



DIARY DATES

MARCH

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

APRIL

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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Principal's Report

This Week at Amsleigh Park

We have tried to keep things as normal as possible at school this week. Learning has continued each day, and routines have been maintained well. There are about 80% of kids currently at school each day.

I want to sincerely thank our teaching and support staff who have worked hard to keep things going as normal. Whilst, as teachers and support staff, we are certainly not frontline workers, it's really important for the wellbeing of our students that our school continues to operate as normal.

We are noticing that as we continue to change our routines, some of our students seem to be a little more anxious. It's fully understandable, and normal to be anxious in times of uncertainty, and we have tried to reassure them through the comfort of routines and also verbally. You might also do some extra reassuring so that children do not become too fearful.

Exposure to the media can provide many distressing images, most of which is meant for mature adults, so limiting this exposure could be one consideration. I'm not suggesting not to talk about COVID-19 or what is happening, but rather to keep it age appropriate.

Patrick Charles, is Head of the Infectious Diseases at the Austin Hospital and a parent of primary school age children. He created this video for his children's school in an attempt to more fully explain what is happening and how Covid 19 can be distinguished from a common cold or flu. It provides a clear, calm understanding of the pandemic, and you may find it useful and informative.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rK0dBMvqLhc&feature=youtu.be>

DET continue to provide advice to us about social distancing and hygiene. At Amsleigh Park we have implemented the following:

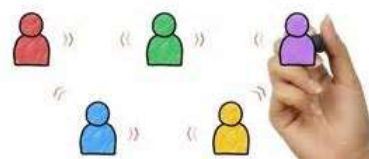
- **Gatherings** – Assembly cancelled for now
- **Swimming** and **Excursions** – Postponed
- **Hand washing** – at the start of the day, after recess, after lunch and before eating fruit snack, morning tea and lunch. Whenever a child has used a tissue, and of course after toileting. Fortunately, we have a good supply of hand soap and other products right now.
- **Use of Tissues** – Whenever possible students can use a tissue to cough, or sneeze/cough into their elbow.
- **Lining up** – our students now leave a space between each other when lining up, which we call the 'Big Line'.
- **Social Distancing** – classroom furniture has been spread out and children are not sitting on the floor for now. Students are encouraged not to lean on each other, or sit too close.
- **Greetings** - take the form of non-contact greetings. We have seen some funny inventions that bring fun to this practice.

All of this is common sense and preventative in nature. Some of these routines may even become permanent practice at our school in future, especially when they are shown to work so effectively to reduce spread of viruses such as the common cold and the Flu as well.

Social Distancing for Adults

We also need adults in our community to practise social distance at pick up and drop off time. It's tricky right now as we may not sense the urgency, but it's time to start practising this. The less social contact the better, you just never know. The current advice is that we should stand about 1.5m from each other.

SOCIAL DISTANCING



Extra School Cleaning – Improved Hygiene

The most recent communication from the department of Education and Training confirms an increased vigilance in hygiene levels in schools. Additional funding has been allocated to all schools to undertake extra cleaning to ensure the risks of transmission are reduced. Our cleaner came early today and starting to clean surfaces that are regular touch points. He will increase the level of detail when cleaning and disinfecting the touch points. This includes toilets, washbasins, soap dispensers, all entry and exit points, door handles and knobs, drinking troughs and shared surfaces including chairs and desks.

School Closures and Home Learning

If our school did have to close at any stage, please rest assured that teachers are developing and will continue to develop comprehensive home learning programs for all students. We have a survey out in our community at present to find out about the access our students have to PCs, Tablets and the Internet. It's vital that we get accurate information regarding this.

Our New external toilets

A spot of good news this week. We have been refurbishing some of the old external toilets since 2019, in order to increase the access our students have to toilets when outside, and for students who are in the Portable. The refurbished toilets have come up really well, and this week our students have starting using them. We have a special handwashing area as well, which can be locked up at night. The toilets can also be locked up as we have a roller door to close out of school hours. I want to thank our maintenance man, Craig, who did some great work on this project and brought it all together for us. This project was funded through our School Council using school funds.



The Easter Raffle

Our traditional Easter Raffle is going ahead in 2020, and we'll have a special draw on Friday 27th March that can be broadcast over our PA system. We'll send out a Flexibuzz with more details. Thanks so much for the donated Easter treats, and for purchasing tickets in the raffle. It's a great Amsleigh tradition that everyone loves so we are glad to keep it going. Many thanks to our PFA who have organised this for our school.

Flexibuzz

It's become increasingly evident how important this kind of communication is and we need every family to have at least one subscriber. It's free to download to Smart Phone, Tablets or PC and works on multiple operating systems. Please contact the office for the school password so you can subscribe to a class mailbox. NB: Please see pp.4 for details on how to get it set up.

Amsleigh Kids have a Big Heart

After hearing that some supermarket workers were being poorly treated by members of the public some of our Grade 6s decided to write notes of thanks to them, and Mrs Arvanitis then took them over to our local IGA. Sometimes in times of adversity people develop a greater sense of community and start to look out for each other, and this is a great example of that. It's also the kind of student voice and agency that we want to encourage. Nice work Grade 6s.

End of Term 1

Next Friday 27th March is the last day of Term 1 and we will finish school at 2.30pm.

Until next time,

Michael Cormick

Principal



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

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...



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

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 2.

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





CommonwealthBank

Student Banking

Every Wednesday

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



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

Knowledge Conquers All

Bakers Rd Oakleigh South VIC 3167

Email: south.oakleigh.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

Telephone: 9579 2322

www.sossc.vic.edu.au

SOUTH OAKLEIGH
COLLEGE



SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL CLINIC

Hosted by Julie Corletto - 3 x World Champion
& Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist



WAVERLEY DISTRICT

DATE: Wednesday 8th April 2020

TIME: 9am - 3pm

AGES: 7 - 15 year olds

VENUE: Waverley District Netball Association,
Cnr. Cassinia Ave & Farmer St, Ashwood

COST: \$85 per participant



Every participant receives a clinic T Shirt

Book online: www.juliecorletto.com

*Bookings essential & close 48 hours prior to the clinic, unless sold out.
Only a limited number of places available, book now to avoid missing out*





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).

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.

