



DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

Friday 9th

Prep Ceres Excursion

Wednesday 21st

2019 Prep Transition session 2

Saturday 24th

Victorian State Election
(APPS is a polling venue)

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

DUE BY DATES:

NOVEMBER

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Celebrating Our Specialist Programs

Recently I was reflecting on how important our specialist programs: Physical Education, Art, German Language, Performing Arts and STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Maths) are for our students. Given that a lot of schools do not offer this many options I'm really proud that we have such a broad range of specialist learning programs. This learning opportunity is highly valuable as it broadens the educational experience for each child. For many children this is also an important confidence builder, and enables them to shine in an area in which they have special talents.

Our specialist programs are also complemented by a lots of extra-curricular programs such as; Inter-school Sport, Camps, Aerobics, Bike Education, Mathematics Extension, School Production, Leigh Club and so on.

I'm inviting everyone in our community to join me in celebrating our wonderful specialist learning and extra-curricular programs, and hope that you can see the value of this important learning for children. I also want to acknowledge our dedication specialist teachers, Mrs Kennedy, Mr Shallard, Frau Salles, Mrs Fandrich and Mr Powell, who make it all possible, we are most fortunate to have your expertise and skills in our school community.

Prep Orientation 2019

Welcoming new students and their families to Amsleigh Park PS is always a great pleasure which I look forward to each year. This week a group of very excited and happy children came along for their first Prep orientation in preparation for 2019. The session included activities in classrooms designed to familiarise children with our school environment. The orientation also coincided with an information session to introduce parents to our school and provide lots of information to support their child in transitioning from pre-school to prep. Our next transition session is on Wednesday 21st November.

Colour Run Fun!

Last Friday dawned almost identically to last year, so once again we watched the weather carefully during the morning. Fortune smiled on us, as the rain passed over, and a warm air stream made conditions very comfortable. Right on cue our preps got started, their white T-shirts quickly resembling a 1970s tie dye, the delight on their faces obvious from their happy smiles. Waves of groups followed, each excitedly waiting to run through the colour race.

A little water added to the fun, and really enhanced the colourful effect, so we were delighted when the 'Fire Service' came along, and set up a massive water fountain to run through. It was like running through a heavy rain shower, and the kids loved it so much they begged for a second lap. Many of our staff also took part with their classes, which really added to the fun.

This event was once again organised by our Parents and Friends Association, and we are very grateful to them for providing such a fun experience for our students. Whilst, it was a fundraiser, most of the emphasis was on fun and it is very much appreciated. Special thanks to Caz Hayes, who coordinated the event on behalf of the PFA, and thanks to all the parents who helped out on the day.



Our Uniform Shop has Moved!

On Monday this week we moved our uniform shop over to the Thelma Bailey Centre, taking over the canteen area. It's an ideal spot for our shop, as its location is easily accessible to all, and there is ample storage for our stock. The uniform shop will continue to open as normal, but please note the new location.

Continuing to provide a 'non-profit' uniform shop is very important as it makes the process of purchasing uniforms convenient and affordable. However, it's only going to be possible if we have parents who are willing to help out. Our current coordinators, Jo and Kath, have now been doing the job for a couple of years and it's time to pass the role on.

We are now seeking 2-4 volunteers who can assist the school to keep on providing this important service to our community. The role requires a 1-2 hours each week to open the shop, keep an eye on stock levels and place orders through our school office. The role can easily be shared, so any persons might only need to open the shop once a week. Any interested person/s should come by the office and let Meredith or Karen know. We can provide training in the processes required.

Parent Contributions for 2018

All families will be receiving a letter from the school shortly with details of our parent financial contributions for 2019. Next year's payment will have two components, made up of \$150 for essential student learning items, payable to the school and \$90 payable directly to our chosen supplier, Officemax. Prices have been kept the same as 2018.

Officemax is our supplier for 2019, and we have negotiated excellent value for money using our bulk buying power to advantage. The pricing is hard to beat but families can also choose to purchase their own supplies so long as each child has the required items. Like last year parents will order directly with OfficeMax. Please note the date for **FREE** delivery to avoid any extra costs.

We ask our community to support the school by contributing financially to higher quality educational programs and enabling us to provide materials and resources **well above** the standard curriculum we are funded for. Parent payments for 'essential student learning items' are used to support all learning areas inclusive of: Art materials, English and Mathematics materials, Science consumables, ICT equipment and leasing of laptop computers, Inquiry Learning materials, printing consumables, photocopying of learning activities, access to Mathletics and Reading Eggs software and so on. We can only provide these items with a contribution from families, as they are not included in the funding we are provided as a government school to implement the standard curriculum. A detailed 'Parent Payments' policy is available on our website for anyone who would like to access it.

Enrolment Census for 2019

We are still awaiting the return of some of the census forms so we can plan a class structure for 2019. It is vital that we have accurate numbers of students at each year level, so even if you have been at the school for a number of years we still need a return. If any families are moving house and changing schools in 2019 we need to know ASAP, and rest assured it does not affect your child's current enrolment. It's a big help when we have accurate information and would really appreciate your support. If you have lost the form, a note or email will also suffice. Looking at current numbers we have limited vacancies in Grade 3-6 so if you have any new families in your area please introduce them to the school.

Sporting Schools Australia Program

A note has been distributed for the Term 4 Sporting Schools program, which will focus on Gymnastics. Sporting Schools programs are held after school hours and are completely free. They are part of a Federal government initiative to get children more involved in physical activity outside of school hours. I highly recommend this opportunity as a way of getting children more interested in sport. Thanks to Miss Hayes for coordinating.

Family Fun Day

The City of Monash is running a Family Fun Day at Batesford Reserve, Chadstone on Sunday 18th November from 11.00am – 3.00pm. This is a free event which gives local residents the opportunity to connect with local service groups and organisations. There will be live entertainment and free children's activities including a jumping castle, animal farm, reptile experience and arts & crafts.

Our Tawny frog Mouth Family

It's I'm very excited to report that our Tawny Frog Mouth's now have two fluffy chicks. They hatched just over a week ago, and their growth and development has been rapid. Just the other day I could see they were now learning to fly, and their fluffy appearance was already changing. Very soon they will be on their way out into the world, but I really hope they return again to Amsleigh Park PS, as it's wonderful to see nature in action.

Until next time,

Michael Cormick



Bec's Bulletin...



Election Day Sausage Sizzle at Amsleigh Park- 24th November, 2018

As previously advised, Amsleigh Park will be a polling venue for the upcoming State Election. It is a great opportunity for fundraising, as there are a large number of people expected to come through the Amsleigh Park campus on that day. We will be holding a sausage sizzle, but are still in desperate need of volunteers to assist in the cooking and selling on the day. We would appreciate any time you can give and have broken the day into hour-long shifts. Please consider helping out at this last parent run event for the year. Please return the form, to the office, or let us know via Flexibuzz when you can assist.

ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety – Parent information Evening

A reminder that next Wednesday 14th November from 6:00 - 7:30pm, our Wellbeing Team have organised a parent information evening at Amsleigh Park Primary School. The night will focus on what students see, say and do online. It will cover important issues such as online gaming, social media apps, cyberbullying and inappropriate content; also what to do if something goes wrong. The evening will be facilitated by Graham Higgerson from Neighbourhood Watch. 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/ZDKP>



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 spreading a delivery of soft fall over our junior playground, tidying up the garden, trimming shrubs etc. We have limited tools and equipment at school, so if you have access to any gardening tools or machines (wheelbarrows, shovels, whipper snipper, rakes, brooms, blower vacs etc.) please consider bringing them along on if you can. Please return the working bee notice to the office, or RSVP via Flexibuzz, so we get an idea of numbers attending.

Calisthenics – come and try lunchtime classes

Emmanuel Calisthenics Club, which operates out of the Thelma Bailey Learning and Sporting Centre at Amsleigh Park, is offering four weeks of free 'come and try' lunchtime classes. Each Thursday lunchtime, beginning Thursday 8th November, children from all year levels are welcome to come and try out the sport. If your child is interested, please encourage them to come along.



Student Safety - Amsleigh Park Staff Carparks



There have been a number of families and students walking through the staff carparks when accessing or leaving the school grounds. We'd like to remind all families that the carparks are a pedestrian free zone. This is to ensure our school community remains safe and stay well clear of any moving vehicles on the school grounds. We thank you for your support in keeping our community safe.

Bec Carr

Acting Principal



St Pauls Cricket Club

JUNIOR BLASTERS PROGRAM [NOW HALF PRICE FOR AMSLEIGH PARK PS FAMILIES!]

- 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, November 13th, 3.45pm to 4.45pm at Batesford Reserve, Chadstone
- Was \$75 registration includes full introductory cricket kit, now \$35

Contact us:

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

Email: stpaulscricketclub@gmail.com

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

Phone: Jacob on 0425 180 782

Remember to



Summer's on the way - remember to bring your sunscreen to school!

The Cancer Council recommends the use of SPF30 or higher.

Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before outdoor activities.

Store your sunscreen with your hat as a reminder to apply it before going outdoors.

Choose a sunscreen buddy to help you to remember to apply your sunscreen.

APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located next to the Thelma Bailey Learning & Sports Centre

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

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

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