



Term 4

Issue 5

Week

December 7, 2017

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

Monday 11th - Grade 3 Legoland exc.
Excel Music concert

Tuesday 12th - Whole School Transition
2018 Year 7 Orientation

Wednesday 13th - Prep Picnic

Thursday 14th - Drum concert

Friday 15th - Amsleigh Idol

Monday 18th - Carols Night

Wed. 20th - Whole School Transition
2018 Prep Transition

Friday 22nd - Last Day Term 4 1.30 finish

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

DUE BY DATES:

DECEMBER

Thursday 7th Prep Picnic payment due

Friday 8th G3 Legoland payment due



BPay is the preferred method for processing payments. Biller Codes and reference details are on family statements.

EFTPOS & Credit Card payments can be made at the office

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Principal's Report

Staffing 2018

At the end of 2017 we will say farewell to Miss Tara Hickey, who has been working at Amsleigh Park PS since July 2013. In her time at APPS Miss Hickey has taught a variety of levels from Grade 1-4, and did a terrific job in each role. More recently, Miss Hickey has been teaching Grade 2, and her class have enjoyed a tremendous year of learning in 2017. Whilst, we are sad to see her go, Miss Hickey moved house in 2017, and the commute to work is just too far, so working closer to home is a priority. Miss Hickey's new school is Banyule Primary school, who are most fortunate to have Miss Hickey join their Prep team in 2018. On behalf of everyone at Amsleigh Park PS I want to say a sincere thank-you to Miss Hickey, and wish her every success for the future. We will really miss you!



Education Support staff member, Ms Debbie Claassens will also finish up at Amsleigh Park PS at the end of 2017. Debbie has been at Amsleigh Park for a whole generation of students, and has provided many hours on care and support to ensure our students were able to participate fully in the curriculum. Debbie is well known to all at the school, and has been working in the 5/6 area for the past couple of years. On behalf of everyone at Amsleigh Park PS I want to say a huge thanks to Debbie, and wish her every success for the future. We will miss you too!



As one door closes, one opens, so I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Lauren Wall to the Amsleigh Park PS community as a new teacher for 2018. Miss wall is well-known to our staff, as she was previously a student teacher at our school, and we are thrilled to have her joining our team. I look forward to introducing Miss Wall to our community in 2018. Miss Wall will be attending our final transition session on Wednesday 20th December and is looking forward to meeting her new class.



Understanding Student Placements

We are now working on the very complex process of placing students into classes for 2018. We consider many factors in this process including the number of girls/boys; spread of academic ability; level of participation; student behaviour and special needs. Recently our students provided the names of five children *they work well with in class* and enjoy learning with. This is a change from recent years when students were specifically asked for the names of friends. This change emphasizes to our students, that learning is the number one priority for class time, without the distraction of friendships that are not productive. Of course, our students are still placed with friends, but we believe that our placement of students should not be compromised by satisfying friendship requests over having a productive learning environment. We hope that all families understand this common sense approach, which we believe, will lead to the best outcome for our class placements. Our aim as always is to ensure that our classes are well-balanced groups that enable our teachers to establish a productive and safe learning environment for all.

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

Class Structure 2018

I am pleased to announce the class structure for 2018. In 2018, we will have 16 classes as shown below. This structure ensures that we will maintain outstanding class sizes across all year levels, with no class above 26 students. Whilst numbers may change slightly the classes and the number of students are as follows. As you will see all classes will have the optimum number of students.

Class	Student Numbers
Prep A	22
Prep B	22
Grade 1A	21
Grade 1B	21
Grade 1/2A	20
Grade 2A	20
Grade 2B	20
Grade 3A	20
Grade 3B	20
Grade 3/4A	20
Grade 4A	20
Grade 4B	20
Grade 5/6A	25
Grade 5/6B	25
Grade 5/6C	26
Grade 5/6D	26

You will note that we have opted for two multi-age grades outside of our normal Grade 5/6 'Middle Years' classes, which is the enabling factor in keeping our class sizes low, and providing the optimum outcome for all students. It is very important to understand that multi-age classes do not present any disadvantage to students. All families can expect that students will progress just as well in **all** of our classes with the most important factor being quality teaching that targets the needs of all students. Each class has a broad range of abilities that can span up to 5 years and our teachers differentiate the learning program to accommodate the varying needs of their students. Essentially the teaching role is the same for straight or multi-age classes, as we cater to the developmental needs of each student.

Capital Works Update – Working Bee

Work on our project is really quite frantic at present as the builders work to meet our agreed deadline to hand over the new Junior Learning Centre. They are making great progress, and we are very confident that all is in order. Right now, you will see the concrete areas around the building being installed, whilst inside the walls are being painted and fitting off commencing. It is a magnificent facility and we are all very excited about it.

Work on our main building will commence in January 2018 and in preparation for this, we need to have moved out of the building entirely by the end of this year. As you can imagine this is a huge undertaking and we are now working on this 'decanting' process. Professional movers will be moving all the heavy items, but there are still lots of other small things to be packed up and moved into the container.

We are having to have a '**working bee**' on Wednesday 13th December from 9.00am – 11.30am to help with the decanting process, so if you can spare an hour or two we would appreciate your help. Please let the office know you can come along, and meet in the corridor outside the computer LAB. This help will be invaluable to us and will really help to reduce the burden on teachers.

The Office is Moving!

Our general office is closed on Thursday and Friday this week as we start the process of moving into our temporary accommodation. The new office area will be located off the 'prep deck' with the general office in through the main doors and to the left of the corridor. We are aiming to make the office operational by Wednesday 13th December, and we ask for your patience during this time, as there are many things to be organised and sorted through.

Enrolment Possibilities for 2018

We currently have vacancies in classes from Grade 1-4, so please pass on a positive word about Amsleigh Park PS if you have a new family move in to your street or the neighbourhood. We are not looking to add too many more students but it does help to balance out the movement of students to new areas, which happens at the end of every year. We aim to maintain our enrolment around 360 students, which is an optimum size.

Until next time,

Michael Cormick

Principal

Bec's Bulletin...

Twilight Working Bee

A huge thank you to all the parents, students and staff who attended the twilight working bee on Friday the 24th November! It was a very hot afternoon, but we were greatly productive none the less! With all hands on deck, we worked together to tick off some important jobs from the list. We spread the delivery of tanbark over the junior playground, as well as weeded and swept the Friendship Garden, garden next to the playground and some of the front of the school. Workers were rewarded with an icy pole and sausage sizzle. Thanks again to all involved, we really appreciate your time and effort to keep our school looking amazing!



School Uniform

A reminder that all students should be wearing full school uniforms to school each day, including their sun smart hat. Students should be wearing runners or school shoes, as guided by the school uniform policy. It really does look terrific when our whole school is in uniform, showing the pride we take in ourselves and our school. If you are in need of any uniform items, you can order through the office, or attend the uniform shop on Monday afternoons, or Wednesday or Friday mornings.

Student Book Packs for 2018

A number of families have already ordered and received their 2018 Book Packs from Office Max, which is fantastic. For those who haven't ordered yet, please do so as soon as possible to ensure you don't incur a more expensive delivery fee from Office Max.

If you order before the 17th December, there is a \$9.95 delivery fee, whereas if you order after the 17th December, the deliver fee from Office Max increases to \$19.90. Please go to:

www.officemaxschools.com.au

to order your child's book pack and follow the steps:

Step 1 – Search for Amsleigh Park Primary School

Step 2 – Enter the school access key: Omax103

Step 3 – Complete your child's details and select their Year level e.g Prep

Step 4 – Review the booklist and replenish if required items.

Step 5 – Pay for the book pack PayPal, Visa or MasterCard.

It is really important that your child/ren have all of the items they need at the start of the school year, to start in an organised manner where they are set up for a successful term 1.

PREP TRANSITION

Yesterday our 2018 Prep students spent the morning at school for their third transition session. As part of this session they got to meet their Year 5 buddy and complete their first buddy activity together. Our Year 5 students were so excited to meet and talk to their Prep buddies, as well as share a card they had made for their buddy. It is always a lovely time, watching our Year 5 students interact with the younger children and become a 'big buddy' for the first time. Our Year 5 students have looked forward to being a buddy for a long time and it is often a highlight of their primary school life. Our Better Buddies Program focusses on the development of empathy, social values and building positive pro-social relationships between children of different ages. Strong positive connections between children help to discourage antisocial behaviour and ensure our Preps feel further supported in their transition to school.



LIBRARY NEWS.....

ALL library books were due to be returned by November 30th.

If you still have library books on loan
(at home or in the classroom),
please return them
to the your classroom teacher
as soon as possible.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

To Grade 4A for returning all their library books on time.

For being the first grade to return all their library books, each student will receive a prize – the choice of a poster or stationery item.

Thank you SO much for being such good library patrons

WELL DONE!!

Jane ☺

**LAST DAY FOR
UNIFORM SHOP SALES
WEDNESDAY 20TH
DECEMBER**

Remember!!

2018 PARENT PAYMENTS

A completed **BLUE** account form (one per family) must be returned to the office for **ALL** payments types.

Final date for payment of fees is
Monday 12th February 2018.



SIZE 16 POLOS REDUCED

**Short sleeved
were \$26.00 each NOW \$13.00 each**

**Long sleeved
were \$28.00 each NOW \$14.00 each**

LIMITED TIME ONLY!!

APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located under the stairwell near the library

OPENING HOURS FOR 2017

MONDAY AFTERNOON: 3:30pm – 4:00pm

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 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

Order now for 2018

Summer Dress – Sizes 4 -16 \$23.00 each

Cotton/Lycra Bike Shorts – Sizes 4 - 16 \$12.00 pair

Boy Leg Briefs – Sizes 4-6, 8-10, 12-14 - \$11.00 pair

Short Sleeve Panelled Polo – Sizes 4-16 - \$26.00 each

Surf T-shirt – Sizes 4 – 16 - \$15.00 each

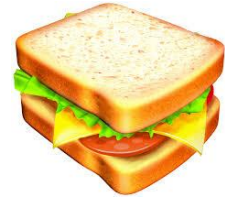
Shorts – Cotton Rugby (unisex) – Sizes 4 – 16 - \$15.00 pair

Shorts – Gabardine Zip Pocket – Sizes 4 – 16 - \$17.00 pair

Slouch Hat – Sizes small, medium, large, extra large - \$10.00 each



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 –

CANTEEN HELPERS ROSTER

DECEMBER

Thursday 7 th – Cassie	Friday 8 th – Patrice & Jane
Thursday 14 th – Maria	Friday 15 th – Jess & Kath
Thursday 21 st – Christina	Friday 22 nd CLOSED

CANTEEN RE-OPENS

MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2018

***BASKETBALL* CAMPS**

BASKETBALL BASICS

WEDNESDAY 24 & THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 9:30-3:30PM
1x DAY \$55 - 2x DAYS \$100 / BEGINNERS

FUTURE STARS

THURSDAY 18 & FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 9:30-3:30PM
1x DAY \$60 - 2x DAYS \$110 / DOMESTIC LEVEL PLAYERS

PRO CAMP

TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 9:30AM-3:30PM
\$80 PER PLAYER / REPRESENTATIVE LEVEL PLAYERS

SHOOTING CAMP

WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 12:00PM-3:30PM
\$60 PER PLAYER / DOMESTIC & REP LEVEL PLAYERS

INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE

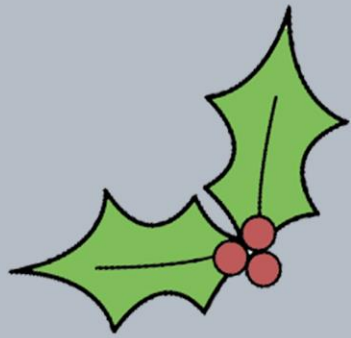
MONDAY 22 JANUARY 9:30AM-3:30PM
\$70 PER PLAYER / DOMESTIC & REP LEVEL PLAYERS

GIRLS CAMP

TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 9:30AM-3:30PM
\$70 PER PLAYER / DOMESTIC & REP LEVEL PLAYERS

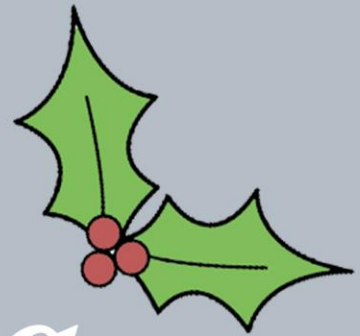


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20TH ANNIVERSARY

WeCare
COMMUNITY SERVICES



Helping Hand Day

Saturday

16th of December

10-12pm



307 Gladstone Road,
Dandenong North 3175

FREE SAUSAGE
SIZZLE

CLOTHING
AND TOYS*

FREE FOOD
HAMPER*

FUN KIDS
ACTIVITIES



LIMITED SUPPLY- HEALTH CARE CARD REQUIRED

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL

8791 5255 / 1300 762 128

WWW.WECARE.SERVICES

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

Amsleigh Park Planner

Term 4, 2017

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 Monday 9 th Oct	9 Term 4 Commences	10	11	12 Division Athletics	13
WEEK 2 Monday 16 th Oct	16 School Council	17	18	19	20 Grade 2 Sleepover 3/4 Cricket Gala Day Division Softball
WEEK 3 Monday 23 Oct	23 Division Volleyball	24	25 Prep Dance Incursion	26	27 Prep Dance Incursion
WEEK 4 Monday 30 th Oct	30 International Games	31 Week 	1	2	3 Whole School Colour Run
WEEK 5 Monday 6 th Nov	6	7 Melbourne Cup Day	8 Prep Orientation 1 Whole School Group Photo	9 German Day	10
WEEK 6 Monday 13 th Nov	13	14	15	16	17 *Comedy night on Sat 18 Nov. 
WEEK 7 Monday 20 th Nov	20 School Council Book Fair – Buy 1 Get 1 free	21 Book Fair – Buy 1 Get 1 free	22 Prep Orientation 2	23	24
WEEK 8 Monday 27 th Nov	27	28 Grade 5/6 Excursion to Cook's Cottage	29 Whole school transition. Grade 3 Billy Cart Incursion	30	1 Whole School Transition #1
WEEK 9 Monday 4 th Dec	4	5	6 Prep Orientation 3 Last day school banking	7 Grade 6 Luna Park Excursion Grade 1/2 Melb. Museum/Imax exc Grade 5 Leadership day	8
WEEK 10 Monday 11 th Dec	11 Piano/keyboards concert 3.30 – 4.30	12 Year 7 Orientation Day Whole School Transition # 2	13 Prep picnic celebration	14 Grade 6 Graduation Drum Concert	15 Amsleigh Idol
WEEK 11 Monday 18 th Dec	18 Final Assembly Carols Night	19 Class Parties *Reports Distributed	20 Prep Orientation 4 Whole School Orientation for 2018	21	22 Last Day Term 4 1.30pm Finish

V2. Updated: Wed. 22nd Nov 2017