Dear Armadale Community,

A warm welcome back to all of our community to what we will be a fast paced action packed term that will inevitably fly by incredibly quickly. There has been much planned for the children to engage and enrich their learning and many opportunities for our community to strengthen the partnership with our school through being involved in the learning in school; excursions; special events such as the fun-run; the forthcoming swimming program for the junior school, Family Fun Night and the end of year performances and concerts. Numerous hands on science and environment excursions have been planned, learning experiences around economics, media excursions as well as all of the children participating in Yoga this term.

The school is enjoying heightened excitement at the moment as our musical comedy, Honk Jr will be performed next Tuesday and Wednesday night at the Phoenix theatre in Elwood.

The children will be afforded the opportunity to see highlights from the show this afternoon, but of course the only way to really see it properly and appreciate the amazing talents of our children is at the Theatre. I believe that there are just a few tickets left and you don’t want to miss out.

Kiss and Go zones in Densham Road and Northcote Road
These have been working incredibly well and have aided easier dropping off and picking up children at both peak times in the morning and afternoons. I am very grateful to my school councillors for being involved and donning a high vis vest to assist parents with this transition.

Stonnington Council have also changed some of the signage along Densham Road in front of 2J’s classroom, parents need to check the parking signs and make sure that it doesn’t become an expensive pick up. Unfortunately I believe tickets have already been issued. Could I also request that parents advise grandparents, other extended family members; and baby sitters of the changed rules as yesterday afternoon there were 3 parked cars left in Densham road unattended and I know parking officers will have a highly visible presence next week.

Not very community minded at all!
Unfortunately over the holidays, I had communication from a very distressed parent about a letter received that purported to be from the school representing the “Armadale Community”. The contents of the letter were not factual and were accusatory and the letter was left unsigned. Should there ever be issues of concern that parents have, please do not take issue with other parents over this as we have a concerns and complaints policy in place with appropriate processes that I expect all of our community to follow. In teaching the children to demonstrate respectful behaviour at all times to each other, at the very least I expect parents to be the best role models of this. I hope that none of our Armadale Community will ever experience this again and I recognise that this was not a typical action that is representative of our community.

Fun Run October 27th at Romanis Reserve
The children would have brought home their yellow sponsorship forms for our annual Fun Run on the last day of Term 3. We will hold this year’s Fun Run on

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Thursday October 27th at Romanis Reserve. It would be wonderful if the children can collect as many sponsors as possible for each lap that they can complete. All of the monies raised will go towards improving the security of our beautiful school. We would be very grateful for your help on the day and please let your class rep know what you can do.

**Child Safe Standards**

The Victorian Government is introducing child safe standards to improve the way organisations that provide services for children, prevent and respond to child abuse that may occur within their organisation. The standards are compulsory for all organisations providing services to children, and aim to drive cultural change in organisations so that protecting children from abuse is embedded in the everyday thinking and practice of leaders, staff and volunteers.

This will assist organisations to:

- Prevent child abuse
- Encourage reporting of any abuse that does occur
- Improve responses to any allegations of child abuse.

Children have the right to be safe and protected from harm, including at school. In 2013, the Victorian Parliament held an inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-Government Organisations, which resulted in the Betrayal of Trust Final Report.

As a result, the Victorian Government now requires schools to implement the child safe standards. The Standards apply not only to schools, but to all organisations that work with children.

There are seven standards - they require school staff, the school council and the school community to implement measures to ensure our children are safe at all times. The Standards also require schools to ensure children are empowered and active participants in their own safety – by giving children a voice!

At Armadale Primary School we take our responsibility for keeping our children safe very seriously. Schools have to meet legal requirements for the care, safety and welfare of students. From 1 August 2016, all schools need to meet the child safe standards to achieve a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Over the coming weeks, we will be talking to all members of our school community about how to achieve a zero tolerance approach to child abuse. This will include specific actions that school council and the leadership team are taking to make our school safer.

We have started this conversation with our commitment to child safety, with a drafting of a child safety policy and a code of conduct for all school staff including volunteers and contractors to ensure that everyone knows how to keep children safe. We will also be working with all our students so they know what to do if they feel unsafe and we will be talking about what members of the school community need to do to respond to, and report child abuse. Everyone has a role in protecting children from child abuse. Have a wonderful week everyone
Walk to School
As I mentioned in the last newsletter, October is Walk to School Month, an initiative of the state and local governments, so we are encouraging all of our students to be a bit more active in their travel to school. Stonnington Council is supporting this initiative and here are prizes and certificates to be won for both the school and individuals. As with our Ride to School Day in March we also encourage all forms of active travel, so riding, skating and scooting are also encouraged. Each class has been given a special checklist to complete each day of October, awarding a tick to each child who has actively travelled to school that day. In combination with our new ‘Kiss and Go’ parking strategy, this should really help to relieve some of the congestion that we experience around our school at the start and end of the school day.

Honk!
I had the pleasure of watching some of the rehearsals for Honk! over the past few weeks and I am very impressed with the quality of the performances and the entertainment value of the show. If you have not already bought tickets for the performances I strongly suggest you get in early to avoid any disappointments. Our school production only occurs once every 2 years and you would certainly not want to miss this one.

Acceptable Use Agreements
Thanks to all of the parents in years 1 and 2 who have completed their Acceptable Use Agreements in conjunction with their children. These are really important documents that help us to know that you and your children have a clear understanding of what ‘acceptable use’ actually means in day to day terms when using digital technologies. If you have misplaced the form please click on this link to access a copy. If you would like to see a copy of the Year 3-6 Acceptable Use Agreement you can find it on the school website under Parents and Forms.

Malcolm Dow

Thank you to the following families who made a donation to our Grounds Fund this week:
- Anderson
- Chadwick
- Coath
- Haddad
- Hunt
- Imam
- Nguyen
- Officer
- Portnoy

Working Bee donation
For those parents who were unable to attend the recent Working Bee, 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 $ _____ donation to the APS Grounds fund

Family Name: _________________________ Pay by:

☐ Qkr! (under the Essential items tab)

☐ 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
Pedagogy Corner

How much are we to blame?

I enjoy having robust discussions. Opinions given, ideas are challenged and conversation flows. This is the type of holiday I recently experienced with friends and family when we escaped ‘life of today’. We did not have access to computers, telephones or television so our nights were spent sitting around a fire doing ‘old fashioned stuff’. The topic of maths was raised by one of the adults. It was interesting to have adult and children perspectives on learning at school. It was alarming to hear children speak about maths in terms of right and wrong and that some of them are ‘just not good at maths’. The adults held views that it is the teacher’s fault because their children are not taught the ‘right’ way to do it.

WOW! Is it any surprise that, as a nation, we are struggling to get students to study maths at VCE and beyond high school? Why don’t children like maths?

We all agree that maths is an integral part of our lives. Understanding and applying mathematical concepts is essential to our present and future existence. Yet we are struggling to get our youth to invest in maths. What are we doing wrong?

I realised that change needs to come from us – the adults. It is our attitudes and perceptions of what maths is that influences and impacts on how our children view themselves as maths learners.

The following article was recently published in The Age. Titled ‘Philosophy, beauty, complexity: what you are missing out on if you don’t do the maths’, appeals to the reader to look at maths as a ‘creative enterprise’ if we want it to be ‘back in favour’ with our young.


Connie Apostolos-Thermos (Curriculum and Pedagogy Leader)

Italian day

On Thursday the 15th of September Armadale Primary celebrated Italian day, where everyone dressed up in the Italian flag colours. At the start of the day we had an assembly where every grade sang a song in Italian. After the assembly we split up into different groups. Some of the activities we did were bocce, giant soccer, pasta making and pasta map making.

At the end of Italian day, years 5 and 6 did a fashion parade where they dressed up while their partner described what they were wearing in Italian.

Grazie to all the parents who helped on the day, and special thanks to Maurizio, Leo’s dad, Bes, Amar’s dad, and Gabby, Rudy and Luelia’s mum, for running the soccer and pasta activities.

We interviewed some students about what their favourite activity was:

Zoe’s favourite activity was giant soccer.

Peter’s favourite activity was soccer skills

Ayaha’s favourite activity was paper plate pasta and pizza.

Michael’s favourite activities were eating gelato and giant soccer.

Please see school website next week for amazing photos! Maya and Angela 5G

Sunhats

As the UV level is increasing at this time of year, we want all children to wear their sunhats at school from next term. From the first day of this Term we will be enforcing the ‘no hat no play’ policy.

Student Banking

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

Luca Karafili
Henry Maidment

A Silver Dollarmites Certificate is also awarded to Monique Labrosse for making 20 deposits this year.

Well done!
Alison Crone
School Banking Co-ordinator
The Arts News

HONK! Jr tickets now on sale!

Don’t forget that tickets for our 3-6 production HONK! Jr are now on sale!

Please follow the link below to purchase tickets:
They are bound to sell out, so get in quick if you are after good seats! Everyone in the cast is looking forward to show time!

Laura Welch
The Arts Co-ordinator
Welch.laura.l@educmail.vic.gov.au

Library News

Please return any books that you had over the holidays or any others that have been held on to for a bit too long. This Term in the Library we are celebrating Student Art with a collection of pieces up around the room, they look fantastic!

Happy reading,

Brett Leyshon
Leyshan.brett.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

Scholastic Book Club

Latest Book Club brochures for Issue 7 were distributed through the classrooms this week. Orders to be placed by Friday 14th October. Have you tried using the LOOP system? It is the best way to order - see the back page of the brochure.

Alison Crone

Parents & Friends of Armadale (PFA)

Hi Armadale families,
Welcome back to term 4.

Fun Run Thursday 27th October

Sponsorship forms were distributed at the end of last term and for anyone absent the remaining forms were given to the teachers and distributed to children yesterday. If you haven’t got a form or it has been lost, there are spare forms at the office.

Icy Pole Friday will resume when the weather improves.

Save the Date

Family Fun Night Friday 25th November

The Armadale PFA Committee
Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com

18 October, 9.15am
Prospective families are invited to join our Principal for morning tea, followed by a tour.
Bookings essential
P 9822 3247 | E auburnhs@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Armadale Primary School’s Production of

HONK!

Tuesday 11 October & Wednesday 12 October

Venue:
Phoenix Theatre
Elwood College
101 Glenhuntly Road
Elwood

Performance Dates:
Tuesday 11 October 7.00pm
Wednesday 12 October 7.00pm
♦ Special Pre-show entertainment before each show

Tickets are now on sale!
Follow the link to the trybooking site on the Honk! Jr. page of the school website to purchase tickets.

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Where: Italian Room
When: Thursday Lunchtimes
13th October – 15th December 2016
Cost: $90 per term ($80 for 2nd Sibling)
Benefits: Strategic thinking, improved self esteem, attention span in class, lateral thinking, team work, analytical skills.

For more info contact Phil on 0421 901 530

Forward this section & payment in an enveloped marked “Chess Coaching” to the school office.

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Child’s Full Name: _________________
Grade: ___ School: ________________
Email: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________

Payment Due: Friday 28th October

Cheques: Payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”
EFT: Bank: CBA Acc Name: Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd
BSB: 063201 Acc: 10049289
** please place child’s name on Bank Ref**

$90 cheque: ☐ EFT: ☐

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www.kickafootball.net

Who: Prep to Year 2
Boys & Girls - All skill levels
When: Mondays, 6:00-6:45am
Duration: 11 weeks
Term: 3rd October to 12th December
Where: Astro-turf pitch
Cost: $ 220 Upfront payment

After a successful Term 3 and great feedback from kids & parents, we are proud to be back at Armadale Primary in Term 4.

Bonus: Free FFA branded KickAFootball kit/ uniform (shorts and t-shirt) for every new student

JOIN THE FUN, BE ACTIVE and learn/improve your football skills from EXPERIENCED ITALIAN COACHES
Sibling & referral / introduction Italian discount available!

The Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation & First Communion will all be celebrated at St. Joseph’s Church Malvern in 2017.

Enrolments will open on Saturday 22nd October at 6:00pm for Reconciliation and First Communion only via the Parish Website: www.stjosephsmalvern.org.au

Confirmation: date is still to be confirmed, please keep a watch on our website

THERE ARE LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE FOR ALL SACRAMENTS