



DIARY DATES

JUNE

**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

Minister's visit to Amsleigh Park PS

On Wednesday we were delighted to host a visit from the Minister for Education, Hon. James Merlino MP, the Parliamentary secretary for Schools, Mr Tim Richardson MP and our local State member, Mr Steve Dimopoulos MP to officially open our new school buildings and Friendship Garden. We were very proud to show off our new learning areas, and our visitors were certainly very impressed by what they saw. Our students enjoyed the visit as well and were very well represented by their School Captains, Georgia and Mason, who made a great speech. The Minister congratulated our school on achieving such a great outcome for our students. I want to thank the School Council President, Greg Dellas and PFA President, Justin Scott, for coming along as well to represent the school community, and to say thanks for the support we have received from the government. I always feel a great sense of pride when we showcase the school and to hear the great feedback from our visitors makes all the work we have done very worthwhile.



Thanks Miss Ainsworth

At the end of Term 2 we farewell Miss Prue Ainsworth, who has been teaching Physical Education for the first half of 2019. Miss Ainsworth brought her sporting knowledge and passion to the role, and continued to support our students to develop their physical and sporting skills. On behalf of everyone at Amsleigh Park PS I want to say a huge thanks to Miss Ainsworth, and hope she might be back to do some more work at Amsleigh Park in the future. In Term 3 we are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Lisa Jonga, who is returning from maternity leave and will be taking over teaching Grade 5/6A. Miss Sam Hayes, who has been teaching Grade 5/6A, will be resuming her role as our Physical Education specialist teacher from week 3 after a short long service leave.



Cyber Safety – Mobile Phone Ban

The Minister for Education announced this week that from 2020 the use of mobile phones will be banned in all State Government primary and secondary schools. The decision was made in response to the increasing issues of cyber bullying in schools, especially secondary schools. The argument is that students should be spending their time socialising, relaxing and developing friendships, rather than looking at social media. Whilst it's not an issue for our school, as our students already leave any phones at the office, I can see the importance of this decision. We are definitely seeing an increase in cyber-safety issues outside of school hours, and there is an urgency in helping students to understand the negative impact this can have on the individual. Currently, our Grade 5s and 6s are working on a cyber-safety unit, and in particular understanding the fact that once it's digital, it's permanent! They are learning that responsible use of social media is vital, and early next term will participate in a Cyber Safety incursion at school to further reinforce this message.

Parent Opinion Survey

In term 3 a random sample of parents will be invited to participate in the Parent Opinion Survey for 2019. This important survey seeks parental perceptions and opinions about many different areas of the school. As this is also a State-wide survey we also get an opportunity to see how we compare with other schools.

Our student Leaders

I want to highlight the great job our Student Leaders are doing in 2019. It's an important opportunity to develop their leadership skills and also act as a role model for other students. They are also responsible for a number of daily tasks and undertake them with diligence and commitment. Well done to the whole Student Leadership team, keep up the good work!

Thanks for a Great Term!

Looking back at the past ten weeks I can see we have really had a fantastic term of learning, community engagement and fun. Some of the highlights:

- Grade 5/6s had a visit to Ashwood High School
- The whole school enjoyed German Day
- Our preps met up with the Roo Keepers
- 1/2s had 2 Science incursions as part of their Inquiry Learning
- Our PFA ran another wonderful Mother's day stall
- House Cross Country / District Cross Country
- NAPLAN testing week for Grade 3 and 5
- Education Week – including performances, Careers Expo, Open Night and Grand Parents day
- Grade 5/6s visited the Werribee Zoo
- We had a fantastic Book Fair
- We ran two highly successful camps for Grade 3/4s and 5/6s.
- Grade 5/6s enjoyed Winter Sport and a great Gala day
- Our Aerobics team did well at the State Competition
- Our PFA organised and a great Kids Disco and Community Trivia Night
- Mid-Years Reports and Parent-Teacher interviews have been completed.

Phew, what an awesome term, and this was just some of the highlights!

Staffing

Our Assistant Principal, Miss Carr, will be on long service leave for the first two weeks of Term 3. Miss Carr will be heading off on a grand adventure in Canada, and will be exploring the West coast up to Alaska. During this time we'll be sharing her important role between other members of our leadership team.

The Hard Working Term

We will be beginning next term with a growth mindset, and from the very start our classes will be right back into their learning. Term 3 is traditionally known as the 'hard working term', and it's a time for students and staff to accelerate the learning consolidated in Semester 1. Our students should now have a very clear idea of their improvement areas, and this will come into focus as they strive to improve their learning in Term 3.

Stay safe out there, remember you ABC, relax and enjoy! See you in Term 3.

Michael Cormick

Principal



Bec's Bulletin...



Coffee Morning

Amsleigh Park's next coffee morning is tomorrow, Friday 28th June. Come along from 8:15am, near the new garden and have a tea, coffee or hot chocolate and a chat with parents and teachers. It will be a nice chance to get together for a catch up before the holiday break. Remember to bring along your reusable cup to help the environment and to save 50 cents! A reminder that students are unable to purchase from the van, unless accompanied by their parent. Hope to see you there!

Thanks PFA!

A huge thank you to our PFA for putting on two fantastic events last week! The student disco as well as the parent trivia night were well-attended and great fun for students and parents alike! We are very lucky to have a group of such hardworking parents who commit their time and effort to put on these events for our community and also raise funds to continue to improve our school. Thanks also to all of the other parent volunteers that helped run these events on the nights; we really couldn't have these events without your help. A sincere thanks to all involved!



5/6 Camp

It was my absolute pleasure to attend the Grade 5/6 camp at Kangarooobie! Camp Kangarooobie is located in Princetown in South Western Victoria, on the Old Ocean Road, a stunning location! I am extremely proud of our Grade 5/6 students and the way they conducted themselves whilst away from school, representing Amsleigh Park beautifully out in the wider community. I was impressed at how our students took on the personal challenges of camp, choosing to push themselves out of their comfort zones to participate in activities like canoeing, the mud obstacle course, climbing the 30 meter tower at the Otway Fly Treetop Walk and more!

The students learnt about rural and farm life, participating in the day to day running of the working cattle farm, enjoying feeding the cows and pigs. The students also learnt a lot about how to live and share space with others, and refined their interpersonal skills while being away from home for 5 days with their peers and teachers. It was so positive to see new friendships, as well as relationships with teachers being strengthened over the week.

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work done by our staff and volunteers throughout the camping program. Our teachers willingly and generously give up time from their personal lives to attend for the benefit of their students. On behalf of the school community, I extend my sincere thanks to our staff for organising, attending and ensuring it is a wonderful experience for students.



Year 6-7 Transition Update

All year 6 students in Victoria (who have applied for enrolment at a State Secondary School) will be advised in writing on Wednesday 7th August of their offer of placement for year 7, 2020. Please feel free to contact me with any queries relating to year 6-7 transition.

Reading Nights

It has been wonderful to see our students' nightly reading celebrated at assembly each week with the awarding of 'reading nights' certificates. Nightly reading not only develops a child's reading skills, but also their writing and spelling skills, as well as growing a love of reading over time. We encourage all students to keep up their reading over the school holidays. I can't wait to hear about all the books students enjoyed over the break!



Enrolments 2020

We are currently taking Prep enrolments for 2020. If your child has a younger sibling due to start school in 2020, please see the office for an enrolment pack, as we would like to finalise our 2020 prep numbers shortly. Thank you to families who have already enrolled their younger siblings. We look forward to getting to know our 2020 Prep students through the Prep transition program in Term 4.

Safe Holidays

I wish all families a safe and happy midyear break. I can't wait to see what our students will achieve in the semester to come!

Calling for volunteers – we need your help!



Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires extra volunteers to assist with the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is Wednesday.

If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please let the office staff know via the contact button in the FlexiBuzz App or email to amsleigh.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you 😊

We are a
ResourceSmart
School



Sustainability
Victoria



Follow
The 8
Rs:

Reduce,
Replace,
Reuse,
Recycle,
Recover,
Refuse
and
Reject,
Rethink

Hello Amsleigh families,

The holidays are approaching and we, the **Amsleigh Park Enviro Stars**, would like to remind you about a few ideas on how to reduce waste at home and also at school. We sent you some of these tips last year, but good ideas can be shared over and over again, right?

One way to achieve it is to bring NUDE FOOD to school, or foods that have the least amount of packaging possible. It's also important not to bring more food than kids can actually eat at school. You would be amazed at how much kids throw away!

Rethink what kids are bringing to school. Are they really eating that much??

****OUR BINS *Refuse* TO TAKE SO MUCH WASTE
AND YOUR MONEY****



***HOW CAN WE CHANGE OUR HABITS, HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND
SAVE \$\$\$\$\$\$?***

1. *Replace* some of the products you buy. Buy in bulk by the kilo or by selecting bigger quantities. *Refuse* goods in little boxes or portions, because they are more expensive and produce unnecessary waste.

2. Bring your fruit, snack and lunch in a container, free of packaging. *Reuse* your containers. (Nude food!) It's much cheaper too!

3. We have lots of FREE water at school for everyone, but if you really want to drink and buy juices instead of making them fresh, buy a large bottle, *Recycle* and divide it up in reusable, washable containers and bottles.

It's easy to do, so get on board with our **Enviro Stars** as we try and make Amsleigh Park a Resource Smart School.

Thanks in advance,

Amsleigh Park PS Enviro-Stars

PFA UPDATE



Disco

The Disco this year was an amazing night and a huge success with 70% participation rate across all classes and we raised \$1,500 towards our fundraising goal for 2019. A special thank you to Pepi & Cam Angelucci (past parent and student) for DJ'ing the evening and keeping everyone dancing! Thank you also to all the parent volunteers who helped on the night; events such as these don't happen without your support.

Parents Trivia Night

The Trivia Night was also a huge success with almost 120 tickets sold!! Not only was it a great social event but we also managed to raise \$2,500. The PFA committee would like to thank everyone that helped set up & pack up, donated prizes, purchased Silent Auction items and came along to support this event. We appreciate all the positive feedback from the evening and look forward to future social events!! A special thanks to Pat McGlenchy for MC'ing the evening, it turns out we all think he's as funny as he thinks he is!

PFA Meeting - Tuesday 23rd July

Our next PFA meeting is on [Tuesday 23rd July in the After School Care Room](#) and all parents and carers are welcome to attend. If you have anything you wish to raise, please do not hesitate to contact us at apps.parents@gmail.com

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 to add to the school playgrounds. This cannot be achieved without the support of the entire APPS community!

Our upcoming PFA Meetings are:

Tuesday 23rd July at 7.30pm in After School Care Room

Friday August 23rd at 2pm in staffroom

Tuesday 24th September at 7.30pm in After School Care Room

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



CommonwealthBank

Student Banking

Every Wednesday

Remember to place your deposit book
into the classroom banking satchel

EDO IN THE SKY: TRADITIONAL KITES OF JAPAN

Kids' Kite Making Workshop

Learn how to make Japanese bamboo kites with master craftsman Mikio Toki.

Thursday July 12, 2019
1pm-3pm

Admission fee: **\$15**
Book online at
jpf.org.au

Location:
Huntingdale Hall
Germain St &
Huntingdale Road,
Oakleigh South VIC 3167



NAZARETH
COLLEGE

2019 SCHOOL TOURS

We invite you to join us for a tour of our College. Our student led tours provide a look into life at Nazareth College from the perspective of our students. You will hear from our Principal, Mr Sam Cosentino, as well as have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss important aspects of the College with key members of our staff over Morning Tea .

Term 2

26 June

Term 3

23 July
14 August

Term 4

25 October
28 November

**Make sure you get your application in for Year 7 2021
by Friday 23 August.**

**Tours run from 9-10.30am | Register your interest
via our website, www.nazareth.vic.edu.au**

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