



Term 1

Issue 4

Week 7

March 15, 2018

DIARY DATES

MARCH

Monday 19th – Wednesday 28th
Whole School Swimming

Wednesday 21st
Harmony Day

Thursday 29th
Last Day Term 1
Students finish at 2.30pm

APRIL

Monday 16th
Term 2 commences

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

DUE BY DATES:

MARCH

Tuesday 27th
Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 camp deposit

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

Principal's Report

School Council Elections 2018

The school council election process for 2018 has now concluded. This year the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies, therefore there will be no voting process required. I'm pleased to report that the following parents and staff have been duly elected.

<u>Elected Parent Representatives:</u>	<u>Existing Parent Representatives</u>	<u>Community Co-opted Members:</u>
Mr Michael Oaten Mrs Achini Kanathigoda Mrs Kylie Champion Mrs Ana Meyborg (Causal Vacancy 2018 – replacing Pauleen Haddon)	Mr Roman Ruzbacky Mrs Sarojini Jacobson Mrs Marnie Morton Mr Gregory Dellas	Mrs Ripple Fu Ms Claudia Moreira
<u>Elected DET Representatives</u>	<u>Existing DET Representatives</u>	
Miss Bec Carr Miss Trish Jones	Mr Michael Cormick Miss Lisa Jonga	

School Councillors serve a 2 year term and the newly elected representatives and community co-opted members will now join our existing members to form our new council for 2018. The first meeting of the new school council will be on Monday 19th March. All members of the school community are welcome to make contact with school councillors, and can do so via the school email account at amsleigh.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au marking it attention 'school council'. On behalf of the community I would like to sincerely thank outgoing councillors, Mr Glyn McLeod and Mrs Pauleen Haddon, for being on council. We greatly appreciated your contribution to the process of school governance.

Prep Enrolments for 2019

School tours have commenced for 2019 and we have already started taking enrolments. This past week I have delivered some promotional packs to our local pre-schools and childcare centres. If anyone has a child in pre-school please encourage families you have contact with to come along for a tour of our school, as positive 'word of mouth' is always the best marketing tool. Anyone with a child starting school in 2019 should come in and collect an enrolment form, as it's very helpful to get an idea of how many siblings we will have next year as soon as possible. We have space for no more than 3 prep classes in 2019, so please get your enrolment in early.

Annual Swimming Program

On Monday 19th March our students will commence the annual intensive swimming program for 2018. Learning to swim is a vital life skill for all children and helps to make them safer when involved in water based activities. Our program, provided by the Doug Ellis Pool at Monash University, provides an excellent opportunity for children to further develop their skills. I want to say special thanks to Mrs Louise DeFazio for organising and coordinating this vital program in 2018.

Every Day Counts!

Going to school every day is the one of the most important parts of your child's education. Students learn new things every day and missing school puts them behind.

Why regular attendance is so important

- Teachers often present new concepts in a sequential way, so missing a day of school can mean missing out on the fundamentals. It's hard to make up this learning so keeping student absences to a minimum is essential.
- Friendships and socialising can also be interrupted when children are frequently absent, which can be distressing for children.
- Every school day that is missed by a student is associated with lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

What we do know is that attendance patterns are established early in life and will often continue unless non-attendance is addressed.

What you can do to support regular attendance.

- First, there are always times when a student becomes ill, and in this instance they should stay home to recover. It's vital however that they are only away when genuinely sick.
- To assist with good health and minimise illness children need to have a good sleeping pattern, eat well and exercise regularly.
- Families are encouraged to think twice before giving children a 'day off' unless they are genuinely sick.
- If your child is experiencing any issues such as not wanting to come to school then please alert your classroom teacher. Working together on such matters is most helpful.

What to do if your child has been absent

- Talk to your child's teacher and find out what work needs to be done to keep up with learning.

Remember, that every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher especially if the absence is longer than a couple of days. For more information please visit the DET website at www.education.vic.gov.au

Preps 2018

Our new preps for 2018 are now attending school full time. It's fantastic to observe how well the groups have settled into school life, which also indicates that our 'transition program' is working well in supporting children in making the adjustment to primary school life. I'd like to thank all families who came in with their child during this time for testing and interviews with our prep team. It sets up all children for a great year of learning and enables our prep teachers to plan according to the needs of their classes.

The Bush Dance

Our community bush dance for 2018 was a fantastic event. It was a beautiful night of warm autumn weather, and we were thrilled how many families came along and joined in the fun. Our regular band, Blackberry Jam, was in fine form, and provided great entertainment for the night. 'Whip cracking' and a special visit by Emily the Emu were great highlights. Many thanks to Miss Hayes who organised and coordinated this event on behalf of the school.

Until next time,

Michael Cormick

Principal



Bec's Bulletin...

Capital Works Update

Work to complete the external areas around the Junior Learning Centre continue and should be completed over the next two weeks. The external decking is looking sensational and will be a very nice area for students to enjoy, once complete. The stairs that adjoin the front area of the JLC, linking it to the P-2 playground, have been on-hold as they needed reconstruction, and are currently being rebuilt. The contractors aim to have them completed by early next week. Whilst this has meant a delay, it's reassuring the builder wants them to be of a high standard.

The area in front of the JLC has not been forgotten; shortly the area to the left side will be turfed to match the existing grassed areas. The area to the right will have more extensive landscaping. This will be undertaken later in 2018 once a design has been decided upon. In the interim, we will put some mulch over this area.

Work in Building 1 continues. Recently the footings for the lift shaft and access ramps have been completed. It may surprise families to hear that we will have a lift installed; this is required to ensure our building meets the needs of Disability Act compliance. It's important that all areas of the school be accessible and inclusive to a person in a wheel chair or with other disabilities.

Bec Carr - Acting Assistant Principal

UNIFORM SHOP

2ND HAND CLOTHING SALE



ALL ITEMS \$1.00 - \$5.00

TUESDAY 27TH MARCH

3.30pm – 4.00pm

**on the
PREP DECK**

The Uniform Shop will *not* be open for any other purchases on this day

SWIMMING & WATER SAFETY

Our swimming and water safety program begins on Monday 19th March and finishes on Wednesday 28th March.



Remember to pack your swimming bag with a towel, swimming goggles and a pair of thongs/sandals.



CONGRATULATIONS !!!



Our Prep students have settled in well and are celebrating

25 Days of Prep 🍌



By dressing up as their favourite Super Hero





Morning Session

10:30am - Information Session, Hall

Principal
Head of Junior School
Year 7 Captains

10:50am - College Tours

Hosted by Student Ambassadors

11:30am - Informal Q&A Session, Hall

Hosted by Senior Staff

Afternoon Session

2:00pm - Information Session, Hall

Principal
Head of Junior School
Year 7 Captains

2:20pm - College Tours

Hosted by Student Ambassadors

3:00pm - Informal Q&A Session, Hall

Hosted by Senior Staff

* The afternoon session is a repeat of the morning session.

Additional College Tours running throughout Term 1 and 2 can be booked via our website



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 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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