Fijian island of Kadavu. Congratulations APS!

A special thanks to Olivia Haddad, (mother of Gabriel and Raphael in Prep) for her great support with this project. I will email photos later in the year of the Libraries.

Thank you,
Fiona Luth

Green Team Excursion report

Two weeks ago the Senior Green team went on an excursion to learn about how to recycle and not create waste. When all the green team reps were at school we hopped on the bus, on the way we picked up Malvern Primary school, then all of us were ready to go.

When we got there some performers put on a little silly play which was really funny.

They gave us coloured stickers that were red, blue, yellow. Next we got into our groups and the groups were the coloured stickers, there were three groups and the first group was about making a little play.

The second activity we learnt about electricity, after the woman told us about global warming we got to play with some toys that ran by solar power.

The third activity we got to play with a magnifying glass and a spoon and we looked at bugs.

It was a great day and we learned a lot about sustainability. Thanks to Jen and Brett for taking us.

Bella S and Maddie F
Green Team Reps
Dear Parents and Students,

Our annual Footy Colours Day will be held on Friday 17th April (first Friday of Term 2).

We are looking forward to celebrating the 2015 AFL football season on this day. Children are asked to wear their favourite football team colours at a special assembly and parade on 17th April from 9:00am - 9:45am.

We will be running some special footy activities throughout the morning. Parents, family & friends are welcome at the parade.

Thank you.

Peter Cracknell & the Sports Leaders

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Sports News

Year 5 & 6 Sports Items

Dear Parents,

We have a number of modified sport sessions and gala days coming up in term 2 & 3, Hockey, Softbase (modified Lacrosse), Soccer, Basketball, Football where the following items would be particularly beneficial:

- long socks (any pattern)
- shinpads (soccer style)
- mouthguard (chemist or sport store)

These are highly recommended. We have a limited number of small shin pads available at school.

These items will be used in the first Friday sport session after the holidays.

Year 5 & 6 Sports Polo Shirts

As part of our Armadale PS school uniform, all children in year 5 & 6 require a Year 5 & 6 Sports Polo Shirt. These are to be worn weekly for sport sessions (Fridays only), interschool sport gala days & special sports events. **The sports tops cost $25 and need to be ordered through the school (not PSW) on the envelope distributed last week and forwarded to the main office via your child’s class teacher.** Approximate sizing has been organised for children and additional stock will be available immediately after the holidays. We would like to see all Year 5 & 6 children wearing their new sports tops (on Fridays and special sports events only) as part of our sport education program from the first Friday of term 2. I apologise for the delay in the ordering process.

If you have any queries please contact me.

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Swimming Term 2 - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Attached to today’s newsletter on page 7 are all the details regarding next term’s 9 lesson swimming program for the Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 students which commences on Monday 20 April.

Please read all the information about lesson times and if you are able to help with walking to and from the pool, please let your child’s class teacher know by Wednesday 15 April.

All parents wishing to help with this swimming program will need to have a current Working With Children Check.

Regards

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

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Peter Cracknell & the Sports Leaders
Parents & Friends for Armadale

Hi everyone,

We would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter and a safe holiday break.

But before we go..... Congratulations to 1/2K for winning the Easter Hamper competition!!! And to Prep P who came in second place and 1/2D with third place. Also a very big thank you to all classes for their amazing creations!

Rochelle and our school leaders took the remaining hampers to "Very Special Kids" on Tuesday which I believe was a great success, and one we will hear more about on Friday in assembly.

Also in assembly on Friday, we will be drawing the winners of the Easter Raffle.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for all your efforts this term and we look forward to another fun term when we return on the Monday 13th April.

Term two will be another busy and fun time, starting with ... ♦ Class rep meeting – Wednesday 15th April ♦ Grade 6 Cocktail Party – Friday 1st May 2015 ♦ Mother’s Day Stall / Event – Friday 8th May 2015 ♦ Grade 3/4 Cocktail Party – Friday 8th May 2015 ♦ Grade 1/2 Cocktail Party – Friday 15th May 2015

Stay tuned for further details.

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

Gallipoli Youth Cup
Tuesday 21st April
Year 6 Excursion

On Tuesday 21st April, all year 6 students will be involved in the Gallipoli Youth Cup’s School Commemoration Program at Melbourne Park. There is no cost involved and permission will be covered in the Term 2 excursion levy form. Children will travel by bus. Children are to wear school uniform, including their school sports tops and bring their lunch. Activities on the day include:

♦ Commemorative Education
   The program has been specifically designed to educate students in a commemorative format and deliberates on Australia’s great war – World War I and the ANZACs. The program is recognised by RSL Victoria and the presentation is conducted by the CEO of RSL Victoria Michael Annett.

♦ Tour of Rod Laver Arena
   Students are taken on a ‘behind the scenes’ tour of the Australian Open. These restricted areas are exclusive to the Australian Open players and made available for students of the School Commemoration Program.

♦ Tennis Activities
   An exciting array of tennis activities have been developed for students, including educational benefits of living a healthy lifestyle.

♦ Gallipoli Youth Cup Tennis Tournament
   Students will also view the exciting Gallipoli Youth Cup Tennis Tournament.

Peter Cracknell

Harmony Day

Thank you to all the parents for providing food for the students to share today.

Thank you also to the students for dressing up and for singing so beautifully.

Next term we will have some more photos from today to share with you on the school website.

Vita Vampatella
Dear Parents,

The Swimming Program gives each child an opportunity to enjoy physical activity as well as gaining a valuable life skill. Activities to develop confidence in water, swimming stroke development and water safety aspects will be covered in the intensive program beginning Monday 20th April. This program complements the school PE program and all children are expected to attend.

Term 2 Swimming arrangements for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Swimming lessons for Term 2 will commence for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 children on Monday 20th April. They will be held at the Lauriston Girls’ School Swim Centre Huntingtower Road, Armadale. This year we are running an intensive swimming program on the following dates over two weeks:

Monday 20th April, Wednesday 22nd April, Thursday 23rd April, Monday 27th April, Tuesday 28th April, Wednesday 29th April, Thursday 30th April, Monday 4th May, Tuesday 5th May (9 lessons in total).

Each lesson will be approximately 40 minutes with trained swimming instructors provided at the following times:

- 6N & 6Z (9:30-10:10am);
- 5B & 5P (10:10-10:50am);
- 3/4 J & 3/4 E (10:50-11:30am);
- 3/4C & 3/4A (11:30am-12:10pm)

Cost & permission:

- Included in the Term 2 excursion levy form sent out at the end of term 1
- Transport:
  - Teachers will supervise the walk to and from the pool.

Swimming Items

- To assist with the changing process children swimming at the earlier lesson times can wear their bather to school under their school uniform, prior to walking to the pool. (NB: Girls should wear one piece and boys ‘speedos’ style) Please remember to supply underwear for your child when changing after the lesson.
- Goggles are highly recommended and need to be provided by parents prior to the commencement of the program There will be no borrowing of goggles from the pool.
- Named house swim caps will be provided by Armadale Primary School and are included in the cost for all students. These will be distributed to each Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 child at the beginning of the program. Additional caps will be on sale for $5.00
- Children also need to bring a towel and labelled swimming bag/sports bag. A plastic bag is not recommended

ALL SWIMMERS MUST WEAR A CAP - GOGGLES ARE OPTIONAL BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Parent Assistance Required

Teachers require any parents who are able to assist with walking children to/from the pool and assist with supervision/changing. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the form and tear off slip below and return to your child’s class teacher if you can assist. Please note all parents wishing to help with swimming will need to have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). Parents of all children are welcome to attend swimming lessons after the first lesson.

Medical Information

Children can be exempted on medical grounds. The confidential medical swimming exemption form is available under the Parents tab & Forms from the school website. It needs to be completed, signed by parents and returned to the office prior to the commencement of the program so that adequate supervision can be arranged.

- PARENTS – PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO SWIM IF THEY HAVE HAD DIARRHOEA WITHIN THE PAST SEVEN DAYS

If you have any further queries please contact me or your child’s class teacher.

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co ordinator

SWIMMING PROGRAM TERM 2 2015 – PARENT ASSISTANCE

NB: all parents wishing to help with swimming will need to have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC).

Please note the children will be departing school at the following times

(approximately 30 minutes prior to the commencement of their lesson):

- 6N & 6Z (9:00am);
- 5B & 5P (9:40am);
- 3/4 J & 3/4E (10:20am);
- 3/4C & 3/4A (11:00am)

☑ YES, I can assist with supervision with walking to/from the pool and supervision on the following dates (please circle)

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Please return directly to your child’s class teacher by Wednesday 15th April if you can assist
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Dance for everybody...
A New Dance Phenomenon has arrived in Stonnington
Epic dance classes are a 45 minute fusion of Hip Hop, Break, Acrobatics, Gymnastics, Funk and Jazz dance, for all ages, genders & levels.
Studio Location is: Prahran RSL Memorial Hall @ 301 High St Prahran. Mon Tues Wed or Thurs from 4pm
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Special “Grand Opening” Offer

Enroll now and get 50% off your first term fees.
That’s half price for an entire term of wicked dance classes
Free trial classes are available at anytime
Classes filling quickly so call Elissa now: 0412 504 054
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Bayside | Prahran | Hawthorn
Kids Gymnastics Centres
boys and girls | 2yrs+

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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.

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**30 March – 10 April 2015**

**For further information or to book, please visit**


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**Stonnington Holiday Program**

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**Weekly Program**

**Week 1**

**Monday 6th April**

Easter Monday – No Program

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**Week 2**

**Monday 13th April**

Buddle Soccer and Bouquet Yarra Bend Centre

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**Tuesday 14th April**

Soccer Camp at The Yarra Bend

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**Wednesday 15th April**

Mountain Bike Riding at the Surf Coast

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**Thursday 16th April**

Fun Park

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**Friday 17th April**

Yates Adventure in Bellarine

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**Posters**

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**30 March – 10 April 2015**

For further information or to book, please visit www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/thp

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**Next Gen School Holiday Dance Program**

3 huge days of holiday dance!

This year’s School Holiday Dance Programs will be on Jan 13-15th, Mar 30th – Apr 1st, July 7th-9th, Sept 29th – Oct 1st 2015

Choose one day, two days OR ALL THREE DAYS!

4-6 years Dance & Play

9:30 - 12:00 am registration, 1:00 pm or 3:15pm pick up

Each day ends at 3:00pm with 3:30pm with a fun performance for family and friends!

6-8 years & 9-12 years Dance Program

8:35 – 9:00am registration, 10:00am or 3:15pm pick up

Each day ends at 3:15pm performance only.

1 day

10:00pm finish $50

3:30pm finish $65

2 days

10:00pm finish $85

3:30pm finish $115

3 days

10:00pm finish $115

3:30pm finish $165


**An amazing day**

**loads of dancing**

**and more!**

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