



DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 13th

Getting to Know You interviews
School banking commences

Friday 15th – Whole School Picnic

MARCH

Tuesday 5th – School Photos

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

**WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING
DAY**

DUE BY DATES:

Monday 11th – Parent Payments due

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Happy New Year to the Amsleigh Park PS Community

I would like to wish everyone a happy new year, and welcome all of our families back to another great year at Amsleigh Park PS. I hope you had a great holiday. My family and I spent a fantastic few weeks at the wonderful coastal town of Port Fairy, enjoying the surf and sun. Holidays are great, but I really enjoy my role at Amsleigh Park PS, so I'm happy to be back into another exciting year of learning. Hope you feel the same!

Congratulations to Miss Jones

Miss Jones welcomed her new daughter, Lilly, to the World on Wednesday 30th January. Mum and bub are both doing well, and are now at home getting acquainted. On behalf of everyone I want to say a heartfelt congratulations to new parents, Trish and Aaryn, and wish them every happiness as they move into this new chapter in their lives.



Welcome New and Returning Staff

I'm pleased to welcome Miss Prue Ainsworth to Amsleigh Park PS. Miss Ainsworth will be teaching Physical Education and is looking forward to this role. Miss Ainsworth has a strong background in a variety of sports, and is currently a highly dedicated basketball coach in her life outside school.

Welcome back to APPS to Mrs Ali Washington (nee: Harmer) who is thrilled to be taking over the teaching of Art from Mrs Fandrich. Mrs Washington has been on parental leave, but is really pleased to be back into teaching. She is looking forward to putting her creative talents to good use in our Art studio.

Mrs Francesca Spillane (nee: Sferlazza) is also back at Amsleigh Park PS in an important role to provide some Literacy intervention and English as an Additional Language support. It's great that Mrs Spillane has returned to Amsleigh Park in this role, and her expertise will be invaluable in providing targeted Literacy support to our students.

Get to Know You Interviews

We have set aside very important time for 'Get to Know You Interviews' for Grade 1-6 parents on Wednesday 13th February. These meetings provide a timely opportunity for our parents to share information about their children with this year's teacher. It's also a chance for our teaching staff to form an effective partnership with each child's family. Working in partnership and having consistent expectations between home and school leads to better outcomes for our students. The Interviews are strictly 10 minutes. To ensure we run on time each teacher will be using their smart phone or a timer to keep track. If families need a longer time then a follow up time should be organised.

Prep 2019

A very special welcome to all of our 46 new preps who commenced school in 2019. We are all looking forward to getting to know our new students and their families. Welcome also to the students who have joined us at other year levels, we hope you are all settling in well and enjoying making new friends. Whilst our prep classes are full we do have limited vacancies at our school so if you know of anyone who is looking for a school over the next few weeks please encourage them to have a look at APPS.



We're Making a 'small' Change!

This week we introduced a small change to our daily routine, with a bell now sounding at 8.52am each morning to signal that children can enter the buildings to get prepared for the school day. Our students no longer line up in the mornings, which means that we can start the learning program right on 9.00am, therefore maximising the valuable learning time across the morning sessions. This small change can add quite a lot of additional learning time to our class sessions, and we know this will be of benefit to all.

I want to thank our dedicated teaching staff who are varying their morning preparation routines to make sure they are in their classrooms as children enter. Our teaching staff acknowledge that this is a great initiative, and look forward to the benefits of the extra 10-15 minutes of teaching time during the morning session. We believe that the small change in this routine should be fairly seamless as most children are already at school by this time anyway.

Since we began on Tuesday this week, we can already see how calmly our children are starting each school day, so early signs are great. We look forward to strong community support for this initiative, which is designed as a benefit to learning. As always, we welcome and invite any feedback from our community about this improvement in our routines.

What's happening with our Capital Works Project

Coming back to school to such magnificent buildings was a real joy this year. It's very exciting to work in such a fresh and contemporary environment. Demolition works continued to remove the old buildings from our school site, and as the space is opening up we can finally see the project vision taking final shape. Described by our architects as the 'beating heart of Amsleigh' the central corridor of our school is now opened up, showing off the benefits of our large school site. Obviously we have some landscaping to do, and this will be a focus all across the coming year. Our new garden will be constructed in place of the old buildings in this area, and that promises to be a great space for all students and our community. We'll keep you posted on when the project will start, but it should not be too far away now.

Student Insurance – Reminder from DET

At the start of each school year we remind all families that the Department of Education and Training (DET) does not offer any form of 'student accident insurance'. If families are concerned about this they are advised to make their own arrangements. Ambulance cover could be one consideration as the school will not hesitate to call an ambulance if we are concerned for a child's wellbeing.

Accessing our New Office

Hopefully you will get a chance to visit our fantastic new school office at some time. Access to the general office is via the front doors of our main building. Parents should always come to the general office via this entrance when signing children in or out from school or to make any payments or general enquiries. You will be greeted by the ever smiling Meredith or Jackie, who will be happy to help.

You might notice a smaller counter at the back of the office, which is the Kids Counter. This is for students to use during the school day only. We ask that parents not use this counter so the office team is not looking after two windows at the same time.

Developing a Partnership with Amsleigh Park Families

Our teaching and support staff are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure all students can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our student's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time ready for the day's learning program
- 2) Completes all homework given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life

Thank-you Very Much

I want to say a sincere thankyou to our teaching and support staff for the work they did during the school holidays. The Admin team were busy from 21st January getting all in order, whilst our teachers were also getting their classrooms all ready. After much hard work by our Grade 5/6 teachers, our new Senior Learning Centre was transformed from a blank canvas to a vibrant and stimulating place of learning.

And finally...

I hope you are looking forward to a fantastic year, we certainly have many events and lots of great learning opportunities planned.

Michael Cormick

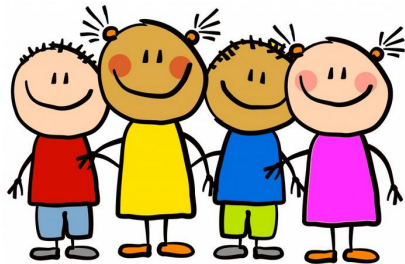
Principal

Bec's Bulletin...

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and welcome back to Amsleigh Park! A special welcome to our new families in 2019. I hope everyone had a terrific summer break and are excited for the year ahead! I look forward to working with all students and families this year as we support all students to reach their full potential.

Prep Students



It has been wonderful to see our Prep children transitioning to Primary School over the past few weeks. On yard duty this morning, it was a pleasure to see how the confidence has grown within our students, with our Preps enjoying a play before school and happily waving goodbye to parents when it was time to begin school. If you are interested in getting more information about helping your Prep child, the Kids Matter website (see website address below) has some excellent information. There are a number of information sheets and tips on a wide range of topics including transitioning,

helping your child to problem solve, understanding children's behaviours over this time, managing separation stress and much more.

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school>

Reading Nights

Nightly reading not only develops a child's reading skills, but also their writing and spelling skills; as well as growing a love of reading over time. Last week at assembly, I encouraged all students to keep up their reading every night. I explained that all children need to reach a minimum of 200 nights of reading this year as part of their homework and to ensure their reading skills continue to develop. I look forward to celebrating the first '50 reading nights' certificates being awarded at assembly toward the end of February. It was excellent to hear about all the reading that has already happened this year!



SAVE THE DATE: Global Grooves ~ 7th March



On the evening of Thursday 7th March, there will be a whole school community event 'Global Grooves'. We encourage all families to come along to Amsleigh Park that night and join in the fun with multicultural music and dancing. During the school day on 7th March, all students will participate in an incursion focused on music and dance from different cultures, preparing them for the night's events. Look out for a notice coming home shortly, with all the details. We hope to see you all there!

Traffic Safety

It is extremely important for student and community safety, that drivers observe all traffic rules and signage around schools to ensure our families stay safe. We thank you for your support with this, as we're sure all families would agree, the safety of our children is of upmost importance. In particular, adhering to the one way street rules, in part of State Street, as well as the 40km speed zone around school drop off and pick up times. Additionally, the council often patrol the 2 minute drop off zone, as well as the other parking restrictions in State Street, so we urge all families to adhere to these regulations. Thanks for your support with this.



Personal Goods brought to school at the 'Owners' risk

The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools. In light of this, all parents/students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. Please avoid bringing these items, as it can be most upsetting for all concerned if items go missing or are damaged. Even small toys and collections can be at risk, so we urge families to take this into account.



**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).

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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.

Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play drums, here at Amsleigh Park Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$17.00 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2019.

Interested parents should call Melissa during office hours on 9818 2333 or email melissa@creativemusic.com.au

 **Creative Music**
www.creativemusic.com.au



Oakleigh Netball Club (ONC)

ONC has vacancies in two of its teams for interested players for the upcoming season commencing 15/16 February 2019.

- U11 team (suit grade 4 or 5) 3 vacancies
- U13 team (suit grade 6 or year 7) 2 vacancies

No experience necessary. For enquiries please email Julie at oakleghccnetball@gmail.com

APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Bailey Learning & Sports Centre

OPENING HOURS FOR TERM 1 2019

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

| <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 | \$ 8.00 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 |



SCHOOL BANKING

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Bring your Bank Deposit Books
to Classroom Teachers

DEAR PARENT

NumberWorks'nWords can help your child reach greater heights with our expert after-school Maths and English tuition.

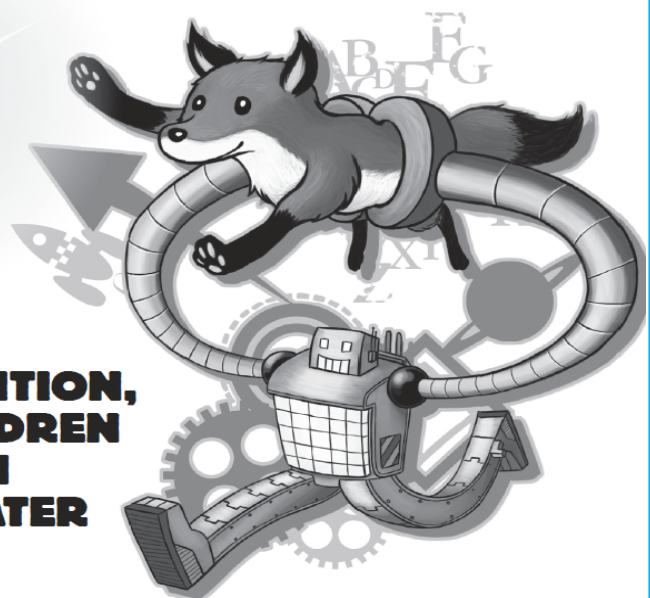
From Prep to Year 10, no matter whether they're struggling to keep up, or bursting to race ahead, NumberWorks'nWords promises to give your child's education – and confidence – a real boost.

Over the past 30 years, NumberWorks'nWords has achieved amazing results with thousands of children just like yours, by:

- tailoring lessons according to your child's individual needs
- setting achievable goals and keeping you updated on your child's progress
- engaging your child with technology and resources developed by our own qualified experts
- using specialist, trained tutors who teach to the Australian Curriculum.

Right now NumberWorks'nWords is offering **FREE ASSESSMENTS** in Maths and English. These assessments provide a great opportunity for you to discover how your child is doing, collaborate on a plan to help them achieve their potential, and to see for yourself how effective – and enjoyable – NumberWorks'nWords specialist Maths tuition and English tuition really is.

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EXPERT TUITION,
YOUR CHILDREN
CAN REACH
EVEN GREATER
HEIGHTS.**



Call today to book your free assessment,
or to discuss any concerns you may have
about your child's progress.

PH 9574 9964

Kind regards,
Rachael Mathews

1st Floor, 191 Coleman Parade, Glen Waverley

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PRIVATE PIANO AND GROUP KEYBOARD LESSONS

Enrolments are currently being accepted for private piano and group keyboard lessons.

These lessons are held Mondays during and after school on school premises and cost \$24.00 for a private piano lesson and \$14.00 for a 30 minute group lesson.

If you would like to enroll your child in piano or keyboard lessons, please obtain an enrolment form from the school office or contact Excel Music on (03) 9801 8991.

FREE
WORKSHOPS

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE AUTISM?



My Child and Autism A workshop for parents

Date: Monday 25th February
Time: 9.30am - 2.30pm
Venue: Caulfield Park
Pavillion,
280 Balaclava Rd, Caulfield

REGISTER TODAY!

To register:
www.amaze.org.au/earlydays

How Early Days can help:

Early Days provides workshops for parents and other family members of children 0-6 who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis or are going through the assessment and diagnosis process.

What this workshop offers:

- Learn about ASD and what it means for your child and your family
- Learn practical strategies that can make a difference to your child's development
- Learn how to navigate early intervention

More about Early Days workshops

- Free to attend
- Held in small groups of 4-15 and gives you an opportunity to meet other parents
- Lunch & light refreshments provided
- Childcare is NOT provided

It is highly recommended you attend this workshop prior to attending any other Early Days workshops


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www.earlydays.com.au
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SPORTS ACADEMY INFORMATION EVENING

Our Sports Academy Program aims to assist talented student athletes to achieve at the highest levels of performance in their various sports, and to help them with their personal education and vocational development. If you're currently researching secondary school options for your son, come along to our Sports Academy Information Evening to learn more about our Sports Academy, important enrolment guidelines and how your son can apply for our 2021 Sports Academy class.

Date: Monday 25 February 2019, 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Location: Auditorium, 10 Bosco St Chadstone 3148

Register: via www.trybooking.com/ZMBA

Questions: ssellwood@salesian.vic.edu.au



Frogs Beginner Basketball Program

is the first step for children to start enjoying whilst learning the skills to playing competitive basketball!

From there they can look to join a Frogs Basketball junior team for the upcoming winter season!

3 week program for Term 1 2019

Dates starting: Monday 25th February, 4th March and 11th March

Time: 4.10pm - 5.00pm

Venue: Oakleigh Recreational Centre, Park Rd, Oakleigh

Cost: FREE - please wear suitable sporting clothing and shoes and bring a drink bottle. You will also need to bring a basketball or purchase one when registering.

More information and registration:

<http://frogsbasketball.com.au/frogs-beginner-basketball-program/>

Please retain these absence notes for your future use. If your child is absent for any reason, please complete and hand to your child's teacher upon his/her return to school. These forms should also be used to give prior notice of absences due to holidays etc.

Handy Hint – All Absence notifications can be completed on Tiqbiz!



STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Was absent / Will be absent (*please circle*) from school on the following date/s

____ / ____ / ____
____ / ____ / ____

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____ / ____ / ____

The absence was / is due to

- ☐ Illness
- ☐ Family Bereavement
- ☐ Parent Choice
- ☐ Family Holiday

☐ Other _____

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian Date: ____ / ____ / ____