



Term 4

Issue 1

Week 1

Thursday Sept 11, 2018

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Friday 26th

Grade 2 Sleepover

NOVEMBER

Thursday 1st

Grade 6 Graduation Photos 11.15am

Friday 2nd

Colour Fun Run

Tuesday 6th

MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 7th

Prep 2019 Transition Session 1

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

DUE BY DATES:

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AND NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE ON
OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back

I would like to welcome back everyone to Term 4. After a very busy Term 3 everyone was in need of a break and I hope it came at a timely moment. I trust all of our students were able to spend time with family and friends. From my own point of view it was great to return to Amsleigh Park after my extended break, and on Monday I was looking forward to seeing everyone and hearing about the school production for 2018.

For those who may have missed it, my family and I were extremely fortunate to be able to spend 5 weeks travelling in USA. There were many highlights and we really enjoyed visiting iconic places such as Washington DC, New York and San Francisco.

One thing that completely astounded me were the giant Californian Redwood Trees, and walking amongst them was like being in a prehistoric landscape. To give you an idea of the scale here's my boys enjoying climbing on the base of one large specimen.

Whenever I travel overseas I'm reminded about how fortunate we are to be Australian and to live in a very peaceful and democratic country. We have much to be thankful for in this regard.

Thank-you!

I would like to say a sincere thank-you to Miss Carr for taking on the role of Acting Principal in my absence at the end of Term 3. It's great to go on leave knowing that things will be in good hands and life will continue to tick along as normal. I would also say a big thank-you to our school leaders who shared the role of Acting Assistant Principal and provided outstanding support to both Miss Carr and our students. It was greatly appreciated!

Welcome Mrs Bianco

A warm welcome to Mrs Liana Bianco, who is teaching Grade 3A for term 4. As you may know Mrs Louise De Fazio has now commenced maternity leave, and we have been very fortunate that Mrs Bianco was available to take over this role. The class was excited about this change and all is well and the group is settled already.

The Term Ahead

There is a lot to look forward to across Term 4. Our core learning programs in English and Mathematics continue to be a high priority, but in keeping with our focus on the 'whole child' we balance this out with other learning opportunities. In Term 4 we look forward to lots of extra-curricular activities including; Divisional sports finals, Amsleigh Idol, Grade 2 sleepover, School Aerobics 'Spring Challenge,' Grade 6 Graduation, Whole School Transition for 2019, Prep 2019 Orientation, Carols Night and Leigh Club performances to round out an exciting term. Our teachers will also be working hard on December reports. Keep an eye out for your class newsletter in the next couple of weeks for more specific details about each class and year level.



Class Structure 2019

We have now reached that time when we start to consider what classes we will have in 2019. Working out a class structure is a complex task and we use a number of criteria in this process. Our overall aim is to work out a model that enables us to provide a quality learning environment for all students.

The criteria/factors that we use to make up our class structure include the following.

- The educational/social-emotional needs of our students at each year level.
- The projected number of students in each year level.
- The ratio of girls to boys.
- The number of teachers employed at the school.

Additionally, there are some external factors that affect this process.

- Each school is allocated a number of classrooms based on enrolment. For our current enrolment we are officially entitled to 15 classrooms.
- Each school is allocated funding based on the number of students enrolled so therefore we are only able to employ teachers based on this number.

With careful planning we will be able to provide a structure that maintains our excellent class sizes and supports all students to reach their learning potential. During 2018 our numbers have been steady and our current enrolment is very stable at 345 and we anticipate that we will start the new school year around this number. We will shortly conduct our enrolment audit for 2019, so if you are moving house or not returning for any reason we need to know this ASAP.

Class Placements 2019

Later this term we will start the complex process of placing students into classes for 2019. We spend many hours undertaking this important work, which takes into account many different variables. Factors which are considered in the placement of students include:

- Academic ability and performance
- Work habits e.g. ability to work independently
- Class room behaviour
- Social network /friendships
- Social maturity
- Special needs e.g twins, siblings
- Special factors such as 'anxiety'

During this process, changes and adjustments are made over several weeks. Proposed class lists are then submitted to the Leadership team for final ratification and then finally teachers are assigned to class groups.

Requesting Special Consideration for Student Placement in 2019

If any families have any requests for placement of children on educational grounds, please send this to me no later than Friday 26th October. Please note that **no requests for specific teachers are accepted** in this process. Rest assured every effort is made to place children in a happy and secure learning environment. Whilst I do keep all previous requests from past years, they do become dated in terms of relevance, so we will only consider information from the past two years. If a previous request on educational grounds still exists, please take the time to bring this to my attention so that we are aware of any long-term considerations that might still be relevant.

Parent Opinion Survey 2018

Last term 100 randomly selected families were asked by the Department of Education and Training to participate in an online survey that asked for their opinion about the school in many areas. Thank you to the families who took the time to complete the survey. Our school has received excellent feedback across many key areas and provides our staff assurance that our dedication to our students and commitment to excellence and high standards is recognised and valued by our school community.

A few highlights include:

I feel that this schools values parent contributions – 94%

I feel comfortable about approaching the school with any concerns I might have – 97%

I feel confident that the school provides a good standard of education for my child – 91%

Teachers are enthusiastic and positive about teaching – 97%

The academic standards at the school provide adequate challenge for my child – 91%

Importantly, the data from this survey shows that parent's views and perceptions about our school continue to be overwhelmingly positive, and we improved even further in 17 out of 19 variables. The School Council will further analyse the data during Term 4, and we will make some recommendations for future actions.

I'll hope to see you around our school,

Michael Cormick

Bec's Bulletin...

Building Program Update

I'm pleased to report that our building program is finally nearing completion and later this term we will move back into our newly renovated main building. We thank everyone for their patience as we have been building over the past couple of years, but I assure you it will be worthwhile. The redesign of the internal spaces in the main building is amazing, and it looks completely different than it did previously. Upstairs we now have four state of the art classrooms that will become the Senior Learning Centre, a Multi-media and STEM learning Centre, teacher offices, breakout spaces for students and student toilets. Downstairs we have a new Administration Centre inclusive of offices, meeting rooms, staff work spaces and a fantastic new school Library. The look is contemporary, and the internal spaces match the Junior Learning Centre, whilst the heritage façade remains intact. You will also notice that our grounds are now recovering well, which also complement the overall finish. The finished project will truly be something special and serve our needs well for many years to come.

Bec Carr

Acting Principal

APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located next to the General Office

OPENING HOURS FOR TERM 4 2018

MONDAY AFTERNOONS - 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.

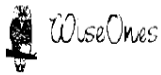
We really appreciate the supply of good quality items to offer for sale at reduced prices.

Joanne & Kath



SUMMER ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SIZES</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Summer Dress	4 - 16	\$23.00 each
Cotton/Lycra Bike Shorts	4 - 16	\$12.00 pair
Boy Leg Briefs	4-6, 8-10, 12-14	\$11.00 pair
Short Sleeve Panelled Polo	4-16	\$26.00 each
Surf T-Shirt	4 - 16	\$15.00 each
Shorts - Cotton Rugby (unisex)	4 - 16	\$15.00 pair
Shorts - Gabardine Zip Pocket	4 - 16	\$17.00 pair
Slouch Hat	Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large	\$10.00 each



Coming up
Term 4, 2018

DINOSAUR DYNAMICS



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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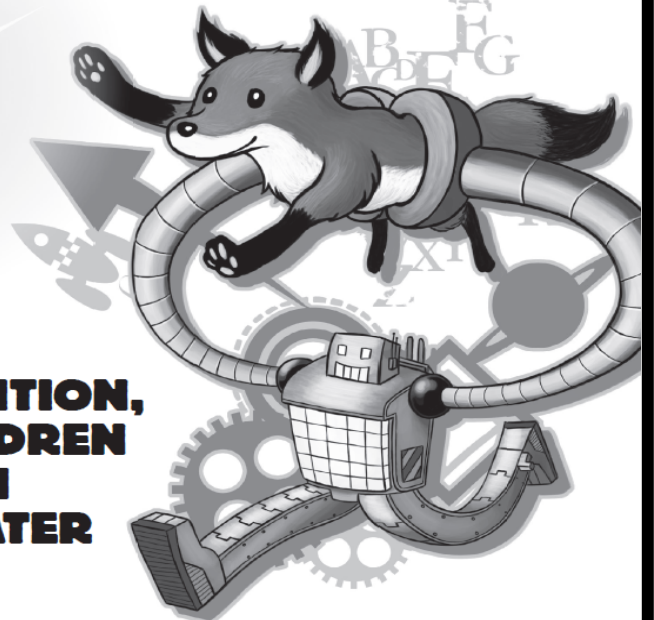
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Right now NumberWorks'nWords is offering **FREE ASSESSMENTS** in Maths and English. These assessments provide a great opportunity for you to discover how your child is doing, collaborate on a plan to help them achieve their potential, and to see for yourself how effective – and enjoyable – NumberWorks'nWords specialist Maths tuition and English tuition really is.

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PH 9574 9964

Kind regards,
Rachael Mathews

1st Floor, 191 Coleman Parade, Glen Waverley

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St Pauls Cricket Club

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Free to try
- Four weeks to go
- 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 20 before school holidays, then Thursday, October 11, 18, 25

JUNIOR BLASTERS PROGRAM

- Registrations now open at StPaulsCC.com.au
- 12 week program ideal for 5-8 year olds
- Focus on a fun, safe, friendly environment
- Officially commencing Tuesday, October 30th, 3.45pm to 4.45pm at Batesford Reserve, Chadstone

\$75 registration includes full introductory cricket kit

Phone: Jacob on 0425 180 782

Email: stpaulscricketclub@gmail.com

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



Guitar Lessons Available at Amsleigh Park Primary School

Innovative and Modern Guitar Program.

- Guitar Lessons are held at the school during class time on a Thursday.
- For students in Gr 2 to 6.
- Over 20 years experience.
- Modern guitar program with the use of one on one iPads in class.
- Modern, classic and fun songs taught in guitar lessons.
- Learn songs from Taylor Swift, AC/DC, Ed Sheeran etc.,
- Structured Program written by Paul Varone.

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

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 \$17.50 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4, 2018.

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

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



Amsleigh Park School Calendar

Term 4, 2018

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 Monday 8 th Oct	8 Welcome Back for Term 4	9	10	11 Division Athletics	12
WEEK 2 Monday 15 th Oct	15 Division Softball (Girls)	16	17	18	19
WEEK 3 Monday 22 nd Oct	22 School Council	23	24	25	26 Grade 2 Sleepover
WEEK 4 Monday 29 th Oct	29	30	31	1	2 Colour Fun Run
WEEK 5 Monday 5 th Nov	5	6 Melbourne Cup Day Holiday	7 Prep Orientation	8	9
WEEK 6 Monday 12 th Nov	12	13	14	15	16
WEEK 7 Monday 19 th Nov	19 School Council	20	21 Prep Orientation	22	23
WEEK 8 Monday 26 th Nov	26	27	28	29	30
WEEK 9 Monday 3 Dec	3	4	5 Prep Orientation	6	7 Grade 6 Excursion to Luna Park Grade 5 Incursion – Crack it
WEEK 10 Monday 10 Dec	10 End of Year – Awards Assembly	11 Year 7 Orientation	12	13 Grade 6 Graduation	14
Week 11 Monday 17 Dec	17 Carols Night	18 Reports Distributed	19 Prep Orientation Class Orientations	20	21 Last Day Finish at 1.30pm Grade 6 farewell @ 1.00pm