



ARMADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

From
Ms Blundell

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Dear Parents and Carers

Grant Opportunity

The school has the opportunity to apply for a grant of between \$1000 and \$20 000 that cover a number of areas such as furniture, playground equipment, computer/ICT equipment, landscaping, capital works, student wellbeing and mental health support and shade structures. We are not able to apply for multiple grants so we need to look at what will benefit the school and students best. A discussion with the Leadership Team has identified the need for 5 more Prowise boards which is achievable with the grant. We currently do not have enough money in reserves to be able to do this outright and I am hesitant to commit the school to another leasing agreement. In the application process I need to be able to demonstrate that this is a good use of public money and how this will benefit students. If you have another idea, please put forward a proposal and it will be considered. If you would like to submit a proposal, email Armadale.PS@education.wa.edu.au.

We only have until the end of September to finalise the application so get your proposal in quickly.

Payment Plans

To help families meet the rising costs of education and in particular extra-curricular activities, payment plans can be entered into with the school. The money can be used for uniforms, excursions, swimming lessons, school photos and especially big ticket items such as camp.

For those parents receiving Centrelink payments, we can receive payments directly from this organisation each fortnight. If you would like to set up a payment plan please see Mrs Salbie in the office for further information.

NAIDOC

Students participated in a number of activities throughout last week in recognition and celebration of NAIDOC Week. The students in Area 5 did a wonderful item at the assembly about "How Birds got their Colour" in keeping with the NAIDOC theme and they also resented some very persuasive arguments on a number of topics. History House presented to each class in the school and the Year 4 and 5 students enjoyed learning about Aboriginal history and culture through traditional Aboriginal games. Most students also attended a wonderful Musica Viva performance by Wyniss, a Torres Strait Islander group. All in all, it was a very busy week for the school.

Assemblies

A number of the ANZAC poppies created by students, located in the gardens behind the flagpole, were broken at last week's assembly by younger siblings at the assembly who did not appear to be supervised. Whilst we encourage you to bring younger siblings to the assembly we would ask that you supervise these children so that the assembly is conducted without interruption.

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Cyber Bullying

Bullying via social media has become a major problem in society and it is also starting to impact on some of the students in our school. If you allow your child to access social media platforms please monitor what they are putting on line and what they are saying to, or about other students. Online safety is part of the WA Curriculum but there are websites that parents can access, one being, www.esafety.gov.au to help deliver the message to students about keeping themselves safe and responsible use of social media. Students do not have the emotional maturity to understand the impact they can have on others through inappropriate use of these sites not do they fully comprehend the danger that they can be placing themselves in when they give out information that can identify them or accept friend requests from people they don't actually know. The site has a section specifically directed to parents and carers with information and tips to help you and your child navigate the online world. It also provides information on what to do and where to go if your child is being bullied online or if your child receives inappropriate content.

Book Week Parade

The APS annual Book Week Parade was held yesterday with a fantastic array of costumes and characters. A huge thank you to all those families, especially parents and carers, that go to a lot of effort to ensure their child feels a part of this celebration of all things books and reading. A big thank you to all of our wonderful staff who have made a big effort to get into character for the day. The students absolutely love the day and just quietly, I think we have some staff who would like to dress up every day.

Parent Open Night

Our annual Parent Open Night will be on Wednesday 4th September with classrooms open from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to come in and see what is happening in their child class. Teachers are available to answer general questions regarding routines, expectations and activities. If you are wanting to have a conversation about your child's progress, please make arrangements to have the meeting at a mutually convenient time.

DDSA Cross Country

To those students selected to compete in the DDSA Cross Country at Roleystone on Friday, we wish you all the very best and we know you will do yourselves and your school proud.

Staff Development Day

A reminder to all families that Monday 26 August is the Staff Development Day. Students are not to attend school on that day.

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PRINCIPAL

Dates to Remember

22nd August	School Photos
23rd August	Kindy 2020 Enrolment forms due DDSA Cross Country @ Roleystone Community College
26th August	School Development Day STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
30th August	One Big Voice @ RAC Arena
3rd September	P&C Meeting
4th September	Parent Open Night 4.30pm—6.30pm

Term 3 Assembly Roster

Date	Control Class			Item Class		
	Year	Area	Teacher	Year	Area	Teacher
30 August	1	4	Mrs Verissimo	PP 1, 2 & 3		Pre Primary teachers
13 September	3	8	Miss Harvey	5	12	Mrs Harris
20 September	Faction Athletics Carnival					
27 September	6	9	Mrs Pollard	6	9	Mrs Pollard

SCHOOL PHOTOS INFORMATION

Our School Photos will be taken on:
Thursday 22nd of August 2019

Class Photos/Portraits:

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child will be given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student shootkey. Log onto www.msp.com.au and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you lose your shootkey the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is the **28.08.2019**. Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee. You can email your order request through to reorders.perth@msp.com.au or call our office on 08 9240 8000

Family Photos:

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- If you do not have the correct money we will provide any change needed **when photos are delivered to school.**
- Family photos **cannot** be ordered online.

Special/Sports Group Photos:

- If your child is in a Special/Sports photo you will receive a link and password to the online gallery after photo day. You can then view and order if required. Photos will be delivered with the school's bulk order. **Please Note: Class Groups, Individuals and Family Photos are *not* available to view online**

Time	Class/ Group
8:20am	Family photos
8:50am	Area 15
9:30am	Kindy - Possums
9:40am	PP2
10:00am	PP3
10:20am	Area 7
11:00am	Area 6
11:20am	Area 12
12:00pm	Area 8
12:20pm	Area 5

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week celebrations were held across our school during Week 5. The local History House Museum shared Noongar culture including hands on exploration of artefacts used in the gathering of food, food/ medicine and seasonal use of these. The Musica Viva incursion was highly engaging and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Later in the week our Year 4 and 5 students were involved in Indigenous games facilitated by the Stephen Michael Foundation. Ask your child what they learnt from their involvement.



Term Three in Science

As part of Human Endeavour, all classes will explore the lives of people who have made major contributions in the field of Science as well as the importance of bees in Biology. We will look at how indigenous people have managed the environment and passed on knowledge of seasons for their own survival and needs. We have open night this term, as well as the Science Slam Wednesday 25th September. For Science Slam, students can register their interest in presenting a science concept in two-minutes. Time to be advised.

Pre-Primary:

We will explore the needs of plants, pets and animals this term and set up simple observations of plants in various conditions to determine their needs. We will monitor the growth of plants and explore the function of their parts by creating a plant collage over time. We will continue to ask scientific questions and conduct simple experiments to find out about needs and wants.

Year One

Students will explore the external features of plants and animals and how they are used to help the plants and animals to obtain food and adapt to their different environments. Year Ones will get up close and personal with snails and explore their features and the type of diet they prefer. We will observe a variety of invertebrates and understand the important functions of their body parts. We will continue to focus on responding to questions in Science and recording observations.

Year Two

We will look at the growth and change of animals and plants over their lifecycles. Some animals go through a metamorphosis where they change the structure of their body completely like caterpillars and tadpoles, others have a simple life cycle and may have the same structure as their parent like humans, cats and dogs. We will observe changes to mealworms and plants and explore the factors that may affect the growth of both plants and animals. The emphasis will be on asking questions for investigating purposes and recording observations in a variety of ways.

Year Three

We will explore the way scientists categorise all things as living, once living and non-living. MRS GREN is a useful acronym for students to remember the life processes that all living things can do. We will explore how invertebrates and plants respond to stimulus such as light and food, as well as the importance of food chains and food webs. For Inquiry Science, the emphasis will be on recording data and observations in a variety of ways.

Year Four

We will look at a range of life cycles of different organisms and compare them. Flowers play a vital role in the production of food and we will explore the life cycle of plants. We will explore the environmental factors that can affect lives and the interdependence of living things for survival including food webs and food chains. Ecosystems are susceptible to changes and we will look at the cause and effect of both natural and human factors. Students will focus on planning for investigations including fair testing.

Year Five

Animals and plants have special adaptations to enable them to survive in their environment including camouflage, conserving water, finding food and coping with changes in the weather or climate. By exploring different biomes and organisms found in these regions, students will begin to understand the importance of adaptations. We will continue to work on skills of investigations such as planning and conducting experiments and looking at ways to improve procedures including ensuring fair testing. Recording data, classifying and applying knowledge will be key components this term.

Year Six:

We will investigate how living things are impacted by the physical conditions of their environment. We will explore the growth of yeast, mould and bacteria in various conditions. Organisms can survive extreme environments such as the desert or polar regions and we will compare some of these. Agricultural methods and changes over the years have had an impact on plant and animal management in both positive and negative ways. The students will continue to work on skills of investigations such as planning and conducting experiments as well as looking at ways to improve procedures including safety and fair testing. Recording data, classifying, producing graphical displays and applying knowledge will be key components this semester.

Ms Richer
Science Teacher

MUSIC NOTES

Musica Viva

Last Thursday was our **Musica Viva Incursion** with the Torres Strait Island music group 'Wyniss'. All classes from Pre Primary to Year 6 had spent the past six weeks learning all about the music and culture of the group, in preparation for the concerts. What a wonderful experience the concerts were. The musicians from 'Wyniss' were engaging, humorous and had us all singing along and joining in with the actions for various songs.

Thank you to our school community for their support and to our students for their genuine interest and participation.



Senior Choir

One Big Voice and Senior Dale Fest.

Last week, on Wednesday 14th August, was **Senior Dale Fest**. The theme for the fest was UNITY, and our school sang 'We're all in this together'. With all the preparation for One Big Voice to do at the same time, we were a bit rushed to get ready for Dale Fest, but as always, our students rose beautifully to the challenge.

Next Friday, 30th August, it will be time for **One Big Voice** at the RAC Arena in Perth. 11 songs to have from memory, plus actions to remember... it's a big sing for sure! Four of our students were selected to be comperes, instrumentalists and even a soloist. Jordan Anthony from this year's season of the 'The Voice' is a special guest performer as well! Tickets are still available through Ticketek. Our school choir is in the Mozart section, in the evening session.

Ms Hartley
(APS Music Specialist)



Bookweek 2019



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P&C and Community News

Uniform Shop—Term 3 Dates

Friday 30th August 8:00-8:20 Wednesday 11th September 2:30-2:50

Friday 27th September 8:00-8:20

At all other times, you may complete an order form and, with payment, place it in the P&C blue box behind the Deputies' Office, where it will be filled and passed onto your child's class teacher. Please be reminded that payments to the P&C are **cash or cheque only**.

Our uniform shop is staffed by parent helpers, if you are able to assist at any of the open days, please contact Melinda Linton via the shop. All assistance is appreciated.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

FATHER'S DAY STALL

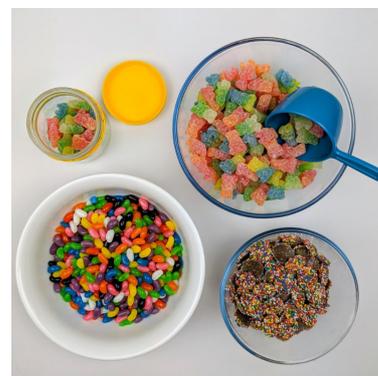
Get the kids onto some extra chores this week so they can earn some pocket money to buy dad or a special man in their life an awesome gift for Father's Day.

This year we have a unique way to give your dad something he'll love AND help the environment. All the kids need is a clean recycled jar that we can fill with a selection of dad's favourite treats for just \$3.50 a scoop.

Come visit the Father's Day Stall after school in the breezeway in Week 6- Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th August. Yes that's right -next week! We will also be set up next to the canteen on the morning before assembly on the 30th.

Last years stock will also be available from \$1.00.

The P&C look forward to seeing you in the breezeway after school in week 6 with your jar.



To keep up to date with P&C events and news please follow the Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/
groups/321969124619491/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/321969124619491/)

Thank you

Selina Clarke and Alison Larke

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WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

WEEK 6: AUG 27-30. FATHER'S DAY STALL

WEEK 7: TUES SEPT 3. P&C MEETING

WEEK 8: FRIDAY 13 SEPT. DISCO

WEEK 9: FRI 20 SEPT. FACTION CARNIVAL
BACON & EGG COOKUP & CAKE STALL

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FOR MORE INFO

2019 Kelmscott Idol

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In conjunction with the Make Smoking History Kelmscott Show, categories in the Kelmscott Idol are:

Juniors 8-12yrs, Seniors 13-17yrs, Song-writers 14-19yrs.



Performers can enter one division only.

Entry is free and needs to be in by 2nd September.

Auditions are held on September 14 and 15. Finalists are mentored by judges at a workshop on 1st October.

Finals are held at the Make Smoking History Kelmscott Show on Saturday 19th October.

The event is sponsored by WA Classic Sounds, Corea Entertainment and PRIZE MONEY for all categories is sponsored by the Roleystone-Karragullen Branch of the Bendigo Bank

In past years, finalists have gone on to join bands, win other competitions, travel as a performer, and take up music as a career. This is a great platform for nurturing talent.

Entry forms and all details are <https://kelmscottshow.com.au/show/entertainment/kelmscott-idol/>

Teachers and contestants are welcome to contact me with any questions.

Rachel John - 2019 Idol Coordinator
email: idol@kelmscottshow.com.au

THE FATHERING PROJECT



**The McCusker
Charitable Foundation**

Tip 22 – Being aware of kid’s emotions.

As part of The Fathering Projects involvement with your school, I will be including helpful tips and ideas for all fathers and father – figures. I hope these tips will help, inspire and encourage all fathers and father – figures to be the best that they can be, as all fathers and father – figures are critically important in every child’s life. Tips derived from “The Blue Book of Tips for Fathers and Father-Figures”

More involved fathers and father – figures = better outcomes for children.

- Encourage your children to tell you what is worrying them - personal worries, relationships or issues from the news.
- Don’t laugh at these or dismiss them - discuss, listen and avoid the “fix-it” mode.
- Listen to their feelings without interrupting & “solving” their problems for them.
- It’s ok to admit that you are worried too.
- Read up on the issue together (if appropriate).
- Be genuinely interested in how they are feeling.
- Occasionally ask them when it is that they feel most sad, frightened or lonely.
- Never discount their feelings, e.g. by saying “that’s silly” or “just snap out of it”.
- Don’t overreact to things said that also worry you.

The Fathering Project is not a counselling service; we are seeking to inspire and equip fathers and father - figures to engage with their children.



If you would like more information about The Fathering Project, you can contact me:
David Walker at dwalker@parkerville.org.au or 9391 1900.

VACSWIM 2019



VACSWIM OCTOBER 2019

Enrol your children in swimming lessons during the October school holidays.

Choose from two programs:

9 Days

1 - 11 October
40 minute lessons

Prices:

\$30 per child / \$20 concession
\$81 for a family of three or more /
\$54 concession
(plus pool entry).

Enrolments close 25 August.

5 Days

7 - 11 October
35 minute lessons

Prices:

\$16 per child / \$10.50 concession
\$41 for a family of three or more /
\$27.50 concession
(plus pool entry).

Enrolments close 1 September.

Enrol now

Visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming or call 9402 6412.

TRIPLE P



Government of **Western Australia**
Child and Adolescent Health Service



FREE PARENTING SEMINARS

You are invited to attend the Triple P Seminar Series. You will learn practical, positive and effective ways to deal with common behavioural problems and ways to help your child achieve their best at school and in the future.

Parents are encouraged to attend all 3 seminars:

1. *Children's behaviour – the tough part of parenting*
2. *Raising Confident Children*
3. *Raising Emotionally Resilient Children*

The next **FREE** 3 Series is held:

When: Starting Tuesday, 12th November 2019

Location: Gosnells Child and Parent Centre

RSVP: Bookings are essential and places are limited



Please visit healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups
to book your place.

To find other available programs visit our website
www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups