



Term 4

Issue 4

Week 7

Thursday November 22, 2018

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

Saturday 24th

Victorian State Election
(APPS is a polling venue)

Monday 26th – Friday 30th

Grade 5 Bike Ed.

DECEMBER

Monday 3rd

General Office closed for relocation
Grade 5/6 move to new learning centre

Tuesday 4th

General Office closed for relocation

Wednesday 5th

2019 Prep transition session 3

Thursday 6th

Whole school transition
Drum Concert

Friday 7th

G6 Luna Park excursion
G5 Leadership incursion

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

DUE BY DATES:

NOVEMBER

Friday 23rd

Amsleigh Idol Audition forms due

Friday 30th

School banking Dollarmite tokens due

DECEMBER

Monday 3rd

G6 Luna Park Exc payment due
G5 Leadership Exc Payment due

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AND NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE ON
OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Staffing 2019

It's hard to believe that we are only four weeks away from the end of 2018. As you can imagine we are currently well on the way planning for next year. We are fortunate to have only minimal changes to our staffing profile for 2019, which include the following:

- Mrs Caitlin Fandrich is moving to Kilmore in 2019 and will be working at Kilmore PS
- Mr Paul Shallard is moving to Darwin and is seeking work with the NT Education Department
- Miss Trish Jones will be on family leave in 2019
- Mrs Ali Harmer is returning from family leave from the start of 2019
- Mrs Lisa Jonga will be returning from Family leave on July 15 2019

Teachers will be placed in classes shortly, and the class structure will be published in an upcoming edition of the Amsleigh Buzz.

Class Structure 2019

Work on a fair and equitable class structure for 2019 is underway. Through this process we must decide on the number of classes required at each level, so we can provide an optimal learning environment for all. Sometimes small changes in numbers can make a big difference, so if you are moving house please let us know ASAP. Please note that It does not affect your current enrolment and we really appreciate not finding this out at the last minute. Please contact the office if this is a possibility.

Prep 2019

Our new group of preps have now completed their second orientation to prepare for commencing school in 2019. We can already see what a lovely group they will be in prep, and look forward to welcoming them to Amsleigh Park. Many thanks to Miss Carr, who presented the information session on Literacy and Sonya Moreland for providing an outline of the Parents and Friends Association. Special thanks to Jo Devlin and Kath Spotkaeff for opening the uniform shop, which is a great help.

Building Program – Help needed!

Every school day we inch ever closer to completion of our Capital Works project. Currently, our main school building is undergoing final finishes such as painting, carpeting, fitting off the lighting and so on. As you can imagine it's all a frantic rush to the end, with so many little details to complete.

We have already started to pack up and move items in preparation for our big move back into the main building, and very soon this process will need to go full steam ahead. Hence, a moving day has been organised for **Monday 3rd December**. On this day we plan to move our Grade 5/6 students into the new Senior Learning Centre, and we will need all the help we can muster. A notice will be distributed soon with details, and if you can spare an hour or two we would appreciate it.

Cyber-Safety Presentation

Thank you to the families who came along to our community information night regarding Cyber-safety. It was a very informative presentation, and highlighted the potential negative impacts that can happen when children and teenagers misuse or misunderstand social media. We will provide more information in an upcoming edition of the buzz. Thanks to Mr Arundale for organising this session.

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

Punctuality

Punctuality is an important life skill that is reinforced on a daily basis all across our lives. It's well accepted that is essential to be on time to appointments, work, social events, meetings and school.

Recently, punctuality has been causing us some concern, as we note an increasing number of students coming late to school every day. Being late to school can have a considerable impact over the whole school year. The table (right) shows you just how much time can be missed through a year by being just a little bit late every day.

If you are finding that you are regularly late, please take the time to look at the morning routines and see if there is something which can be changed to help you get your child to school on time each day.

As well as the missed learning time, your child being late also impacts the other students in the class as teachers time is taken up re-introducing the learning tasks. It also means that your child is playing catch up from the time they enter the room, sometimes even feeling embarrassed as they enter a learning session already in progress.

5 minutes late every day = 3 days of school lost a year

10 minutes late every day = 6 days of school lost a year

15 minutes late every day = 9 days of school lost a year

20 minutes late every day = 12 days of school lost a year

Living up to our School Motto

On a Monday morning each week students will often bring in their medals and trophies they received over the weekend for me to share at assembly. It's a lovely Amsleigh tradition, and I get great pleasure in acknowledging these achievements in front of the school. This week I acknowledged that one of our students, Alyssa, had completed a 3km swim, spending 1 hour and 28 minutes to complete 120 laps of the pool. I've got to say this was the first time I'd heard of a student completing a 3km swim so it really struck a chord with me. In particular it made me think of our school motto 'Our Best Always' and that it really would have taken nothing but her absolute personal best to achieve this distance. Thinking back to all of these achievements I can see that they all live up to our motto. It's about being your best, and applying yourself with determination, persistence and courage. So, I want to celebrate this fact, and offer another round of congratulations to the many students who are taking on challenges in lots of different ways. And remember doing your best does not mean winning or being the best in your team or group. Rather, it means to do your own personal best, as often as you can, whilst continuing to build your own skills and knowledge.

Essential Student Learning Items

I would like to provide a friendly reminder that our essential student learning items for 2019 have two (2) components. The first one is to purchase a student book pack from our preferred supplier, OfficeMax, with free delivery available for orders placed on or by the 9th December 2018. The second component (\$150.00) is paid directly to the school to cover the cost of all other items, resources and services that we purchase in bulk. If you have any queries about Payments for Essential Student Learning Items please contact me. Information is also available on our school website.

Dates for 2019

Please note the following dates for your diary for the start of 2019.

Tuesday 29 January 2019- Staff Resume officially for 2019 – preparation and planning day

Wednesday 30 January 2019 – Curriculum Day (Teachers planning day)

Thursday 31 January 2019 - Grade 1-6 students start school for 2019

Friday 1 February 2019 - Preps start school for 2019

I hope you are looking forward to another great year at Amsleigh Park PS.

Until next time,

Michael Cormick

Bec's Bulletin...



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

A final reminder that we are having a sausage sizzle at Amsleigh Park this Saturday, as we are a polling venue for the State Election. We are still seeking parent volunteers to help cook and sell sausages in the 1pm-2pm shift. If you have a spare hour on Saturday to help out, please contact the office via phone or Flexibuzz. Remember to stop by for a sausage if you are voting at Amsleigh Park this weekend.

Twilight Working Bee

A huge thank you to our hard working parent and student crew from our recent working bee! It was a very productive afternoon, with soft fall being spread over the junior playground and lots of general gardening being completed. We really appreciate the time and effort people gave.



Colour Run



The good news just keeps coming from this year's 'Colour Run', and I am very pleased to announce that we raised just over \$6000.00. Given the event was also lots of fun; this is a great bonus for the school. Prizes earned by students are on order and we hope to receive them shortly. Grade 5/6C raised the most funds as a class, totalling \$1,057.25. Once again, huge thanks to the PFA, the Moreland Family for organising the Fire Truck and everyone involved, this was a most successful event.

Whole School Transition

As our students progress from one Year level to the next, it is important that they feel prepared for what lies ahead. Our Whole School Transition Program supports our students with their level to level transition, through multiple sessions, over December. During these visits, students go as a cohort to spend time in the next year level's learning spaces, with the current teachers of those levels. Here the students get to know other teachers and the key differences between their current year level and the one ahead. Students have a chance to ask questions and get to know students they may not have been in a class with before. The program culminates with our Smart Start session on Wednesday 19th December, where students will meet with their 2019 grades and teachers where possible. The program begins with our first session on Thursday 6th December.



School Office Closure – 3rd & 4th December



Due to the relocating of our school office into the main brick building shortly, there will be a two-day office closure. On December 3rd and 4th, the office will be unable to accept over the counter payments, however BPAY will still be available. During the reconnection of services, there may be periods of phone line disruption. We apologise for this unavoidable inconvenience, and we look forward to resuming full service in our brand new office space as of Wednesday 5th Dec. Please note as of Wednesday 5th December, access to the general office will be via the State Street double doors (old main entrance). If any changes to these arrangements or dates arise, we will notify families via Flexibuzz.

Bec Carr

Acting Principal

2019 PARENT PAYMENTS

We would like to thank all the families who have already paid the 2019 parent payments. Please ensure the blue account form (one per family) is returned to the general office to allow for the correct allocation of payments.

This form must be returned for all payment types.

BPay is the preferred method of processing payments and helps to reduce the administrative burden. Please note that BPay payments can take up to three days to reach our system so please keep this in mind when making payments.

NB: Families who pay their fees in full before Friday December 7th will go into a draw to have the fees of one child fully refunded.

Final date for payment of fees is Monday 11th February 2019.

Thank you.
Administration Staff

ABSENT NOTIFICATIONS

A reminder to all families, when your child is sick or absent from school, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** or earlier, where possible.

This will ensure an SMS unexplained absence message is not automatically sent out to parents, as per DET policy.

ALL absence notifications should be sent directly to the **school office** (not classroom teachers) via FlexiBuzz (password for all boxes APTB15).

An email can also be sent to the school at amsleigh.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone office the on **9544 1553**.

Attendance data is recorded by Admin. staff and made available to classroom teachers.

Thank you for your support with this process.

PFA NEWS...

COLOUR FUN RUN - What a great day, and well done to all those who participated...

We made \$6000, and had a total of 177 students raise money. The highest amount raised was by Isabella Dimopoulos (5/6C) \$677.25 in total, what a huge effort! A great job was done by Caz Hayes for all the organisation, and a big thanks to all the parents and teachers who helped out to make this event such a success!

- **PARENT INFORMATION EVENING** - Childhood anxiety. This was a very informative evening, with over 60 people attending. We're sure everyone there learned a great deal, and very much appreciated speaker Glenn Melvin sharing of his wisdom and expertise on the matter. Special thanks to Cherie for her organisation of this one.
- **BOOK EXCHANGE** - There's been several new additions to the free book exchange, so don't forget to swap a few books for holiday reading. For those who haven't found the exchange yet it is the small bookshelf outside the staff room, in the main foyer.
- **ELECTION BBQ** - Don't forget to put your names down and come and help out for an hour or two at the Election Day BBQ. This will be a good fund raiser for our school but can only go ahead if lots of us help out.
- **PFA AGM** - Speaking of helping out, our AGM is November 27th at 7.30pm in the After School Care Room. All existing Committee positions will be declared vacant, and some existing members will not be re standing. Please consider nominating as without the PFA we have no disco, no fundraising, no Mothers' or Fathers' Day Stalls, no colour fun run, no canteen at production, no Production Costumes & Working bee, no book exchange, no raffles and no coordination of all the many other events which happen at APPS. It's up to you as a community to keep this happening. Further information and Nomination forms available at front office or contact apps.parents@gmail.com

Cheers,
PFA COMMITTEE

A message from your School Banking Co-ordinator

If your child has collected 10 Dollarmites tokens and would like to redeem them for a School Banking reward item this term, please fill in your child's redemption slip and bring it along to one of our School Banking days **before** 30th November 2018.



This will ensure the reward item will arrive before the school holidays.

Our final School Banking day for 2018 is **Wednesday 12th December**.

Any Dollarmites tokens that are not redeemed this year can be used in 2019.

Thank you, Amy.

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.

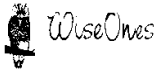
We really appreciate the supply of good quality items to offer for sale at reduced prices.

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



Coming up
Term 1, 2019

7 STEPS TO GENIUS

Amsleigh Park Primary School



This unit highlights the science and art of Leonardo Da Vinci, together with the works of May Gibb, the Australian writer. Leonardo Da Vinci was a genius and a Renaissance Man. You will learn about - understanding Leonardo's scientific systems which showed his genius, risk taking, superb health and dexterity, Mozart's music, mind mapping, drawing upside down, feelings through your senses, fabrics, drama, writing with both hands, verbal pictures, mirror writing. WiseOnes will help you to learn his secrets so that you can work to become a genius too.

WiseOnes Application for 1st Term 2019

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

WiseOnes Teacher: Rowena Beaumont (mobile: 0417 388 847)

The unit for first term commences week beginning Monday, 11th February, 2019.

The unit will run for 8 weeks commencing: **Monday 11th Feb, 18th Feb, 25th Feb, 4th Mar, 11th Mar, 18th Mar, 25th March and 1st April.**

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I wish to enrol my child in the unit "**7 Steps to Genius**" starting week beginning **Monday, 11th February, 2019.**

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

Date of Birth _____ Class (2019) _____

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 by Friday, 8th February 2019.

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.



**CLARINDA
TENNIS CLUB**

INTERESTED IN TENNIS?

Come to our Club Open Day - it's free.

WEDNESDAY, 19th December, 4-6PM

Clarinda Tennis Club
4-14 Crawford Road
Clarinda



2019 SALESIAN SPORTS ACADEMY ACTIVITIES DAY WITH GRADE 4/5 STUDENTS



Do you have a Grade 4/5 son who excels in sport?

SPORTS ACADEMY ACTIVITIES DAY

Salesian College Chadstone invites 2019 Grade 4/5 students who excel in sports or athletic endeavours to our Salesian College Sports Academy Activities Day.

DETAILS

Date: Friday 22 March 2019
Time: 9:30am to 2:00pm
Where: Salesian College Chadstone
10 Bosco St, Chadstone 3148

REGISTER

www.trybooking.com/ZIQM

• Please note that places are strictly limited and will be filled in order of registration. Register promptly to avoid disappointment.

2021 Applications close 23 August 2019 and offers will go out on 18 October 2019.

THE ACTIVITIES

The day will involve:

- An introduction to the Sports Academy Program
- Performance testing and assessment
- Athletic and sporting extension and enrichment activities designed to challenge and extend talented Grade 4/5 students

The performance testing and assessment activity will be run by Ace Performance. All other sporting activities will be run by our Sports Academy team.



**INSPIRE
EDUCATE
BECOME**
Great men

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 G5 Bike Ed.	27 G5 Bike Ed.	28 G5 Bike Ed.	29 G5 Bike Ed.	30 G5 Bike Ed.
WEEK 9 Monday 3 Dec	3 GENERAL OFFICE CLOSED & RELOCATION G5/6 relocation	4 GENERAL OFFICE CLOSED & RELOCATION G5/6 relocation	5 Prep Orientation	6 Whole School Transition Drum Concert	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 Amsleigh Idol
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