



DIARY DATES

MARCH

Mon 11th – Labour Day Public Holiday
Tues 12th – 15th – Link Dental Van
Fri 15th – 5/6 Interschool Sports
Fri 15th – Working Bee

Wed 20th CURRICULUM DAY

Fri 22nd - 5/6 Sport Summer Gala Day

Mon 25th – Fri 4th April – Whole School Swimming Program

Thurs 28th & Fri 29th – Prep school nurse

APRIL

Mon 1st & Fri 5th – Prep school nurse

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

DUE BY DATES:

MARCH

Fri 8th - Swimming Payment & Forms
Fri 15th – G5/6 Camp Deposit

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Global Grooves Community Event

We are looking forward to seeing lots of families from the Amsleigh Park School Community tonight for our special 'Global Grooves' dance night. Students will be participating in sessions at school across the day to learn the dances to make sure they are all ready to take the lead on the night. We'll be setting up on the grass in front of the Junior Learning Centre. BYO picnic rugs, chairs and refreshments. For those families looking to make it a really easy night there will be two food trucks attending our event, so dinner could be sorted out pretty quickly and easily. I want to say many thanks to Miss Sam Hayes, who has organised this event on our behalf.



Annual Swimming Program 2019

Preparations are now well advanced for the annual swimming program for 2019. The program is once again being held at the Doug Ellis Pool at Monash University who offer an excellent range of pool facilities for beginners to more advanced swimmers. Each summer it seems that there are more drownings occurring in Australia, and whilst we have an abundance of beautiful beaches, many have some quite dangerous conditions. Learning to swim and building water safety skills is vital for every Australian child.

Last day for return of swimming notices and payments is **Friday 8th March**. Please remember to also return the Swimming Experience Questionnaire 2019 (One for each child swimming). We are also currently looking for volunteers to support staff in the swimming program, please let your child's teacher know if you can help.

Power Pole Upgrade – Wednesday 13th March – State Street Closure

We have been informed by the power company that they are replacing two of the Power Poles in State Street next Wednesday 13th March. This is going to cause a significant disruption, as they are intending to close off State Street to traffic. A section of Dublin Street, near the corner of State Street will also be closed off to traffic. **(Please see map on next page)**

We are suggesting that families consider walking to school if possible, or at least parking a little further way and then walk the rest of the way. For example, families could park in Gamble Street, which runs perpendicular to Dublin Street, then cross at the School Crossing, before entering via our Pedestrian gates.

The school will also have a power outage on this day, and we are planning based on this. Please note that this may also affect school phone lines, and make it difficult to contact the school for a period of time. **Please note this in advance and make a plan for Wednesday 13th March.**

Reminder: Upcoming Curriculum Day

Please remember that we will be having a curriculum day on Wednesday 20th March. **There is no school for students on this day.** Our staff will be working together on our School Self-Evaluation, which is a very important part of our school review being held in 2019. Youth Leadership Victoria is providing all day care to those that need it.

Dental Van – Next Week

The dental van is once again visiting Amsleigh Park PS, providing dental check-ups for our students. The dental van is visiting from Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th March.

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

We live in a rapidly changing world and as a school we need to respond effectively if we are to support our students to prepare for their future adult lives. If the predictions are correct, our children can look forward to working in a range of occupations that may have not even been invented yet, and there is no doubt that technology will play a significant role in this, hence the emergence of STEM learning. The acronym, STEM, encompasses learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

In 2019, all students will now be undertaking one STEM learning session each week for one semester (Half Year). This is a significant opportunity for our students who can look forward to future focused learning in coding and robotics. Mr Powell, our STEM teacher, is our resident expert in this learning area, and we are indeed fortunate to have this expertise on our teaching staff in this important field. We have built up a good range of STEM resources, such as M-Bots and Lego Robotics.



Science



Technology



Engineering



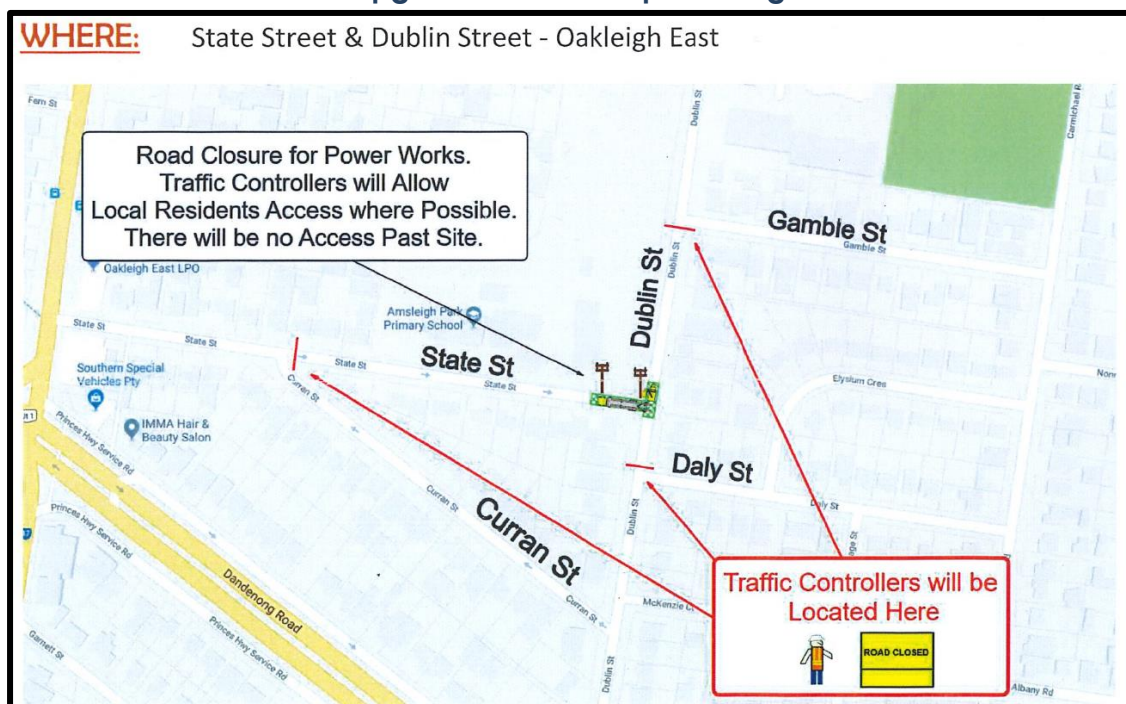
Mathematics

Math's Extension Programs

At Amsleigh Park PS we offer a terrific Mathematics Extension programs for students in Grade 3-6. This extra learning opportunity is for students achieving well above expected levels, who benefit from the added challenges provided through problem solving and more advanced mathematical thinking. Students are selected for this program based on their academic results and other assessments, and with lots of talented Mathematicians at APPS there is no shortage of candidates. During the program our Grade 3/4 students will participate in the Mathematics Games, whilst our Grade 5/6s will undertake the Mathematics Olympiad, both run by the Australasian Mathematics Association.



Power Pole Upgrade – Street Map showing closed areas



Rechargeable Lights

We are currently asking if anyone has rechargeable LED lights that we can borrow when we have the Power outage on Wed 13th March. These will be hung up in the student toilet areas. Please let us know if you can help ASAP, or drop it off at the office (please have names on them so they can be returned safely). Thanks in advance.

Have a great long weekend! Hope to see you tonight.

Michael Cormick

Principal

Communicating with Amsleigh Park Primary School

Amsleigh Park Primary School is committed to good communication and treating everyone according to our school values of respect, integrity and inclusion. It is important to remember that everyone in the school community should work together in the spirit of cooperation and understanding and should conduct themselves in a respectful, calm and courteous manner. All members of the school community are bound by the requirements of this policy.

If you have a concern then here's what you can do:

- Matters that are best addressed by the classroom teacher or specialist teacher may include: individual student needs, academic progress, assessment, behaviour and discipline issues, non-attendance at school and challenging or changing family circumstances.
- Matters that are best addressed by the principal or team leaders may include: school facilities, school fees and charges, student reporting, school policy, dress codes and/or serious discipline issues. The principal will also be available, by appointment, to speak to parents about any other concerns they may have and wish to raise with a more senior member of staff.

Who should I make contact with?

Normally your child's classroom teacher is the best person to get in contact with; however there may be times when it's appropriate to seek a staff member in a leadership role such as the following staff:

Principal Team

Mr Michael Cormick – Principal

Miss Bec Carr – Assistant Principal

Team Leaders

Miss Danielle Renwick (Prep)

Ms Jennifer Brown (Grade 1&2)

Miss Johanne Abbott (Grade 3&4)

Mrs Irene Arvanitis (Grade 5&6)

Mrs Terye Kennedy (Specialist Leader)

Miss Sam Hayes (Wellbeing)

Do I need to make an appointment to speak to a teacher?

Normally you need to make an appointment to speak with one of the staff if the matter requires a discussion like a parent-teacher interview. Teaching staff are generally available after school most nights except for Monday and Wednesday, which are routine meeting nights for all teachers. Making an appointment also puts the teacher in the best position to give you their full attention without compromising their duty of care to students.

What if it's just a quick message?

Passing on a quick message is normally OK, but it should happen outside of teaching time, as the teacher must always maintain their duty of care to students.

What if the matter is urgent?

If the matter is more urgent and concerns **student wellbeing or safety** in particular, then teachers are usually contactable for a brief chat/phone call before 8.45am. If the classroom teacher is not available then the Assistant Principal should be contacted. The Principal can also help to address urgent matters if other staff are not available.

Do I need an appointment to see a teacher leader?

Yes, if the matter requires more than a 'quick message' and is not urgent then you should contact the office to make an appointment to speak with the Principal, Assistant Principal or Team Leaders. We will always do our best to undertake this appointment in a timely manner.

Does the school have an 'open door' to parent concerns?

Yes, most definitely, and the purpose of this newsletter article is to provide a clear idea about how a parent might go about this, and who to contact.

We hope you find this a useful guide in communicating with the school.

Bec's Bulletin...



Community Working Bee

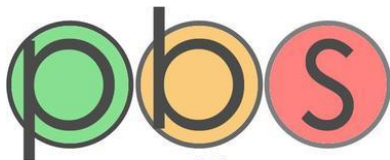
As mentioned last newsletter, on Friday 15th March from 3:30-6:00pm, we are holding a whole school working bee. We would love to see as many families as possible attend, to help keep our school yard looking great. We will provide some snacks and drinks for all participants to keep them going! This working 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. Thanks to families who have already responded! If you can come along, please return the notice (found at the end of this newsletter), or send a message via Flexibuzz, letting us know you'll be there. Thank you!

Year 6-7 Transition (Relevant for Year 6 families)

The State-wide year 6-7 transition process will begin in the first week of next term, with all Grade 6 students in Victoria receiving a transition information pack. This pack will detail the transition process, including the relevant paperwork required to apply for secondary schools. Please keep an eye out for this very important information early next term. In the meantime, we encourage our senior students and their families to attend open days/night and tour Secondary Schools in the area to become familiar with the possible schools your child may attend. If interested, please contact your local Catholic or Independent Secondary Schools to inquire into their enrolment process, as they differ from the shared process of all Government Secondary Schools. Please feel free to contact me with any queries regarding transition either through the school office, or via email: carr.rebecca.r@edumail.vic.gov.au



Staff Professional Learning- School Wide Positive Behaviour Support



positive
behaviour support

At Amsleigh Park Primary, we understand that promoting student wellbeing at school can substantially improve social, emotional and academic outcomes of young people.

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Staff Team, as well as our whole staff group, have recently engaged in the first of a series of ongoing professional learning sessions, related to promoting wellbeing and positive school culture through implementing School Wide Positive Behaviour Support.

Typically at Amsleigh Park, our students are respectful, cooperative and ready to learn. However, we recognise the need to build upon this positive culture to ensure a safe and productive environment where students can be academically, socially and emotionally successful.

School-wide positive behaviour support (SWPBS) is a whole-school framework, which provides school professionals with an approach to promote improved behaviour at their school. SWPBS has been developed from evidence and data, demonstrating the most effective ways to prevent and respond to unwanted behaviour at school. Research has shown that SWPBS is successful in improving school culture, and increasing academic performance.

We will continue to share with parents how this approach will look at Amsleigh Park Primary, as we work through the implementation throughout this year, including seeking parent input and feedback at appropriate times. We are being supported in this by a SWPBS Implementation Coach, from the Department of Education. Stay tuned to future newsletters for more information on SWPBS.

Thank you to Miss Sam Hayes for leading this initiative at Amsleigh Park.

Parenting Strategies– FREE parent seminar

On Tuesday 30th April in Burwood, Anglicare are holding a free parenting seminar on sharing parenting strategies and managing child behaviour, from 7-9pm. Please see the flyer below for full details or call 9735-6134 to reserve your place.



Lets Talk About Parenting

Do you want to know how to talk so kids will listen?

Understand what is normal childrens behaviour?

Come along to this session to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

When:

Tuesday 30th April 2019

Time:

7.00pm to 9.00 pm

Where:

Christian Alliance Church of Victoria
17 Livingstone Close Burwood

Cost:

Free of charge. Bookings essential.

Bookings:

Helena 9735 6134 or 0488 501 204



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BETTER
TOMORROWS

PFA Update for Newsletter – Feb 2019

The APPS PFA have hit the ground running in 2019 with some exciting new initiatives already in the pipeline. Our membership numbers are steadily growing and we are so pleased to see so many new families joining us who are keen to share their ideas and support our school.

Community Support – APPS Pantry

Our first initiative is to introduce the APPS Pantry. We are well aware that sometimes things happen which result in families needing help, from a new baby in the family to your house burning down...what are the chances! We felt this was a small gesture which could have a big impact.

We will be asking throughout the year for donations of non-perishable food items and Dinners which will be frozen and stored at school. We would like the entire APPS community to be aware that the Pantry is available to everyone so to ensure privacy, if you ever have the need to utilise this please see Bec Carr or Michael Cormick.

Parents Trivia Night – Save the Date!!

The highlight of your Social Calendars will be the APPS Trivia Night. This will be held on the evening of Friday 21st June 2019 in the school hall. More details to come, but start organising your tables and babysitters as this will be a child free event!!

Fundraising

We have again allocated each Year level a fundraising event so please refer below to see when you'll be called upon to help out.

Term 1

Global Grooves Night – Grade 6
Easter Raffle – Preps
Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser – TBA

Term 2

Mothers Day Stall – Grade 2
Disco – Grade 4

Term 3

Fathers Day Stall – Grade 1
Production Canteen – Grade 5
Production Raffle – Prep

Term 4

Colour Run = Grade 3

A huge thank you to all those Grade 6, Grade 2 and Prep parents who have already started organising their events as we couldn't run them without you!

Easter Raffle

We will be asking for donations within the next few weeks for our annual Easter Raffle, all donations can be left in the large box in the school office. Raffle tickets will also be coming home soon (10 tickets @ \$0.50 each)

Our next PFA meeting will be Tues 19th March @ 7.30pm in the After School Care Room

Everyone is invited so please come along and see what we are all about!!

APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Bailey Learning & Sports Centre

OPENING HOURS FOR TERM 1 2019



MONDAY AFTERNOONS - 3:00PM - 3:45PM

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

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Your child can strengthen essential maths and English skills with Kumon. **Contact your local Kumon Centre to hear how we can support your child's learning.**

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Instructor: Kamy De Mel

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THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

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

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

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- engaging your child with technology and resources developed by our own qualified experts
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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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PH 9574 9964

Kind regards,
Rachael Mathews

1st Floor, 191 Coleman Parade, Glen Waverley

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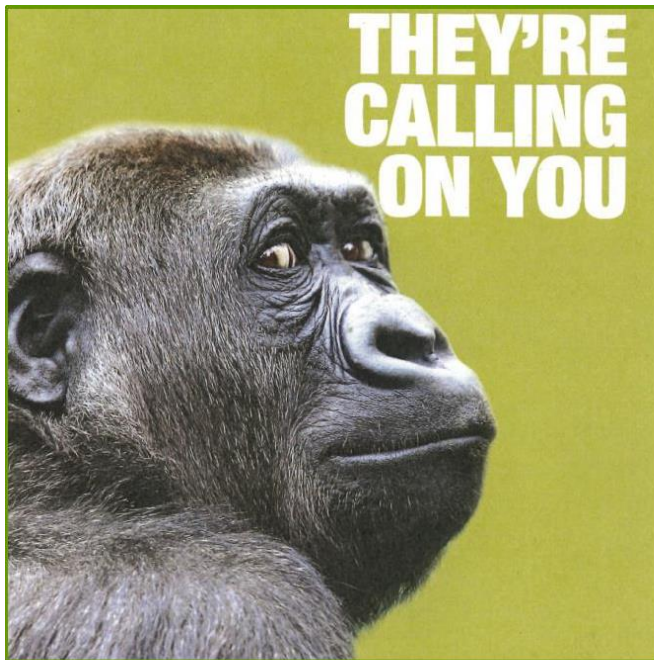
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MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING

Amsleigh Park Primary School is now proudly involved in with Zoos Victoria in helping to protect Wild Gorillas by recycling mobile phones, tablets and associated accessories (eg. chargers).

Please bring along your old phones etc. and place them in the container located at the general office. As data security is very important, it is recommended to conduct a factory reset of your phone/s before donating.

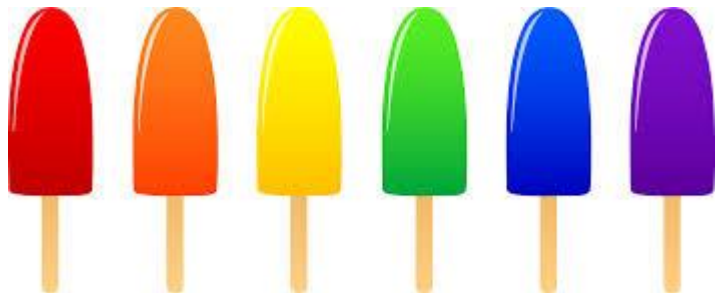
If you need assistance with this please contact PhoneCycle on www.phonecycle.com.au.

Funds raised through phone recycling supports Zoos Victoria and the Gorilla Doctors to protect and care for the fragile wild gorilla population.

Thanks for your support.



ICY POLE AFTERNOONS



Icy Pole Afternoon is held every
Tuesday and Thursday (during Terms 1 and 4).

Icy poles will be on sale during the first half of lunch time,
just outside the canteen.

They are 50c each.

Please, where possible, bring the correct change.

Thank you, SRC Team



AFL OAKLEIGH AUSKICK

**Held each Saturday morning
from March 2019 – August 2019**

Oakleigh Auskick will be making a very early start to season 2019, commencing at 9:00am on Saturday 23rd March and finishing on Saturday 24th August (23 weeks).

Oakleigh Auskick is one of the very few Auskicks that operates right through the school holidays.

Venue – Oakleigh South Primary School,
Riley Street, Oakleigh South

Cost for the whole season is \$100.00.
Registrations can be made now online, or
anytime during the season at
www.aflauskick.com.au

Boys and girls 5-12 years of age are eligible to participate. Children must be at least 5 years of age or turning 5 years of age during the Auskick season.

When they register, Oakleigh Auskickers receive a backpack, including a football and other great footy stuff.

Mementos of the season in the form of trophies, action photos and group photos are presented to each Auskicker at the end of year break up.

Experienced coaches oversee the weekly program. *Parental help with the running of the program is required.*

For more information contact Oakleigh,.
Mr Kerry Ryan on 0413 691 885
Auskick Co-ordinator



Register Now!

Oakleigh District

Princes Hwy Reserve Dandenong Road Oak East

Sunday 10.00am - 12pm Starts April 28th

Pat McGlenchy
Pat.McGlenchy@anz.com

Visit play.afl/auskick



★ Emmanuel Calisthenics Join us!



"Calisthenics is so much fun because we learn new tricks, I get to meet new friends and I love acting. Everyone is so nice!"

Rylee, Sub-Juniors



"I love learning new things at every class, it's so much fun! I love Emmanuel because it's a caring team and everyone works together."

Alexis, Sub-Juniors

TINY TOTS (3 – 4 years)
Saturday, 9 – 10am

TINIES (5 – 7 years)
Saturday, 9 – 10.30am &
Wednesday, 4 – 5.30pm

SUB-JUNIORS (up to 10 years)
Saturday, 10.45am – 1.45pm

JUNIORS (up to 13 years)
Wednesday, 5 – 8pm

Did you know?

Out of School Hours
Care (OSHC) students
can be accompanied to
our Wednesday classes!

Ask us how...

Give it
a go!

Amsleigh Park Primary School, Oakleigh East
Phone: Kathryn on 0400 871 170
Email: info@emmanuelcalisthenics.com.au



COMMUNITY CULTURAL FESTIVAL

AT South Oakleigh College
Friday 22nd March
4:30-8:30PM

FOOD TRUCKS
PERFORMANCES
STALLS AND MORE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

Logos of partner organizations: CC, HIGGSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL, clayton north, 1601, HUNTINGDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SOUTH OAKLEIGH COLLEGE, AMSLEIGH PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL OUR BEST ALWAYS



APPS WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE – Friday 15th March 2019 3:30-6:00

☐ Yes, I/we can help at the APPS working bee.

Total number attending the working bee _____

ADULT'S NAME/S: _____

Contact Phone No: _____

Child(ren)'s name(s): _____

Equipment I/we can bring on the day : _____
