



DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Friday 25th

G2 Sleepover 5.30pm-7.45am 26/10
PFA Meeting 2.30pm

NOVEMBER

Friday 1st

3/4 Cricket Gala Day
3/4 Craftworks Incursion
5/6 Incursion Colonial Tales

Monday 4th - NO SCHOOL

CURRICULUM DAY – STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday 5th – SCHOOL CLOSED

MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 6th

2020 Prep Transition Session 1
9:15am – 10:30am

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

DUE BY DATES:

OCTOBER

Wed 30th – 2020 Grade 6 Hoodie Orders

2020 New Student Enrolments

Please submit enrolment paperwork as soon as possible. Thank you

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

Principal's Report

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

In 2019 we introduced School Wide Positive Behaviour Support, focusing on supporting the development of positive behaviours. We initiated this change to improve behaviour management and in particular, to move away from using punishments and consequences when students are not cooperating. Our students are already very cooperative and respectful, but after careful consideration, we believed this approach was a proactive way to make this even better.

SWPBS is used in many schools, and it is an evidenced based approach that has been shown to work better than the traditional disciplinary strategies. When SWPBS is implemented well, teachers and students have more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction. Students and staff benefit from:

- increased respectful and positive behaviour
- increased time focused on instruction
- improved social-emotional wellbeing
- positive and respectful relationships among students and staff
- increased adoption of evidence-based instructional practices
- a predictable learning environment with improved perceptions of safety and increased attendance

At our school the expected behaviours are for students to follow our school values of Respect, Motivation, Resilience, and Inclusion, with the value Integrity overlaying all others. The overarching emphasis is on the development of positive behaviours and having very clear expectations. Our SWPBS matrix outlines the expected behaviours for all areas across our school, and students are taught about them in class. Our students are acknowledged when they are following our expected values and behaviours. Recently, we introduced a 'token' reward system for students who are demonstrating the values and expected behaviours. Our teachers give out hundreds of tokens each week and students keep them in a special pocket in their classroom. Once a week they have a chance to add their tokens to one of three containers that each represent a different whole school reward. One of the choices causing a lot of excitement at present is having a casual clothes day, and I predict this will be our first reward.

So far our students are responding well to SWPBS and we can see that it has many positive benefits for our students and teachers.

Curriculum Day Reminder

Don't forget that we are having our final curriculum day on Monday 4th November. Our teaching staff will be learning about Individual Education Plans which are an important part of our role as teachers. An IEP is developed for children who present with a social-emotional, academic or wellbeing concern and through this process a teacher would develop 1-2 individual goals to focus on. Parents will be contacted when a student requires an IEP to ensure we work in partnership to support the child.



The Grade 2 Sleepover

Excitement is building for our Grade 2s who are looking forward to their annual sleepover at school on Friday 25th October. This event introduces our students to Outdoor Education and is an important step in helping to prepare them for their first school camp in Grade 3. We always look forward to this night, which is lots of fun, and quite a highlight for the students. I hope that we will get to play our traditional game of poison ball with our giant ball. Many of our teaching staff get involved in the sleepover and I want to thank them in advance for giving up a precious Friday night to make this happen for our students.



Recent Improvements

We are constantly working on our outdoor areas both to improve play spaces for our students and make sure their appearance is pleasing to the eye. There is much to do following our building project, and gradually it's all coming together. This past week we have had the area around the after-school care building / P-2 Playground re-asphalted, and it's now looking so much better. We have installed three new flag poles in our front garden, and we will be having a flag raising ceremony soon. We have made progress on some refurbished student toilets, and aim to have this project completed by the end of the year. And there is still more work to come to improve our front garden area and other garden beds around our schools.

Cyber Safety Warning

There is a constant stream of information in the newspapers about social media, and I read another article in the Age on Sunday about the many risks for children. This article focused on new social media such as Tik Tok and Discord, with a warning to parents that these platforms are designed for users who are at least 13 years old. These platforms may contain content that parents might not otherwise allow their children to access. There are also users on these services who are trolling for contact with children, often posing as other kids. It's all quite scary, so please keep this in mind if students are asking to use these platforms. So far our experience would suggest that primary aged children are not mature enough to cope with some of the complexities of social media unless they are constantly monitored.

The Colour Run

Our special colour fun run for 2019 is on Friday 8th November on our school oval. After the great success of this event in past years, I hope that our students are once again looking forward to getting involved. The colour run has a dual purpose, both as a fun special event for students, and a fundraising event for our school. Money raised from the colour run will go towards improving outdoor play spaces for our students.

Practice Makes Improvement

It's well known by students and staff that I love a good catch phrase, and one of them I first heard a couple of years ago. If someone starts a statement such as 'practice makes ...' you would probably say 'perfect!' Of course, this is the old saying we have heard many times, however there is also a different answer. The version I like is 'practice makes improvement,' because it puts an emphasis on having a realistic expectation of what will happen when we practice. Focusing on improvement is vital, and whilst we would like to aspire to perfection, it is actually much more helpful to aspire to improvement. This also links very well to our whole school Tribes agreement to do our personal best at all times.

Returning to School in 2020

A notice was distributed on Wednesday this week asking all families to confirm their child's enrolment for 2020. We conduct this census each year before we start working on a class structure and the accuracy of this information is vital to this process. Please take a moment to complete the return slip and hand into the General Office as soon as possible. Thanks in advance for your support, and don't forget we need a response from everyone even if you are returning as normal.

Term Dates for 2020

Please add the following dates to your family planner for 2020.

Teachers resume – **Tuesday 28th January 2020**

Curriculum Day – **Wednesday 29th January 2020**

Grade 1-6 First day – **Thursday 30th January 2020**

Preps First day – **Friday 31st January 2020.**

The office will also be open from Tuesday 28th January for any enquires you may have at this time.

Until next time,

Michael Cormick

Principal

Bec's Bulletin...



Student Contributions for 2020

Shortly, all families will receive a notice with details about our student curriculum contributions for 2020. This contribution is an investment in quality, as the government only provides funding for a standard curriculum and we want to offer higher quality than this. This contribution includes subscriptions to Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Essential Assessment. This notice will also provide details of 'booklists' and how families can order their child's stationery items if they wish to.

Families will again have the option to purchase these items elsewhere if they prefer.

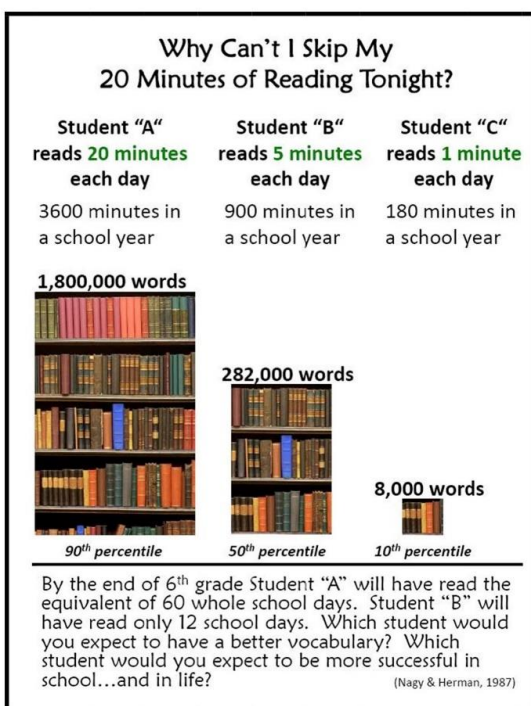
Reading Nights

It has been terrific to see how many Reading Nights our students have accumulated over the year! We love celebrating these milestones at assembly each week and it is great to see the sense of pride students' display as they reach each milestone. We encourage all students to keep going with their nightly reading, right up until the end of the year. As you can see in the infographic on the left, it has a hugely positive impact on students reading ability and vocabulary over time, if they keep up their nightly reading.

If you have reached the 300 Nights milestone, Congratulations! When you reach 300 nights, please see Mr Cormick for a special reward!

Grade 2 Sleepover

This Friday night, our Year 2 students embark on the first event of their Outdoor Education program, with the Grade 2 Sleepover. The students are very excited to be spending the night at school along with their friends and teachers, with many fun games, pizza dinner and a night walk planned. Thanks to Ms Jenny Brown and the Grade 1/2 teaching team for their work in preparing for this event.



Sporting Success

Last week we had Amsleigh students represent our school at a Regional and a Divisional sporting event, which is a fantastic achievement in itself!

At the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Track and Field Championships, our under 11 Boys team represented our Division to compete in the circular relay; Shriman competed in the 1500m and Finn in high jump. The boys had a wet and windy day for the athletics, but braved the elements to compete against schools from around the region.

The Girls Volleyball team were invited to compete in the Division Finals, having won the Oakleigh District final previously. They competed at the State Volleyball centre and it was a great learning experience for the girls, competing on full sized courts against schools from the Division.

Thanks to Miss Hayes for organising these events and to the parents who came along to support and helped with transport.



A few reminders regarding family contact details and absence notifications.

1. Contact details

There are times when we will need to contact you, including on the day if your child is absent and you haven't informed the school as to why. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school via the FlexiBuzz App or send an email to amsleigh.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au so we can update our records. Please include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change.

2. Notify the school of your child's absence

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.

Please remember to log your child's absence using our school's IT platform, FlexiBuzz. An email to amsleigh.park.ps@edmail.vic.gov.au or call the school on 9544 1553 early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

Absence notifications should be sent only by the above methods and not sent directly to teachers.

Children arriving late to school MUST be signed in at the office by an adult. This ensures the student's unexplained absence will be updated to late arrival and prevent the SMS message from being sent out to parents.

3. Same-day notification of unexplained student absences

Our school will text you as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and you haven't notified the school as to why. If you are notified by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by replying to the text, calling, or emailing the school to let us know where your child is.

If we cannot reach you because we don't have your correct contact details (i.e. message notification fail, disconnected number), then we will attempt to make contact with the emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school, where possible, on the same day of the unexplained absence.

Please remember it is your responsibility to contact us to provide an explanation for your child's absence from school, and where possible, please inform us in advance of upcoming absences.

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.

Thank you for your support with this very important administrative task.

APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Baily Learning & Sports Centre

OPENING HOURS - TERM 4 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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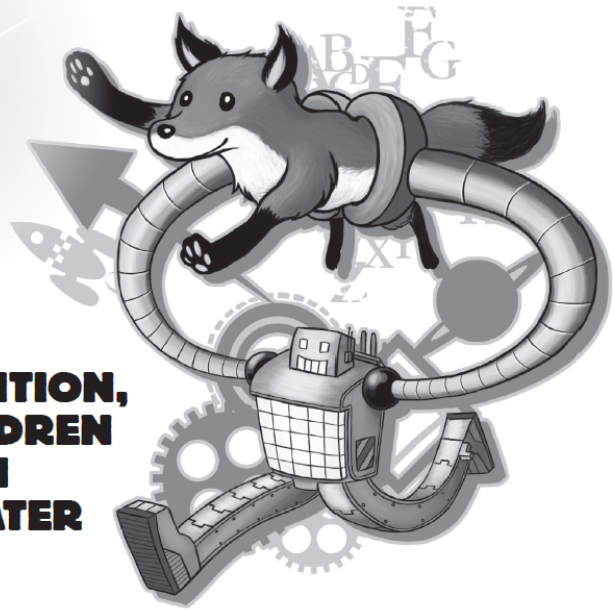
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Kind regards,
Rachael Mathews

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