



Term 1

Issue 2

Week 3

February 15, 2018

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

Thursday 22nd & Tuesday 27th
Prep Wellness Incursion

MARCH

Thursday 1st Prep Pizza Night
Wednesday 7th Bush Dance 6.00pm
Friday 9th Curriculum Day

Monday 12th Labour Day Public Holiday

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

DUE BY DATES:

FEBRUARY

Friday 23rd Swimming payments due

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

Principal's Report

School Council Elections

Nominations for school council will close next Wednesday 21st February 2018 at 4.00pm. Nominations forms are available from the office, and information can be found on our school website under the 'Governance' tab. If anyone would like to discuss the role of School Council or what is expected of the role please contact me.

Parental Communication Policy

At Amsleigh Park PS we are committed to effective communication and ensuring that appropriate opportunities exist for parents to raise concerns and ask questions related to their child's education, wellbeing and progress. This policy was distributed at our Getting To Know You interviews, but is also available from our website. Typically, parents will need to make an appointment to meet with their child's teacher, especially if the matter needs an in-depth discussion, and this is best done at a mutually convenient time. Before school is usually not convenient as teachers are making final preparations for teaching however, a brief message is usually Ok before school, so long as lengthy discussion is not required. After school is the best time and our teachers will endeavour to fit this in around our regular meetings, which are held on Mondays and Wednesdays. If anyone has any questions about this policy, which was developed and approved by the School Council, please contact me. **A copy of this policy is available on our website and it provides clear advice about communication or raising concerns at all levels of the school.**

Class Visit – 3/4A

I had a wonderful visit with Grade 3/4A this week who were doing some fantastic Inquiry Learning about Australia and exploring the big question 'How is our local community impacted by our past and present?' The whole school concept for Inquiry Learning in term 1 is 'responsibility and impact.' The central understanding being investigated is how European settlement has impacted on Australia today, and that the local community is governed by rules and laws that help to create a safe and functioning society. I was also most interested in who could name the States of Australia, as this is one of the focus areas of their learning, and by the end of this unit students should have established this important knowledge. Grade 3/4A is a terrific group of kids who display enthusiasm and high levels of engagement. Class teacher, Mrs Jonga, has established a highly engaging learning environment in her classroom located in the Thelma Bailey Centre.



Get to Know You Interviews

At Amsleigh Park, we acknowledge that working in partnership between teachers and parents is vital in order to provide the highest levels of support for students. Hence, we hold 'GTKY' interviews early in our school year so that our parents can provide their own perspectives on their child and what will help them to have a productive year of learning. Last week our teachers conducted more than 250 interviews and we would like to say thank-you sincerely to the many parents who attended. Special thanks also to our teaching staff who made time to undertake these important meetings. It's certainly time well spent!

Building Works Update

Works continue on our JLC, especially around the exterior of the building. We expect this will be wrapped up over the next two weeks, which will make the building more accessible than it is now. Some areas that require time to establish, such as grassed areas, will remain 'out of bounds' until we can get them tidied up, hence the areas currently fenced off. Work on our main building is progressing well, with lots of the demolition work now completed. The changes to the inside of this building will be substantial, and have certainly set a big challenge for our builders.

Curriculum Day

Advance notice that we will be having a curriculum day on **Friday 9th March**. This day backs onto a long weekend, so we decided that this is a great time to give our students a mid-term break, and offer families the chance to get away on a short holiday including the Friday. Our teaching staff will be at work as usual on the Friday, using this time to undertake a day of professional learning in the teaching of writing using the VOICES model, following on from the work undertaken in 2017. All day care will be available with Youth Leadership Victoria for anyone who needs it.

School Picnic

Wow, what a great day we had for this year's school picnic to the Reg Harris Reserve. This year the event seemed bigger than ever and we were thrilled with how many families came along to celebrate the start of the school year. There were picnics all across the reserve and it was a terrific sight to look across the reserve and see our students and their families enjoying this precious time together.



Student Representative Council / Class Captains

My sincere congratulations to our Grade 5/6 class captains and our Student Representative Council (SRC) representatives who were announced at this week's school assembly. These students should wear their badge with pride, as they represent both their classes and our school. Of course, they also have a responsibility to act as a role model for all other students, both through their behaviour and learning, and I look forward to observing them in this regard across the school year. Our SRC also provide an important opportunity for promoting 'student voice' in our school, and I welcome their input into our school and the ideas they put forward. All ideas proposed by our SRC are given serious consideration. Many thanks to Mrs Arvanitis and Mr Arundale who continue to guide our SRC in this important endeavour.

Learning to Learn

During the first two weeks of the school year all of our classes focus on 'learning to learn' in order to establish a solid foundation for the school year. This learning is tailored to the needs of each year level and enables each teacher to develop clear expectations with their class, with students having a 'voice' in some aspects of the environment, such as class rules. During this time the teacher also reinforces the important habits of the mind that aid learning, such as focusing on learning, persevering with challenging tasks and working collaboratively. It is vital for all learners to develop an understanding of how they learn best, and what areas they need to develop, as these skills will be used all throughout life. Classes commenced the academic year this week and I can see the learning tone in all classes is well established.

Michael Cormick - Principal

Bec's Bulletin...

Traffic Safety



It is extremely important for student and community safety, that drivers observe all traffic rules and signage around schools to ensure our families all stay safe. We thank you for your support with this, as we're sure all families would agree, the safety of our children is of utmost importance. In particular, adhering to the one way street rules, in part of State Street, as well as the 40km speed zone around school drop off and pick up times. Additionally, the council often patrol the 2 minute drop off zone, as well as the other parking restricted areas in State Street, so we urge all families to adhere to these regulations. Thanks for your support with this.

Dog Friendly Zones

A gentle reminder that we have two 'dog friendly zones' in the school grounds; one near the Friendship garden along State Street, and another along the staff car park fence at the back of the school, nearest the Oakleigh Street entrance. These zones are arranged so that you may organise to meet your child in one of these areas at after school pick up time.

Some community members are frightened of dogs, so to ensure we have a school grounds in which everyone in our community can be comfortable, we have designated zones for dogs. These zones are signed. Thanks for your cooperation.



Wise Ones

Amsleigh Park Primary School is again offering students the WiseOnes Program. This program is delivered weekly at the school by a visiting WiseOnes teacher for high potential students and delivers a specifically designed curriculum for children with advanced thinking and problem solving skills. Many children at Amsleigh Park have enjoyed participating in

WiseOnes over many years and have gained a lot from their learning in this area. If you would like to have your child assessed to see if they're eligible for the program, the obligation free assessment, at no cost and can be arranged. If you would like information about the fee structure of the program, please see the general office.

Prep Students

It has been wonderful to see our Prep children transitioning to Primary School so well over the past few weeks. On yard duty this morning, it was a pleasure to see how the confidence has grown within our students, with our Preps enjoying a play before school and happily waving goodbye to parents at line up time.

If you are interested in getting more information about helping your Prep child you can look on the Department of Education website (see website address below). There are a number of tips on a wide range topics such as, Making Friends, Reading with Your Child, Walking to School and much more.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/p4p.aspx>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

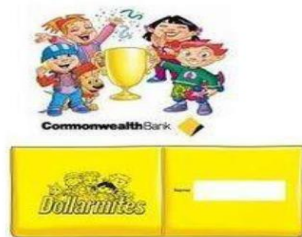
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

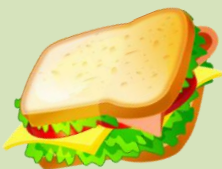


SCHOOL BANKING COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY



WEDNESDAY'S ARE SCHOOL BANKING DAY AT APPS

For more information and account application forms visit
www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



APPS CANTEEN



The Canteen is open each
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from February 5, 2018

► The Canteen is **CLOSED** on Tuesdays ◀
Lunch orders are **NOT** available on Tuesdays

Current Menu/Pricelist is available on the school website – www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au

CANTEEN HELPERS ROSTER

FEBRUARY

Thursday 15th – Maria

Friday 16th – Jess & Kath

Thursday 22nd – Cassie

Friday 23rd – Jac & Nora



Guitar Lessons Amsleigh Park Primary School

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If you would like more information, please call/sms Paul Varone on
0411 123 655 or email pvarone1@bigpond.com

ST PAULS CRICKET CLUB ACADEMY



St Pauls CC are running a five-week junior development program for cricketers in the local area. The program will be co-ordinated by our senior club coach, Jacob Attwood..

- Held at Batesford Reserve, Chadstone
- Qualified coaches with WWC checks
- Specific focus on all players' disciplines
- Maximum of eight per group
- Five-week program
- 90-minute sessions
- For ages 10-16 (players split into their own age groups)
- **To register, send us an email or contact us via Facebook**

Contact us:

Cost: \$50 for five weeks (free for St Pauls CC juniors)

Dates: Every Sunday, 18 February 2018 to 18 March 2018

**Venue: Batesford Reserve
Corner Batesford Road and
Power Avenue, Chadstone**

Web	http://www.stpaulscc.com.au
Email	stpaulscricketclub@gmail.com
Facebook	Facebook.com/stpaulscricketclub
Phone	0425 180 782

When you register please send through:

- Name
- Age
- Experience
- Disciplines (batting, fast/spin bowling, wicket keeping etc.)



PRIVATE PIANO AND GROUP KEYBOARD LESSONS

Enrolments are currently being accepted for private piano and group keyboard lessons.

These lessons are held Mondays during and after school on school premises and cost \$24.00 for a private piano lesson and \$14.00 for a 30 minute group lesson.

If you would like to enroll your child in piano or keyboard lessons, please obtain an enrolment form from the school office or contact Excel Music on (03) 9801 8991.

Learn music

here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play drums, here at Amsleigh Park Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes 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 4, 2017.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333 or email samantha@creativemusic.com.au



Creative Music

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Or Phone

Scott McNamara (ATPCA)

Mobile: 0421-116-279

Email: scottmcnamara86@hotmail.com

John-Paul McNamara (ATPCA)

Mobile: 0414-607-263

Email: jpmcnamara1@hotmail.com

David McNamara (Tennis Australia Club Professional)

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Email: davidmcnamaratennis@hotmail.com

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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 FlexiBuzz



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

☐ Other _____

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



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Signed: _____