



## DIARY DATES

### APRIL

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Swimming (Last Day)

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> – LAST DAY TERM 1**

2:00 pm assembly

Easter Raffle drawn at assembly

**2:30pm finish**

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> – Term 2 Commences**

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> – Anzac Day Public Holiday**

**TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS**

**WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY**

## DUE BY DATES:

### MARCH

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

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Thanks for a Great Term!

What a fantastic start to our school year! As I reflect on Term 1, I feel very proud of the way our students have engaged in their learning and transitioned to their new class for 2019. Our classes are very settled, and during tours of the school for prospective families, I find that parents are most impressed with the positive and engaged atmosphere.

We had some great community highlights across the term including the School Picnic, our Global Grooves night, the Prep Pizza night and the Cultural Festival at South Oakleigh College. Many thanks to everyone for your support and attendance at these events.

On behalf of our community I want to say huge thanks to our teachers, who time and time again show they are prepared to go that 'extra mile' for our students. Whether it's a quick phone call or brief word, our staff work very hard to work in partnership with our families. I feel very fortunate to lead such a professional and dedicated staff.

### Child Safe Environments

At Amsleigh Park we do not accept Child Abuse in any form, and this is why we have a policy to promote a Child Safe Environment for our students. Sadly, the incidence of child abuse in Australia is 1:7 children and this affects many families, in every community across all parts of our country. Child abuse takes three main forms, sexual, physical and neglect. Whilst, no-one wants to really think this is happening, we cannot be complacent in our resolve that it is not acceptable. Often, children are hesitant to come forward when affected by abuse, which means it can go on unchecked for too long, with terrible outcomes for those affected. In 2017 the results of the 'Abuse of Trust' royal commission led to the Victorian Government's commitment to implementing a number of key recommendations. These recommendations acknowledged that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse in our community. This also led to the formulation of the Child Safe Standards which make it mandatory for all schools to play a leading role in reducing child abuse. It is our important role to promote Child Safety across our community with the aim of reducing its impact.

As part of our school evaluation process in 2019, we are currently undertaking a review of our school Child Safe Policy including all the actions we undertake to teach or support our students to understand how they can maintain their own personal safety, and their basic human right as a child to feel safe and secure. Each term from now on we'll be having a special 'Safety' week in Week 5 to highlight Child Safe Environments and other related policies.

Additionally, as mandated reporters of Child Abuse, all of our teaching staff have undertaken training in Mandatory reporting. Our school also has a Child Safe Environments Officer, and this role is undertaken by Assistant Principal, Miss Carr, who is responsible for the implementation of the actions in our policy. In Term 2 we will be releasing an updated Child Safe Environments Policy and providing further information for our community.

### Cultural Festival

The Amsleigh Park PS 'Leigh Club' recently participated in a special cultural festival held at South Oakleigh College. I want to thank our singers, and also Leigh Club musical director, Mrs Kennedy, for organising this performance. The Leigh club are wonderful ambassadors for Amsleigh Park.

## Out of School Hours Care Survey

In 2018 we asked our community to undertake a survey as part of a School Council review of Out of School Hours Care. This survey was for past, current and non-users of the service. Two different surveys were administered, one for parents and one for students. The survey results indicate that overall many parents feel positive about the current OSHC service being provided by Youth Leadership Victoria. A number of recommendations have been made for further improvements to the service, many of which have already been acted on such as food, activities and games, supervision, billing processes and staff continuity. One recommendation also highlighted the need to improve the physical space used by OSHC, and we are currently working on a plan to undertake a number of changes.

So far we have completed the following:

- Lighting upgrade    - General maintenance    - Student bag lockers

Works still to be undertaken include the following:

- New floor coverings    - Installation of additional air conditioner for hotter months of the year

We are now working with our provider, Youth Leadership Victoria, to ensure that all the recommendations of the review are followed up and acted upon.

## Swimming Wrap Up

Our annual swimming program concluded today, and was a great success. I was fortunate to visit the pool with our Grade 3 group this week to observe our swimming program in action. I also had the opportunity to talk to the pool coordinator, Amanda, who complemented me on the way our students had behaved and participated in the program. It's always great to hear this kind of feedback. I would like to congratulate our students on their efforts and hope they have further developed their water safety knowledge and confidence. On behalf of the school I would like to thank our teaching and support staff for supporting the program so well. Many thanks also to our parents who assisted with supervision and travel to the pool, it's greatly appreciated.

## Sporting Schools Program

For the past couple of years many of our students have benefitted from an after-school sports program funded by the Federal Government. This program aims to get children more actively involved in physical activity and promotes the benefits of a healthy lifestyle that includes plenty of exercise. Each term we focus on a new sport, so that students also have the chance to try out sports they might not get to do otherwise. A good example of this are sports such as Tennis and Gymnastics. Next term the proposed focus is Softball, so look out for further details. Miss Hayes is the driving force behind this program and I want to thank her for this work. Thanks also to Karen, who assists with the administration of the program and the financial side of things.

## The Easter Raffle

As I walked into the staff room this week I was greeted by shimmering array of chocolate treats. I want to thank our PFA who were hard at work wrapping up the Easter baskets in readiness for the annual Easter raffle. With many prizes on offer there should be lots of happy smiling faces on Friday afternoon. Many thanks to our families who not only donated the treats, but also purchased some raffle tickets. It's one of those great Amsleigh Park PS 'traditions', and we really appreciate the efforts of our PFA and community in bringing it all together. The raffle draw is at 2.00pm in the gym.

## Kiwanis Awards – Term 1

Congratulations to Nadia from Grade 3 and Mikayla from Grade 6 who are our Kiwanis 'Terrific Kids' award recipients for Term 1. Marian and Chris Raynor, from Kiwanis Club of Brighton, visited our school on Monday to assist with the presentation of these awards. Both recipients not only receive a nice certificate and a \$25 voucher as part of this award, but they also have the special honour of being the only student in their year level to receive the award this term. The Terrific Kids award highlights many important qualities that students develop at school and many of our children demonstrate them on a regular basis. Pictured right are the qualities we are looking for.



## Happy Holidays

As we end Term 1 for 2019 I want to say thanks to everyone for supporting Amsleigh Park Primary School. We are truly 'East Oakleigh's Hidden Gem' and with so many positive things happening I feel both privileged and proud to lead this fantastic school.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter and a relaxing holiday. There's another great term to look forward to commencing on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. And remember in the first week back we also have ANZAC day, so it's quite a short week. Until then, remember your ABC, that is, 'always be careful' and we'll see you all soon for another great term of learning.

*Michael Cormick*

Principal

## *Bec's Bulletin...*

### **Coffee Morning**

Tomorrow, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, we will have our first Amsleigh Park Coffee Morning for 2019!

'Barista on the Move' will be here from 8:00am selling tea, coffee and hot chocolate to parents at school drop off time.

It would be great to see as many parents as possible come down for a cuppa and a catch up before the end of term.

A reminder that if you BYO a reusable cup, you get a 50c discount. Hope to see you there! ☺



### **Thank you Parents!**

A huge thank you to all parents that have helped at school this term! We are lucky to have helpers for many different aspects of school life, from helping at swimming and sports events, to reading in the classroom, school banking and uniform shop, selling icy poles and more! All of these helpers assist in the smooth and enjoyable running of our school.

A special thanks to our PFA for all they have done in running school events this term. These events are further detailed in the 'PFA Update' on the following page. It is pleasing to see our PFA membership growing this year, with lots of new faces joining in 2019!

Apart from the fundraising events they have successfully run, the PFA also have the 'Amsleigh Pantry' up and running, and we thank the school community for their generosity with this initiative. The pantry is now well stocked with snack and lunch items, as well as items for family main meals, like pasta and sauces, soup, tinned vegetables etc. If you are ever in need of the pantry, please see myself, Michael Cormick, or the school office. This came about through the PFA wanting to be able to assist families with meals at times of need. All families go through tricky times at some point, through financial difficulties, illness, employment changes, bereavement etc, so we encourage families to utilise the pantry as needed. The PFA will call for further donations to stock the pantry, once it runs low.

## PFA UPDATE

### A FEW THANK YOU'S....

#### Hot Cross Buns

A huge thank you to all those who supported the Hot Cross Bun drive just in time for Easter. We managed to raise just over \$400 - a fantastic achievement! A special thanks to Megan Gaskin for coordinating this event; It's wonderful to see new ideas being suggested and implemented! Thank you also to those parents who volunteered to help distribute the Hot Cross Buns on Tuesday.



#### Easter Raffle & Donations

Another thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Raffle prizes, we have been overwhelmed with the response. To the Prep Parents who assisted with the counting of raffle tickets and collating the wonderful prizes - Thank You, you did an amazing job! ***The raffle will be drawn at a special assembly at 2pm on Friday.*** We will announce the final tally of funds raised early next term.



#### APPS Pantry

We are thrilled to see this initiative finally up and running and are pleased to announce that our pantry is sufficiently stocked. The generosity of the Grade 5 & 6 families who responded to requests for donations is greatly appreciated. Class reps will request further donations throughout the year. If you feel the need to utilise the Pantry, please contact the school directly.



(picture for illustration purposes only)

#### What are we fundraising for in 2019?

Our aim for 2019 is to raise \$15,000. The School would like to purchase a highropes/climbing structure (similar to the picture, right) to add to the school playgrounds. This is only achievable with the support of the entire APPS community!

#### Our upcoming PFA Meetings are:

Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm - Staffroom

Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - After School Care Room

Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> 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

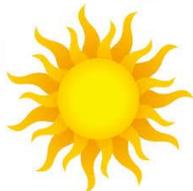
(Copy of the approved uniform list is available at the Uniform Shop, the General Office and on our website [www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au](http://www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au))

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



## 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

SUNDAY MORNINGS



**Register Now!**

**Oakleigh District**

Princes Hwy Reserve, Oakleigh East

Sundays 10.00am – 11.30am Starts April 28th

Pat McGlenchy  
Pat.McGlenchy@anz.com

Visit [play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)

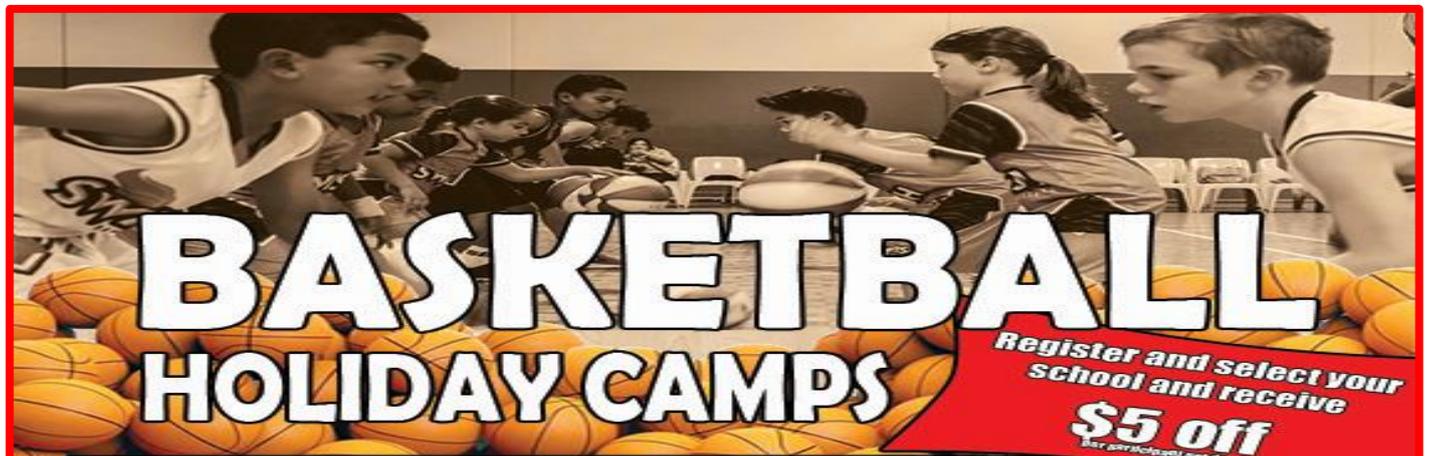




# SCHOOL BANKING

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Bring your Bank Deposit Books  
to Classroom Teachers



## BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMPS

Register and select your school and receive  
**\$5 off**  
per participant per day

### GET READY FOR THE WINTER SEASON!

Just started or thinking of playing next season? Join us at our **BEGINNER** holiday camps for an introduction to the basics and fundamental skills of the game in an enjoyable learning environment.  
**Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th April**

Are you looking to prepare for a breakout season? More experienced players are invited to attend our **ADVANCED** holiday camp for further skills coaching and guidance.  
**Friday 12th April**

Camps are ideal for players 6 - 12 years. Building confidence whilst having fun!

**3 BIG days of basketball in APRIL**  
**10am - 3pm BYO Basketball & Lunch**  
**\$55 per day per participant**

Waverley Basketball Stadium, Batesford Road, Chadstone  
All ages and skills are invited to attend the beginner camp



Register ONLINE to book your spot  
[www.tinyurl.com/bballcamps](http://www.tinyurl.com/bballcamps)  
Enquiries please call 9095 6567

# KUMON



## MAY FREE TRIAL

**Trial Kumon English or Maths over two weeks during May.**

Find out how we can develop in your child:

- calculation and reading ability
- concentration
- a daily study and reading habit
- the confidence to learn independently.

Just follow these four easy steps to register:

1. Call your Kumon Instructor to register for an information session.
2. Have your child assessed for Kumon English or Maths and discuss a study plan.
3. Arrange for your child to attend four consecutive class sessions during May.
4. Meet with your Instructor to discuss your child's Kumon experience.

**Limited spaces available. Contact your local Kumon Centre now to register your child.**

**KUMON OAKLEIGH  
EDUCATION CENTRE**

INSTRUCTOR: KAMY DE MEL

Tel: 0418 585 300 | [kumonoak@gmail.com](mailto:kumonoak@gmail.com)

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Places are limited and acceptance for the Free Trial is on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- The registration deadline for the Free Trial varies across Kumon Centres.
- Attendance at an information session is mandatory prior to your child participating in the Kumon Free Trial.
- The Free Trial consists of four consecutive sessions at a Kumon Education Centre over two weeks during May.
- Worksheets are provided for non-centre days during the two weeks.
- Late registration may result in fewer study sessions.
- Class days, operating hours and available sessions vary across Kumon Centres.
- The Free Trial is available for one subject only (either English or Maths).
- There is no obligation to enrol after the Free Trial.

<http://au.kumonglobal.com>

## 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 2.

Interested parents should call Melissa during office hours on 9818 2333 or email [melissa@creativemusic.com.au](mailto:melissa@creativemusic.com.au)

 Creative Music

[www.creativemusic.com.au](http://www.creativemusic.com.au)



# 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



Tours every Friday by appointment

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SOUTH OAKLEIGH  
COLLEGE



BRENTWOOD  
SECONDARY COLLEGE

OPEN NIGHT 2019

Tuesday 30 April, 7-8 pm

Brentwood College Hall  
65 -71 Watsons Rd, Glen Waverley

[www.brentwood.vic.edu.au](http://www.brentwood.vic.edu.au)