



## DIARY DATES

### FEBRUARY

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup>** – G5/6 Parliament Incursion

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup>** – G5/6 Summer Sport

### MARCH

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Whole School Photo Day

**Thu 5<sup>th</sup>** – Bush Dance Incursion

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>** – **Labour Day Public Holiday**

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>** – 25 Days of Prep Super

Hero Dress up Day

**Thu 12<sup>th</sup>** – Bush Dance Evening

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>** – G5/6 Summer Sport

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>**

Whole School Swimming Program

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup>** – **LAST DAY TERM 1** – early

**finish at 2.30pm**

**TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS**

**WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING  
DAY**

## DUE BY DATES:

### FEBRUARY

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup>** – G 5/6 Summer Sport

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup>** – Grade 5/6 Camp deposit

### MARCH

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup>** – Swimming Payment

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AND NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE ON  
OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

## Principal's Report

### School Council Elections 2020

I'm pleased to report that our School Council elections for 2020 have now concluded. As nominations equalled vacancies, I declare that the following parents and staff are duly elected for a two year term from 2020 to 2022.

#### Parents

Kylie Champion

Ana Meyborg

Achini Kanathigoda

Steve Ikin

Livio DiCamillo

#### DET

Bec Carr

Danielle Renwick

Special welcome to new members, Mr Steve Ikin(Parent), Mr Livio DiCamillo(Parent) and Miss Danielle Renwick (DET) who commence as new school councillors in 2020. Many thanks to all of the members of our School Council, who play a very important role in our school community. The School Council provides important oversight of our school, in areas including finance, policy, buildings & grounds and Out of Hours School Care. They have a broad decision making role in these areas, and bring important parental perspectives to discussion and policy review.

### School Picnic

Every year we always look forward to our annual school picnic at the Reg Harris Reserve. This year we had a humid day, but it did not stop the fun, and it was wonderful to see so many families enjoying a picnic lunch. Our students had a marvellous time, and there were numerous sports activities and much action on the adventure play area. One highlight was the water testing activities with the Science Education Team from Swinburne University. Lots of our students participated in a Biodiversity Hunt, and testing of the water quality. I want to say special thanks to the Holland family for organising this for us, it was great to offer something completely different. Many thanks to the parents who assisted our staff with walking to the reserve, and thanks to our teaching staff for their efforts to make the event such a success. It is a great way to start the New Year.



### Learning to Learn

During the first two weeks of the school year, all of our classes focus on 'learning to learn' in order to establish a solid foundation for the school year. This program is tailored to the needs of each year level and enables each teacher to develop clear expectations with their class, with students having a 'voice' in some areas, such as developing class rules. During this time the teacher also reinforces the important habits of the mind that aid learning, such as focusing on learning, persevering with challenging tasks and working collaboratively. It is vital for all learners to develop an understanding of how they learn best, and what areas they need to develop, as these skills will be used all throughout life. Classes have now commenced the academic year and I can see the learning tone in all classes is well established.

## **Student Representative Council / Class Captains**

My sincere congratulations to our Grade 6 Class Captains, Student Representative Council (SRC) representatives and Enviro-Stars, who were announced at recent school assemblies. These students will soon receive their badge which they can wear with pride, as they represent both their classes and our school. All of our student leaders have a responsibility to act as a role model for all other students, both through their behaviour and learning, and I look forward to observing them in this regard across the school year.

Our SRC and Enviro-Stars both offer an important opportunity for promoting 'student voice' in our school, and we welcome their input into our school and the ideas they put forward. All ideas proposed by our student groups are given serious consideration. Many thanks to Miss Kirton and Miss Wall for coordinating the SRC, and Frau Salles who will coordinate the Enviro-Stars.

## **Get to Know You Interviews**

Many thanks to our parents who attended the 'get to know you' interviews last week. These interviews offer a timely opportunity to reaffirm the partnership between staff and parents, and make sure everyone is united in supporting our students. These interviews also complement the handover information that teachers share about students, which is designed to ensure a continuity of learning.

## **Parental Communication Policy**

At Amsleigh Park PS we are committed to effective communication and ensuring that appropriate opportunities exist for parents to raise any concerns and ask questions related to their child's education, wellbeing and progress. Following on from our recent 'Get to Know You' Interviews I want to remind everyone about this. Typically, parents will need to make an appointment to meet with their child's teacher, especially if the matter needs an in-depth discussion. A meeting such as this is best done at a mutually convenient time, where there is enough time to have a proper discussion. Please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment with one of our teaching staff.

Before school is usually **not** convenient to contact teachers as they are usually making final preparations for teaching. A brief message is usually OK before school, so long as a long discussion is not required. After school is the best time and our teachers will endeavour to fit this in around our regular meetings, which are held on Mondays and Wednesdays. If anyone has any questions about this policy, which was developed and approved by the School Council, please contact me. The parent communication policy can also be accessed from our website. [www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au](http://www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au)

## **School Promotion**

Each year we conduct a range of promotional activities so that prospective families find out about our school. Being hidden away in Oakleigh East is great, but it also means that some families do not even know we are here, even after we have placed materials at all local pre-schools and child care centres. One thing we do know is that 'word of mouth' is one of the best forms of promotion, and a positive word often brings families along for a look. If anyone asks, encourage them to come along for a tour, and they can see all the great things that are happening.

## **Important Safety Message**

It has come to our attention that some children are not using the Children's Crossings, and in some instances crossing the road without an adult. We discourage this very strongly, as we hear reports of near misses from time to time, and it's a big worry. It might be a little further to walk, but better to be safe, so please make sure that all children use a crossing or at least cross with an adult. Please take a moment to remind all students about this.

## **CCTV**

I want to inform our community, as a courtesy, that we have CCTV cameras all around Amsleigh Park PS. The purpose of these cameras is to provide security for our school campus out of school hours. CCTV is a very effective deterrent and helps us to ensure we are not subject to vandalism. The footage is kept for a period of two weeks, and is only accessed if there is an issue.



## **Coronavirus**

Fortunately, things seem to have settled down somewhat in regard to the Coronavirus, and we continue to monitor the situation. At this time there are ongoing travel bans in place, but otherwise schools continue to operate as normal. If anything changes we will keep you informed.

*Until next time,*

Michael Cormick  
Principal

## *Bec's Bulletin...*

### **Community Working Bee**

On Thursday 5th March from 3:30-5:30pm, we are holding a whole school working bee. We would love to see as many families as possible attend, to help keep our school yard looking great. We will provide some snacks and drinks for all participants to keep them going!

There are a variety of jobs we are hoping to complete at the working bee, including tidying up the garden, sweeping path areas, trimming shrubs etc...

We have limited tools and equipment at school, so if you have access to any gardening tools or machines (whipper snipper, rakes, brooms, blower vac etc.) please consider bringing them along on if you can. Thanks to those who have already returned the working bee RSVP notice, we look forward to seeing you there!



### **Traffic Safety**

In the last newsletter I wrote about the importance of traffic safety and the permanent 40kmph speed zones around Amsleigh Park Primary School. Another reminder to our school community to please take care with vehicles around the school to ensure our students and families stay safe. Specifically, when using the

Oakleigh Street entrance at the back of the school to pick up and drop off your child/ren, please ensure you are using the 'bowl' of the Oakleigh Street court to turn around, and that you don't turn into the staff carpark entrance to complete a three point turn. This causes a safety issue around students walking along the street to get to the pedestrian gate, as well as stopping the flow of traffic in the street. Thanks for your support with this, it is important we all work together to ensure all our students and families stay safe.

### **School Wide Positive Behaviour Support ~ SWPBS**

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is implemented at Amsleigh Park to improve the learning and wellbeing of all students. SWPBS is a whole school approach for creating a positive, safe and supportive school climate in which students can learn and develop.







All staff are responsible for teaching the behaviour expectations, providing consistent positive feedback to students, and delivering consistent corrective feedback. The entire school, including the learning areas, walkways, toilets and playgrounds are all considered part of the total learning environment.

Staff at Amsleigh Park Primary School have continued their Professional Learning about implementing the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support approach. Supported by our Department of Education SWPBS Coach, we have continued to work through the phases of implementation, with SWPBS being a part of our social and emotional learning program. We have included the behaviour matrix on the next page for new parents to become familiar with. You will see that the matrix is based on our school values, with a breakdown of how people can show that value in different settings.

Our students have been demonstrating many of the expected behaviours and have been acknowledged for their great choices in these areas. We look forward to celebrating our next whole school SWPBS reward very soon! Stay tuned!

## Amsleigh Park SWPBS Behaviour Expectations

*At Amsleigh Park we show integrity by committing to our school values and expectations and appreciate the same from others.*

	Always	Learning Areas (classrooms, specialist areas, outdoors, learning street etc)	Common Spaces (hallways, foyer, learning street, hall)	Outdoor - active (oval, playgrounds, asphalt)	Outdoor - passive (eating areas, front of school, friendship garden, junior garden)	Taps and Toilets	eSmart
<b>Respect</b>	I respect others' right to teach and learn I listen attentively I respect all property I use my manners I move safely	I remain with my group I consider everyone around me 	I walk on the left I greet others as I pass them	I keep my hands and feet to myself I use sports equipment appropriately I return equipment I am sun smart I respect trees and garden beds	I use the eating areas and rubbish bins I walk on paths I am sun smart I respect trees and garden beds	I use the drinking taps for drinking only I wash my hands and turn off the tap I throw paper in the bin I use the toilets appropriately I give people their privacy	I only access my own account and files I use devices and equipment with care I keep school settings I keep my information private I shut down and put my device on charge
<b>Resilience</b>	I celebrate the success of others I manage my emotions I persist when challenged I bounce back after disappointment	I look for more than one solution I consider and respect others' ideas	I take responsibility for my actions and words	I win and lose gracefully I am open to a variety of games	I share spaces		I use technology with patience I solve small problems on my own
<b>Motivation</b>	I participate positively I engage in learning I try my best I line up quickly and quietly	I am prepared I ask for help I try to improve	I return to class as soon as possible 	I respond promptly to the music I follow the rules of the game	I respond promptly to the music	I go to the toilet during recess and lunch I only go to the toilet when I need to I return to class as soon as possible	I stay on task I follow instructions and only use appropriate programs or websites
<b>Inclusion</b>	I am flexible and invite others to join in I respect differences I include others I ask to be included	I consider others I work with a variety of people I share classroom resources	I am mindful of others using the space I leave the space neat and tidy	I consider others I share spaces and equipment		I patiently wait for my partner	I communicate respectfully online I share my knowledge and skills with others I share resources with others



## ***ENVIRO STARS NEWS.....***

Hi Everyone,

Our Enviro Stars team would like to invite the whole school to continue bringing nude food to school as often as possible. This term we'd again like to make Tuesdays a Nude Food Day at Amsleigh Park.

Our intention is to keep reducing the amount of packaging we use.  
It's good for the environment and it makes our school cleaner!

### **TIPS FOR NUDE FOOD**

1. Bring fruit without wrapper or in a container
2. Buy in bulk and use reusable containers
3. Reuse takeaway containers or empty yoghurt pots
4. Use a lunch box with compartments
5. Make your own snacks
6. Prepare snacks in advance
7. Use bees wax wraps instead of cling wrap

Thank you very much

**Your Enviro Star Captains, Evie and Finn**



**Commonwealth**Bank

## **Student Banking**

## **Every Wednesday**

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

## APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Bailly 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

(Credit Card / Eftpos payments should be made at the General Office prior to collecting items)

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. **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

ITEMS	SIZES	PRICE
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

## HOW TO DOWNLOAD THE FlexiBuzz APP



### What is it and what do I need to know?

- FlexiBuzz is an easy to use messaging 'app' designed to enable Amsleigh Park PS to communicate directly with parents via their phones, tablets and computers.
- FlexiBuzz can be downloaded for **free** and is used to access newsletters, notices, calendar events and the latest news from around the school. Parents can also communicate student absences to the school through the app, request meetings or pass on information to teachers & Admin staff.
- FlexiBuzz is not social media, although it's based on similar technology.
- FlexiBuzz provides the option to receive push notifications when a new posting has been made.

To ensure the content posted to FlexiBuzz is kept within our school community, we have put a password on all Grade inboxes. This 'single' password will be commonly known and shared within our school community and will be required when you set up the app.

The password for all Grade level inboxes is: **APTb15** (it's case sensitive!)

**We recommend all families, including future preps subscribe.**

When you first download FlexiBuzz, select the inboxes you want to subscribe to by clicking on the ticks. You will then be prompted to enter the password, which is only required once. Following this you are ready to start receiving messages from the school.

## Register for FlexiBuzz





## Here's How...

### Stay in touch with FlexiBuzz


**STEP 01**

Sign up for FlexiBuzz and then login

 Search "FlexiBuzz" in your app store.  Go to [web.flexibuzz.com](http://web.flexibuzz.com) and click "Sign Up".


**STEP 02**

Connect to us

 Select the 'Search' icon and type in our name. Select us from the results.


**STEP 03**

Select your communication groups


 Click the 'Add' icon beside the communication groups that apply to you.

**STEP 04**

Get started

 Click the 'Home' icon to view our recent posts.

For further information or assistance please visit our website [www.flexibuzz.com](http://www.flexibuzz.com) or email us via [support@flexibuzz.com](mailto:support@flexibuzz.com).



We trust you find FlexiBuzz to be a convenient and effective communication tool.

If you require any assistance in accessing FlexiBuzz please contact the General Office

# THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

## Amsleigh Park Planner

Term 1, 2020

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b> Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	28	29 Teachers resume	30 Curriculum Day	31 First Day school for Grade 1-6	1 Preps first day for 2020
<b>WEEK 2</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	3	4	5 Prep rest day	6	7
<b>WEEK 3</b> Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10	11	12 Prep rest day	13 Get to Know You Interviews Gr 1-6	14 Whole School Picnic  5/6 Sport (R1)
<b>WEEK 4</b> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	17 School Council	18	19 Prep rest day	20	21 5/6 Inquiry Incursion  5/6 Sport (R2)
<b>WEEK 5</b> Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	24	25 Prep Pizza Night	26 Prep rest day	27	28
<b>WEEK 6</b> Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	2	3 School Photo Day	4	5 Bush Dance incursion	6 5/6 Sport (R3)
<b>WEEK 7</b> Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9 LABOUR DAY	10  Dental Van	11 Prep 25 days of school – Super Hero dress up day	12 Bush Dance Night	13
<b>WEEK 8</b> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	16 School Council  Swimming	17	18	19	20 Sport Gala Day – Grade 5/6
<b>WEEK 9</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	23  Swimming	24	25	26	27 Last Day Term 1 Early finish at 2.30pm



# THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ



*come & try*  
**CALISTHENICS**  
*at Emmanuel*

DANCING - ACRO  
BALLET - ACTING  
APPARATUS - GAMES  
TEAMWORK - FUN  
PERFORMANCE

TINY TOTS (AGES 3 & 4)  
SATURDAYS 9.00AM - 10.00AM

TINIES (AGES 5-7)  
FRIDAYS 4.00PM - 5.30PM  
SATURDAYS 9.00AM - 10.30AM

SUBBIES (AGES 8-10)  
SATURDAYS 10.45AM - 1.45PM

JUNIORS (AGES 11-13)  
WEDNESDAYS 5.00PM - 8.00PM

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PRIMARY HALL  
FIRST TWO  
CLASSES FREE!

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CHRISTIE: 0403 313 990

## 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 is 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

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

