



Term 4

Issue 6

Week 11

Thursday December 20, 2018

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER 2018

Friday 21st

Last Day Term 4 – early finish at 1.30pm
Office closed from 11am

JANUARY 2019

Tuesday 29th

Staff Return – Student Free Day

Wednesday 30th

CURRICULUM DAY – Student Free Day

Thursday 31st

Students in Grades 1 – 6 commence

FEBRUARY 2019

Friday 1st

Prep Students Commence

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

DUE BY DATES:

DECEMBER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a Great Year!

Here we are once again nearing the end of another school year. For me each year seems to whizz by at such a fast pace that I sometimes wish things would just slow down a bit. But, as the saying goes, 'time flies when you're having fun', and this year is no exception!

As I reflect on 2018 I remember many great events and occasions with some of the highlights including; the School Picnic, Bush Dance, Prep Pizza Night and Swimming in Term 1; Education Week, Tributes concert, ANZAC service, Grandparents Day, 5/6 Science Expo, Mother's Day Stall, School Disco, Grade 6 and Grade 3/4 camps in Term 2; Grade 5 camp, Life Education, 100 days of Prep, Book Week, Bedtime stories, Father's Day stall and the school production in Term 3; the Colour Run, Grade 2 Sleepover, Whole School Transition, Prep Orientation and Grade 6 Graduation in Term 4. Phew, what a year!

School improvement is also an ongoing focus, and this has included implementations of a new framework for teaching Writing, that we know as VOICES. This framework outlines what skills and knowledge students need to successfully write in a range of styles or genres such as narrative, persuasive, exposition, retell, poetry and information reports. Additionally, we have spent time on implementing a new approach to the teaching of Phonics in Prep – Grade 2. Understanding phonics (the sounds made by the letters of the alphabet) and the various ways sounds are blended is vital to developing confident reading skills, and the results have certainly been very pleasing. Like all professional organisations, seeking ongoing improvement is part of every school year, and we are proud of our commitment to this aspect of our work.

Amsleigh Park PS is a Kids Matter School



I'm thrilled to announce that after 4 years of sustained professional learning for our staff, we have achieved accreditation as a Kids Matter school. This training has included a focus on learning about how we can work strategically to improve mental health for students by having a positive school community, working well with parents and carers, teaching social skills and understanding mental health challenges for children.

I would like to acknowledge team leaders who oversaw this learning including: Miss Sam Hayes, Miss Trish Jones, Mrs Irene Arvanitis, Mrs Ali Harmer and ***. As a result of this learning our staff are well prepared to support children who are experiencing mental health challenges. For further information about Kids Matter please go to; <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary>

Carols Night

Thanks to everyone who came along to our fantastic Carols night this year! It was great to see some many families and we were thrilled with the fun performances from our students. I would like to thank our Carols coordinator, Miss Melissa Den Elzen, who brought the event together really well. Our teachers and support staff also did a terrific job with the Sausage Sizzle, and preparing their classes for the performance. Of course many thanks to our students for their wonderful singing and dancing. It was a great community event and it was terrific to see everyone enjoying a get together to cap off another great year!



THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

Grade 6 Awards

Special congratulations to the following students who received a Grade 6 award for 2018.

- **Academic**: Mikey P, Sophie B and Akshana J
- **Sporting**: Amelie B and James C
- **General Excellence**: Oscar M and Belen I
- **Citizenship**: Nathaniel H
- **Community Spirit and Leadership**: Klaudia N

It is a great reward for effort and we are all very proud of you!

Student Leaders 2019

Student leaders for next year were announced last Monday and our 2018 leaders undertook a symbolic handover of their leadership sash. The new student leadership team include:

- **School Captains**- Georgie T and Mason B
- **Goolagong** – Ava N and Aiden R
- **Whitten**- Jasmine S and Mitchell M
- **Fraser**- Gisele F and Mitchell S
- **Bradman**- Teah G and Shriman A
- **SRC Presidents**- Isavella D & Peter S
- **Environmental Captains** – Isabella D & Daniel K

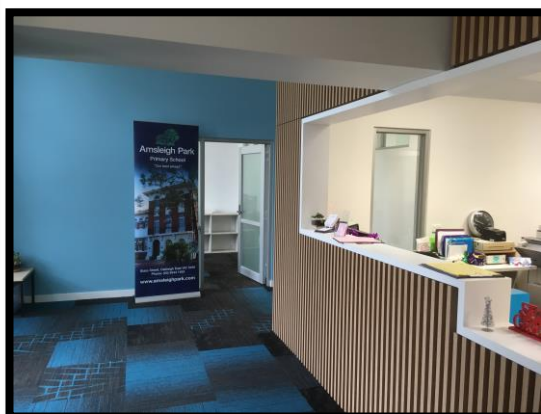
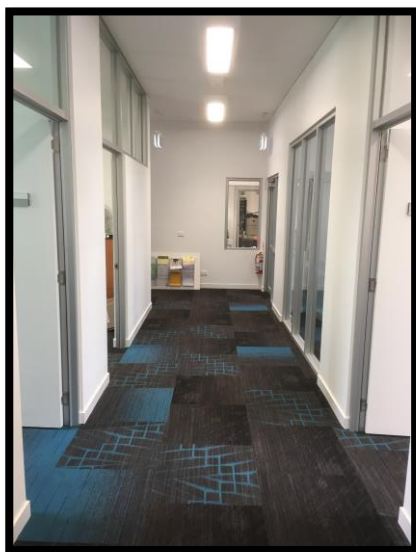
Well done to these students, we look forward to your leadership in 2019. I would like to say a special thank-you to all of our students who put themselves forward for a student leadership role this year. There were many fine speeches, and many deserving candidates, so I am confident that all members of our Grade 6 class will be excellent role models for all students at APPS.

December Reports for 2018

I want to congratulate all of our students for their fantastic work in 2018 as reflected in their December report. We have many students exceeding the expected level in all curriculum areas, and it makes us all very proud to see what our students are achieving. I hope that all students are also proud of their achievements and growth in 2018. Congratulations one and all!

Our Main Building is taking Shape

After a long building process we are now starting to enjoy the newly renovated spaces in our main building. The results are just fantastic, and it's a real joy to walk in every day, and work in such a fresh, light and contemporary environment.



Thank You One and all!

Amsleigh Park PS is a fantastic school because we have an outstanding staff and school community. I'd like to thank the following people:

- Many thanks to Assistant Principal, Miss Bec Carr, who has been outstanding in this role showing herself as a natural leader, with high integrity, dedication and commitment. Miss Carr was officially appointed to the role in 2018 and we can therefore look forward to her continuing her great work in 2019.
- Thanks also to our Learning Specialist, Miss Abbott, Professional Learning Community Leaders, Miss Renwick, Miss Brown, Mrs Jonga/Mrs Arvanitis and Miss Jones, Wellbeing Leader, Miss Hayes and Specialist Leader, Mrs Kennedy, who have all contributed a lot to our school improvements.
- To our wonderfully dedicated teaching and support staff, may I say congratulations and thanks for your outstanding work with all of our students. You make a huge difference each and every school day.
- I would also like to highlight this year's student leaders for doing such a fantastic job. They have been outstanding role models and excellent ambassadors for the school! You have set a great example and very high standard of student leadership for all others to follow! Special thanks to School Captains, Amelie and Oscar.
- Huge thanks to our Business Manager, Karen Hogan, who provides great support to both myself and the school, keeping our office and finances ticking along.
- To our Administration staff, Meredith Duhau and Jackie Fox-Pollard, always helpful to all staff, students and parents. Thanks for doing a great job in the office every day with a big smile on your face!
- To Helen, who does a great job in the Library, and is currently setting up our new school library. Thanks and we really look forward to the new Library.
- To the team at Youth Leadership Victoria, who provide valued care and support for our students, it has been another great year!
- To Jo Devlin and Kath Spotkoeff for doing such a magnificent job in the uniform shop in 2018. We really appreciate the time that you spend in this important role.
- To our Parents and Friends Association, who have done an outstanding job organise lots of fun events for our students, we really appreciate your efforts. Special mention to President, Kath Tomlinson and Secretary, Caz Hayes, for your contributions.
- To all the parents who have assisted and supported the school in so many ways this year – thank you.
- Our School Council, under the leadership of Gregory Dellas, has experienced a very productive year. Thanks to all the Councillors for your commitment and for being part of a cohesive partnership where all members are totally focussed on the common good of the school. A job very well done.
- Thanks one and all, it's all for the benefit of Amsleigh Park PS students!



Reading at Home!

Make sure that students are continuing to read every day during the school holidays, as the research clearly shows that it is a great support to Literacy growth and development. Reading is also part of every student's daily homework routine, and should make up at least 50% of this time. In 2019 we are also setting a target that every student will reach a minimum of 200 reading nights, which means reading at least 4 times a week on average. Of course, many students already go well past this and if you can make it 352 then all the better!

You can start counting your reading nights from 1-1-19.

And Finally...

I want to thank everyone for a great year at Amsleigh Park PS. I hope that you all enjoy a great festive season and have a chance to spend lots of time with family and friends. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing everyone for another exciting year at Amsleigh Park PS in 2019!

Until next year, take care.

Michael Cormick

Principal

Bec's Bulletin...

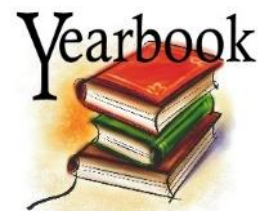
Thank you!



A sincere thank you to all of the parents and community members who have helped with the huge variety of activities and events throughout 2018! What a lucky bunch of students we have, to have so many extracurricular opportunities offered to them each year. Many of these would not be possible without the assistance of our wonderful families. We truly value and appreciate your help and support! I have really enjoyed working with the Amsleigh community this year and I look forward to working with everyone again next year! I'd like to wish everyone a relaxing, happy and safe Christmas and New Year! See you in 2019!

Year Books

Yesterday, our 2018 Year Books were distributed to all families that pre-purchased one. If you did not pre order and would now like to purchase one, you can do so at the General Office at the price of \$18.00 each. As the General Office will be closing at 11:00am tomorrow, please complete all payments prior to then (please no cash payments as banking is complete for the year. Thank you to Miss Emily Tapper for her work in overseeing the preparation of the 2018 Year Book.



Smart Start



Yesterday, all students attended 'Smart Start', the final transition session for the year. Students spent the morning with their classmates and teacher for 2019. All groups were really settled and made a good start in building a positive rapport and learning environment for next year. I know all teachers enjoyed getting to know their future students. It was lovely to see our students moving so confidently into the next year of their schooling. Thanks to Miss Johanne Abbott who lead the whole school transition program for 2018-2019.

Lost Property

There is a large amount of unnamed lost property to be claimed. All lost property that is unclaimed at 1:30pm on Friday, will be donated or disposed of, so please pop in to the TBLSC foyer to check if any of your child's belongings are there. A huge thank you to Kath Spotkaeff and Jo Devlin for looking after our lost property this year.



Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop will open during the second week of Term 1 2019 – dates and times to be confirmed.

Bec Carr

Acting Principal

PFA Update

We are very pleased to announce we have a PFA Committee for 2019.

We would like to thank Cath Tomlinson, as retiring President, for her commitment and hard work during her term and we appreciate everything she has done for the APPS Community.

The following volunteers have very generously nominated to fill these roles:

President - Justin Scott (Rhys Grade 3 and James Prep in 2019)

When Justin isn't busy running his own Joinery business, you will find him kicking goals as an Oakleigh District Auskick Coach.

Secretary – Caz Hayes (Benjamin Grade 2, Patrick Grade 5 in 2019)

Caz is a busy mum of 3, works 6 days a week and somehow finds the time to dabble in event planning for APPS.

Treasurer – Sonya Moreland (Darcy Grade 3, Addi Prep in 2019)

Sonya is also a busy mum of 3, and when she's not working 4 days a week can be found playing netball so if you're interested in joining a team & if she hasn't already asked you to fill in, come and see Sonya.

Class Rep Co-Ordinator – Cherie Bell (Jude Grade 3, Freya Grade 1 in 2019)

Cherie is our superhero as a mother of 4 who still has all her hair! Cherie has a passion for Literature and has her own blog on children's books called "Booking for 4", check it out for some honest reviews!

There are still positions available within the PFA, so if you are interested in jumping on board, please email us at apps.parents@gmail.com and we can have a chat!

2019 promises to be an exciting time at APPS and the new PFA Committee have lots of new ideas in store which we are looking forward to sharing with you.

Merry Christmas
From the 2019 PFA Committee



Ceres Fair Food support Victorian farmers, grocery makers and suppliers. They work with over 70 neighbourhood food hosts. They use returnable boxes, compostable bags and pack your produce with minimal waste. All profits help CERES teach kids and adults how to take good care of our planet.

How it works: Each week people can order fruit, vegetables, grains and other household items online and have them delivered (free of charge) to a local Food Host, where it can be collected on a Wednesday afternoon.

We are lucky enough to have a host family in our school community, so if you are interested in ordering or would like more information, contact Evonne on 0425 716 103 or Evonne.bright@gmail.com or visit www.ceresfairfood.org.au/

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



St Pauls CC Christmas Party This Sat 22nd December!



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Save the date, Santa is coming to the Church!

Join the Saints as we farewell the year gone by with festivities at Batesford Reserve this Saturday. There will be plenty of food and drinks all day, and the 4th XI will be playing in a grand final rematch from 1pm so come down early to support the lads.

Dinner is covered by entry and kids eat free! Bring your friends and family, everyone is welcome!

When: Saturday 22nd December starting from 7pm

Where: Batesford Reserve, Chadstone, 3148

Cost: Adults - \$10, Kids - Free



ROAR Holiday Camp

Aimed at 7 – 14 years old.

Suitable for all skill levels.

Dates: 22/1, 23/1, 24/1

Time: 9AM – 3PM

Location: McKinnon Secondary College

\$60 per day or \$150 for all 3 days.

Ready to join a team?

Contact
[programs@mckinnonbasketball](mailto:programs@mckinnonbasketball.org)
or 9579 1200 for more
information.

NEW TO BASKETBALL Register for AUSSIE HOOPS



Aimed at 5 – 8 year old's.
Aussie Hoops is Basketball Australia's
official junior development program.

8x Weekly Sessions for 1 hour per with
locations at:

Friday at GESAC – 4:30PM

Saturday at GESAC – 8AM & 9AM

Sunday at GESAC – 9AM

Tuesday at HUGHESDALE – 4PM

Tuesday at BRIGHTON – 4PM

Wednesday at Valkstone – 4PM

Ready for Modified Games?

Register for SLAM JAM

Aimed at 7-10 year old's.

Modified games to help prepare them
for full competition (5 vs 5).

8x Weekly sessions for 1 hour per with
locations at:

Saturday at GESAC – 9AM & 10AM



To register and find more information, go to:

Aussie Hoops/Slam Jam - www.mckinnonbasketball.org/aussie-hoops

ROAR Holiday Camp – www.mckinnonbasketball.org/holiday-camps

Contact programs@mckinnonbasketball.org for all inquiries.

