



DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Tues 15th – Division Volleyball Final

Wed 16th – G3/4 Science Incursion

Thurs 17th – Regional Athletics

Friday 25th – G2 Sleepover &
Tennis Gala Day

NOVEMBER

Monday 4th – CURRICULUM DAY
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 5th – MELBOURNE CUP DAY
NO SCHOOL

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

DUE BY DATES:

OCTOBER

Fri 11th – G3/4 Science Incursion
Division Volleyball

Tues 15th – Regional Athletics

Wed 30th – Grade 6 Hoodie deposit

2020 New Student Enrolments
Please submit enrolment paperwork
as soon as possible. Thank you

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AND NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE ON
OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

Principal's Report

Welcome Back

I would like to welcome back everyone to Term 4. After a very busy Term 3 both students and staff were in need of a break and I hope that it came at a timely moment. I trust all of our students were able to spend time with family and friends. My family and I went in search of some sunshine travelling to Magnetic Island off the coast of Townsville in Far Northern Queensland. This hidden gem is just a short ferry ride from the mainland and offers wonderful beaches and national parks, and we were lucky to enjoy some downtime for a few days. I am really looking forward to an exciting final term at Amsleigh Park!

School Design Awards

We were thrilled this week to find out that our school is a finalist in the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) annual school design awards. Our school modernisation was a highly complex project that involved both construction of a new building and refurbishment of our main building. Of course, It is already a winner with our students and staff, and it's a great joy to work in such beautiful surrounds. It is very exciting to think that our project was selected as a finalist, with so many projects currently being undertaken in Victoria. The awards will be announced on November 7th.



The School Production

This year's school production was absolutely wonderful and a huge success. It never ceases to amaze me how much our students engage in and love this experience. Each year we reflect on the production and ask ourselves is all the work we do worth it. It is appropriate to ask this question as our production takes a huge effort from across our whole school community. However, when you consider the benefits, then you will know why we go to the trouble. Some of the benefits include the following:

- Participation in the Performing Arts supports students general learning by helping to develop cooperative and performance skills
- Performing for a live audience builds confidence in public speaking and performance
- Singing and dancing are highly enjoyable activities and support wellbeing

Each year I observe that our Grade 6 students look forward to that time when they can join the main cast and they really thrive in their roles. The experience for them is very valuable.

I want to say a huge thank-you to the many parents who helped to ensure this years' production was successful, your generous contributions are greatly appreciated by our staff and students. Many thanks to our teaching and support staff for your outstanding teamwork and commitment to providing this experience for our students, and of course thanks a million to creative talents, Mrs Kennedy, Miss Hayes and Miss Carr, and our wonderful students who performed so well.

School Theft

Unfortunately we experienced a serious theft during the school holidays, which can be a vulnerable time for schools. The theft of I-pads from our junior school is very disappointing, and whilst our security system did activate, the person or persons involved were not apprehended. This week students may have noticed that the police visited our school as part of the investigation. The matter is now subject to a police investigation. Schools can sometimes be a target for theft, and it's very sad to think there are those out in the wider community who engage in this kind of behaviour. For the record our I-pads and netbooks are kept in locked security trolleys already, but even this will not guarantee their security against those people who are determined to steal from others.



Class Placements 2020

Later this term we will start the complex process of placing students into classes for 2020. We spend many hours undertaking this important work, which takes into account many different variables. Factors which are considered in the placement of students include:

- Academic ability and performance
- Work habits e.g. ability to work independently
- Classroom behaviour
- Social network /friendships
- Social maturity
- Special needs e.g twins, siblings
- Special factors such as 'anxiety'

During this process, changes and adjustments to the proposed class groups are made over several weeks. Draft class lists are then submitted to the Leadership team for final ratification and then finally teachers are assigned to class groups.

Requesting Special Consideration for Student Placement in 2020



If any families have any requests for placement of children on educational grounds, please send this to me no later than Friday 25th October. Please note that **no requests for specific teachers are accepted** in this process. It is our important goal that we place children in a happy and secure learning environment. Whilst I do keep all previous requests from past years, they do become dated in terms of relevance, so we will only consider information from the past two years. If a previous request on educational grounds still exists, please take the time to bring this to my attention once again so that we are aware of any long-term considerations that might still be relevant.

Improving School facilities

This term we are continuing to work on some medium size projects across our school. One of them is to refurbish some of the old toilets connected to the main building. We are going to have four new student toilets for use during recess breaks, and by students who are in the portable classrooms. Our second project is the construction of our new adventure playground for use by middle and senior school students. The final playground design was chosen by our students, and should be an exciting addition to our play spaces. Shortly we will also have new flag poles installed out the front garden area.

The Term Ahead

There is a lot to look forward to across Term 4. Our core learning programs in English and Mathematics continue to be a high priority, but in keeping with our focus on the 'whole child' we balance this out with other learning opportunities. In Term 4 we look forward to lots of extra-curricular activities including; Divisional sports finals, Amsleigh Idol, Grade 2 sleepover, School Aerobics 'Spring Challenge,' Grade 6 Graduation, Whole School Transition for 2020, Prep 2020 Orientation, Carols Night and Leigh Club performances to round out an exciting term. Our teachers will also be working hard on December reports. Keep an eye out for your class newsletter in the next couple of weeks for more specific details about each class and year level.

Until next time,

Michael Cormick

Principal

Bec's Bulletin...

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

As discussed at assembly on Monday, the beginning of this term has marked the launch of tangible acknowledgement system as part of our Wide Positive Behaviour Support implementation. staff are using tokens to acknowledge students are demonstrating our expected behaviours and values. The tokens are colour coded to the value the child was displaying:



Blue – Respect Red - Motivation

Yellow- Inclusion

Green – Resilience

Students collect their tokens in their classroom and then once a week, students deposit their tokens into the whole school reward boxes of their choice. Here they are working towards a whole school reward. The first three rewards students can vote for are a casual dress day, a sports afternoon; and an extra 15 minutes of playtime.

The students have been so proud this week of the tokens they have earned and have enjoyed depositing them into the reward boxes. To support this implementation at home, you could ask your child about the tokens they have earned this week and what values they were acknowledged for. If you are up at school, check out the SWPBS display in the foyer of the Thelma Bailey Centre and see which whole school reward is winning!

Our SWPBS expected behaviour focus for this week and next week is 'I respect all property'. Students are making short videos in class over the next week to show how we do this at Amsleigh Park. We look forward to seeing some of those videos at assembly over the coming weeks.

Sunsmart



A reminder that as the UV levels increase at this time of year, we need to be sunsmart! The Cancer Council recommend a combination of sun protection measures:

1. Slip on some sun-protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
2. Slop on broad spectrum, water resistant SPF30+ (or higher) sunscreen. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun.
3. Slap on a hat – broad brim or legionnaire style to protect your face, head, neck

and ears.

4. Seek shade.

5. Slide on some sunglasses – make sure they meet Australian Standards.

Our Sun Smart Policy specifies that all students must wear a sun smart hat whenever they are outdoors at school. Please support our Sun Smart policy by providing a 'sun smart' hat for your child. Hats are available for purchase at the uniform shop.

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ



Enviro stars' tips:



~ Nude food:

- Bring fruit and Veg - they have their own wrapper
- Use reusable containers; beeswax wraps or a lunch box with compartments
- Prepare snacks in advance and make your own!
- Buy in bulk



~ Food waste:

- Realistic size of fruit, veg and portion
- Have what you like to eat
- Talk with your family & let them know what you are not eating & what you would like to eat



GET STARTED ON YOUR FITNESS JOURNEY WITH PINNACLE HEALTH CLUB OAKLEIGH THIS OCTOBER AND SAVE \$5.00 PW UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

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Claim yours here: <http://bit.ly/2muXPda>

APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Baily Learning & Sports Centre

OPENING HOURS - TERM 3 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



SUMMER ITEMS

| <u>ITEMS</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 | \$11.00 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 |



CommonwealthBank

Student Banking

Every Wednesday

**Remember to place your deposit book
into the classroom banking satchel**



The APPS Colour Fun Run will be
held on
Friday November 8th 2019.

Students will need to bring a white T-shirt for the event. The colour powder is made of high quality corn starch with permitted food colours. It is non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly.

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. There are over 70 prizes on offer, so best to select your favourite and make this your fundraising goal.

How Does My Child Fundraise AND order Prizes?

Online Fundraising - Create a profile page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and share the link with family and friends via email/facebook/Instagram etc.

OR

Complete the attached Sponsorship Form. Please read through the Sponsorship Form and get familiar with the five steps

All sponsorship forms and money are to be returned to the school office by Friday November 8th 2019

in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class. Prizes will be delivered before the end of term.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and get ready for a **BLAST OF COLOUR!** Happy fundraising!





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with **THOMAS**



24th of November 2019 at Puffing Billy Station Gembrook

Children 3-12 years running against Thomas The Tank Engine

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Kids Fun Run with Thomas

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 4.

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



www.creativemusic.com.au





Boys for Beginners

A Parents Building Solutions Program for Parents of Boys aged 3 to 12 years

- Do you want to understand the nature of boys?
- Improve communication with them?
- Are you overwhelmed by their non-stop energy?
- Join us to learn tips and strategies to better understand and nurture your sons.

When:

Thursday (6 sessions)
24th October - 28th November 2019

Time:

10.00- 12.00 pm

Where:

Waverley Baptist Church
2 Lum Road, Wheelers Hill

Cost:

Free of charge. Bookings Essential

Bookings:

Helena 9721 3623 or 0488 501 204