



DIARY DATES

JUNE

Thurs 20th – APPS Disco

Prep-2 5pm – 6:15pm
Grade 3-6 6:30pm – 7:45pm

Wed 26th – Parent Teacher Interviews

Thurs 27th – Drum Concert

**Fri 28th – Last Day Term 2 Early
finish at 2.30pm**

JULY

Mon 15th – Term 3 commences

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

**WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING
DAY**

DUE BY DATES:

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

Principal's Report

The 5c Challenge

Our Student Representative Council has been running a special fundraiser for the Monash Children's Hospital School, collecting 5c pieces. I'm so pleased to see that our students and the APPS community are engaged in helping such a worthy cause, as this school would rarely get a chance to do their own fundraising. The Monash Children's Hospital school plays a vital role to provide ongoing education for children who are experiencing illness, maintaining important links to education and minimising disengagement. It is in fact the first Department of Education School ever established in a children's hospital in Australia. Our thanks to the many families who hunted out the 5c pieces that often sit at the bottom of knick knock drawers and pencil holders. We'll report on the totals in coming weeks.

Congrats Finn!

We are proud to report that one of our students, Finn Watson, after many long weeks of trials and effort, was recently selected in the State Hockey team as emergency goal keeper. It's an amazing achievement to make a State sporting team. For those who don't know the game well, being a Hockey goal keeper is not for the faint hearted, requiring both skill and courage. Finn displays a quiet determination, and has that 'never give up' mindset. On behalf of everyone at APPS we offer our congratulations.

Aerobics Success

Our fantastic Aerobics program continues to power along after a successful Victorian State competition on Sunday 1st June. We had two teams and four individuals competing in two competition formats.

I want to say well done to all competitors and special congratulations to Team Adrenaline (Teams) and Gisele Fara (Individual) who qualified for the National School Aerobics Finals in 2019. These finals will be held on the Gold Coast in August, and should be very exciting. Many thanks to our coaches, Miss Hayes and Miss Carr and our families for supporting this competition.

Well Done Darcy

Recently 3 students went on to compete at the Divisional Cross Country, and did a fantastic job. Congratulations to Darcy from Grade 3 who placed second in his event, and now moves onto the Regionals, which is very exciting. Darcy is a talented athlete, so we wish him well in the next level of competition.

Prep Enrolment 2020

Our Prep numbers for next year are starting to take shape and we already have over thirty enrolments for prep in 2020. Given that time is moving by quickly we would encourage all families who have siblings to enrol, to please do so by the end of this term. This will give us a clear idea of how many classes we will need to plan for. Enrolment forms are available at the office.

Having a stable enrolment is important, and therefore promoting Amsleigh Park PS is a vital part of my work. However, I do know that the most powerful message is parent to parent, so please make sure you encourage other families to consider our school. Whilst, we are not looking to build an 'empire' we do aim to maintain at least two classes at each year level. In my view this is an optimum size school as we can provide a broad range of programs and learning opportunities, whilst still maintaining a school community in which our students are well known to all staff.

Mid-Year Reports – Information for Parents

Our teachers have been very busy in the past few weeks analysing mid-year assessments and writing student reports. Like most schools in Victoria, our reporting process includes two formal reports, one at mid-year and one in December. It takes many hours to prepare these reports, and our aim is to make sure they are easy to understand and provide a clear indication of each child's progress when assessed against the Victorian Curriculum. The report includes a table showing the current progress in a range of curriculum areas, a written comment related to personal qualities, and two further more detailed tables for English and Mathematics to show children's progress in recent learning. Reports are also included for each specialist program, with a description of the learning focus, and comments regarding children's progress. A sample of the table showing progress against the Victorian Curriculum is included below.

The blue dot indicates your child's progress at school. In this example, the child is achieving **at** the expected level. When the dot is on either side of the yellow band, the child is achieving **at** the expected level. A dot placed **above** the band shows when a child is above expected or **below** the band when achieving below expected.

Learning Area		Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7
English*	Reading and Viewing			●		
	Writing			●		
	Speaking and Listening			●		
Mathematics*	Number and Algebra			●		
	Measurement and Geometry			●		
	Statistics and Probability			●		

Mid-Year Reports Going Digital in 2019

We will be distributing student reports digitally for the first time in 2019. This change is consistent with modern life, and will mean that families can then access and store their child's report more easily. The report will look exactly the same as it has in past years and will be sent as a PDF via email. If any families do not have access to the Internet please let us know so an alternative arrangement can be made. We hope you see the good sense in making this change, which also further reduces our reliance on paper and photocopying. If you do have any questions please contact me.

Grade 3s and 4s had a Great Week on Camp

I had the good fortune to spend three days with our Grade 3s and 4s at Camp Manyung last week. The weather was kind to us, and we enjoyed lots of fun and learning through the excellent array of Outdoor Education activities on offer. I want to acknowledge the behaviour and participation of our students. I always feel very proud that our students are so cooperative and engaged in these learning opportunities, and this year was no exception. The challenge by choice activities such as the Giant Swing and Flying Fox required children to summon up their courage, and I was proud to see them overcome their natural apprehension. There were many proud moments all throughout the camp, so I hope you heard about them in the days following the camp. I would add my congratulations to all of our students and hope that they all had a great time.

On behalf of our school I want to sincerely thank our Grade 3-4 Camp Team for 2019 including; Miss Kirton (Co-Camp Leader), Miss Abbott, Miss Sullivan, Mr Arundale, Mrs Kennedy, Frau Salles, Louise Hughes, Mr Liu (student teacher) and parent volunteers, Tim Moreland and Kylie Hinh, who gave up time from work to also attend as helpers. It is very generous of these folk to take time out from their private lives to make our Outdoor Education Program a success, and it's very much appreciated.

Miss Carr will report on the Grade 5/6 camp, but I would like to express my thanks to the team who went along to Kangarooie. The Grade 5/6 Camp team for 2019 included: Miss Carr, Mr French (Co-Leader), Mrs Arvanitis, Miss Hayes, Miss Ryan, Miss Ainsworth, Marcus (Education Support), Vivienne (Language assistant) and a past student, Emma Gilbert, who is now at university. Once again, a fantastic camp team, who all ensured that our student had a great experience.

Have a great week,

Michael Cormick

Principal

Advance Notice: Parent teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 26th June for Prep – Grade 6. A notice will be distributed with details shortly.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

SAME-DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

Fact sheet for parents/carers

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school **as early as possible** on or before the day of absence using one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** log the absence directly using your school's IT platform – **FlexiBuzz**
2. **Email:** the school and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason, amsleigh.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
3. **Telephone:** the school office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason. **Phone 9544 1553**

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.

What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

Schools will let you know either by your school's online communications app, SMS, phone call or email. If you can't be reached because the school does not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), the school will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school. Where possible, this contact will be made on the same day of the unexplained absence.

Where can I learn more about the process for managing student absences?

Ask your school for a copy of the *Attendance Policy* which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences.

AMSLEIGH PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



DISCO

**THURSDAY 20th
June, 2019**

**At the Thelma Bailey Learning and
Sports Centre**

Prep-Grade 2
Grade 3 –6

5:00 PM - 6:15 PM
6:30 PM – 7:45 PM

Entry \$2 per student

Students must be signed in and signed out by a parent or guardian

Younger siblings are welcome with supervision

**Refreshments and glow products sold on
the night**



APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Baily Learning & Sports Centre

OPENING HOURS - TERM 2 2019

MONDAY: Afternoons 3:00pm - 3:45pm

WEDNESDAY: Mornings 8:45am - 9:30am

A 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.

Thank you to the families who donate second hand uniforms to the school. It is greatly appreciated and enables us to supply good quality items for sale at reduced prices.

Jo Devlin
Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator

WINTER ITEMS

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>SIZES</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Rain Coats	4-6, 8-10, 12-14, S-M (16-18)	\$34.00 each
Winter Tights	4-6, 7-9, 10-12	\$ 7.00 pair
Beanies	Child or Adult sizes	\$ 5.00 each
Gloves	Small or Medium	\$ 5.00 pair
Scarves	One size fits all	\$ 5.00 each

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 3.

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

 Creative Music

www.creativemusic.com.au





Emmanuel Anglican Kindergarten

OPEN DAY

Saturday 15 June from 10am-1pm

Call: 9569 7117

26 Abbeygate Street, Oakleigh, VIC, 3167





Dover Street Preschool
PLACES AVAILABLE
FOR 2019 & 2020

Contact us to take a tour

Call 9544 0308





CommonwealthBank

Student Banking

Every Wednesday

Remember to place your deposit book into the classroom banking satchel



COME JOIN US AT THE POOL FOR OUR WATER POLO COME & TRY DAY!

Like swimming? Why not try water polo!

Join in with our U12, U14 and U16 players for training and see how you like the sport!

Date: Sunday 30th June

Time: 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Venue: Doug Ellis Pool, Monash Uni Clayton

Age: 10 or older

Cost: Absolutely free!

If interested, please register at monashuniwaterpolo.com.au/jrtryday

Visit our website at www.monashuniwaterpolo.com.au or email info@monashuniwaterpolo.com.au for more information

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 Tuesdays 23 July - 10 September
7pm-9pm


Where Clayton Community Centre
9 - 15 Cooke St
Clayton

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).