



Term 1

Issue 5

Week 9

Wednesday March 28, 2018

DIARY DATES

MARCH

Thursday 29th

Last Day Term 1

- Students finish at 2.30pm
- Easter Raffle drawn at 2pm

APRIL

Monday 16th

Term 2 commences

Wednesday 25th

ANZAC Day public holiday

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

DUE BY DATES:

MARCH

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FORMS AND NOTICES ARE
AVAILABLE ON
OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

Principal's Report

Thanks for a Great Term!

What a fantastic start to our school year! As I reflect on Term 1, I feel very proud of the way our students have engaged in their learning and transitioned to their new class for 2018. Our classes are very settled, and during tours of the school for prospective families, I find that parents are most impressed with the positive and engaged atmosphere. I really want to highlight our Preps in this regard, as the way they have settled into school in 2018 is fantastic, and a credit to our teachers.

We had some great community highlights across the term including the School Picnic, our Bush Dance night, the Prep Pizza night and the Cultural festival at South Oakleigh College. Many thanks to everyone for your support and attendance at these events.

On behalf of our community I want to say huge thanks to our teachers, who time and time again show they are prepared to go that 'extra mile' for our students. Whether it's a quick phone call or brief word, our staff work very hard to work in partnership with our families. I feel very fortunate to lead such a professional and dedicated staff.

Harmony Day

If you are visiting the school in the next little while don't forget to check out our special 'Diversitree' developed as part of the Harmony Day activities for 2018. Our diversity tree fits the theme, 'Everyone Belongs' that celebrates our community diversity. At Amsleigh Park we have more than 20 different nationalities, which in many ways is a fair representative of the broader community in the City of Monash. See 'Bec's Bulletin' for a picture.'

Our special cultural day last week was a huge success, and I want to thank the many families who kindly provided samples of their cultural foods for everyone to share. It was a great feast for the taste buds, and I know that students and staff really enjoyed this event.

'KidsMatter' Coffee Morning

For the past three years our teaching staff have been undertaking training in the KidsMatter Framework, which has a number of aims including: building a positive school community, teaching social-emotional skills, working in partnership with parents and supporting students with mental health challenges. The Framework is an initiative of the Federal government and through this training our staff are better equipped to work with families to support our students if they are experiencing social-emotional challenges.

This morning we held a special 'inaugural' KidsMatter coffee morning, with the aim of bringing together parents and staff informally to further develop partnerships with our school community. We were thrilled with the number of parents who came along and enjoyed the chance to grab a quality 'barista' made coffee. We look forward to having another such morning in Term 2.

Kids really do matter at our school!



Swimming

A big well done to all of our swimmers for 2018, and many thanks to the staff and parents for supporting this most important school program. At the start of the program I challenged students to make sure they really improved their swimming skills, and I trust they have fulfilled this expectation. I also reminded students that it is absolutely vital to develop a range of water safety skills, as we are a country that thrives on water sports. Just to give you an idea, it is expected that all 12yo children can tread water safely for at least 2 minutes. If you add clothing to this equation it's even harder, so the message from water safety experts is that we should not underestimate the importance of swimming lessons. Some recent information I read suggested that many families engage in swimming lessons very early in a child's life, say 2-6 years, but then stop as other competing interests make it difficult to continue. However, this can mean that children have not reached the necessary proficiency, and the research also suggests that many parents can tend to overestimate their child's abilities after initial swimming lessons.

Our annual swimming program is designed to support the development of proficiency, but in itself should not be considered a total program, as most children would benefit from ongoing opportunities to develop water safety skills. As I always say, 'learning to swim could save your life...'

I would like to sincerely acknowledge and thank Mrs De Fazio and our office team for organising this year's program, it's been a great success. Huge thanks to the many parents who helped along the way, and of course to our wonderful staff, who got our students to the pool every day.

The Easter Raffle

As I walked into the staff room today I was greeted by shimmering array of chocolate treats. I want to thank our PFA who were hard at work wrapping up the Easter baskets in readiness for the annual Easter raffle. With lots of prizes on offer there should be lots of happy smiling faces on Thursday afternoon. Many thanks to our families who not only donated the treats, but also purchased some raffle tickets. It's one of those great Amsleigh Park PS 'traditions', and we really appreciate the efforts of our PFA and community in bringing it all together.

Kiwanis Awards – Term 1

Congratulations to Minju from Grade 3 and Sophie from Grade 6 who are our Kiwanis 'Terrific Kids' award recipients for Term 1. Marian and Chris Raynor, from Kiwanis Club of Brighton, visited our school on Monday to assist with the presentation of these awards. Both recipients not only receive a nice certificate and a \$25 voucher as part of this award, but they also have the special honour of being the only student in their year level to receive the award this term. The Terrific Kids award highlights many important qualities that students develop at school and many of our children demonstrate them on a regular basis. Pictured right are the qualities we are looking for.



The Friendship Garden

I want to thank Grade 5/6 teacher, Miss Leah Ryan, and her 'Friendship Garden' helpers who have been hard at work to keep this space looking great. This garden, which was established a couple of years ago, is a lovely place to spend a quiet moment, and also has a number of sensory plants, such as 'Lambs Ears' and herbs like 'mint' for our students to explore. Miss Ryan has been most industrious in this role and has organised a range of improvements to be undertaken in Term 2 via some generous donations from Bunnings. Our PFA is also assisting with procurement of some gumboots and a small garden shed. We are also aiming to get a giant chess board established in this area, so it's got something for everyone.

Cultural Festival

The Amsleigh Park PS 'Leigh Club' participated in a special cultural festival held at South Oakleigh College last Friday night. The performance of our singers was fantastic, and we were all very impressed by their beautiful singing. Accompanied by Mr Brad, 'School of Rock,' Arundale on the guitar, our singers performed three numbers and their singing was outstanding. I want to thank our singers, and also Leigh Club musical directors, Mrs Kennedy and Miss Tapper, for this performance. I was most proud of the way you represented our school!

Happy Holidays

As we end Term 1 for 2018 I want to say thanks to everyone for supporting Amsleigh Park Primary School. We are truly 'East Oakleigh's Hidden Gem' and with so many positive things happening I feel both privileged and proud to lead this fantastic school.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter and a relaxing holiday. There's another great term to look forward to commencing on Monday 16th April. Until then, remember your ABC, that is, 'always be careful' and we'll see you all soon for another great term of learning.

Until next time,

Michael Cormick

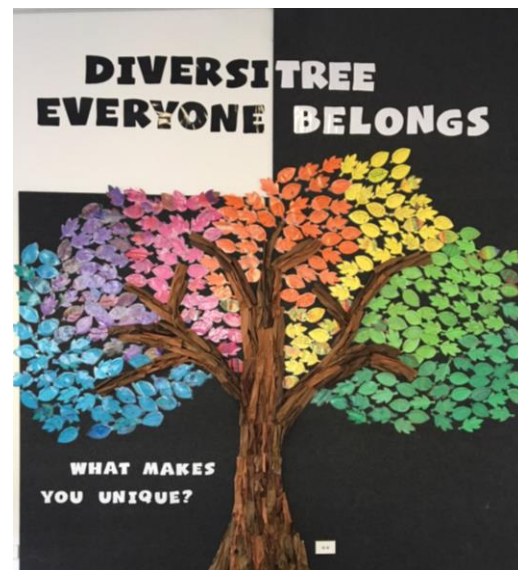
Principal

Bec's Bulletin...

Harmony Day – 'Everyone Belongs'

Amsleigh Park celebrated Harmony Day last Wednesday 21st March. This special day is designed to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and promotes inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Students had a delicious day, trying many foods from around the world during the Harmony Day lunch. Thank you very much to all of our families who put in such a huge effort to prepare some food to share with the school community, there really was an amazing spread!

Students across Prep to Grade 6 engaged with the text 'I'm Australian Too!' by Mem Fox, considering the fabulous cultural mix of people who call Australia home. Next, students considered themselves and what makes them unique, different and special. They wrote about themselves on a leaf and all leaves have been displayed on our 'Diversitree' in the Thelma Bailey Learning Centre foyer. The tree looks amazing and I urge all families to pop in and read about the diverse and unique student population here at Amsleigh Park!



Thanks to Miss Hayes, Mrs Arvanitis, Mrs Jonga and Mr Shallard for putting the Diversitree together!

Year 6-7 Transition 2018-2019

The state wide Victorian Government School Year 6-7 Transition process, commences at the beginning of next term. During the first week back after holidays, all Grade 6 students in government schools will receive a Transition Information Pack which details the process of transition and how families need to go about indicating their preference for a particular Government Secondary School. This pack includes the 'Application for Year 7 Placement 2019' form, which all students, including those attending an independent school in 2019, must **return by Friday 11th May**. Please look out for this important paperwork coming home after the holidays.

If you would like your child to attend an Independent Secondary School, please contact them directly about the application and enrolment process, as they work with a different process than Government Secondary Schools.

We encourage Year 5 and 6 families to attend the Open Days and/or Nights of many secondary schools in the area to see the broad array of educational opportunities they may offer your child. There are advertisements for some of the upcoming Open Nights later on in the newsletter.

Swimming

Today our students completed the 8 day intensive swimming program at the Doug Ellis Pool at Monash University. The students have made great progress and have thoroughly enjoyed the program. Thank you to Mrs Louise DeFazio for coordinating the program.

It might be a fun school holiday activity to take your children to the pool, giving them an opportunity to show you their new skills, as well as an opportunity to keep developing their swimming.

Happy Holidays

I'd like to wish everyone a very safe and relaxing holiday! I look forward to seeing everyone back at school next term for lots more learning!

Bec Carr - Acting Assistant Principal

LOOK WHAT'S BACK!!

OUR PAYMENT BOX HAS RETURNED!!

(located on the wall opposite the general office)

Please remember to use the Payment Box for:

Uniform shop orders
Raffles
P&F Fundraising events
Disco Tickets
Canteen Special Lunches

Please **DO NOT** use the Payment Box for:

Excursion Permission Forms
Lunch Orders

Ensure all payments envelopes are clearly marked with the student name and grade and the correct money is enclosed. Thank you.



In German Class, students from levels 2 and 4 had the opportunity to bake a carrot cake. Most of them found it "the most delicious cake ever" and want to bake it at home as well.

Karottenkuchen

In den Mixer musst du die folgenden Zutaten geben:

Put in blender:

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| • 3 Karotten | 3 carrots |
| • 1 Tasse Öl | 1 cup oil |
| • 2 Tassen Zucker | 3 cups sugar |
| • 3 Eier | 3 eggs |
| • 1 Prise Salz | 1 pinch of salt |
| • 1 Esslöffel Backpulver | 1 tbsp baking powder |

Das ist mein
Lieblingskuchen!

**Frohe
Ostern!!!!**



Das alles im Mixer vermischen dann ...

Mix in the blender and then...

- 2 Tassen Mehl ODER 1 Tasse Mehl und 1 Tasse Haferflocken langsam dazu tun.
- Add carefully and slowly 2 cups of flour OR 1 cup of flour and 1 cup of oats.

Etwa 35 Minuten bei 180 C Grad backen.

Bake for aprox. 35 minutes at 180 C.

Happy Easter!



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 – www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au

CANTEEN HELPERS ROSTER

APRIL

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| Thursday 19 th – Sharon | Friday 20 th - Kath & Jane |
| Thursday 26 th – Cassie | Friday 27 th – Jess & Jac |

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| Thursday 3 rd - Kate | Friday 4 th - Wendy & Patrice |
| Thursday 10 th - Maria | Friday 11 th – Catherine & Jane |
| Thursday 17 th – Cassie | Friday 18 th – Kath & Jess |
| Thursday 24 th – Sharon | Friday 25 th – Wendy & Jac |

We're always happy to have new people join our team of Canteen Helpers.

If you would like to volunteer on Thursdays or Fridays, please contact Dia on 0418 536 154. Thank you.

PFA UPDATE

- **Bush Dance.** What a great night! Thanks to all the organisers, and to the parents (particularly Mez, Katie and Sonya) who helped run the BBQ. We raised just over \$900! A great start to fundraising this year, good job Grade 6 (this was their fundraising event for 2018).
- **Easter Raffle**....thanks to all those who have donated eggs and bought tickets. Today all the donations were bundled up and wrapped by a wonderful team of volunteers, cheers to you all. Good luck tomorrow when the raffle is drawn. (The Prep team run the raffles, thanks to Saro for getting the gang sorted).
- **Chocolates.** This year the PFA has voted **NOT** to do the Chocolate Fund Raiser, but instead will have another Colour Fun Run. These two events will be run alternative years. Huge thanks to Kate for coordinating the Chocolate Drive for several years now, your vast amount of work is greatly appreciated.
- **Mothers' Day Stall.** Our Grade 2 parent group are getting things sorted to run the Mothers' Day Stall on Thursday May 10th. Put the date in your diary and don't forget to put your hand up to help out if you can. It's heaps of fun.
- **Disco.** Becky and the Grade 4 parent team are starting to get the Disco sorted. It will be held on May 3rd, pretty soon after we get back from holidays. We need a **HEAP** of volunteers from all grade levels to assist as it's a parent run event and needs about 50 helpers to go ahead. Please watch out for the emails and please help out if you can.
- **Bakers' Delight Fundraiser.** Don't forget we are a part of the Bakers' Delight Dough Raiser Fundraiser, so mention the school's name when you buy at the store - the school makes money each time.
- **Suggestions?** How do you want to see your Fundraising money spent?? We are looking for ideas to propose to School Council for allocation of money raised, so let us know your ideas.
- **Next PFA meeting** is Friday 20th April, meeting at Cafe Du Coin, on Dandenong Road, just up from the school. Meet at 2 pm to order a cuppa, meeting starts shortly after.

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 2, 2018.

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

 **Creative Music**
www.creativemusic.com.au



Ready, Set, Go!

Join us for **Fusion Commonwealth Game**

6th April 2018
10am - 4pm



Come along to spend some fun times with kids during this school holiday! Sports and Games for primary aged children & families.

- Relays
- Tug of war
- Jump, Run, Play and many more...

BYO Lunch

**\$10 per child or
\$25 per family**

Please make sure children bring a hat, running shoes, and drink bottle. All team have Working with Children's checks.

Please register at

Email: oakleigh.centre@fusion.org.au

Call: 0423 550 765

Join the Oakleigh District AFL Auskick Team

(Princes Hwy Reserve)

To register, simply:

- 1 Visit www.aflauskick.com.au
- 2 Enter postcode 3166 in the centre locator
- 3 Scroll down to Oakleigh District FC
- 4 Complete the registration questions
- 5 Pay your registration online



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Season commences Sunday 22nd April at 10am

Remember, you only need to turn 5 during the Auskick season to participate.

NOTE: All payments are made online. If you cannot make an online payment, please contact Pat on 0423 491 831 to discuss.



For more information,
contact Pat McGlenchy on 0423 491 831

 Oakleigh Districts Auskick

APRIL BASKETBALL CAMPS



Individual Offense Camp **Tuesday 3 April**
Future Stars Camp **Wed 4 and Thurs 5 April**
Shooting Camp **Friday 6 April**
Pro Camp Intensive **Monday 9 April**
Basketball Basics Camp **Thur 12 and Fri 13 April**

For more information or to book, visit:
www.nunawadingbasketball.com.au

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East Bentleigh

Kids Holiday Program

Virginia Park, North Drive 10/236-262
East Boundary Rd, East Bentleigh 3165
Ph 9579-0800

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| Tues 10th—Karate | Age 6+ |
| Wed 11th —Kickboxing | Age 9+ |
| Thurs 12th—MMA | Age 9+ |
| Fri 13th—Weapons | Age 9+ |

Bookings via website



Tuesday 10th April – Friday 13th April

www.allstarsdefence.com.au





OPEN DAY 2018

TUESDAY 24 APRIL



Location:

Ashwood High School
Vannam Drive Ashwood

Tours & Information Sessions:

- 9:15am School Tour
- 10:15am Principal's Address
- 11:15am School Tour
- 4:30pm School Tour
- 5:00pm School Tour
- 5:30pm School Tour
- 6:00pm Express Tour
- 6:30pm Principal's Address

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OPEN DAY

Thursday 26 April – 4.00pm to 7.30pm

Open Night Information Session & Tours

Junior Campus tours offered from 4.00pm
College Principal's address at 6.00pm
Interactive displays, student-led tours and more.
These sessions held at the Junior Campus only.

Open Morning Tours — Bookings are required and can
be made by visiting our website at www.mwsc.vic.edu.au

Junior Campus: 9.15am & 11.15am

Senior Campus: 9.15am & 11.15am

JUNIOR CAMPUS

145 STEPHENSONS ROAD
MOUNT WAVERLEY

SENIOR CAMPUS

LECHTE ROAD
MOUNT WAVERLEY

SOUTH OAKLEIGH COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

THURSDAY 19TH APRIL 2018

Principal's Address at 6:30pm

Accelerated Program Information Sessions
7pm and 7:30pm

Applications
for Year 7
Accelerated Program
Testing close
Wednesday
2nd May 2018



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