



**Term 2**

**Issue 1**

**Week 1**

**April 16, 2020**

## DIARY DATES

### MARCH

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – 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 25<sup>th</sup> - 5/6 Camp Payment 1  
¾ Camp Payment 1

**COPIES OF ALL NEWSLETTERS, FORMS  
AND NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE ON  
OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

## Principal's Report

### A New Frontier of Education

This week, our State Government Education system made history as we moved to remote learning from home in response to the current state of emergency in Victoria. This would have been almost unimaginable a few months back, but here we are today with nearly a million students from 2200 schools all engaged in some form of learning from home. Fortunately, we live in a time of great technological advancement, which is making this all possible. I would like to once again thank students, staff and parents for your positivity and support as we get this rolled out. Teachers report a high level of engagement from our students, who are doing a great job with the support of their parents. The many positive messages and feedback we have received have been really appreciated by all of our staff.

By the end of this week your classroom teacher will have made phone contact with each child and their family, and we hope you have found this beneficial. Additionally, our teachers would have responded to hundreds of messages sent through Google Classrooms. Our staff are also meeting remotely to plan for learning, and I'm pleased to report that this is working really well.

As time goes on we will be looking into some additional communication tools to increase the contact we are able to have with students. Please be patient, as we find the right approach for our school. We know that interaction is important and will assist with building student engagement over time.

The learning management system we have chosen, Google Classrooms, has proven to be a real winner. The system is robust and stable, and has not had any issues with crashing. Looking across the classrooms at our school our teachers have done an outstanding job of devising remote learning tasks, using many clever resources, and making sure it is all achievable from home. Our students have already completed hundreds of learning tasks, and are submitting some fantastic work. For some families it has been a great opportunity to see their child's learning in action, and they are amazed at the quality and standard.



Here's what some of our students are saying:

*'It's a really great way of learning from home and I like how you can always stay on task.'* Sofia 6A

*'I've found my way around Google Classroom quite quickly, as the video helped! Google Classroom is very resourceful!'* Mary 6A

*'It's a really fun and easy website to navigate. It's just a different way of learning to how we learn at school.'* Atharv 6A

At the end of this term I'm quite sure we will all sit back and be feel very proud of the way that both parents and staff have worked in partnership to provide remote learning from home.

## Letter from Jenny Atta

We have been asked to attach a letter from Jenny Atta, Secretary of Education for Victoria. You will find it in this newsletter pp.3.

## On-Site Supervision

We would like to thank those families who have made every effort to ensure that their child can learn at home. The Minister for Education, Mr James Merlino MP, has reiterated this week, that students can only come to school if they are unable to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made. For a small percentage of families this is not possible, and they are attending school for supervision on-site.



Any students at school are also undertaking remote learning, with support from our staff, using school computers. These students must observe social distancing, and have their own work areas set up in our Library.

Fortunately, we have a small group of staff who have volunteered to come to school to supervise remote learning. We are trying to keep this to a minimum as when these staff are onsite they are then unable to supervise remote learning for their own class on that day. Staff are rostered on each day to undertake this important role.

Please remember that all requests made for on-site supervision must be sent in each week by Thursday at 3.00pm. All requests can then be processed and if approved families can be contacted.

## School Improvement Works

During this time we have organised for some maintenance work to be done around the school. The gym is being painted, and looking a treat, as well as receiving some much need maintenance. We have also replaced the basketball backboards and rings, and done some work on our sheds.

## A Message from Miss Carr about Year 7 Transition

All Grade 6 families will receive information next week regarding Year 6-7 transition for 2021. The information will be emailed to each family with a copy of the 'Application for Year 7 Placement' form. Hopefully, you have had an opportunity to consider the various State Government Secondary College choices in and around our locality. If you require any assistance please contact Miss Carr, who will make contact.

[carr.rebecca.r@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:carr.rebecca.r@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## Staying in Touch

The best way to contact our school is via phone, and our phones are currently being diverted so that parents can call as required. Flexi-buzz messages are also being received and passed on. We will also be sending out our Newsletter each fortnight, and as needed other communications using Flexi-buzz. Please keep an eye on these communications to stay in touch with what is happening.

## Out of Hours Care

Youth Leadership Victoria are still offering before and after school care, please contact them if you would like to make a booking.

## And finally...

Whilst I'm a little over the word 'unprecedented' the reason why its been used so much is that we are living through something very few would have any experience of. For now, our lives have been changed, but it's not forever, and each day that passes we are one step closer to normality. Don't forget that even if it's not what you expected, each day can still be lived with joy and purpose, and in fact maybe even more so as we start to appreciate things we were not able to before. It certainly makes you think about the things we take for granted, and that overall our lives in Australia are generally safe and secure. Have a great weekend, and thanks to everyone in our community for the fantastic support.

Until next time,

*Michael Cormick*

Principal



## Department of Education and Training

Office of the Secretary

2 Treasury Place  
East Melbourne Victoria 3002  
Telephone: 03 9637 2000  
DX210083

Dear parents and carers

The Victorian Government has advised new arrangements for school education for Term 2, 2020.

All children who can learn from home must learn from home.

This course of action has been determined to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), based on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer.

Our schools have been re-oriented to support learning from home.

Principals and teachers have put in place plans to provide a learning from home program for all year levels. This includes provision by the Department of Education and Training through your school of laptops or tablets and network access, if required.

In order to protect the health and safety of your children, your family, your teachers and the whole community, it is important that you follow the Victorian Government's direction and keep your child learning at home this term.

On-site school attendance is available as a last resort where parents and carers are not able to put in place arrangements to supervise children at home. Your school will have provided you with further information about this.

Information for parents and carers to support you supervise your children at home can be found here: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your own circumstances, please talk to your school or phone the Department of Education and Training parents' and carers' hotline on 1800 338 663.

Thank you for your cooperation and your support for our teachers, schools and community.

Yours sincerely

**Jenny Atta**  
Secretary  
Department of Education and Training

## 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](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





**Commonwealth**Bank

# **Student Banking**

## **Every Wednesday**

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



## 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](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.

