



## DIARY DATES

### JUNE

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**LAST DAY OF TERM** – 2.30pm finish

### JULY

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Life Education Van – whole school

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

Nude Food week

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

UNSW English competition

### AUGUST

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Prep Teddy Bear Hospital Incursion

**TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS**

**WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY**

## DUE BY DATES:

### JUNE

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Life Education Van payments

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

## Principal's Report

### Super Boss Day for Heart Kids

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) are supporting 'Heart Kids' as this term's social service focus, so this Friday is 'Super Boss' day at Amsleigh Park PS. The staff have kindly agreed to dress up in super hero costumes, and students can then choose to make a gold coin donation to their favourite character or costume. The teachers will show off their costumes on Friday morning in the Thelma Bailey Gym before students decide who to donate to.

Heart Kids has a special relevance to Amsleigh Park as we have a couple of students who have been affected by congenital heart defects, requiring significant surgeries and ongoing medical treatments. One of these students, Moisi, in Grade 4, bravely shared his story at our school assembly on Monday. We have included his story in this edition of the 'Buzz' along with one other, describing the challenging and complex medical history faced by some children and their families. Koreen, from Heart Kids Australia, also spoke to our students about congenital heart disease, and I was surprised to hear that it affects 1 in every 100 children. Sadly quite a few of these children are lost to this disease which can be too complex even for current medical science to fix. The work done by Heart Kids is vital as they provide a huge amount of support to the families of these children, whilst also doing research into the medical science. About 32000 adults have benefitted and live today because of the advances in the medical science to treat this disease. I thank everyone is advance for your support of this worthy cause, which will hopefully also bring some comfort to the families affected.

I will be taking the Super Boss challenge myself, although my outfit is strictly top secret, but I'm looking forward to taking on a role as a super hero for the day!

### Grade 3s and 4s had a Great Week on Camp

I had the good fortune to spend a few days with our Grade 3s and 4s on school camp last week. We split this camp into separate camp groups in 2018, which worked brilliantly, as our groups were much easier to organise with smaller numbers. It also meant that teaches could spend more quality time with students, and I greatly enjoyed this opportunity myself.

I want to highlight the excellent behaviour and participation of our students from both year levels. I always feel very proud that our students are so cooperative and helpful in these learning opportunities, and this year was no exception. The challenge by choice activities such as the Giant Swing and Flying Fox required children to summon up their courage, but pleasingly many overcame their natural apprehension. There were many proud moments all throughout the week, so I hope you heard about them in the days following the camp. I add my congratulations to all of our students and hope that they all had a great time.

On behalf of our school I want to sincerely thank our staff including; Mrs Arvanitis (Grade 4 Camp Leader), Mrs De Fazio (Grade 3 Camp Leader), Mrs Jonga, Mr Shallard and student teacher, Miss Nicholas, who stayed for both camps, Miss Kirton and Mr Arundale, who came with their class groups, and Craig Shields, who gave up time from work to also attend as a helper. We have an exceptional staff, who generously take time out from their private lives to make our Outdoor Education Program a success, and it's very much appreciated.



## Amsleigh's going Green!

This year we have introduced a new student group in our school known as the 'Green Team.' The Green team are our champions of sustainability, and an important part of their role is to support our school and community to become 'resource smart'. Whilst there are probably different views in our community about the importance of such things, I hope that everyone is supportive of the fact that it's an important area of learning for all. We are ever mindful of the fact that future generations will be the custodians of our World, and they need an awareness of how to minimise the harmful effects of pollution and waste, whilst also preserving our natural resources.

At a school level there are many actions, both large and small, we can undertake to support this and in Term 3 we are going to start by having a special 'nude food' week in Week 3. The key focus here is to reduce the amount of plastic packaging which goes straight into land fill, and takes many years to break down. Having reusable containers to transport and store food is one way we can do this. Not surprisingly this kind of thing can also be a money saver for families, as small packets of food can be very expensive, so changing a few small habits can also have other positive benefits.

I think that it's a worthy and important aspiration for our school to reduce the amount of waste we are sending to landfill, which is more than 100m<sup>3</sup> per year. Putting that into perspective it's the same as 400 of the large 240 litre bins completely full of rubbish that could bury our basketball court in rubbish one metre deep. That's a lot of landfill, and it also costs quite a lot of money in disposal, which could be put to better use for educational and other purposes.

Our Green Team are doing a great job, and we look forward to their ongoing efforts to make Amsleigh Park a school that promotes sustainability and smart use of resources.

## Term 3 School Calendar

We have included a Term 3 calendar in this edition of the buzz, which outlines school events across the whole of term 3. We hope that it's useful, but don't forget you can also refer to the calendar on our school website at any time.

## What a great term!

Reflecting on the term gone by I'm pleased to see how many great things happened all across our school. Some of the highlights included:

- Student Leaders excursion to the ANZAC day Service at the Glen Waverley Cenotaph
- A visit from the 'Roo Keepers' and 'Mad about Science' for our Preps
- Grade 1/2s visited Moonlit Sanctuary
- Grade 3/4s had a great Science Incursion
- An Education Week packed full of events, and including the ever popular 'Grandparents Day'
- Grade 3s, 4s and 6s all attended their annual school camps
- Grade 5/6s excursion to Scienceworks and also putting their scientific knowledge on display through out Science Expo
- The Leigh Club participated in the North East Region 'Tributes' concert at Hamer Hall
- The school Disco and Mother's Day stall were both a great success
- Grade 5/6s went to Gala day and a number of our teams have progressed onto Divisional finals

It's been a busy and eventful term, and there's another one just like it when we start Term 3.

## And finally....

At the end of this term I will complete five years as Principal of this fantastic school, and I can't believe how quickly the time has gone by and how many things have changed. I feel immensely privileged and proud to be the Principal of Amsleigh Park, and look forward to the next five years with great enthusiasm and optimism.

My thanks are extended to our teaching and support staff for their ongoing dedication and care for our students across first semester, and special mention to Miss Carr for her great work as Acting Assistant Principal.

I hope that everyone has a great mid-year holiday, if you are travelling then stay safe, and if it's just a stay at home holiday, then I hope you enjoy some quality time with family and friends. See you all on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July for the start of the 'hard working' term.

*Michael Cormick*

Principal



## *Bec's Bulletin...*

### **SMS notification of unexplained absences**

As of next term, the Department of Education has mandated that schools notify parents on the same day of an unexplained absence. Amsleigh Park will be using an SMS system to notify parents.

As of next term, parents will receive an SMS informing them that their child is absent without explanation. To avoid receiving these texts, we ask that parents notify the school **via the Flexibuzz App**, by 9:00am that their child will be absent that day.

If you don't yet have the free Flexibuzz App, we strongly recommend that you install it, as it is the quickest and easiest way to notify the school of absence, as well as receiving newsletters and other important communications.

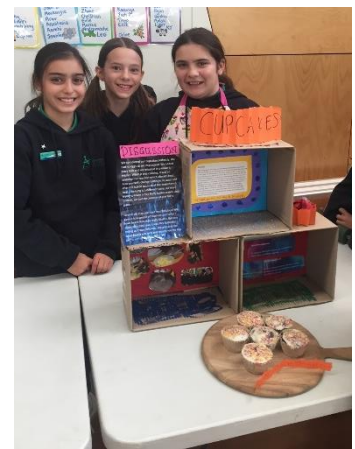
### **Science expo**

It was with great excitement that I attended the Grade 5/6 Science Inquiry Expo last week!

As part of the 'going further' and 'taking action' phases of their scientific inquiry into 'Change: Science or Magic?', the Grade 5/6 students collaborated to research an experiment that demonstrated a type of physical or chemical change.

The Thelma Bailey Gym was transformed into a convention centre, with all students displaying their experiment in stalls around the gym. The students confidently presented their experiments and explained the science behind the physical or chemical change. Parents and younger students of Amsleigh Park visited the expo and eagerly joined in some of the experiments and loved learning from our older students.

I would like to acknowledge the work of our 5/6 teaching team in providing such a rich learning opportunity for our students. I was impressed at how highly engaged the senior students were and how much learning took place during the lead up and throughout the expo itself.



### **Reading Nights**

It has been wonderful to our students' nightly reading celebrated at assembly each week in the awarding of 'reading nights' certificates. Nightly reading not only develops a child's reading skills, but also their writing and spelling skills, as well as growing a love of reading over time. Last week at assembly I encouraged all students to keep up their reading over the school holidays. I can't wait to hear about all the books students enjoyed over the break!

### **Safe Holidays**

I wish all families a safe and happy midyear break. I can't wait to see what our students will achieve in the semester to come!



# THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

## SRC SUPER BOSS DAY FOR HEART KIDS

This term the SRC is raising awareness and funds for Heart Kids. It is a charity dedicated to supporting children, teens and adults affected by congenital/childhood heart disease all across Australia. Sadly, there is no cure. People with congenital/childhood heart disease face unique challenges for their entire life.

In order to raise awareness and funds, the SRC has organised a Super Boss Day for this Friday. Please remember to bring along a donation or two to sponsor the Amsleigh staff members you would like to donate to. Children will have the opportunity to visit their sponsored Staff Member in the morning to drop off their donation/donations. Remembering that all donations go to Heart Kids to help support those affected by congenital heart disease.

**The SRC thanks you for your support**



### Moisi's Heart Kids Speech

Hi my name is Moisi Skroubelos and I am in grade 4A. I am a HeartKid, which means I was born with a heart condition called hypoplastic left heart syndrome. Basically it means that I only have the right half of my heart.

So when I was born I had open heart surgery one day after I was born. After 39 days my parents took me home for the first time.

At three months old I went back to hospital for my second open heart surgery. My parents then took me home four weeks later after all went well.

I went to three year old kindergarten and during four year old kindergarten I had my third open heart surgery. I stayed in hospital for two weeks.

All my surgeries were at the royal children's hospital. Once or twice a year I visit my cardiologist at the royal children's hospital and he says I'm doing very well. The only thing I can't do because of my heart condition is run a lot because I get puffed out. I was able to participate in gymnastics from Prep to Grade 3, which I liked very much. I am now a goal keeper for Glen Eira Soccer Club.

Heart kids have helped and continue to help my family and many others in lots of ways. They organise morning tea once a week at the hospital heart ward. They invite my whole family to a yearly Christmas party, a three day camp and to Circus Quirkus. Heartkids recently donated to me and my brothers new bikes and helmets. These are a few things they've done for us.

Heart kids have also paid for a study that I'm currently taking apart of, to prove that children with my condition do not need blood pressure medication. So please look up Heart Kids and donate to as many Amsleigh Park staff members as you can on Friday for Super Boss Day. Please spread the word to your family and friends too.

Thank you for listening to my Heart Kids story ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

## HeartKids & our Super Hero

Within the Amsleigh community is another special, brave, courageous HeartKid with superpowers.

This Super Hero was born with a heart condition that meant the heart didn't grow in the same way as yours and mine did when we were in our Mum's tummy. As a result, the blood didn't pump effectively around the body and the body was constantly tired and strained. The poor baby Super Hero was very sick and didn't feel well all the time.

The amazing doctors at the Royal Children's Hospital did a long operation on the baby Super Hero's heart to repair it. It was the size of a tiny walnut and the clever doctors reshaped the parts in the heart and re-plumbed it. This meant the blood could pump better through the tiny opening and closing doors between the chambers of the heart, helping to push the blood more effectively around the body. With an operation on the heart, a special and unique "zipper" down the chest was created, signifying for life, how brave and courageous this special Super Hero is.

Whilst the Super Hero was in hospital, the amazing team from HeartKids welcomed the parents and their family, providing support. Balancing the demanding, challenging rollercoaster of being parents to a very sick little Super Hero can be tough and being happy and healthy is very important, particularly during these times. Meeting and talking with other families with heart disease can help and HeartKids helps to create these opportunities in the hospital, through putting on regular morning teas. Day to day, the Support Workers are also around for a chat, generous with their time and offering a caring and friendly ear.

Fortunately, the operation helped our little Super Hero and after months and months of being in hospital and battling through lots of challenges, the Super Hero was finally strong enough to go home.

Since then, there has been many more visits to the doctor, hospital visits and hospital stays. More operations and regular monitoring and caring are an unfortunate part of life for a Super Hero with heart disease.

One of the times the Super Hero's "zipper" was unzipped for another critical heart operation, was 2 days before Christmas. HeartKids were amazingly supportive of the family that were away from home at this special time, spoiling them with hampers of festive food and drinks, special presents and kind, supportive words of encouragement and positivity.

As our special Super Hero continues on life's journey, the HeartKids bond and connection stays strong. Lifelong friendships have been formed with other families affected by heart disease. Events like family fun days and the annual Christmas party that HeartKids kindly puts on, are all things that our Super Heroes are provided as ways to enjoy life and connect and share their journey with others, supporting happiness and healthiness.

HeartKids also support incredibly important work of scientists and doctors who are working on ways in which to understand more about kids heart disease and how to better manage its effects. It would be AMAZING one day if kids could be born without the risk of heart disease; there are already enough/too many special Super Heroes in the world.

Whilst the HeartKids team are amazing, lots of this is made possible through the generous support of others through donations.

The Amsleigh Super Hero kid, their family and the HeartKids community would like to thank the Amsleigh SRC, the Super Hero members of staff who will dress up on Friday, and all the kids and staff in the community for supporting HeartKids this week through their generous donations. Collecting donations and taking the time to understand and raise awareness of kids heart disease and the amazing work of the HeartKids charity, means A LOT. Thank you!

From our special Super Hero to you.... "I'm a HeartKid, what's your superpower?"

## Amsleigh Park PS - Term 3 2018 Planner

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	16 School Resumes for Term 3	17  LIFE EDUCATION →	18 Divisional Soccer final - boys	19 Divisional Soccer final - Girls	20
<b>WEEK 2</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	23  LIFE EDUCATION →	24	25 Divisional Netball  School Council Dinner	26	27
<b>WEEK 3</b> Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	30 NUDE FOOD Week	31 ICAS English Competition	1 Prep Teddy Bears Hospital Incursion	2	3
<b>WEEK 4</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	6	7 German Poetry Competition	8 100 Days of Prep Celebration	9	10 House Athletics
<b>WEEK 5</b> Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	13 <b>Curriculum Day</b> Student Free Day	14 ICA Maths Competition	15	16 House Athletics (Alternate)	17
<b>WEEK 6</b> Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	20 School Council  Grade 5 camp →	21	22	23	24
<b>WEEK 7</b> Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	27 District Athletics	28	29	30	31
<b>WEEK 8</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	3	4	5 5/6 Incursion - Economics	6	7
<b>WEEK 9</b> Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10	11 School Production	12 School Production	13	14
<b>WEEK 10</b> Monday 17 Sep	17 School Council	18	19	20	21 <b>Last Day – Term 3</b> 2.30pm finish



## EVERY DAY COUNTS

### SAME-DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

#### Fact sheet for parents/carers

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** log the absence directly using your school's IT platform - [FlexiBuzz](#)
2. **Telephone:** the school office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason. **Phone 9544 1553**
3. **Email:** the school and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason. [amsleigh.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:amsleigh.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

#### Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

#### What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.

#### What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

Schools will let you know either by your school's online communications app, SMS, phone call or email. If you can't be reached because the school does not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), the school will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school. Where possible, this contact will be made on the same day of the unexplained absence.

#### Where can I learn more about the process for managing student absences?

Ask your school for a copy of the *Attendance Policy* which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences.



**NOTTING HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**  
THE HOME OF SOCIAL INCLUSION & LIFELONG LEARNING



## Go plastic free!

Learn how to make your own reusable shopping bag.

## Sustainable Sewing Workshop

Simple pattern, easy to make. Ideal for beginners.

Please let us know if you would like to use one of our sewing machines.

## Notting Hill Neighbourhood House

37 Westerfield Road (off Ferntree Gully Road, Notting Hill)

Ph: 9561 0114

7.00pm – 9.00pm Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Cost: No Charge

*BYO Fabric - Why not recycle some you already have – a pillow case / tea towel / old sheet?*

**COMING SOON!**



Boomerang Bag making sewing bees!



## SCHOOL BANKING

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

## AT APPS

For more information & account application forms, visit

[www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)





## 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](http://www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au)

### CANTEEN HELPERS ROSTER JUNE

	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> - Kath
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### JULY

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Kiran Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Anna	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Jane & Catherine Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Cassie & Jac
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### AUGUST

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Sharon	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Wendy & Patrice
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**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.**

*(Volunteers must hold a current Working With Children card)*

**Thank you.**

## **APPS UNIFORM SHOP**

Located next to the general office

### **OPENING HOURS FOR 2018**

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY AFTERNOON: 3:30pm – 4:00pm**

**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS: 8:45am – 9:30am**

**(Copy of the approved uniform list is available at the uniform shop, the General Office and on our website [www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au](http://www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au))**

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

*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*



### **WINTER ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE**

<b><u>CLOTHING ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>SIZE</u></b>	<b><u>PRICE</u></b>
Rain Coats - great for school camp!	4 – 6, 8 – 10, 12 – 14, S/M = 18	\$34.00 each
Winter Tights	4 – 6, 7 – 9, 10 – 12	\$7.00 pair
Beanies	Child or Adult sizes	\$5.00 each
Gloves	Small or Medium	\$5.00 pair
Scarves	One Size Fits All	\$5.00 each

## **SALE**



## **LONG SLEEVE POLOS**

### **SIZE 16 only**

### **\$7.00 each**

## 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 3, 2018.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333 or email [samantha@creativemusic.com.au](mailto:samantha@creativemusic.com.au)

 **Creative Music**  
[www.creativemusic.com.au](http://www.creativemusic.com.au)



# BASKETBALL CAMPS



*Join the fun these July school holidays with a Nunawading Basketball Camp.*

*Perfect for beginners through to elite junior development, we have camps designed for each skill level.*

*For more information or to register, visit;  
[nunawadingbasketball.com.au](http://nunawadingbasketball.com.au)  
Phone: 03 9802 6711*

Nunawading Basketball Centre  
298-336 Burwood Highway, East Burwood