



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 5th

Grade 5/6 Incursion

Tuesday 11th

Whole School Production Rehearsal
& First night of Production Performance

Wednesday 12th

Second night of Production Performance

Friday 21st

Last Day of Term 3 – finish at 2.30pm

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

**WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING
DAY**

DUE BY DATES:

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 5th

Production Ticket sales end

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AND NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE ON
OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

Principal's Report

Our new Assistant Principal

I'm very pleased to report to our school community that Miss Bec Carr has been appointed as our substantive Assistant Principal. You would already know that Miss Carr has been in the acting Assistant Principal position since October 2017, and after a recent selection process she moves into this role officially. Miss Carr is not only a great classroom teacher, but she also possesses outstanding leadership skills, and has been instrumental in our growth and development as a school. Miss Carr is a fantastic contributor to Amsleigh Park PS, and her great dedication and commitment to our school is exceptional, and great role model for our community. Please join me in congratulating Miss Carr on her success.



Parent Opinion Survey – Date Extended

Many thanks to those families who have already completed a parent opinion survey for 2018. We appreciate your feedback and look forward to the results. At this stage we have a 52% response rate and we **URGENTLY** need more families to complete the online survey. **The Survey is extended to Sunday 2nd September, and ideally, we would like another 5-10 responses.** Please follow the link below and use the pin number that was previously supplied in the mail-out. If you have lost your letter, contact the office and we can provide the pin number to you over the phone.

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

Amsleigh Park PS Canteen News

After four years of making lots of awesome lunches for our students, our wonderful canteen manager, Dia Kapaklis, is finishing up in this role at the end of Term 3. Ever smiling, Dia is a very generous and kind hearted person who has provided lots of goodwill to our school community in running our canteen, always providing quality food at a very reasonable cost. On behalf of everyone in the Amsleigh community I want to thank Dia sincerely for making such a great contribution to our school.

Our School Council is currently considering a range of options for how we may continue to provide lunch orders to our students. Running a canteen business requires a range of qualifications such as food handling, and it is not especially profitable, hence it may not be possible to find another person willing to take over. Many schools currently use outside providers for lunch orders, and we may also need to consider this option.

At this stage there may be a short period of time when we are not able to offer lunch orders at the start of Term 4 and we will keep you informed about this as the term comes to a close in a few weeks.

Kids Matter Coffee Morning

Next Wednesday 5th September we are having our next coffee morning get together. These mornings are organised so that teachers and parents can get together for a chat over a quality coffee, and it's been great to see everyone along at the previous mornings. Hope you can make it.



Book Week Bonanza

There's no doubt that everyone loves Book Week at Amsleigh Park PS. I had the great privilege of sharing one of my favourite stories, *The Gruffalo*, at our Monday assembly. It was definitely a first for me as I had never read a story to the whole school before, and for a short time I felt like a performer on stage. Our Bedtime stories night was a big hit, and our staff provided the entertainment by bringing a range of popular stories to life. Miss Colacitti even got the whole group singing along to her story about Mortimer. Bed time stories is a marvellous Amsleigh tradition that we all look forward to each year, and many thanks to those families who came along. We rounded out the week with a book swap, Pyjama day and partner reading between students. Many thanks to Miss Abbott for organising Book Week for 2018. We don't only want our children to learn to read, but we want them to love it!

Well done Grade 5's!

I was delighted to hear that our Grade 5's had a fantastic week away on camp in 2018. Our teaching staff reported that the group were outstanding, and loved the camp experience, which included an exciting day and night at Sovereign Hill. Spending time away in a supportive environment is highly beneficial for our students, and just prior to their departure I reminded them to challenge themselves as much as possible, work on their independence skills and have a great time. I want to thank our camp leader, Mr French, and the teaching staff comprising, Miss Carr, Miss Hayes, Miss Ryan, Miss Jones and Mrs Bianco for attending. I really appreciate that you have taken the time from your personal life to provide this great experience for our students.

Replacement Teaching Staff

Unfortunately, one of the professional hazards that teachers face is the constant exposure to viruses and illnesses that seem to always be present in the wider community. Whilst, we do build up our resistance, it does mean that teachers will get sick, and need to be at home to recover. In this instance we will normally organise for a casual relief teacher, often a person who is known to our school and students, to teach the class for the day. If a relief teacher is not available then our next alternative is to split the class up amongst our other grades, which works quite well, as our students spend time with teachers and children they know well. This year there has been a high demand across the school system for relief teachers, and in some instances we have not been able to fill some of our needs. I just wanted to share this with you so you understand the process we use in this instance.

Cyber Safety Message – Fortnite Battle Royale

Included in this newsletter is a short article from Mr Arundale with an important cyber safety message concerning the popular game 'Fortnite'. I would encourage parents to read this short piece, to make sure you are more informed about the game, and some potential cyber safety issues to consider. Thanks to Mr Arundale for putting this together for the information of our community. Whilst we are on the topic here's some helpful advice in dealing with the online World.

Communicate openly with your child/ren

It's not possible to supervise your kids 24/7 so finding ways to establish and maintain trust is really valuable.

- **Talk to them** about their online activities, from chatting about their favourite websites to asking who they are talking to and if they are having any online issues.
- Give them strategies to deal with upsetting online content, from turning off the screen, telling a trusted adult, and showing them how to block and report people.
- **Research the age ratings for the games and apps your child uses** so you can determine age appropriateness and suitability.
- **Explore the sites and apps your kids love**, play online games together and consider setting up your own accounts with the sites they frequent. This will help you familiarise yourself with the operation of those sites and potential risks. Ask your kids to show you how they work – they'll love teaching you something!
- **Set age appropriate rules for using the internet** and devices and, where practicable seek your child's input – this will help your child understand risks. As they get older you can review your rules to align with their maturity level.



NAPLAN

The 2018 National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results for Year 3 and 5 students will be available very soon, and on Wednesday this week preliminary results for all states was released. These results show that Victorian children are doing well, and our state topped the results in 5 areas, and were second in the other five. Our whole school system is very focused on improvement and these results show that the Education State is working well.

When they become available the individual student results of the NAPLAN tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information is used to support our teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement. Please remember that the NAPLAN tests are just a 'snapshot' of student performance and are conducted under test conditions within short timelines in May. NAPLAN results should be considered along-side other assessment data collected by the school. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher should they have any questions about the results.

Child Safe Standards

In 2016, the Victorian Government accepted the recommendations from the 'Betrayal of Trust' Inquiry into Child Abuse leading to the creation of Ministerial Order No. 870. This legislation sets out the specific actions all schools must take to ensure we maintain a child safe environment. It specifically focuses on reducing the incidence of Child Abuse across the community. As a school we play an important role in this area, and we do not accept child abuse in any form.

In meeting the following child safe standards, it is our moral and legal responsibility to create and maintain a child safe organisation that demonstrates:

- strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements
- a child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety
- a code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
- screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel
- processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse
- strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse
- strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children

If anyone has any questions about the child safe standards please contact us. We also have a range of relevant policies on our website including the Child Safe Policy and Child Safe – Code of Conduct.

Anyone for Cricket?

For the past couple of years we have maintained an information connection with St Paul's Cricket Club, who have a number of past students playing in their teams. They also use our oval on occasion for junior cricket matches. St Pauls Cricket Club, in conjunction with Cricket Victoria, are running a FREE six week program at Amsleigh Park PS for children who want to try out Cricket. It's aimed at students from any year level, and especially the younger grades. There's a flyer in this newsletter.

Sun Smart

It's time to dig out your hats because September 1 is the first day of Sun Smart for 2018.

1. **Slip** on some sun-protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
2. **Slop** on broad spectrum, water resistant SPF30+ (or higher) sunscreen. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun.
3. **Slap on a hat** – broad brim or legionnaire style to protect your face, head, neck and ears.
4. Seek shade.
5. **Slide** on some sunglasses – make sure they meet Australian Standards.

Long Service Leave

On Monday I told our students that I will commence a short period of long service leave as of Friday 31st August. My family and I are very lucky to be heading to the USA for a trip we have planned for some time, and we will be visiting some famous places such as Washington and New York. Miss Carr will be acting Principal for the remaining three weeks of Term 3, and she will have various staff also undertaking acting Assistant Principal duties during this time. Fortunately, we have many staff who display great leadership skills and can step in as needed. I want to wish everyone a safe and happy remainder of Term 3, 'chookas' for the school production 'A Test of Time,' and please remember your ABC, which is 'always be careful!' I'll be remembering that myself.

I look forward to seeing everyone for Term 4 on Monday 8th October.

Michael Cormick

Principal

SCHOOL PRODUCTION RAFFLE!

Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Tickets available for purchase at the venue on each night.

Tickets only valid on the night of purchase.

Please do not bring large notes.



AMSLEIGH PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARTNERED WITH 'DIG MY BEANS'

COFFEE MORNING!

APPS welcomes all parents, staff,
families and friends for a coffee
at SCHOOL DROP OFF.



Wednesday 5th September
8:20-9:15am

IT IS GREAT SEEING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER
FOR OUR COFFEE MORNINGS. IT'S SUCH A BUZZ!

WE'RE EXCITED... IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.

WHAT A WAY TO WARM UP YOUR MORNING! ROBERT FROM 'DIG
MY BEANS' WILL BE READY FOR THE BIG TURNOUT.

DON'T FORGET BYO REUSABLE CUP FOR 50C OFF!

We love seeing our community continue to grow and connect,
and there's no better way than catching up over a coffee.



Kids Matter



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

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 6th - Cassie

Friday 7th - Anna & Maria

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.



SCHOOL BANKING

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Bring your Bank Deposit Books
to Classroom Teachers

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)

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!



<u>CLOTHING ITEM</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
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

FlexiBuzz



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 an absence, to send messages to the office or classroom teachers as well as receiving newsletters and other important information.

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ



The Good Samaritan Inn provides short-term accommodation for women and children escaping family violence and homelessness.

Many of these women and children flee their homes with very little belongings and are in need of bare necessities such as toiletries; shampoo, deodorant, tissues, feminine hygiene products etc.

Therefore, we are reaching out to the Community to assist these families by donating **mini sized** items.

If you would like to support this worthy cause, please bring your donation to Meredith in the General Office between Monday September 3rd and Thursday 13th.

Thank you.

Singing brings out the best in your child!



The **Australian Youth Choir** benefits boys and girls from 7 years of age upwards to discover their vocal talent, learn to sing, develop their musicianship and performance skills, and make new friends.

Singing in a choir stimulates the mind and imagination, with research showing it has a profound effect on a child's general learning of literacy and numeracy as well as health and wellbeing.

Our programme consists of weekly rehearsals in school term, workshops and 2 concerts a year.



Call us **1300 761 039**

Or visit our website www.niypaa.com.au to talk about joining now



St Pauls Cricket Club After School Program

- Free to try
- Six week sample of our introductory Junior Blasters Program
- Focus on a fun, safe, friendly environment
- Equipment provided
- Held at Amsleigh Park Primary School Oval, State St, Oakleigh East
- Time: 3.45pm to 4.45pm
- Dates:

Thursday, September 6

Thursday, September 20

Thursday, October 18

Thursday, September 13

Thursday, October 11

Thursday, October 25

(registration and BBQ to follow)

For those interested in finding out more you can reach us via:

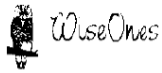
Website – <http://www.stpaulscc.com.au>

Email – stpaulscricketclub@gmail.com

Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/stpaulscricketclub>

Phone – Jacob on 0425 180 782

Limited spots available! Please contact us to secure your spot!



DINOSAUR DYNAMICS

Coming up
Term 4, 2018



Amsleigh Park Primary School

Students, by handling models, will find out what sort of dinosaurs existed, identifying and classifying them. Using wooden models, they will learn about fossils, where they are found and about carbon dating. Students will discover geological timelines and use some of the skills of palaeontologists. There will be constructions, art and craft activities. Senior students, will increase their knowledge and understanding of "Aussie" dinosaurs.

WiseOnes Application for 4th Term 2018

This program is available for all Grade 1 - Grade 6 children who have qualified for WiseOnes.

The unit for fourth term commences week beginning Monday, 15th October, 2018.

The unit will run for 8 weeks commencing: **Monday 15th Oct, 22nd Oct, 29th Oct, 5th Nov, 12th Nov, 19th Nov, 26th Nov and 3rd Dec.**

WiseOnes Teacher: Rowena Beaumont, mobile: 0417 388 847

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I wish to enrol my child in the unit "Dinosaur Dynamics" starting week beginning **Monday, 15th Oct, 2018.**

I give permission for a copy of this slip to be handed to the WiseOnes teacher.

Child's Name _____ School: **Amsleigh Park Primary**

Date of Birth _____ Class (2018) _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

Phone: BH _____ AH _____ Mobile _____

Email: _____

My child has already qualified for WiseOnes YES/NO

I would like a free test for my child YES/NO.

I would like my child to be tested with a fuller assessment to qualify for WiseOnes (assessment cost \$300 inc GST).

Please send this slip and payment of \$246.00 on Wednesday 10th October, 2018.
As we are a non-credit business, children will not be accepted into the program for the term unless the fees and enrolment form are returned by the above date.

If paying by cheque please make it payable to Amsleigh Park Primary School.

For further information please contact Pat Truscott: Mobile: 0407 313 657.

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Fortnite Battle Royale

What is Fortnite Battle Royale?

Fortnite Battle Royale is a highly popular, free version of the original Fortnite game. Up to 100 players compete online through player vs player combat to be the last person standing.



The action is non-gory, but there are plenty of weapons used in play.

What is the recommended age?

Fortnite is not recommended for children under 12 years of age. This rating does not take into the fact that players have direct contact with others and may be exposed to offensive and inappropriate language or unwanted contact through the chat or voice function. Young players may find themselves in communication with players much older than themselves.

The voice function (which is the default) can be turned off through the settings menu. Parents are also advised to discuss with their children the importance of cybersafety and alerting them to anything that makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

Is it addictive?

In a recent interview with the ABC's 7:30¹, psychologist Brad Marshall, who runs an internet addiction clinic at Kidspace in Sydney, says most of the children he sees are playing Fortnite. He believes it is more addictive than other gaming fads before it, due to its easy accessibility.

These are his three top tips for parents:

- Set reasonable boundaries around internet usage
- Emphasise things like homework and sport before going on the internet
- Sleep. Turn off the internet or unplug the modem at night

1. McGee, A. (July 11, 2018). *Fortnite: Millions are playing it, but is addiction to the game really a thing?* URL: www.abc.net.au/news/2018-07-11/fortnite-is-addiction-really-a-thing/9981528

Amsleigh Park PS - Term 3 2018 Planner

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