



DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

Wednesday 7th

Last day of School banking for 2017

Thursday 8th

Gr6 Luna Park Excursion

Friday 9th

Prep Circus Incursion

Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th

Gr3/4 Cooking Incursion

Wednesday 14th

2017 Prep Transition No.4 &

Whole School Smart Start

Program

Thursday 15th

Gr 6 Graduation

Friday 16th December

Amsleigh Idol

Monday 19th

Christmas Raffle Draw at

Assembly &

Carols Night

Tuesday 20th

FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL

Early finish at 1.30pm

JANUARY 2017

Tuesday 31st

First day back Grades 1 to 6

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 1st

First day back Preps

PAYMENT DUE BY DATES:



BPay is the preferred method for processing payments. Biller Codes and reference details are on family statements.

EFTPOS & Credit Card payments can be made at the office

COPIES OF ALL NEWSLETTERS, FORMS AND NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It's a boy!

It was great to hear the news that Mrs Caitlin Fandrich had given birth to a son this past week. On behalf of everyone at Amsleigh Park I would like to say sincere congratulations to Caitlin and Jake the safe arrival of Sullivan. Mrs Fandrich and baby are both doing well, and it was no surprise to hear Caitlin remark that 'he's so perfect,' which I'm sure many parents can relate to. I remember those days with great fondness!



Farewell Frau Langsman

As the year draws to a close we will shortly be farewelling our German Language Assistant, Frau Langsman, who has been working with Frau Salles across 2016. We have been extremely fortunate to have Miss Langsman at Amsleigh Park and we will miss her happy smile, help and support in our German classes. Frau Langsman is a trained primary school teacher and will commence the final part of her accreditation in Germany upon her return. I know that she leaves Australia with many fond memories having visited many of our beautiful scenery and landmarks. On behalf of everyone at Amsleigh Park PS I would like to thank Frau Langsman for her great work at Amsleigh Park, and wish her every success and happiness for the future.



Grade 5/6 Geography Learning Expo

Our Grade 5/6s presented the most fantastic learning Expo on Monday this week. Showcasing a range of wonderful learning they have achieved, the Expo included a display of their inquiry projects exploring worldwide Geography. The presentation was complemented by students dressing up, running quizzes, offering food samples and discussing the broad range of knowledge they had researched. Many classes and parents took the time to visit the Expo and I'm sure they enjoyed this celebration of student learning. I now have another ten countries added to my 'must see' list of places to visit. Well done and congratulations to our Grade 5/6s for their outstanding work and effort and thank to teaching staff for organising this event.



Amsleigh Idol

We are once again holding the ever popular Amsleigh Idol in 2016. Auditions have now been conducted and I want to acknowledge and thank every child who tried out. It's great to put yourself forward in this manner and have a go.

Class Structure 2017

I'm pleased to announce the class structure for 2017. The good news is that next year we have been able to add an extra class taking us to 17 grades. This decision ensures that we will maintain outstanding class sizes across all year levels, with no class above 25 students. Whilst numbers may change slightly the classes and the number of students are as follows. As we hope you can see all classes will have the optimum number of students.

Class	Student Numbers
Prep A	18
Prep B	18
Prep C	19
Grade 1A	21
Grade 1B	22
Grade 1/2A	21
Grade 2A	21
Grade 2B	21
Grade 3A	23
Grade 3B	22
Grade 4A	22
Grade 4B	22
Grade 4/5A	21
Grade 5/6A	23
Grade 5/6B	24
Grade 5/6C	23
Grade 5/6D	24

You will note that we have opted for two multi-age grades outside of our normal Grade 5/6 'Middle Years' classes, which is the enabling factor in keeping our class sizes low, and providing the optimum outcome for all students. It's very important to state that multi-age classes do not present any disadvantage to students. All families can expect that students will progress just as well in all of our classes with the most important factor being quality teaching that targets the needs of all students. We can't forget that each and every class has a broad range of abilities that can span up to 5 years and that our teachers differentiate the learning program to accommodate the varying needs of their students. Essentially the challenge is exactly the same for straight or multi-age classes.

Understanding Student Placements

We are now commencing the very complex process of placing students into classes for 2017. We consider many factors in this process including: the number of girls/boys; spread of academic ability; level of participation; student behaviour and special needs. Recently all students were asked for the names of five children *they work well with in class* and enjoy learning with. This is a change from recent years when students were specifically asked for the names of friends. This change emphasizes to our students, that learning be the number one priority for class time, without the distraction of friendships that are not productive. Of course our students will still be placed with friends, but we believe that our process should not be compromised by satisfying friendship requests over the provision of a productive learning environment. We hope that all families understand this common sense approach which we believe will lead to the best outcome for our class placements.

Bike Education

Our Grade 4s and 5s enjoyed their Bike Education program last week despite some challenging weather conditions. This annual program is part of the Physical Education and Health curriculum emphasizing the development of a range of safe riding skills. It's a valuable learning opportunity for all students, some who had not previously had the opportunity to ride a bicycle. At assembly this week I reminded students to be very careful in their riding and to always be alert to dangers from cars, pedestrians and other cyclists. Regular practice with an adult is recommended for all children when learning to ride a bicycle safely.

And Finally...

Don't forget to get your Officemax order in before Sunday 11th December to take advantage of free delivery to your home or workplace.

Thankyou to the kind parents who picked up some broken glass for us on Monday morning, much appreciated.

I hope to see you around the school

Michael Cormick

PRINCIPAL

Sue's News



STUDENT BOOKPACKS FOR 2017 - REMINDER

A number of families have told me that they have ordered and already received their book packs from OfficeMax which is fantastic. Don't forget that you will need to order and pay for your book packs by **11th of December** to receive free delivery. Orders placed after this date will incur delivery fees.

ORDER BOOKPACKS AT www.officemaxschools.com.au

- Step 1** - Search for Amsleigh Park Primary School
- Step 2** - Enter the school access key: **15LD7M**
- Step 3** - Complete your child's details and select their Year level e.g Prep
- Step 4** - Review the booklist and replenish if required items.
- Step 5** - Pay for the book pack PayPal, Visa or MasterCard.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- Orders placed between 12th - 18th December will be charged a \$9.95 delivery fee
- Orders placed after 18th - 31st December will be charged a \$19.90 delivery fee and will arrive before 1st day of school.

It is really important that your child/ren have all of the correct items that they need at the start of the school year. If you did not purchase the backpack from the school this year you will need to purchase *Magazine File Kalide Esselte Blue* which is used throughout the school for CAFE reading and will be passed up each year to the next class.

PREP TRANSITION

Yesterday our 2017 Prep students spent the morning at school for their third transition session. As part of this session they got to meet their Year 5 buddy and complete their first buddy activity together. All of our Year 5 students were excited to talk to their buddies and share the card that they had made for them. It is always an interesting time watching our students interact with the younger children and become a buddy for the first time often they are extremely excited as they have looked forward to it for a long time and it is a highlight of their primary school life. Our Better Buddies Program focusses on the development of empathy, pro-social values and positive pro-social relationships between children of different ages. Strong positive connections between children discourage antisocial behaviour.



BICYCLE EDUCATION

As part of our Physical Education our Year 4 and 5 students participated in the Bike Education Program at our school last week. I would like to sincerely thank all of the parents who came each day to help out despite the inclement weather on some days. We really appreciated your help as this program would not be able to run without it. Thank you to Miss Hayes for organizing the program and the Year 4 and 5 teachers for helping her to run it. Now that these students have completed this program it does not mean that they are able to ride safely on the roads without unsupervised. Many of our students who participated in this program have just started to ride with confidence and they have a basic knowledge of road safety. This is a great time for all parents to build upon the skills that their child/ren have learnt and take them to the park, a bike track or onto the school grounds on the weekend to continue to develop their skills and teach them more about road safety. Please do not let them ride by themselves on the roads.

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE REMINDER –

Please place your donations in the stocking at the office
by Monday 12th December, 2016.
The Christmas raffle will be drawn during the final Monday
school assembly on Monday 19th December.



WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY THIS WEEK? ALL library books are now due back.

This enables us to perform a Stocktake so we know what needs mending or replacing, and also the sorts of titles and resources we need to obtain for next year. The library has acquired some amazing new books this year; we want to continue to build the collections so there is something here for every reader at Amsleigh Park. The grade that gets ALL their books back by Friday 9th December will have the opportunity to get a lucky-dip prize or poster for each student.



Join our sports orientated holiday program, designed to emphasise fun, enjoyment and maximum participation.

Who	Ages 4 to 12
When	Dec. - Mon 19 th to Wed 21 st Dec. Jan. - Mon. 9 th to Wed 25 th Jan.
Where	Holy Family Primary School 250 Stephensons Rd, Mt Waverley
Details	Cost - \$40 per day. Discounts for multiple days www.kellysports.com.au search postcode 3149, or 'Holy Family' Enquiries- contact Philip on 0408 379 543 or philip@kellysports.com.au



APPS Canteen

The Canteen is open each
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

****The Canteen is closed on Tuesdays****
Lunch orders are NOT available on Tuesdays

Current Menu/Pricelist is available on the school website

Canteen Helpers Roster

DECEMBER

Thursday 1 st – Maria	Friday 2 nd – Wendy & Jess
Thursday 8 th – Jac	Friday 9 th – Kath & Lisa
Thursday 15 th – Sharon N	Friday 16 th – Jo & Soula

****Canteen last day for the year is Friday 16th December****



Wednesday 7th December is our last day of School Banking for 2017

For more information visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located under the stairwell near the library

OPENING HOURS FOR 2016

MONDAY AFTERNOON 3:30pm – 4:00pm
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS 8:45am – 9:30am

**FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER WILL BE THE LAST DAY THE UNIFORM SHOP
WILL BE OPEN FOR 2017**

For any other queries, or to source second hand items, please visit the Uniform Shop during the above opening hours

Order form & Price list is available at the uniform shop, the general office or online at our website,
www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au

A huge thank you to the families who donate second hand uniforms back to the school. We really appreciate the supply of good quality items to offer for sale at reduced prices.

Joanne & Kath



Order now for Summer

Summer Dress – Sizes 4 -16 \$23.00 each

Cotton/Lycra Bike Shorts – Sizes 4 - 16 \$12.00 pair

Boy Leg Briefs – Sizes 4-6, 8-10, 12-14 - \$11.00 pair

Short Sleeve Panelled Polo – Sizes 4-16 - \$26.00 each

Surf T-shirt – Sizes 4 – 16 - \$15.00 each

Shorts – Cotton Rugby (unisex) – Sizes 4 – 16 - \$15.00 pair

Shorts – Gabardine Zip Pocket – Sizes 4 – 16 - \$17.00 pair

Slouch Hat – Sizes small, medium, large, extra-large - \$10.00 each

(Copy of the approved uniform list available at the uniform shop and the office)



Guitar Achievements 2016- Amsleigh Park Guitar News

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements this year in guitar lessons. Here are some of the things they have learnt so far this year.

Lachlan in grade 5/6B, has learnt the song "Pirates of the Caribbean". He is now working through the Rockschool Gr 1 Acoustic guitar book (AMEB exam book) Currently learning the following songs "the unforgiven" by Metallica, "Let it Be" and "Beautiful". He can play many songs on the guitar pro app.

He is also on the second FJH Sight Reading book and working through by book four.

Moritz in 5/6D is on book three and learnt Many chords this year. He is working through the preliminary rock school book and has passed the first two melody books. Currently working on the song "Chasing Cars".

Kyren in 5/6D is working through the song "blackbird" and has reached book 6 standard and can play many chords. He strumming is excellent and he has learnt songs such as "Beat it." He can play many songs on the guitar pro app such as "7 years".

Patu 1/2D and Ava Nantz 3A have learnt the song Thunderstruck, Sweet Home Alabama intro, completed Book One and learnt the intro to love yourself by Justin Bieber. Fantastic effort for first year students!

Isavella 3B and Mitchell 3A have learnt to play 'Eight Days a Week' with the backing music and are currently working on the full version of 'Jingle Bells'. In 2016 they have also learnt the intro to Thunderstruck and Beat It. They have learnt how to play a couple of chords and can play many songs on the Guitar Pro App.

Viran 5/6A is currently on Book Four. He is also able to play many songs on the iPad using the Guitar Pro App such as "Seven Years" and "I'm a Believer." He is able to strum a chord progression and learnt the song "Beat It"

James 5/6B and Nima 5/6D are currently on Book Five. They have completed the Melody books and can strum a lot of songs on the guitar such as "Beat it" and "Stitches." They are now working on Songs by AC/DC such as Back in Black, thunderstruck, TNT.

Saman 4A and Bella 5/6A have completed the first two melody books and learnt various chords on the guitar. Fantastic effort for first year guitar students!

Well done to the guitar students at Amsleigh Park primary. The standard and attitude is exceptional. It is a great pleasure to run the guitar program at such a wonderful school. I would also like to acknowledge Michael Cormick for his fantastic support for the program. The Guitar Program is now in its tenth year at the school.

Paul Varone
Guitar Teacher



THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

Please retain these absence notes for your future use. If your child is absent for any reason, please complete and hand to your child's teacher upon his/her return to school. These forms should also be used to give prior notice of absences due to holidays etc.

Handy Hint – All Absence notifications can be completed on Tiqbiz!



STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

Student Name; _____ Grade; _____

Was absent / Will Be absent (*please circle*) from school on the following date/s

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- The absence was / is due to
- Illness
 - Family Bereavement
 - Parent Choice
 - Family Holiday
- Other _____

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian Date: ____ / ____ / ____



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