



Term 4 Issue 2 Week 3 Thursday October 25, 2018

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Friday 26th

Grade 2 Sleepover
A Fiver for a Farmer Dress Up Day

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

Friday 9th

Prep Ceres Excursion

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

DUE BY DATES:

NOVEMBER

Friday 2nd

Prep Ceres Excursion payment due

Colour Fun Run sponsorship money due

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Big News for Amsleigh Park PS

I'm thrilled to announce that our school is the recipient of an Inclusive Schools Grant of \$200,000 to construct a new sensory, relaxation and friendship garden for our school. This project will complement our school modernisation program, and will transform the open space left after the demolition of the BK hall and surrounding classrooms into a vibrant and rich outdoor garden space for all in our school community, and possibly the wider community as well.

We found out about our success last week when our local State Member for Oakleigh, Mr Steve Dimopoulos, contacted us to share the good news. The Inclusive Schools program, worth \$30 million dollars, is a Victorian State Government initiative, supporting schools to be inclusive of children with special needs through the construction of indoor and outdoor spaces.

Miss Carr and I collaborated on the writing of this grant submission, which was very involved and required lots of research. We were able to show how the construction of this garden will offer all of our students, including those with special needs, an outdoor space to enjoy and explore their senses. One of the central features proposed is a walking labyrinth, which promotes relaxation and concentration, and has one long continuous path to walk along. The inspiration for this was a similar landscaped feature I saw at the Canberra Arboretum a couple of years ago. Our new sensory garden will be constructed early in 2019.

The Grade 2 Sleepover

Excitement is brewing for Grade 2s who are looking forward to their annual sleepover at school. This event introduces our students to Outdoor Education and is an important step in helping to prepare students for their first school camp in Grade 3. We always look forward to this night, which is lots of fun, and quite a highlight for the students.

The Colour Run

Our special colour fun run for 2018 will be held on Friday 2nd November on our school oval. After the great success of this event in 2017 I hope that our students are once again looking forward to getting involved. The colour run has a dual purpose, both as a fun special event for students, and a fundraising event for our school. Money raised from the colour run will go towards improving the outdoor areas all around our school. So far sponsorship levels are quite low, so we need everyone to get behind the event. It's also our main fundraiser for 2018, as we did not have the chocolate drive. Thanks in advance for your support.



Returning to School in 2019

A notice was distributed last week asking all families to confirm their child's enrolment for 2019. We conduct this process each year before we start working on a class structure so the accuracy of this information is vital to this process. Please take a moment to complete the return slip and hand into your classroom teacher as soon as possible. Thanks in advance for your support, and don't forget we need a response from everyone even if you are returning as normal.

Out of School Hours Care – Community Survey

Thanks to those families who have completed the survey so far. We would like a large cross section of opinions from both users and non-users of the service.

Student Voice

Recently one of our Grade 4 students, Amanthi, took the initiative to write a letter to the local member for Oakleigh to highlight her concerns about the increasing problems associated with waste, and how this is being managed. This letter made its way to Cr Stuart James, as waste in our municipality is managed by the local council, who responded directly to Amanthi, commending her for taking the time to show how important this issue is. As a result we have been offered a visit by the Council to talk about how waste is managed. I also want to commend Amanthi for this, it's great to see students taking the initiative, and using their voice to remind us that it's important to take the views of young people into consideration. As the song goes, 'from little things, big things grow', so you never know where this might lead.

Our Tawny Frog Mouths are back!

Our students are very excited to see that our Tawny Frog Mouths have once again taken up residence in our school yard. It came as quite a surprise last year to see this variety of bird in suburban Melbourne, and it's great for our students to observe. We are now awaiting the hatching of any eggs as we can see they are sitting on a nest. Our special visitors seem to tolerate the interest of our students very well, and remain quietly resting for most of the daytime. Zoos Victoria has information on their website about the Tawny Frog Mouth, and I've included it for your interest.



"At first glance Tawny Frogmouths look a lot like owls. Both birds are nocturnal, with a large set of eyes for greater vision to help with night-time hunting they both eat insects, small mammals, reptiles and frogs; both have anisodactyl feet; and they both have soft, light feathers for noiseless flight.

Despite these similarities, Frogmouths are more closely related to Nightjars, from the same order, Caprimulgiformes. Owls however, belong to the order, Strigiformes.

Widespread across Australia, including Tasmania, Tawny Frogmouths thrive in most habitats apart from dense rainforests and treeless deserts. It's not uncommon to see these nocturnal, owl-like creatures nesting in suburban backyards, parks and gardens as they have become very comfortable with human activity. In fact, you may have already walked past one and not even have noticed. With their extraordinary camouflage, Tawny Frogmouths are the masters of disguise!"

<https://www.zoo.org.au/werribee/animals/tawny-frogmouth>

Practice Makes Improvement

It's well known by students and staff that I love a good catch phrase, so recently I was reminded of one I heard last year. If someone starts a statement such as 'practice makes ...' you would probably say 'perfect!' Of course, this is the old saying we have heard many times, however there is also a different answer. The version I like is 'practice makes improvement,' because it puts an emphasis on having a realistic expectation of what will happen when we practise. Focusing on improvement is vital, and whilst we would like to aspire to perfection, it is actually much more helpful to aspire to improvement. This also links very well to our whole school Tribes agreement to do our personal best at all times.

Around the School

Visiting the Thelma Bailey Centre on Tuesday I came across our students selling 'Quelches'. It's easy to see that kids love this kind of thing, which gives them a sense that they are doing something real. The SRC is overseeing sales of Quelches, and it's fair to say business is booming! The group was very happy to pose for a quick happy snap. Thanks to Ana Mehborg, who is also helping our SRC with their sales, we appreciate your help. Our SRC is doing a wonderful job once again in 2018, so thanks to all our students for their efforts, and to Mrs Arvanitis and Mr Arundale for supporting them to make a difference.



Important Dates for 2019

Please add the following dates to your family planner for 2019.

Tuesday 29th January 2019 - Teachers resume / Planning and Preparation Day (No school)

Wednesday 30th January 2019 – Curriculum Day (No School)

Thursday 31st January 2019 - Grade 1-6 First day

Friday 1st February 2019 – Preps first day

Until next time, I hope to see you around the school

Michael Cormick

Bec's Bulletin...



Student Contributions for 2019

Shortly, all families will receive a notice with details about our student curriculum contributions for 2019. Once again families will be given the option to purchase 'student essential educational learning items' directly from OfficeMax. We have negotiated a great price for these supplies and, if purchased by the due date, will include free delivery to your home. Families also have the option to purchase the items from other suppliers if they do not wish to take up the OfficeMax offer.

Some of the stationery, materials and equipment are also purchased in bulk and stored at school, and this is included in the contribution that is paid directly to the school. This contribution is an investment in quality as the government only provides funding for a standard curriculum and we want to offer a higher quality than this. This contribution includes subscriptions to Athletics, Reading Eggs and Essential Assessment.

Childhood Anxiety – Parent information Evening

A reminder that next Monday 29th October at 7pm, the PFA have organised a parent information evening at Amsleigh Park Primary School. The night will focus on building parent capacity to deal with childhood anxiety and will be facilitated by keynote speaker Psychologist, Glen Melvin. The event is open to the wider community, so if you have friends that would be interested, they are more than welcome to attend too. Please register to attend this free event through Try Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=424282&>



Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A" reads 20 minutes each day	Student "B" reads 5 minutes each day	Student "C" reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year
1,800,000 words	282,000 words	8,000 words
 90 th percentile	 50 th percentile	 10 th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?
(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Reading Nights

It has been terrific to see how many Reading Nights our students have accumulated over the year! We love celebrating these milestones at assembly each week and it is great to see the sense of pride the students display as they reach each milestone.

We encourage all students to keep going with their nightly reading each evening, right up until the end of the year. As you can see in the infographic on the left, it has a hugely positive impact on students' reading ability and vocabulary over time, if they keep up their nightly reading.

If you have reached the 300 Nights milestone, Congratulations! When you reach 300 nights, please see Mr Cormick for a special reward!

Grounds Works:

As you may have seen, there are works underway to improve the condition of our grassed areas, particularly the area between the JLC and the deck, as well as the area where the Grade 4 portables used to sit. We are still resting these areas, but as you'll see in the yard, they are starting to come on nicely now and before long we hope to have them mowed and open for use again. Thanks to Craig Shields for sourcing some turf to lay and for his continual work around the grounds.



Community Working Bee

A reminder that on Friday 9th November from 3:30-6:30pm, we are holding a whole school working bee. We would love to see as many families as possible attend, to help keep our school yard looking great. We will provide some snacks and drinks for all participants to keep them going! There are a variety of jobs we are hoping to complete at the working bee, including tidying up the garden, sweeping the asphalt ad path areas, trimming shrubs etc... We have limited tools and equipment at school, so if you have access to any gardening tools or machines (whipper snipper, rakes, brooms, blower vac etc.) please consider bringing them along if you can. Keep an eye out for a working bee notice coming home soon.

Grade 2 Sleepover

This Friday night, our Year 2 students embark on the first event of their Outdoor Education program, with the Grade 2 Sleepover. The students are very excited to be spending the night at school along with their friends and teachers, with many fun games, pizza for dinner and a night walk planned. Thanks to Ms Jenny Brown and the Grade 1/2 team for their work in preparing for this event.



Uniform shop – Volunteers Wanted

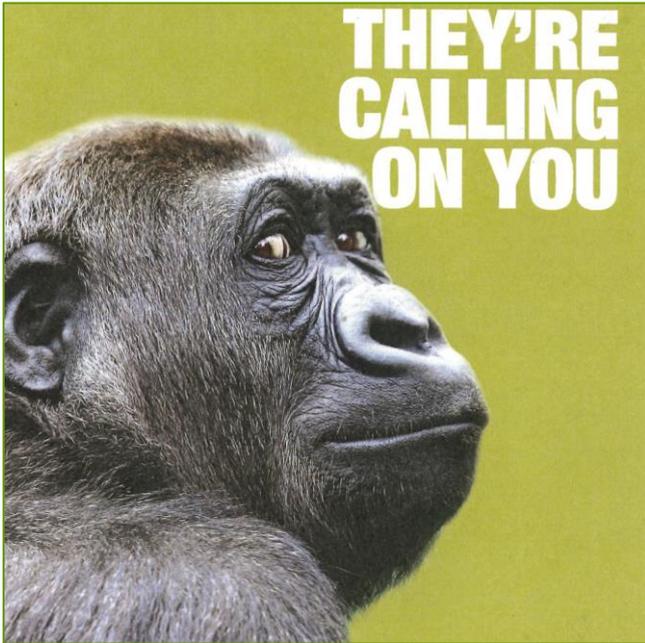


We are very lucky to have a parent volunteer run uniform shop onsite at Amsleigh Park. This ensures the prices are kept as low as possible, as well as it being convenient for families to purchase directly from the school. Our wonderful volunteers, Jo Devlin and Kath Spotkaeff do a terrific job and we are very grateful for their work. If you are interested in volunteering in the uniform shop on a regular basis (even for half an hour per week), please inform the office. As our new students prepare to commence Prep next year, the uniform shop is always in high demand and we would love some extra volunteers. Thanks for your consideration.

Bec Carr

Acting Principal

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MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING

Amsleigh Park Primary School is now proudly involved in with Zoos Victoria in helping to protect Wild Gorillas by recycling mobile phones, tablets and associated accessories (eg. chargers).

Please bring along your old phones etc. and place them in the container located at the general office. As data security is very important, it is recommended to conduct a factory reset of your phone/s before donating.

If you need assistance with this please contact PhoneCycle on www.phonecycle.com.au.

Funds raised through phone recycling supports Zoos Victoria and the Gorilla Doctors to protect and care for the fragile wild gorilla population.

Thanks for your support.



ICY POLE TUESDAYS

During Term 4, every Tuesday is Icy Pole Tuesday!

Icy poles will be on sale during the first half of lunch time, just outside the canteen.

They are 50c each. Please, where possible, bring the correct change.

Thank you.
SRC Members



As of October 23rd, Playgroup now operates on

Wednesdays from 9:00am – 11:00am

Please direct all enquiries to Lucinda on 0416 145 642



SRC FUNDRAISER DRESS UP DAY FRI 26/10/18

A Fiver for a Farmer

17/10/2018

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The SRC would like to announce one of its major fundraising events - **'Fiver for a Farmer'** on **Friday 26th October**.

Earlier this year, 10-year-old Jack Bernie, a student at St John the Baptist Primary School in Freshwater, Sydney, came up with a brilliant idea. He wanted to help our struggling Aussie farmers, so together with his schoolmates, came up with the idea of 'Fiver for a Farmer'! Dress up as a farmer and donate \$5 to a worthy cause. Jack found that due to record dry conditions, Australian farmers are really doing it tough, struggling to look after their livestock and crops, and to put food on their own tables. Their kids are even skipping school to help out on the farm. The Amsleigh Park SRC are also very concerned about this, and would like to enlist your help.

On Friday 26th October, we would like students to dress up in 'farmer-inspired' gear. This doesn't need to be anything fancy – in fact, you can even recycle your Bush Dance clothes from earlier in the year! But we request that students bring in a **\$5 note donation** to help out our incredible farmers. All funds will be delivered to **Drought Angels**, a charity which seeks to make a big difference to every farming family it assists.

We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you in your bush/farmer gear on the 26th October!

The Amsleigh Park SRC



FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR 2018

The response to last year's Colour Fun Run was amazing and we are asking for your support again this year.

All funds raised will go to improving the outside areas around our school.

**Don't forget to return your sponsorship forms and money to the office
BEFORE Friday 2nd November!!**

ARE YOU RETURNING TO AMSLEIGH PARK IN 2019?

To assist the school planning for the correct number of students we are asking **all families** to confirm their child/ren's enrolment for 2019. Once we get accurate student numbers, we can then make a final decision upon a class structure.

Please remember to return the Enrolment Confirmation by **Friday 26th October**.

STUDENT ABSENCES

As mandated by the Department of Education and Training (DET), parents are required to notify our school office of any student absence as early as possible (**preferably before 8.30am**) on the day of a child being absent.

There are 3 options for making this notification:

- FlexiBuzz (recommended). This is our main communication portal for parents.
- Email: Amsleigh.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
- Phone: 9544 1553

LATE ARRIVALS

All students who arrive late to school are required to be signed in at the office by their parent/carer, before going to their classroom. A late pass will be issued by Admin Staff which must be handed to the teacher.

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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

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Kind regards,
Rachael Mathews

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NOVEMBER**

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No experience
necessary

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Make sure you arrive at the very start of lunch, ready to have FUN!

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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 School Pix Grade 6 Graduation Photo	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