



DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

Tues 11th – Get to Know You Interviews – **Grade 6B only**

Thurs 13th – Get to Know You Interviews (except Grade 6B)

Fri 14th – Whole School Picnic
Reg Harris Reserve

Fri 21st – G5/6 Parliament Incursion

TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

**WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING
DAY**

DUE BY DATES:

FEBRUARY

Mon 10th – Parent payments

Mon 17th – G5/6 Parliament Incursion

(Please remember the blue account form is to be returned for **ALL** payment types).

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AND NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE ON
OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

Principal's Report

Welcome for 2020

Welcome back to another exciting year at Amsleigh Park Primary School. I can't believe that we are now 20 years into the 21st Century, it seemed like just yesterday we were talking about the Millennium Bug! Starting a new decade feels exciting, and there's lots to come for our wonderful school in 2020.

I hope that you had a great summer holiday and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. My family and I headed off to Port Fairy, which is one of our favourite places to escape the hustle and bustle.

January brought lots of anguish in Victoria, and we are aware that some of our families were affected by the horrendous bushfires. We hope that things have calmed down at least, but the emotional toll must be terrible for those affected. These times do remind us that some of our own issues are not nearly so hard to overcome. The bravery of so many volunteer firefighters is just amazing, and the generous spirit that so many give to their communities in times of need is just staggering. If any of our students are experiencing adverse effects of the bushfires please let us know, DET has put together a number of supports for children.

I would like to welcome back our fantastic teaching staff in 2020. You might wonder if teachers spend the whole summer vacation on holidays and the answer is a resounding no! All of our staff spent significant time in the holidays, getting their rooms ready, planning for learning and working with the teams. We also had two very productive curriculum days on Tuesday and Wednesday last week.

Special welcome back also to Miss Jones who has also returned from family leave and is teaching Grade 4. Our German language assistant Vivien has also returned in 2020 to provide learning support across the Grade 2-3 area in 2020.

Learning to Learn

At the moment all of our classes are participating in our 'Learning to Learn' program. This special program helps our students to settle into their new classes, get to know their classmates and new teacher, and set clear expectations and tone for the year. It's a very important time, and it's vital that everyone develops the right mindset towards school. Learning to learn finishes this Friday, and from next week the academic year kicks in.

At Monday assembly, I reminded students of our school values, Respect, Integrity, Inclusion, Motivation and Resilience. Following our school values is essential and we expect that students, staff and parents will adhere to them. Additionally, I made it very clear that students should also play in a friendly and inclusive manner, and that bullying, teasing and other such behaviour are not welcome at Amsleigh Park PS.

For the record our students are overwhelmingly fantastic, and this is well supported by having a consistent expectation for all. Kids will have their moments, and that is to be expected, as its part of learning for life. Our aim is to be fair and consistent, following the principles of School Wide Positive Behaviour Support, and teaching children the skills they need to be happy and successful at school.



Developing a Partnership with Amsleigh Park Families in 2020

Our teaching and support staff are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure all students can achieve their best. We recognise that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our students' success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time ready for the day's learning program
- 2) Completes all homework given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.

This partnership is one of the very important components to a successful and happy school life.

Get to Know You Interviews

We have set aside very important time for 'Get to Know You Interviews' on Thursday 13th February. These meetings provide a timely opportunity for our teaching staff to form an effective partnership with each child's family. Working in partnership and having consistent expectations between home and school leads to better outcomes for our students. The Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and to ensure we run on time each teacher will be using their smart phone or a timer to keep track. If families need a longer time then a follow up time should be organised. The bookings for interviews are all done online and a notice will be distributed shortly with all the necessary information. The web address is: www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Prep 2020

Special welcome to all of our 50 new preps who commenced school last Friday. We have 3 Prep classes in 2020 and we are all looking forward to getting to know our new students and their families. Welcome also to the students who have joined us at other year levels, we hope you are all settling in well and enjoying making new friends.

Student Insurance – Reminder from DET

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Training (DET) does not offer any form of 'student accident insurance'. If families are concerned about this they are advised to make their own arrangements. Ambulance cover could be one consideration as the school will not hesitate to call an ambulance if we are concerned for a child's wellbeing.

Personal Goods brought to school at the 'Owners' risk

The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools. All schools are requested to remind students and parents/guardians of this at the beginning of each academic year and to discourage parents/students from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. Please avoid bringing these items as it can be most upsetting for all concerned if items go missing or are damaged.

Arriving at School on-time

Thank-you to the many families who ensure their child arrives on time to school every day. Punctuality is an important life skill and a great habit to form early in life. Students ideally should arrive at school around 8.45am, which allows enough time to enjoy a quick catch up with friends before the preparation bell at 8.52am. At 8.45am, a teacher is on 'yard duty' and therefore supervision is provided from this time onwards. We are asking that children do not arrive at school early unless they remain in the care of an adult until 8.45am to ensure they are supervised adequately.

School Administration

Our fantastic office team, Karen, Meredith and Jackie, have been very busy at school since 20th January getting things organised so we have a smooth start to the year. Many thanks to them for their dedication to our school. Office hours are 8.15am – 4.00pm, and you can make contact with us during this time. A voice mail option is provided out of those times to leave messages for us.

Novel Coronavirus

As families should be aware we have continued to provide updates about this very concerning illness. We are following all Health recommendations, and asking any families who are affected to adhere to them. Fortunately, there are not too many affected at our school, but we will continue to monitor things very closely. Let's hope that the situation can be brought under control quickly. Please reinforce with the children the importance of handwashing, and sneezing/coughing into the elbow. Both simple hygiene practices are known to reduce the spread of germs and viruses.

Hope to see you around the School

Michael Cormick

Principal

Bec's Bulletin...

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and welcome back to Amsleigh Park! A special welcome to our new families in 2020. I hope everyone had a terrific summer break and are excited for the year ahead! I look forward to working with all students and families this year as we support all students to reach their full potential.



Prep Students



It has been wonderful to see our Prep children transitioning to Primary School over the past week. On yard duty this morning, it was a pleasure to see how the confidence has grown within our students, with our Preps enjoying a play before school and happily waving goodbye to parents when it was time to begin school.

If you are interested in getting more information about helping your Prep child, the website listed below has some excellent information.
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/tips-starting-school.aspx>

Reading Nights

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. Last week at assembly, I encouraged all students to keep up their reading every night. I explained that all children need to reach a minimum of 200 nights of reading this year as part of their homework and to ensure their reading skills continue to develop. I look forward to celebrating the first '50 reading nights' certificates being awarded at assembly toward the end of February. It was excellent to hear about all the reading that has already happened this year and over the holidays!



Book Packs – COS

This year most families have ordered and now received their book pack supplies from COS. If you are missing any items, please contact COS on 1300 88 22 44 to resolve the issue. As this is the first year we have used COS as our book pack supplier, we welcome any feedback about ordering through them. Please feel free to call into the office, or send a Flexibuzz with your feedback.

Traffic Safety

It is extremely important for student and community safety, that drivers observe all traffic rules and signage around schools to ensure our families stay safe. We thank you for your support with this, as we're sure all families would agree, the safety of our children is of utmost importance. In particular, adhering to the one way street rules, in part of State Street, as well as the 40km speed zone around school drop off and pick up times. Additionally, the council often patrol the 2 minute drop off zone, as well as the other parking restrictions in State Street, so we urge all families to adhere to these regulations. Thanks for your support with this.



School Uniform

We want to say huge thanks to Libby Jumas and Maria Skroubelos, who have the Uniform Shop up and running for 2020. I know other parents have also assisted, so thanks to them as well. Having an on-site shop is great and so convenient and helpful for our families. We really appreciate the efforts of our parent volunteers. As I visited classes this week I was pleased to see that our students were looking smart in their school uniforms. Students should be wearing the correct school uniform, including footwear, every day. Our policy states that students should wear **a light or dark coloured shoe**, and this offers lots of scope in the design of shoe. Fluorescent shoes should not be worn as part of the school uniform, and we ask for community support to meet the school policy in this regard.

Flexibuzz

Flexibuzz provides us with a quick and easy way to provide information to our community, so if are not using it we strongly recommend that you do. The App is available for all platforms, and can be downloaded for free. Please see the office for the password so you can subscribe to the right mailboxes. We'll also send it out via email this week as a reminder for all families.

APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Baily Learning & Sports Centre

OPENING HOURS - TERM 1 2020

MONDAY: Mornings 8:45 - 9:30am

TUESDAY: 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. **However we currently have plenty of stock on hand, therefore cannot accept any more donations at this time.**

Libby Jumas
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

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

Amsleigh Park Planner

Term 1, 2020

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 Monday 28 th Jan	28	29 Teachers resume	30 Curriculum Day	31 First Day school for Grade 1-6	1 Preps first day for 2018
WEEK 2 Monday 3 rd Feb	3	4	5 Prep rest day	6	7
WEEK 3 Monday 10 th Feb	10	11	12 Prep rest day	13 Get to Know You Interviews Gr 1-6	14 Whole School Picnic 5/6 Sport (R1)
WEEK 4 Monday 17 th Feb	17 School Council	18	19 Prep rest day	20	21 5/6 Inquiry Incursion 5/6 Sport (R2)
WEEK 5 Monday 24 th Feb	24	25 Prep 25 days of school – Super Hero dress up day	26 Prep rest day	27	28
WEEK 6 Monday 2 nd Mar	2	3 School Photo Day	4	5 Bush Dance incursion	6 5/6 Sport (R3)
WEEK 7 Monday 9 th Mar	9 LABOUR DAY	10 Dental Van	11	12 Bush Dance Night	13
WEEK 8 Monday 16 th Mar	16 School Council Swimming	17	18	19	20 Sport Gala Day – Grade 5/6
WEEK 9 Monday 23 rd Mar	23 Swimming	24	25	26	27 Last Day Term 1

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors; excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



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Kind regards,
Rachael Mathews

1st Floor, 191 Coleman Parade, Glen Waverley

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PRIVATE PIANO AND GROUP KEYBOARD LESSONS

Enrolments are currently being accepted for private piano and group keyboard lessons.

These lessons are held Mondays during and after school on school premises and cost \$24.00 for a private piano lesson and \$14.00 for a 30 minute group lesson.

If you would like to enroll your child in piano or keyboard lessons, please obtain an enrolment form from the school office or contact Excel Music on (03) 9801 8991 or music@excelmusic.com.au.

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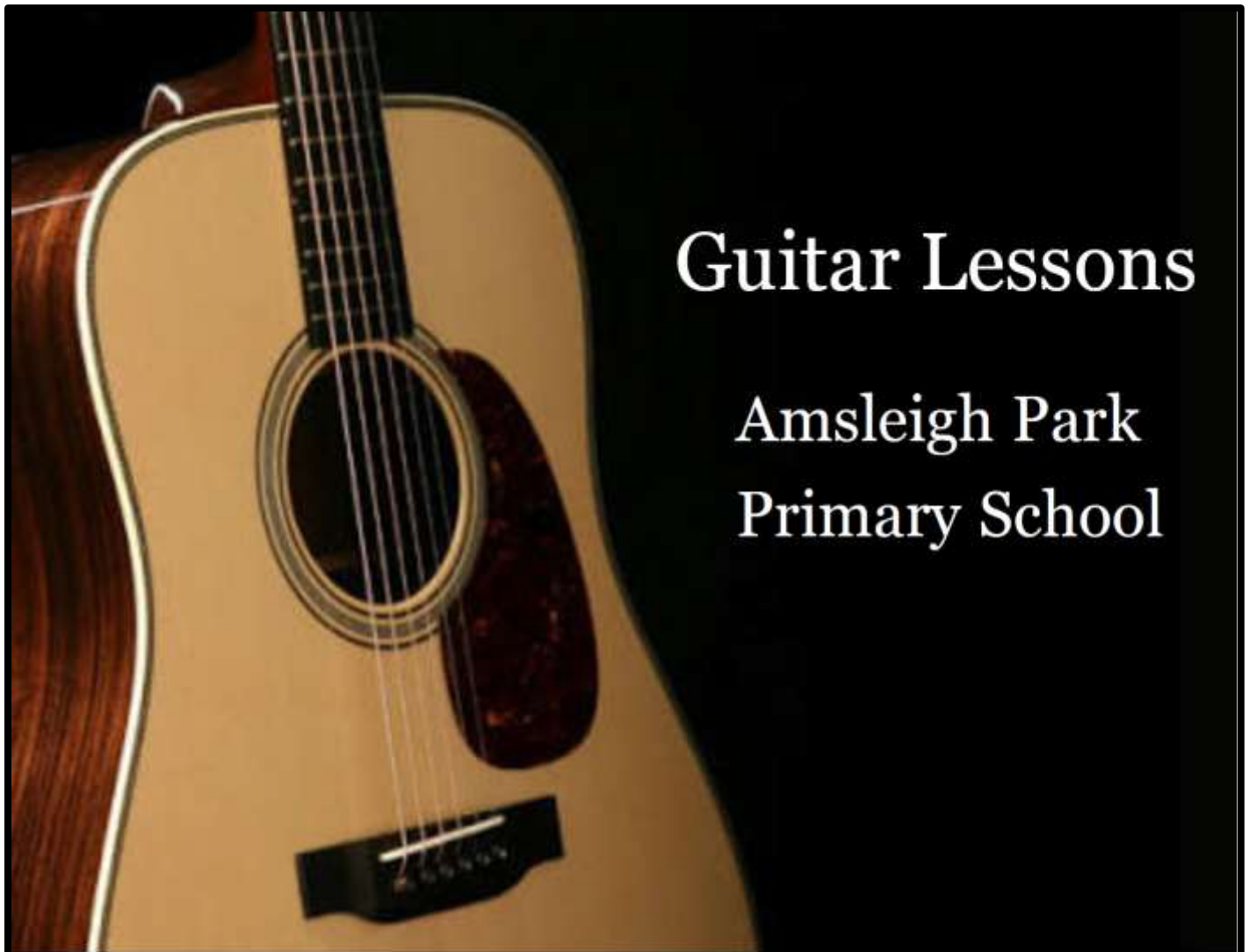
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Classes: Monday & Wednesday

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Guitar lessons are available for students from Grade 3 and above. If you would like more information, please call/sms Paul Varone on **0411 123 655** or email **pvarone1@bigpond.com**

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 1, 2020.

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



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Victorian School of Languages

Is your child interested in learning another language?

At **Brentwood Secondary College** on **Saturday mornings in 2020**, the Victorian School of Languages offer:

Japanese (First or Second Language)
Mandarin (Second Language)
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These classes are available to any Victorian school student.*

Grade 1 to Year 10 students: \$80 per year

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The Victorian School of Languages is a government language school within the Department of Education, consistently producing exceptionally high results in VCE languages every year. There are currently 55 languages offered through the Victorian School of Languages at 40 different schools around the state. Most classes run on Saturdays, but some run after school during the week. VSL also offers a range of Distance Education language programmes, through to VCE.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in one of the VSL languages offered on Saturdays at

VSL at Brentwood Secondary College, please contact us at:

Email: south@vsl.vic.edu.au
Phone: 9561-5228

Information regarding other languages and other VSL centres can be found on the VSL website:

<http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au/>

Or contact the **VSL Head Office** directly:

Email: vsl@vsl.vic.edu.au
Phone: 9474-0500



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- help your child develop social skills and reduce aggression.

For further information contact

9371 0218

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