



## DIARY DATES

### DECEMBER

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup>** – Y5 South Oakleigh SC Leadership Program – AM & Year 5 Purple Soup Incursion – PM  
**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>** – Prep Travelling Kitchen Inc  
**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 13<sup>th</sup>** – Y3/4 Continuous Lets Start Designing incursion  
**Tues 10<sup>th</sup>** – 2020 Year 7 orientation day  
**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>** – Parent Helper Morning Tea  
**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>** – Grade 6 Graduation  
**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>** – Amsleigh Idol  
**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>** – Carols Night & Dress Up Day  
**Tues 17<sup>th</sup>** – Prep Science Works Exc  
**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>** Whole School Transition

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY TERM 4 1:30 finish**

**TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS**

**WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY**

### DUE BY DATES:

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup>** – Prep Travelling Kitchen Inc

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>** – Prep Scienceworks Exc

**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

### Congratulations Georgie

At Monday's assembly the state Member for Oakleigh, Mr Steve Dimopoulos, presented Georgie from Grade 6 with this year's Community Leadership award at Amsleigh Park. Georgie is an outstanding student leader and role model at our school, and is a very deserving recipient. This is the first of our special awards for 2019, and we can look forward to more of them at upcoming assemblies.



### Staff Update

A year is a long time in a school, and like many organisations we always have some comings and goings. In 2020 we are looking forward to welcoming Miss Trish Jones back from her maternity leave. Miss Jones is a long standing member of our staff and it will great to have her back. Miss Jones will join our existing team of classroom teachers as the only change for 2020.

At the end of 2019 we will say farewell to one of our specialist teachers, Mr John Powell, who has been at Amsleigh Park PS since 2014. Mr Powell has decided to retire from primary school teaching, and intends to continue his teaching of Japanese language at a secondary college level. More recently, Mr Powell has been teaching our STEM program, and our students have enjoyed lots of Coding, Robotics and Engineering in his sessions. He also looked after Mathematics Extension and Tournament of the Minds. On behalf of everyone at Amsleigh Park PS I want to say a sincere thank-you to Mr Powell for developing our STEM program, and wish him every success for the future. Mr Powell is currently on long service leave, travelling on a school trip in Japan, but he will return to Amsleigh Park for a farewell at the end of the year.

In 2019 we were delighted to welcome Mrs Spillane (nee Sferlazza) back to Amsleigh Park to undertake a special project for this year focused on student intervention. Mrs Spillane previously taught at our school for many years prior to taking Maternity leave, and her Literacy expertise has been invaluable. A number of our students benefitted from these interventions and on behalf of all of our community I want to say a sincere thanks to her. We will keep in touch with Mrs Spillane and look at other possibilities for her teaching expertise in future.

Miss Hillary Sullivan joined our staff on a contract position for 2019, taking over Grade 4B early in Term 2. Miss Sullivan brought a huge amount of expertise and experience to our school and has done an outstanding job with our Grade 4s. At this stage we are not in a position to offer her a position for 2020, but we would love to welcome her back to Amsleigh Park sometime in future. On behalf of everyone at Amsleigh Park we offer Miss Sullivan a heartfelt thanks for her commitment and dedication to our school and Grade 4B all across 2019.

We were most fortunate to welcome Miss Vivienne Doerk to Amsleigh Park PS in 2019 as a German Language Assistant. Her position was funded by the Department of Education for 2019 after a successful submission by Frau Salles. Vivienne has already completed her teach training in Germany, and has been an invaluable support in our German program. She is a natural teacher and we will miss her now that her position is coming to an end. I would like to say a huge thank-you to Vivienne for being such a valued member of our school community.



## **Bike Education**

Our Grade 5s enjoyed a fantastic Bike Education program last week, learning important skills that can help them to stay safe when riding. This program enjoyed wonderful support by many parents and we are very grateful to them for helping out with the skills sessions. As a result our students have further developed both their riding skills and knowledge of road safety. Many thanks to Miss Hayes and our staff who organised Bike education for 2019, and also to the parents who provided support, it is greatly appreciated.

## **Parent and Friends Association**

The PFA annual general meeting was held recently and I'm pleased to announce that Mr Justin Scott has once again accepted the role as our PFA President, Caz Hayes is the PFA Secretary and Sonya Moreland is the PFA Treasurer for 2020. We also welcome a new parent, Mrs Kathy Fraser, who will be our Vice President. The PFA is growing in our school as parents find it a great way to be connected to our community, and we encourage everyone to get involved. There is no obligation to undertake any special duties or fundraising, and our aim is just to build a connected community. Many thanks to these parents for their great support of the PFA, it's vital that we have a vibrant parents group involved in the school.

## **Understanding Student Placements in classes**

We are currently finalising the very complex process of placing students into classes for 2020. We consider many factors in this process including the number of girls/boys; spread of academic ability; level of participation; student behaviour and special needs. I want to emphasize that learning is the number one priority for class time, and whilst friendship is one consideration, we are now placing less priority on the meeting of these requests. Rest assured, our students are still placed with children who they learn well with, but we believe that these important decisions should not be compromised by satisfying friendship requests over having a productive learning environment. Students have both recess and lunch to be with friends, and this should suffice. We hope that all families understand this common sense approach, which we believe leads to the best outcome for our class placements and learning. Our aim as always is to ensure that our classes are well-balanced groups that enable our teachers to establish a productive and safe learning environment for all.

## **Enrolment Possibilities for 2020**

We currently have a limited number of vacancies in classes from Grade 4-6, so please pass on a positive word about Amsleigh Park PS if you have a new family move in to your street or the neighbourhood. We are not looking to add too many more students but it does help to balance out the movement of students to new areas, which happens at the end of every school year.

## **Our New Playground**

Our students are really enjoying playing in our new adventure playground, which opened last week. The playground is based on a circuit, and was selected by our students, who were excited by the possibility of testing their skills to move around the elements. We have adjusted one of the platforms this week, which appeared a bit low for taller students, but otherwise it's been a great success. Once again I would like to acknowledge our parents and friends who contributed half the money to make this project a possibility.

## **Transition Program 2019**

All Grade 1-6 children are currently participating in our transition program in preparation for 2020. Please look out for a special handout with further details about the information being shared with our students. It's a very important program and provides all students with high level support as they move onto their next class. Transition can sometimes bring our anxiety is some students, and we aim to reassure them that they will be able to cope with this change. Parents can support this by reminding students that they have transitioned previously, and that our teachers will be there to support them as they start in a new class. We have two further sessions in coming weeks, the final one being with their new class for 2020.

## **Book Packs**

Don't forget to order your Book Pack as soon as possible to ensure you get **FREE DELIVERY**. The website for ordering is [www.cos.net.au](http://www.cos.net.au) and the password is Parents-20. The free delivery window is open until the 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Until next time,**

*Michael Cormick*



## PFA Update

### **New PFA Committee for 2020**

As nominated at the PFA AGM on Tues 26<sup>th</sup> November, we would like to introduce our new Committee for 2020:

President - Justin Scott

Vice President - Kathy Fraser

Secretary - Caz Hayes

Treasurer - Sonya Moreland

Class Rep Co-ordinator - Kristen Sudholz

Fundraising Co-Ordinator - vacant (If anyone would like to take on this role, feel free to contact us)

### **Thank you**

A final thank you for 2019 to the entire APPS Community for all your support throughout the year. We are extremely fortunate to be part of such an amazing community who so generously give back to the school and its students.

### **Merry Christmas**

The 2019 & 2020 PFA Committees would like to wish our Amsleigh Park Community a wonderful Christmas break. We hope you enjoy some relaxing time with family and friends and we look forward to 2020!!

Next meeting - Thursday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7.20pm  
(yes, that will be the 20/02/2020)







## 2020 PARENT PAYMENTS

We are now accepting payment for the 2020 Parent Payments (school portion).

Please remember the "Blue" account form (one per family) **must be returned** for **ALL** payment types.

\*Families who pay their fees in full before Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> will go into a draw to have the fees of one child fully refunded.

**Final date for payment of fees is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

Thank You.

## APPS ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

A sausage sizzle will be available from 5:30-7:00pm or BYO family picnic.  
Carols will commence at 6:30pm on the Junior Learning Centre deck.



## Student Banking

### Every Wednesday

Remember to place your deposit book  
into the classroom banking satchel

**The last Student Banking Day for Term 4 is**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

## 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](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.

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



## Are you a parent of a child between 4 and 10 years old?



If you would like to learn skills to help manage your child's challenging behaviours, you are invited to a **FREE** parenting program

Online, group and one-on-one programs available in 2020

Location of sessions – Clayton, Hawthorn, Thornbury and Flemington

**TUNING IN TO KIDS** may assist you to:

- help your child manage difficult feelings such as worry, sadness, frustration and anger
- build your connection with your child
- better understand what underpins challenging behaviours
- stay calm when dealing with tantrums
- help your child develop social skills and reduce aggression.

For further information contact

9371 0218

or [BigTIK-admin@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:BigTIK-admin@unimelb.edu.au)



Programs are being run as part of a research study



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMPS with Brandon Polk

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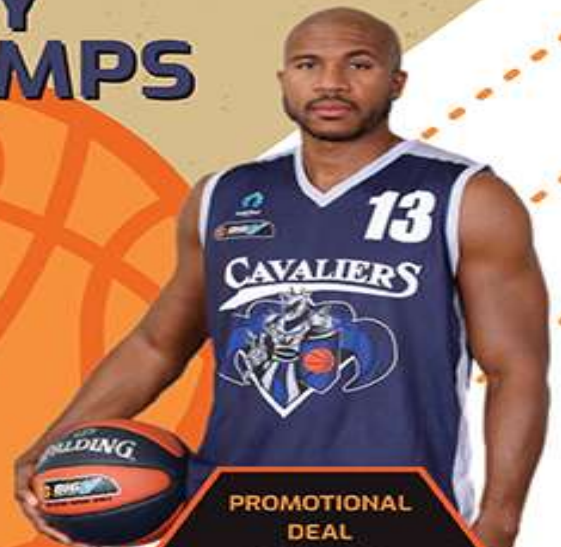
*Stay active during the holidays with our camps suitable for boys and girls of all abilities. Building confidence while having fun!*

### BEGINNER CAMP

Introduction to the basics and fundamental skills of the game in an enjoyable learning environment. Ideal for players 6-12 years who have just started or are looking to start playing basketball next season!

### ADVANCED CAMP

Refine your skills with our advanced camp with Big V All-Star Brandon Polk. Build on your game as a guard or big man and be ready to be challenged to be your best! Advanced drills, skills and player development for experienced players.



### PROMOTIONAL DEAL

REGISTER &  
SELECT YOUR  
SCHOOL TO RECEIVE  
**\$5 OFF**  
per participant  
per day

### BEGINNER DATES

20th, 22nd and  
24th January 2020:  
prices are

**\$55 per day**

### ADVANCED DATES

21st January (guard camp),  
23rd January (big man camp):

**\$75 per day**

ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL

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Limited spots available -  
register online today at

[www.bballcamps.juiceboxboy.com.au](http://www.bballcamps.juiceboxboy.com.au)



## 5 BIG Days of January School Holiday Camps

@ Waverley Basketball Association.

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# MONASH FESTIVAL SEASON 2019-20

## Family Fun Day

Sunday 17 November 2019, Chadstone

## Monash Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 8 December 2019, Wheelers Hill

## Australia Day

Sunday 26 January 2020, Glen Waverley

## Clayton Festival

Sunday 23 February 2020, Clayton

## Live at Warrawee

Saturday 21 March 2020, Oakleigh



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