



Term 4

Issue 5

Week 9

Thursday December 6, 2018

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

Friday 7th

G6 Luna Park excursion
G5 Leadership incursion

Tuesday 11th

Whole School Transition

Thursday 13th

Grade 6 Graduation 6.00pm

Friday 14th

Amsleigh Idol

Monday 17th

Christmas Carols Evening

Tuesday 18th

Reports distributed

Wednesday 19th

2019 Prep Transition – session 4 (final)
Whole

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

DUE BY DATES:

DECEMBER

Monday 10th

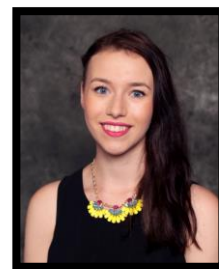
G1&2 Cultural Celebration Incursion

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AND NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE ON
OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Staff Farewells

At the end of 2018 we will say farewell to Mrs Caitlin Fandrich, who has been working at Amsleigh Park PS since 2014. Mrs Fandrich and her family are relocating permanently to Kilmore. In her time at APPS Mrs Fandrich taught Prep before taking maternity leave late in 2017. More recently, Mrs Fandrich has been teaching Visual Art and our students have enjoyed lots of creative fun in her sessions. Whilst, we are sad to see her go, Kilmore is simply too far away from Amsleigh Park PS to commute. Mrs Fandrich's new school is Kilmore Primary school. On behalf of everyone at Amsleigh Park PS I want to say a sincere thank-you to Mrs Fandrich, and wish her every success for the future. We will really miss you!



Our Physical Education teacher from 2017-2018, Mr Paul Shallard, is also relocating to Darwin in the Northern Territory at the end of 2018. We have been most fortunate that Mr Shallard has been our Physical Education teacher at Amsleigh Park PS for the past two years, and I know that our students have really enjoyed sessions under his expert guidance. We will certainly miss him, and on behalf of everyone at Amsleigh Park we wish him every happiness in this new adventure.

As the old saying goes, one door closes, one door opens, and with that in mind I want to sincerely welcome Mrs Liana Bianco-Caputo to our staff. Mrs Caputo took over Grade 3A at the start of Term 4 this year, replacing Mrs De Fazio, who is now on maternity leave. We are thrilled to have Mrs Bianco join our staff team on a more permanent basis in 2019.

Parent And Friends Association

The PFA annual general meeting was held recently and I'm pleased to announce that Mr Justin Scott has taken over the role as PFA President, Caz Hayes is the PFA Secretary and Sonya Moreland is the PFA Treasurer for 2019. Many thanks to these parents for their great support of the PFA, it's vital that we have a vibrant parents group involved in the school.

Understanding Student Placements

We are currently finalising the very complex process of placing students into classes for 2019. 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. I want to emphasize that learning is the number one priority for class time, and whilst friendship is one consideration, we are now placing less priority on the meeting of these requests. Rest assured, our students are still placed with children who they learn well with, but we believe that these important decisions should not be compromised by satisfying friendship requests over having a productive learning environment. Students have both recess and lunch to be with friends, and this should suffice. We hope that all families understand this common sense approach, which we believe leads to the best outcome for our class placements and learning. 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.

Class Structure 2018

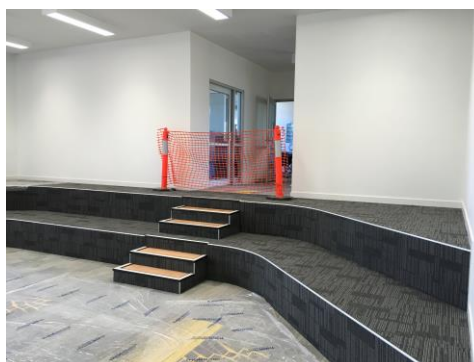
I am pleased to announce the class structure and teacher placements for 2019, as shown below. This structure ensures that we will maintain outstanding class sizes across all year levels. Whilst numbers may change slightly the classes and the number of students currently in each group are as follows. As you will see all classes will have the optimum number of students. For the record an optimum class size is about 25 students, and we always aim to keep classes around this figure.

Class	Teacher	Student Numbers
Prep A	Miss Danielle Renwick	22
Prep B	Miss Emily Tapper	22
Grade 1A	Miss Lauren Wall	22
Grade 1B	Miss Colette Colacitti	21
Grade 2A	Mrs Liana Bianco	24
Grade 2B	Miss Jennifer Brown	24
Grade 3A	Miss Liana Kirton	24
Grade 3B	Mr Brad Arundale	24
Grade 4A	Miss Johanne Abbott	23
Grade 4B	Miss Melissa Den Elzen	23
Grade 5/6A	Miss Sam Hayes	23
Grade 5/6B	Mr Scott French	23
Grade 5/6C	Miss Leah Ryan	24
Grade 5/6D	Mrs Irene Arvanitis	24
Visual Art	Mrs Ali Washington (previously Miss Harmer)	
Performing Arts	Mrs Terye Kennedy	
Physical Education	TBA	
German	Frau Salles	
STEM	Mr John Powell	

Students will find out their class placement on Tuesday 18th December, as this is included with the December report. We have our final transition in new classes for 2019 on Wednesday 19th December, and students will meet with their new teacher at this time. Please note that we do not accept any requests for students to be placed with certain teachers.

The Senior Learning Centre

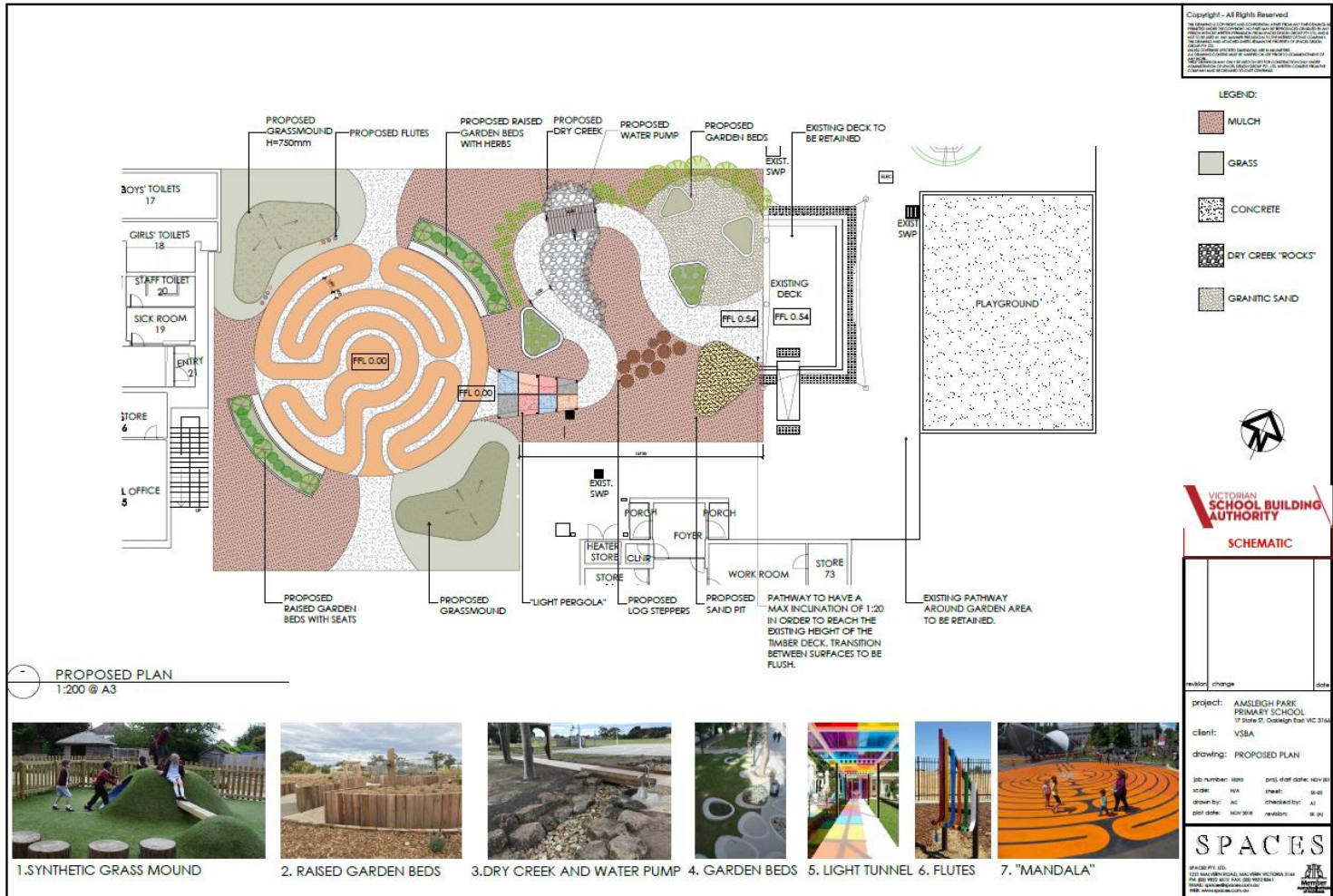
Our Grade 5/6s finally moved into the new Senior Learning Centre this week, and judging by their reaction the wait was well worth it. We are so pleased with the design of this learning area, which like our JLC, has a contemporary look, is filled with abundant natural light and looks very fresh and new. We look forward to opening up this centre so our community can walk through and see for themselves. Stay tuned as an invite will be made soon.



THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

A fantastic new Garden for Amsleigh Park PS

We are very excited to give you a snap shot of the plans for new 'Friendship Garden' which will be constructed early in 2019. The various elements will provide our students and community with endless hours of fun and relaxation. If you look closely at the plan you will see one of the central features is a walking Mandala, and this connects to a sensory trail that runs over a dry creek bed. Artificial grass mounds, planted areas, a new sand pit and walking logs also feature in the design. Our architects, Spaces, are now commencing the documentation of the project, which will go to tender soon. It's a very exciting time for our school and this will really complement our new buildings and give us an outdoor area we can all feel really proud of. Construction should commence in February 2019 and the garden will take about 6-8 weeks to construct.



The Office is Moving!

Our general office is moving back into the main building and will be open from Monday 10th December. Access is via the regular front entrance, but you will notice that we now have a ramp installed, so you can use the stairs or the ramp. We would like to thank everyone for their patience in advance as we transition back into our new spaces. It will take a little while to get settled into the new spaces, just as it does when you move house.

Enrolment Possibilities for 2019

We currently have a limited number of vacancies in classes from Grade 3-6, 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 school year.

Transition

All Grade 1-6 children are currently participating in our transition program in preparation for 2019. Please look out for a special handout with further details about the information being shared with our students. It's a very important program and provides all students with high level support as they move onto their next class.

Until next time,

Michael Cormick

Bec's Bulletin...



Lost Property

There is currently a huge amount of lost property at Amsleigh Park. Please come and have a look through the lost property and claim anything that belongs to you. The lost property is located in the Thelma Bailey Learning and Sporting Centre, spread out for ease of identification. Thank you to Kath Spotkaeff, Jo Devlin and Mary Dimopoulos who have spent time sorting lost property and returning named items to students. We appreciate your time! A reminder to please name jumpers and lunch boxes etc. so misplaced items can easily be returned to your child. Thank you for your support with this.

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 mornings. *(Last day for uniform shop this year is Wednesday 19th Dec.)*



Student Book Packs for 2019

A number of families have already ordered and received their 2019 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 delivery fee from Office Max.

If you order **on or before the 9th December**, there is free home delivery. Orders after this date will incur a \$12.95 delivery fee. To order, 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: 4RU5R

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

Step 4 – Review the booklist and replenish items required.

Step 5 – Pay for the book pack PayPal, Zip, 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 begin the year in an organised manner where they are set up for a success.

Prep Transition

Yesterday our 2019 Prep students spent the morning at school for their third transition session. As part of this session, they met 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 focuses 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.



Bec Carr

Acting Principal

From the Office.....



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 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.

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.



Playgroup has now finished for 2018.

We've had a wonderful year and would like to thank everyone for their support.

Lucy will be standing down as Playgroup Co-ordinator and handing over the role to Claire Murray, who has been a part of playgroup over the last two years.

Playgroup will recommence on Tuesday 12th February 2019.

Please direct all enquiries to Claire, via email on clsmurray@hotmail.com

The last day to order uniforms is

Wednesday 19th December.

The uniform shop will re-open on

Wednesday 30th January.

APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in 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

FROGS
B A S K E T B A L L



BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMPS

Register and select your
school and receive
\$5 off
per participant per day

GET READY FOR THE SUMMER SEASON:

Just started or thinking of playing next season? Join us at our **BEGINNER** holiday camps for an introduction to the basics and fundamental skills of the game in an enjoyable learning environment.

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd January

Are you looking to prepare for a breakout season? More experienced players are invited to attend our **ADVANCED** holiday camp for further skills coaching and guidance.

Wednesday 23rd January

Camps are ideal for players 6 - 12 years. Building confidence whilst having fun!

3 BIG days of basketball in JANUARY
10am - 3pm BYO Basketball & Lunch
\$55 per day per participant

Waverley Basketball Stadium, Batesford Road, Chadstone
All ages and skills are invited to attend the beginner camp



Register ONLINE to book your spot
www.tinyurl.com/bballcamps
Enquiries please call 9095 6567

HD Hunky Dory
Fish & Chips

WE'RE THROWING OAKLEIGH A FISH-MAS PARTY!!!

SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER - 12 -3PM

28 EATON MALL

VISIT FROM SANTA - BALLOONIST - FACEPAINTER - COMPETITIONS!

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