



DIARY DATES

MARCH

Fri 22nd - 5/6 Sport Summer Gala Day

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

Thurs 28th & Fri 29th – Prep school nurse

APRIL

Mon 1st & Fri 5th – Prep school nurse

Fri 5th – LAST DAY TERM 1

2:30pm finish

Easter Raffle drawn

Tues 23rd – Term 2 Commences

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

DUE BY DATES:

MARCH

Fri 29th – G3/4 Camp deposit

Wed 27th – Hot Cross Bun Orders due

Fri – 29th – Grade 3/4 Camp Deposit

APRIL

Mon 1st – Easter Raffle Donations

Wed 3rd – Easter Raffle Tickets & Stubs due

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Annual Swimming Program

On Monday 25th March our students will commence the annual intensive swimming program for 2019. Learning to swim is a vital life skill for all children and helps to make them safer when involved in water based activities. Our program, provided by the Doug Ellis Pool at Monash University, is an excellent opportunity for children to further develop their water safety skills. I want to thank our teachers and parents in advance for assisting with this important learning program. Don't forget your togs, towel and googles next Monday!



School Council 2019

School Councillors serve a 2 year term and recently elected representatives will now join our existing members to form our new council for 2019.

Parent Members

Greg Dellas (President)
Marnie Morton (Vice President)
Ana Meyborg (Treasurer)
Achini Kanathigoda
Saro Jacobson
Roman Ruzbacky
Kylie Champion
Ripple Fu
Claudia Moreira
Terese Duffy

DET Members

Michael Cormick (Executive officer)
Bec Carr (Secretary)
Scott French
Melissa den Elzen

The first meeting of the new school council for 2019 was held on Monday 18th March. All members of the school community are welcome to make contact with school councillors, and can do so via the school email account at amsleigh.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au marking it attention 'school council'. On behalf of the community I would like to sincerely thank outgoing school councillors, Mr. Michael Oaten, Mrs Lisa Jonga, Miss Trish Jones and Mrs Irene Arvanitis for their recent contribution to our school council.

Prep Enrolments for 2020

School tours have commenced for 2020 and we have already started taking enrolments. If anyone has a child in pre-school please encourage other families to come along for a tour of our school, as positive 'word of mouth' is always the best marketing tool. Anyone with a child starting school in 2020 should come in and collect an enrolment form, as it's very helpful to get an idea of how many siblings we will have next year as soon as possible. We have space for no more than 3 prep classes in 2020, so please get your enrolment in early.



Promotional Real Estate Boards

We are hoping to undertake some increased promotion of our school in 2019 to further build our profile in the local community. If anyone has a street frontage on a main road, and you would be willing to have a promotional board up for 6-8 weeks, please let us know. Our quiet suburban location is a great advantage most of the time, but it does mean we are very hidden away. Sometimes families are not even aware that a primary school is located in Oakleigh East.

Every Day Counts!

Attending school every day is vitally important in your child's education. A recent analysis of our absence data shows that the level of absence is increasing for children at Amsleigh Park PS, and this is a cause for concern. If a child is absent for 10 days in a school year they miss 70 days of learning in their primary school life in total. Logically, this accumulated time away from school can have a huge impact on learning and development. That's why the Department of Education and Training promote the benefits of attending school regularly.



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Primary school attendance

Why regular attendance is so important, why is it such a big deal for the school?

- Students learn new things every day and missing school can put them behind in their learning.
- Teachers often present new concepts in a sequential way, so missing a day of school can mean missing out on an important step in their learning. Of course teachers will try and catch students up but it's not the same as being there learning it with the whole class.
- It's also a fact that every school day missed is associated with lower achievement in Numeracy, Writing and Reading.
- Being away from school can also disrupt friendships, and if a child is away too often, affect self-confidence and connectedness.
- We also know that attendance patterns are established early in life, and will often continue unless any unnecessary non-attendance is addressed.

What you can do to support regular attendance?

- First, there are always times when a student is genuinely sick, and in the interests of wellbeing they should stay home until they fully recover. We will never question any instance where a child has been absent due to illness. To assist with good health and minimise illness, children also need to have a good sleeping pattern, eat well and exercise regularly.
- Families are encouraged however to think twice before giving children a 'day off' unless they are genuinely sick. Simply feeling tired is not a reason to stay home, as this feeling can quickly disappear, and it is something we all need to work through from time to time.
- Having a day off for a birthday, name day or special outing is also not acceptable. Students have 12 weeks holiday each year, which provides ample time for this kind of thing.
- If your child is experiencing any issues such as not wanting to come to school then please alert your classroom teacher. It is important that such matters are dealt with quickly, and we often find many issues can be quickly resolved. Working together on such matters is most helpful.

Remember, that every school day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher especially if the absence is longer than a couple of days. For more information please visit the DET website at

www.education.vic.gov.au

What to do if your child has been absent.

- Make sure you notify the office of your child's absence. It is an expectation of DET that all absences should have an explanation. You can easily and quickly notify the office via phone, email or using Flexibuzz.
- If a child is absent without explanation then an SMS will be sent to the family asking them to provide one. This is a MANDATED requirement from DET, and all schools need to adhere to this process.
- If the absence is lengthy contact your child's teacher and find out what work could be done to keep up with learning.

Until next time,

Michael Cormick

Principal

Bec's Bulletin...

Community Working Bee

A huge thank you to all of the parents and students that came along to our working bee last Friday evening. We had a great turnout, with lots of eager helpers! A great deal was accomplished, particularly around the front of the school, with lots of pruning, weeding and clearing of leaves and sticks from the lawn and out of the garden beds. The front of the school and garden beds around the 'shack' building are looking a hundred times better! Genuine thanks to all who contributed to this event!



Yard Duty and Student Supervision Reminder

Amsleigh Park Primary School understands it holds a high standard of care in relation to students at school. Appropriate, well-organised and responsive supervision of students during class time, recess, lunch and before and after school is an important aspect of keeping students safe at school.

School staff are rostered on for yard duty before school, during recess, lunch and after school. A reminder that school grounds are supervised before school from 8:45am. After school, staff supervise the yard until 3:45pm. Students on school grounds outside these times are not supervised (unless they are attending the Out of School Hours Care program or a supervised extracurricular activity).

Parents and carers are requested to ensure that students do not arrive early or stay late after school unless they are attending before or after school care, or a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice), so they are not left unattended in the yard.

We thank you for your support with this, in assisting with keeping all students safe before and after school.

PARENTS & FRIENDS EASTER RAFFLE



Raffle tickets stubs & payment are to be returned to the General Office by Wednesday 3rd April.

Please ensure you list your name and/or grade on the tickets

Donations for the Easter Baskets can be left at the general office no later than Monday 1st April.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 5th April (last day of Term 1).

SWIMMING & WATER SAFETY



Our swimming and water safety program begins on Monday 25th March and finishes on Thursday 4th April – See timetable below

Remember to pack your swimming bag with a towel, dry underwear, swimming goggles (optional) and a pair of thongs/sandals.



GRADE	Depart School	Arrive Pool	Session Starts	Session Ends	Depart Pool	Approx Arrival Back at School
Grades 2A & 2B	9:05 AM	9:20 AM	9:30 AM	10:15 AM	10:25 AM	10:50 AM
Grades 1A, 1B & 4A	9:50 AM	10:05 AM	10:15 AM	11:00 AM	11:10 AM	11:35 AM
Grades 4B, 5/6A & 5/6B	10:55 AM	11:05 AM	11:15 AM	12:00 PM	12:10 PM	12:35 PM
Grades 5/6C & 5/6D	11:35 AM	11:50 AM	12:00 PM	12:45 PM	12:55 PM	1:20 PM
Grades 3B & 3A	12:35 PM	12:50 PM	1:00 PM	1:45 PM	1:55 PM	2:20 PM
Prep A & Prep B	1:20 PM	1:35 PM	1:45 PM	2:30 PM	2:40 PM	3:05 PM

PFA Update for Newsletter – March 2019

What are we fundraising for in 2019?

Our aim for 2019 is to raise \$15,000.

The School would like to purchase a high ropes/climbing structure (similar to the picture below) to add to the school playground but still need \$15,000. We have already begun some Fundraising campaigns for this year so please keep an eye out for order forms, raffle tickets or volunteer requests!

This cannot be achieved without the support of the entire APPS community!



(picture is for illustration purposes only)

Hot Cross Buns

Have you received your order form for Hot Cross Buns from Bakers Delight?? If not, please see the school office as money and order forms need to be returned by Wednesday 27th March. Hot Cross Buns will be delivered on Tuesday 2nd April. APPS will raise \$2.00 from each packet of Hot Cross Buns ordered.

A huge thank to Megan Gaskin for arranging this new Fundraiser and for all her hard work to get this up and running.

Some Reminders.....

Easter Raffle **donations** are to be given to the general office **by Monday 1st April**. Thank you to all those families who have already made donations, it is greatly appreciated!!

Easter raffle **tickets** and money to be returned by **Wednesday 3rd April**. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 5th April (last day of Term 1).

Our upcoming PFA Meetings are:

Friday May 3rd at 2pm - Staffroom
Tuesday May 28th at 7pm – After School Care Room
Friday June 21st at 2pm - Staffroom

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.

Thanks, Joanne



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

KUMON

'Find out why I'm good at maths and love reading!'

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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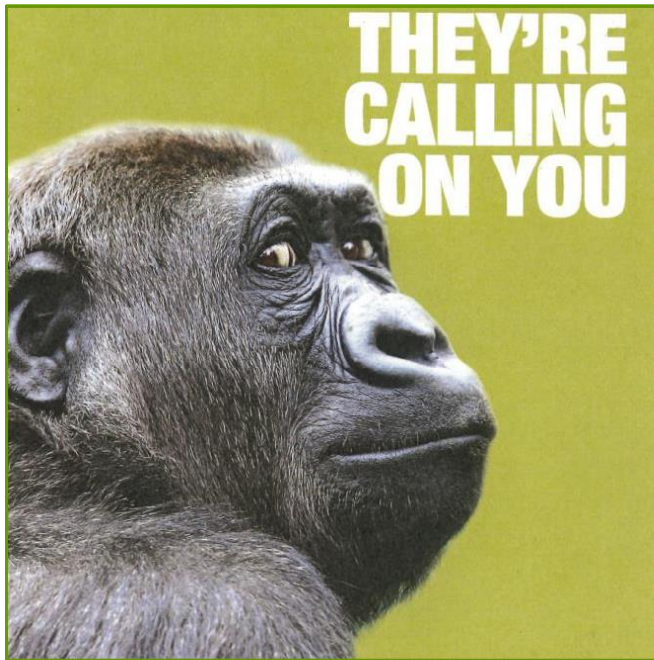
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MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING

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.



★ 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



BREAKING THE CYCLE



DO YOU FEEL

Threatened, frightened or even controlled by your son or daughter?

Are family members and younger siblings feeling scared?

Feeling anxious, isolated, ashamed, resentful...?

Breaking The Cycle is an 8 week program developed by Anglicare Victoria that supports mothers, fathers, stepparents and carers of adolescents aged 10-17 that are abusive or violent in the home.

When Thursdays 9 May – 27 June 2019
10am – 12pm

Where Mount Waverley Youth Centre
Meeting Room 2
45 Miller Crescent
Mount Waverley

Cost

Free (Bookings Essential)

For enquiries or to book:

Monash Family Services

☎ 0427 208 367

@ FamilyServices@monash.vic.gov.au

Feedback from participants

They report the violence stopped or significantly reduced and the group has provided them with ideas for change, ways of handling their situation differently.

The program is open to families that reside in or are connected to the Inner East (Monash, Boroondara, Whitehorse and Manningham).