



DIARY DATES

MARCH

Mon 9th – Labour Day Public Holiday

Wed 11th – 25 Days of Prep Super Hero Dress up Day

Thu 12th – Bush Dance Evening

Fri 13th – G5/6 Summer Sport

**Mon 16th – Thurs 26th
Whole School Swimming Program**

Fri 27th – LAST DAY TERM 1 – early finish at 2.30pm

APRIL

Tues 14th – Term 2 Commences

WEDNESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

DUE BY DATES:

MARCH

Wed 25th - 5/6 Camp Payment 1
¾ Camp Payment 1

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AND NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE ON
OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

Principal's Report

Annual Swimming Program 2020

Preparations are now well advanced for the annual swimming program for 2020. The program is once again being held at the Doug Ellis Pool at Monash University who offer an excellent range of pool facilities for beginners to more advanced swimmers. Learning to swim and building water safety skills is vital for every Australian child, as we are a nation that enjoys water sports, and all schools are expected to offer and run an annual program.

Last day for return of swimming notices and payments was **Wednesday 4th March**. Please remember to also return the Swimming Experience Questionnaire 2020 (One for each child swimming). We are also currently looking for volunteers to support staff in the swimming program, please let your child's teacher know if you can help.

Swimming normally runs very smoothly, but if any parents have questions or concerns during the swimming program please raise them with me at school rather than talk to the pool staff. We are in close communication with the pool all throughout the program and can communicate any matters with them as needed.

Bush Dance Night

Dust off that Akubra and get out your flannel shirts, the Bush Dance is now only one week away. Well known bush band, Blackberry Jam, are coming along to provide another night of fantastic entertainment for our school community, and it's going to be lots of fun. Today at school all of our students were brushing up on their bush dancing such as the 'heel and toe polka' and all-time favourite, 'the Drongo.' The bush dance is a great community event, and a chance to get together with other families. As this is a child friendly school event we ask that all parents respect it as an alcohol free night. Our PFA will be running a BBQ on the night, but get in early as it often sells out. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

We live in a rapidly changing world and as a school we need to respond effectively if we are to support our students to prepare for their future adult lives. If the predictions are correct, our children can look forward to working in a range of occupations that may have not even been invented yet, and there is no doubt that technology will play a significant role in this, hence the emergence of STEM learning. The acronym, STEM, encompasses learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Miss Hayes is our new STEM teacher in 2020, and brings her excellent science and technology knowledge to this role. Our students are currently enjoying the 'Robo Olympics,' competing in a range of collaborative events and challenges using our fleet of robotics equipment. In 2020, all students will participate in one STEM learning session each week for one semester (Half Year). This is a significant opportunity for our students who can look forward to future focused learning in coding and robotics. We have built up a good range of STEM resources, such as M-Bots, Sphero and Lego Robotics, and have allocated further funds to purchase more resources in 2020.



Mobile Phone Policy



Mobile phones are banned in all Victorian Government Schools in 2020, and a State-wide policy is in place to support this important decision. Students are not allowed to use phones during school hours, and in keeping with the policy at our school, must hand their phones into the office when they arrive at school. Students are not allowed to store phones in bags or classrooms.

At Amsleigh Park we have generally not experienced any problems with mobile phone usage, as we only have a small number of older students who currently have a phone. This state-wide policy is a great initiative, and already many students in high schools are feeding back that they are actually enjoying spending more time with friends rather than being on phones during break times.

Swimming Success

Congratulations to Amsleigh Students Ilya, Gia and Swarit who recently represented both our school and sports district at the Divisional swimming finals. They all performed very well, and enjoyed the experience. Well done to Ilya who has won his way through to the regional final of the Butterfly in the 11yo age group.



Scooters and Bicycles

It's great to see that we have lots of students riding bicycles and scooters to school in 2020. The bike shed is a busy place right now, and most days it's packed to capacity. Students are reminded that they need to walk their bikes and scooters in the school yard, and they should also be careful of pedestrians when commuting on footpaths to ensure there are no accidents. Our yard duty teachers keep an eye on this but it's not possible to be everywhere at once, so we ask that parents also remind children of this important safety rule.

We have noticed that sometimes bikes are left at school overnight and we need to alert families that this can be risky and they can be stolen. We keep the shed locked but as a cyclone wire gate it's not completely secure.

Math's Extension Programs

At Amsleigh Park PS we offer a terrific Mathematics Extension program for students in Grade 3-6. This extra learning opportunity is for students achieving well above expected levels, who benefit from the added challenges provided through problem solving and more advanced mathematical thinking. Students are selected for this program based on their academic results and other assessments, and with lots of talented Mathematicians at APPS there is no shortage of candidates. During the program our Grade 3/4 students will participate in the Mathematics Games, whilst our Grade 5/6s will undertake the Mathematics Olympiad, both run by the Australasian Mathematics Association.



Communicating with Amsleigh Park Primary School

On the following page you will find a summary of the different ways that parents can communicate with our staff, including the appropriate person for different topics. I hope you find this useful as we are very committed to working in partnership with parents.

Until next time,

Michael Cormick

Principal



Communicating with Amsleigh Park Primary School

Amsleigh Park Primary School is committed to good communication and treating everyone according to our school values of respect, integrity and inclusion. It is important to remember that everyone in the school community should work together in the spirit of cooperation and understanding and should conduct themselves in a respectful, calm and courteous manner. All members of the school community are bound by the requirements of this policy.

If you have a concern then here's what you can do:

- Matters that are best addressed by the classroom teacher or specialist teacher may include: individual student needs, academic progress, assessment, behaviour and discipline issues, non-attendance at school and challenging or changing family circumstances.
- Matters that are best addressed by the principal or team leaders may include: school facilities, school fees and charges, student reporting, school policy, dress codes and/or serious discipline issues. The principal will also be available, by appointment, to speak to parents about any other concerns they may have and wish to raise with a more senior member of staff.

Who should I make contact with?

Normally your child's classroom teacher is the best person to get in contact with; however there may be times when it's appropriate to seek a staff member in a leadership role such as the following staff:

Principal Team

Mr Michael Cormick – Principal

Miss Bec Carr – Assistant Principal

Team Leaders

Miss Danielle Renwick (Prep)

Ms Jennifer Brown (Grade 1&2)

Miss Trish Jones (Grade 3&4)

Mrs Irene Arvanitis (Grade 5&6)

Mrs Terye Kennedy (Specialist Leader)

Mrs Lisa Jonga (Wellbeing)

Do I need to make an appointment to speak to a teacher?

Normally you need to make an appointment to speak with one of the staff if the matter requires a discussion like a parent-teacher interview. Teaching staff are generally available after school most nights except for Monday and Wednesday, which are routine meeting nights for all teachers. Making an appointment also puts the teacher in the best position to give you their full attention without compromising their duty of care to students.

What if it's just a quick message?

Passing on a quick message is normally OK, but it should happen outside of teaching time, as the teacher must always maintain their duty of care to students.

What if the matter is urgent?

If the matter is more urgent and concerns **student wellbeing or safety** in particular, then teachers are usually contactable for a brief chat/phone call before 8.45am. If the classroom teacher is not available then the Assistant Principal should be contacted. The Principal can also help to address urgent matters if other staff are not available.

Do I need an appointment to see a teacher leader?

Yes, if the matter requires more than a 'quick message' and is not urgent then you should contact the office to make an appointment to speak with the Principal, Assistant Principal or Team Leaders. We will always do our best to undertake this appointment in a timely manner.

Does the school have an 'open door' to parent concerns?

Yes, most definitely, and the purpose of this newsletter article is to provide a clear idea about how a parent might go about this, and who to contact.

We hope you find this a useful guide in communicating with the school.

Bec's Bulletin...



Community Working Bee- POSTPONED

Our community working bee that was scheduled for this afternoon has been postponed due to wet weather. The new date for the working bee is Thursday 19th March. We hope to see you all there!

Year 6-7 Transition (Relevant for Year 6 families)

The State-wide year 6-7 transition process will begin in the first week of next term, with all Grade 6 students in Victoria receiving a transition information pack. This pack will detail the transition process, including the relevant paperwork required to apply for secondary schools. Please keep an eye out for this very important information early next term. In the meantime, we encourage our senior students and their families to attend open days/night and tour Secondary Schools in the area to become familiar with the possible schools your child may attend. If interested, please contact your local Catholic or Independent Secondary Schools to inquire into their enrolment process, as they differ from the shared process of all Government Secondary Schools. Please feel free to contact me with any queries regarding transition either through the school office, or via email: carr.rebecca.r@edumail.vic.gov.au



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support – Reward Reached!



At assembly this week, Mrs Lisa Jonga made the very exciting announcement that our students have reached their next chosen SWPBS reward! Students have been acknowledged with tokens, for their demonstration of our school values around the school. They have saved these up and have reached a reward!

Our students' reward next week is no homework (still keep up the nightly reading though!). Thanks to our SRC representatives, who have brainstormed ideas for our next reward and have come up with a movie afternoon. It has been great to see so much respectful, resilient, inclusive and motivated behaviours at Amsleigh Park! Thank you!

Student Illness

A reminder to families that students who are unwell should be kept home from school, to stop the spread of bugs to other students. Particularly with a gastro type of bug, it is important that students remain at home for 24 hours after they are last sick. This will help the whole school community with these highly contagious issues. We thank you for your support with this.



Child Safety

Please see the flyer below, for important information about child safety in relation to leaving children unattended in a car. It is important that younger siblings are not left unattended in the car, as you come into school to pick up primary school aged stud



Kids in Hot Cars



NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED IN A CAR

The thought of running a quick errand and leaving the children in the car for a minute can be tempting for a parent or carer. Leaving children unattended in a car on any day is dangerous, let alone a hot summer's day. It could result in serious injury or death. In some states it is against the law to leave children unattended in a car. Check the motoring authority in your state or territory for the relevant laws and regulations.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

On a typical Australian summer day, the temperature inside a parked car can be 20 degrees C to 30 degrees C hotter than the outside temperature.

The temperature inside a car can reach dangerous levels quickly; 75% of the temperature rise occurs within the first 5 minutes of closing and leaving the car. Large cars heat up just as fast as smaller ones.

Leaving the windows down slightly has little effect on the inside car temperature. Tests conducted by RACQ have shown that when car windows are left open by 10cm, the inside temperature is only 5 degrees C cooler than with the windows closed.

Young children are more sensitive to heat than older children or adults as their body temperature can rise 3 to 5 times faster. This puts them at greater risk of heatstroke and other health risks as their body temperature reaches dangerous levels much sooner.



HOT CARS SAFETY TIPS

- If you have to leave the car, even to run a quick errand - take the children with you.
- Never use the car as a substitute 'babysitter'.
- Never leave children in a car without adult supervision for any length of time, not even a minute!
- Lock cars and secure keys when at home to prevent children playing inside the car.
- Make 'look before you leave' a routine whenever you get out of the car.
- When a child is missing, in addition to checking backyard pools and any other bodies of water, be sure to check inside the car and the boot of any nearby vehicles.
- Never leave valuables in the car, including your kids!

SUMMER HOLIDAY TRAVELLING

- Provide plenty of cool water and fluids throughout the journey.
- Dress kids in lightweight and easy fit clothing.
- When planning a long journey, consider travelling in the cooler hours of the day.
- Plan to stop every 2 hours so all passengers can have a rest from travelling.
- If you need to protect babies or young children from sun through the car windows, use a visor or sunshade on the vehicle glass.
- On every trip, check the fit of your child's harness, child restraint tether straps and secure seatbelts to ensure they are correctly latched and firmly adjusted.

WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOU SEE A CHILD ALONE IN A CAR?

- If you notice that a child has been left unattended in a vehicle call 000 and ask for the Fire Brigade.
- Give your location, the vehicle registration number, the approximate age of the child and the condition of the child.
- If the car is unlocked, open the doors and shield windows with a blanket etc. and wait for emergency services - or - safely try to remove the child from the vehicle if you are concerned about the child's condition as every second counts!

For further information please visit Kidsafe Victoria at:
www.kidsafevic.com.au

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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

(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

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

PFA Update

New PFA Committee for 2020

Introducing the PFA Committee for 2020

President - Justin Scott

Vice President - Kathy Fraser

Secretary - Aleesha Mason-Jeffries

Treasurer - Sonya Moreland

Class Rep Co-ordinator - Kristen Sudholz

Fundraising Co-Ordinator - Caz Hayes



Bush Dance - Thurs March 12th

This years Bush Dance promises to be the best yet!! Grade 6 parents will be cooking up a storm with HAMBURGERS & sausages from 5pm till 6pm. We will also be having a Cake Stall selling items between \$1 - \$3 so we hope to see as many of your there for some boot scooting fun!! The Blackberry Jam Bush Band will be playing from 6pm till 8pm.



Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser

We will be selling Hot Cross Buns from Bakers Delight again this year, keep an eye out for your order form. Packs of 6 will be sold for \$7.50 each, with a profit of \$2.50 for each pack coming back to the school. Delivery will be Thursday 26th March so get your orders in quick!!



Easter Raffle

Easter is only just around the corner so we will be seeking Easter Raffle donations shortly for our annual Easter Raffle. Prep parents are responsible for organising raffle tickets and putting together the prizes so be on the lookout for volunteer requests and raffle books. Each APPS family will be given 1 book of 10 raffle tickets to sell and the raffle will be drawn on the last day of Term 1 (Friday 27th March).



Next meeting - Friday 20th March 2020 at 2.30pm in the Staffroom

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: **APT15** (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...



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

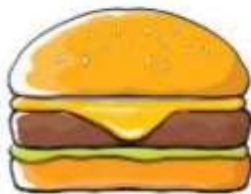
If you require any assistance in accessing FlexiBuzz please contact the General Office



APPS Bush Dance Thursday March 12th



This year the APPS Bush Dance is being held on Thursday 12th March. BYO picnic or enjoy something from the BBQ. The Grade 6 parents will be cooking up a storm with sausages and HAMBURGERS on the BBQ as well as a Cake Stall and drinks etc. from 5pm till 6pm.



DRINKS	\$2.00
SAUSAGE	\$2.50
HAMBURGERS	\$4.00
CHOCOLATES	\$2.00
CHIPS	\$0.50
CAKE STALL ITEMS \$1-\$3	

The Blackberry Bush Band will be performing from 6pm till 8pm!



BREAKING THE CYCLE

DO YOU FEEL

Threatened, frightened or even controlled by your son or daughter?

Are family members and younger siblings feeling scared?

Feeling anxious, isolated, ashamed, resentful...?

Breaking The Cycle is an 8 week program developed by Anglicare Victoria that supports mothers, fathers, stepparents and carers of adolescents aged 10-17 that are abusive or violent in the home.

When Thursdays 30 April-18 June
10am-12pm

Where Monash Youth Services
Level 1, 2 Euneva Avenue
Glen Waverley

Cost

Free (Bookings Essential)

For enquiries or to book:

Monash Family Services

0427 208 367

FamilyServices@monash.vic.gov.au

Feedback from participants

They report the violence stopped or significantly reduced and the group has provided them with ideas for change or ways of handling their situation differently.

The program is open to families that reside in or are connected to the Inner East (Monash, Boroondara, Whitehorse and Manningham).



Applications
for Year 7
Accelerated
Program close
Tuesday
28th April 2020

Tours every Friday by appointment

SOUTH OAKLEIGH COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT THURSDAY 23RD APRIL 2020

Principal's Welcome and
Information Session at 6:30pm

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Kind regards,
Rachael Mathews

1st Floor, 191 Coleman Parade, Glen Waverley

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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

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

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.

