



## DIARY DATES

### FEBRUARY

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5/6 Interschool Sports  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> – 3/4 Melb Museum Excursion

### MARCH

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – 5/6 Interschool Sports  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> – School Photos  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> – Global Groove Incursion & Family Evening 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Labour Day Public Holiday  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – Link Dental Van  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Working Bee  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> **CURRICULUM DAY**  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April – Whole School Swimming Program  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> & Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – Prep school nurse

### APRIL

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> & Fri 5<sup>th</sup> – Prep school nurse

**TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS**

**WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY**

## DUE BY DATES:

### FEBRUARY

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Year 3&4 Melb Museum Exc.

### MARCH

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – Global Grooves Incursion  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> – Swimming Payment & Forms

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### School Council Elections 2019

I'm pleased to report that our School Council elections for 2019 have now concluded. The following parents and staff are duly elected.

#### Parents

Greg Dellas  
Saro Edge  
Roman Ruzbacky  
Terese Duffy  
Marnie Morton

#### DET

Scott French  
Melissa Den Elzen

Special welcome to new members, Mrs Terese Duffy (Parent), Mr Scott French (DET) and Miss Melissa Den Elzen (DET) who commence as a school councillors in 2019. Many thanks to all of the members of our School Council, who play a very important role in our school community. Your ongoing contribution to our school is highly valued and appreciated. We have a very busy agenda in 2019, which includes a school review, improvement works around our grounds and policy updates.

### Student Representative Council / Class Captains

My sincere congratulations to our Grade 5/6 class captains, Student Representative Council (SRC) representatives and Enviro-Stars, who were announced at a recent school assembly. These students should wear their badge with pride, as they represent both their classes and our school. Of course, they also have a responsibility to act as a role model for all other students, both through their behaviour and learning, and I look forward to observing them in this regard across the school year.

Our SRC and Enviro-Stars both offer an important opportunity for promoting 'student voice' in our school, and I welcome their input into our school and the ideas they put forward. All ideas proposed by our student groups are given serious consideration. Many thanks to Miss Kirton and Miss Wall, coordinating the SRC, and Miss Ryan and Frau Salles who will coordinate the Enviro-Stars.

### Curriculum Day – Date Change

The date for our next curriculum day has changed. The new date is now **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2019**. On this day our teaching staff will be undertaking a day of self-evaluation of our current Strategic Plan in preparation for our whole school review. All day care will be available with Youth Leadership Victoria for anyone who needs it.

### School Picnic

Huge thanks to everyone who came along to our annual school picnic last Friday. It was an absolutely glorious day, and great to see so many families along for the event. There were numerous games, sporting activities and of course the adventure play equipment was a huge hit, especially the swings. It was also lovely to see our 'big' buddies interacting with their prep friends, which is a great Amsleigh tradition. What a great way to kick off another school year!



## Parental Communication Policy

At Amsleigh Park PS we are committed to effective communication and ensuring that appropriate opportunities exist for parents to raise any concerns and ask questions related to their child's education, wellbeing and progress. Following on from our recent 'Get to Know You' Interviews I want to remind everyone about this. Typically, parents will need to make an appointment to meet with their child's teacher, especially if the matter needs an in-depth discussion. A meeting such as this is best done at a mutually convenient time, where there is enough time to have a proper discussion. Please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment with one of our teaching staff.

Before school is usually **not** convenient to contact teachers as they are usually making final preparations for teaching. A brief message is usually Ok before school, so long as lengthy discussion is not required. After school is the best time and our teachers will endeavour to fit this in around our regular meetings, which are held on Mondays and Wednesdays. If anyone has any questions about this policy, which was developed and approved by the School Council, please contact me.

## Building Works Update

We are awaiting the final completion of civil works at present, which include construction of new asphalt pathways linking our buildings. This is due to commence next Monday. Construction of our new garden in the same area should commence sometime soon after. For those who may have not caught up with the fact, we have been the recipient of a special grant, in addition to our building works, to construct a fantastic landscaped garden for all to enjoy.

Pictured to the right is the design which shows the 'walking maze' that links into a meandering path. As students walk along the path they go through a pergola with coloured roofline, before heading over the dry creek bed, past lots of interesting and colourful plants. Other features include walking logs and a new sand pit. It's going to be a great addition to our school outdoor spaces.



## Learning to Learn

During the first two weeks of the school year all of our classes focus on 'learning to learn' in order to establish a solid foundation for the school year. This learning is tailored to the needs of each year level and enables each teacher to develop clear expectations with their class, with students having a 'voice' in some aspects of the environment, such as class rules. During this time the teacher also reinforces the important habits of the mind that aid learning, such as focusing on learning, persevering with challenging tasks and working collaboratively. It is vital for all learners to develop an understanding of how they learn best, and what areas they need to develop, as these skills will be used all throughout life. Classes have now commenced the academic year and I can see the learning tone in all classes is well established.

## Important Safety Message

It has come to our attention that some parents are entering the driveway off Oakleigh Street to drop off children in the mornings. We respectfully ask that parents do not use this driveway, which could potentially cause a hazard for other students and parents. Oakleigh Street is designed with a turning circle that enables drivers to make a U-turn and then drop off children next to our school grounds. Students should enter via the pedestrian gate thanks. We need the full support of all community members to ensure we keep the school entry points safe for all.

## CCTV

I want to inform our community, as a courtesy, that we have CCTV cameras all around Amsleigh Park PS. The purpose of these cameras is to provide security for our school campus out of school hours. CCTV is a very effective deterrent and helps us to ensure we are not subject to vandalism.



*Michael Cormick*

Principal

## Bec's Bulletin...

### e-smart Online Student Safety – FREE parent seminar

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at Clayton Library, the Office of the e-safety Commissioner is holding a free 'Online Safety' seminar for parents. It will include content such as online stranger danger, identifying age appropriate websites, managing apps and privacy settings and more. As children are exposed to online content from a very young age, it is important parents and children learn about how young people can stay safe online. Please see the flyer on the following page, for the full details.



### Traffic Safety

Last newsletter I wrote about the importance of traffic safety and the 40kmph speed zones around Amsleigh Park Primary School. Another reminder to our school community is to please take care with vehicles around the school to ensure our students and families stay safe. Specifically, when using the Oakleigh Street entrance at the back of the school to pick up and drop off your child/ren, please ensure you are using the 'bowl' of the Oakleigh Street court to turn around, and that you don't turn into the staff carpark entrance to complete a three point turn. This causes a safety issue around students walking along the street to get to the pedestrian gate, as well as stopping the flow of traffic in the street. Thanks for your support with this, it is important we all work together to ensure all our students and families stay safe.

### Community Working Bee

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 3:30-6:00pm, 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! This working bee will focus on the front of the school. After the front of school area being a part of the building compound for some time, it requires some gardening and maintenance to bring it back to a usable space for our community and an attractive welcome to Amsleigh Park Primary School.

There are a variety of jobs we are hoping to complete at the working bee, including tidying up the garden, sweeping path areas, trimming shrubs etc... We have limited tools and equipment at school, so if you have access to any gardening tools or machines (whipper snipper, rakes, brooms, blower vac etc..) please consider bringing them along on if you can. Keep an eye out for a working bee notice coming home soon. Thanks for your support with this.







## Commit to your child's **online safety**

**Free**  
event

Children are exposed to online content in their preschool years. Behaviours like cyberbullying begin at primary school. Peer pressure can cause poor online decisions for many teenagers.

-  Hear from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner on empowering young people, parents and carers to manage online issues.
-  Commit to your child's online safety by attending this presentation from one of Australia's leading online safety experts.

**eSafety is important** for every child from **ages 1 to 18**

Learn how to:

- Reduce accidental exposure to inappropriate content
- Initiate conversations about online stranger danger
- Identify age appropriate apps and websites

**1-7**



- Deal with online stranger contact
- Have a conversation about online issues including cyberbullying
- Manage apps and privacy settings
- Support your child using online safety resources

**8-12**



- Report serious cyberbullying and image based abuse
- Manage screen time and excessive use
- Have a conversation with your child about their online brand

**13-18**



**Date:** Thursday 21 March      **Time:** 6.30pm-8.30pm

**Venue:** Clayton Library (Meeting Room)  
Clayton Community Centre, 9-15 Cooke St

**RSVP:** By Monday 18 March  
Please contact Rebecca Giles  
on 9518 3571

## 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](http://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

# SOUTH OAKLEIGH COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2019

Principal's Address at 6:30pm

Accelerated Program  
Information Session at 7pm

Applications  
for Year 7  
Accelerated  
Program close  
Tuesday  
30th April 2019







## SCHOOL BANKING

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

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to Classroom Teachers

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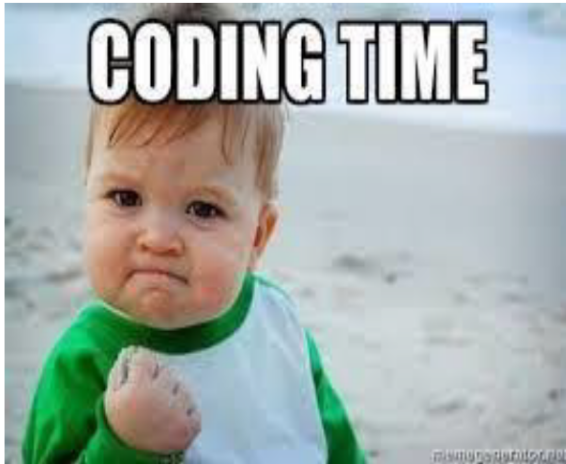


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## South Oakleigh College Advanced Primary School Coding Program 2019



South Oakleigh College presents a five lesson Coding Program for Grade 5 students aimed at developing and challenging young, passionate people in the world of Technology in a practical based learning environment. Students will learn programming techniques to develop interactive digital media. Knowledge acquired through this program will support students wishing to access SOC's Year 7 Technology Program in 2020.



**When:** Wednesdays from 4pm-5pm

**Where:** South Oakleigh College - Bakers Rd Sth Oakleigh  
(Please meet at South Oakleigh College Foyer)

**Cost:** Nil

**Beginning:**  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
February

### TERM 1 DATES - 2019

Wee k	Date	Time
1	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4pm- 5pm
2	6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
3	13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
4	20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
5	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	

\*NOTE: Places are limited, please reserve your opportunity to be part of this program by calling the College to register on 9579 2322.

## Is your 3 to 7 year old child experiencing worry, fear or anxiety?

Then register for...

### The Brave Program

for parents and caregivers of young children

Helping children  
be BRAVE



A FREE online program that provides parents and caregivers of children aged 3 to 7 years with information and skills to help their child overcome fears and anxiety.

 <https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au>

 [fb.me/braveparents](https://fb.me/braveparents)



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### Help create better tomorrows for kids in foster care.

Learn more about foster care by registering for one of our upcoming information sessions. You'll learn more about the different types of foster care available and get to ask questions from one of our current foster carers. It doesn't matter if you are working or at home, in a relationship, with or without kids. Everyone can make a difference!

#### Information Session:

7.30pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 21 March

Alvie Hall, 314 High St Rd, Mt Waverley

Register: 1300 889 335 | [anglicarevic.org.au/events](http://anglicarevic.org.au/events)

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