



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Friday 18th – LAST DAY TERM 3 – 2.30 finish

OCTOBER

Mon 5th – TERM 4 COMMENCES –
All students Remote Learning (week 1)

Mon 12th
Prep – G2 students commence onsite learning
Grade 3-6 Students Remote Learning

WEDNESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY – ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

UNIFORM ORDERS TO BE PLACED VIA EMAIL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

DUE BY DATES:

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

Principal's Report

Farewell and Thanks Marcus

Education Support staff member, Mr Marcus Embury, will be finishing up at Amsleigh Park PS this term after 5 years. Over the past couple of years Marcus has been studying to be a Primary School Teacher, and is now nearing the end of his course. I sincerely congratulate Marcus for this achievement, and hope that his teaching career is fulfilling. Marcus has been a fantastic member of staff, providing exceptional support to our students, and participating with enthusiasm in many school events. On behalf of everyone at Amsleigh Park PS I would like to say a heartfelt thankyou to Marcus for his dedication, care and commitment to our students. He will be missed, and we wish him well for the future. Later in the year we will welcome Marcus back to Amsleigh Park for a proper farewell.



Term 4 Update

We are now focused on next term, and planning for the return of students in October. The Department of Education and Training (DET) released the Term 4 Operational Guide recently, including details that enable us to plan confidently for our students return to school. To recap:

- All students remote learning from Monday 5th October – Friday 9th October
- Prep to Grade 2 students return to school on Monday 12th October providing Melbourne reaches a 14 average of less than 50 new cases
- Grade 3-6 will return from Monday 26th October, providing that we reach the trigger point of less than 5 new cases per day on the 14 day average. (It can be done, as we can see from regional Victoria!)

Details regarding drop off and pick up for Prep – Grade 2 will be sent out in the first week of term, along with information about the many safety measures we will have in place. DET have set three priorities for schools in Term 4, which are:

1. **Wellbeing and mental health** - This means encouraging and sustaining motivation for learning, re-engaging students and families where needed, and supporting the social and emotional learning of children and young people alongside curriculum-based learning.
2. **Curriculum and Excellence** - It will be important to meet all students at their point of need – both to support those who have not progressed in their learning to catch up and those who have progressed to continue to extend and stretch their learning
3. **Transitions** - A key focus of Term 4 will be to make every effort to ensure each of these end-of-year and beginning-of-year transitions occurs as successfully as possible

In order to make up some ground in Literacy and Numeracy, there will be an increased focus on these vital subjects for all students. We are planning to spend at least an additional 20% more time revising and consolidating the learning from Term 2&3 in these areas, and ensuring that the Victorian Curriculum has been well covered prior to the end of 2020. Continuing to work in partnership with parents and carers will be really important, and we feel confident that we can make a great difference in learning with the time we have remaining for 2020.

German Poetry Competition 2020

Sincere congratulations to our students who participated in the German Poetry Competition for 2020. We had two students go on to compete in the State Finals and as you will see in the results on the following page, one of our students won first prize in the Grade 6 category.

Year 6-7 Transition

Our Grade 6 Teachers, Mrs Arvanitis and Mrs Jonga, have been implementing a really exciting week for our Grade 6 students to start the transition to High School. Now that our students know their placements for next year, this has become more 'real' to them, and it was very timely to have transition as a special learning focus for the week. I'm really looking forward to Friday, when past students will be visiting us (remotely of course) to share their experiences of high school and answer the student's questions. Many thanks to Mrs Arvo and Mrs Jonga for getting this organised.

Welcome Fiona Oudyn-Delaney

I would like to say a very warm welcome to Mrs Fiona Oudyn-Delaney, who is joining our Education Support Team. Fiona is highly experienced in this role, and is already doing a wonderful job supporting Amsleigh Park students attending on-site supervision. We are very fortunate to have Fiona join our staff and look forward to working with her to provide support for students, particularly those with a disability.

Prep Enrolments for 2021

Our Prep numbers for 2021 look very positive, despite schools being unable to conduct the normal range of promotional activities since Term 1 this year. (We are unable to conduct any school tours) At this stage we are hovering just under fifty enrolments, and this could grow a little further as some families might have held off with their decision. If you do happen to know anyone looking for a school, a positive word is always appreciated. Often, it's 'word of mouth' from parents to parent that makes the most difference. In Term 4 we will be doing our normal return to school census for 2021, so decisions can be made about the number of classes. If any families know they are moving please let us know, as it really helps with planning for the correct number of students and classes.

Student Representative Council

I had the very good fortune to attend the Student Representative Council Meeting last week. The meeting, held via video conference, focused on what the SRC can do in Term 4. I was buoyed to hear the suggestions of acknowledging and thanking our Health Workers, especially after recent months.

Sincere Thanks

I want to once again thank all students, staff and parents for their efforts, their patience and their resilience in Term 3. We started the term with the goals to keep learning going, provide wellbeing support and keep everyone safe, and we have succeeded in each one. It has not been ideal, and the challenges at times were huge, but we have prevailed. My heartfelt thanks to all parents and staff for working together in the best interests of our students.

I want to make special mention of Miss Carr, who has joined with me in managing the school's on-site learning program for Term 3. Even when things looked grim in Melbourne, Miss Carr was still there with a happy smile, calmly and patiently helping our students and staff.

Personally, I feel very lucky to be an Australian, and live in a relatively peaceful and safe place. Everyone has been touched by this global pandemic, but unlike many parts of the World, there are many supports in place. We all want life to return to normal, and with luck we may at least get to the 'new' normal we often hear about very soon.

The school holidays are a real danger time for our current situation, with warmer weather and eased restrictions there is a potential that COVID infections might rise. As a school principal the thought of going backwards is real worrying for me, and I respectfully hope that our community at least plays our part. Please remember that the road out of this depends on us all.

It's the first time for many years I would be at school on the last day but not had the chance of wishing our students well, and reminding them about their ABCs. In lieu of that I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, and remember to 'Always be careful.'

Stay safe, stay well and stay connected,

Michael Cormick

Principal



Hi everyone,

Finn here again for another update on things we can do to help the environment!

Firstly.....

Now that it is **Spring** and the weather is getting really warm, it is a great time to plant lots of amazing vegetables and herbs, either in a veggie patch or just in a pot.



Although we are unable to physically shop for seedlings, most nurseries are open and provide contactless click and collect pick up. It would be great if you bought your seedlings from small local nurseries.

Secondly.....

As many of you do not have to wear face masks, please encourage your family members to use reusable masks made from cloth. If they have to use disposable masks, which are having a huge negative impact on the environment, please make sure they cut off the elastic cords before disposing of them, as birds and other wildlife are getting caught in them.



Also wildlife professionals ask everyone to please cut all ring collars from milk and juice containers and to cut all rubber bands before throwing them out.



Thank you for doing your part to keep our environment healthy.

Enjoy your holidays and I am looking forward to seeing you back in term four.

Finn, Enviro Captain 

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

State Finals: German Poetry Competition

Learning a German poem is a very difficult task and this is especially the case during Remote Learning. On the 28th of August, a group of students from years 4 to 6 accepted the challenge of representing Amsleigh Park at the annual Regional Final of the German Poetry Competition. Students' results were fabulous:

Year 4:

Silver medal: Gabriella

Bronze medal: Kirrily

Honourable mention: Vivan

Year 5:

Bronze medal: Abdullah

Pronunciation award: Amy

Year 6:

Gold medal: Yaani

Silver medal: Swarit

Bronze medal: Nicholas L.

Honourable mention: Evie

Presentation award: Atharv

Students who have received Gold and Silver medals in Years 5 and 6 were then invited to progress to the State Finals, which took place on Saturday 5th September.

The State Final is one of the largest German-speaking events for students in Victoria, and involves 14 Regional Networks. 2020 was the first year that the event was held entirely online. Our school was lucky enough to have two Year 6 students represent not only Amsleigh PS, but the entire North-East Monash Metro Network. We are very proud to announce that both students won an award on the day!

Congratulations to:

Swarit – 1st Place, Year 6

Yaani – 3rd Place, Year 6

Congratulations and thank-you to Swarit and Yaani for their commitment and hard work, and to their parents for the support they offered. It is a testament to the Amsleigh Park community that even during these challenging times, our students are still engaging in extra-curricular activities.

Vielen Dank und Herzlichen Glückwünsche!

Frau Salles

Remote Learning Survey – Term 3

Many thanks to our families for taking the time to complete our survey about remote learning for Term 3. The information is very useful in evaluating our remote learning program. We thought you might be interested in the results of the survey.

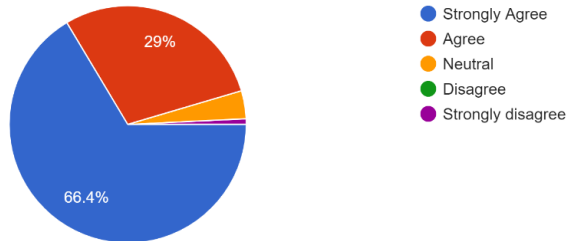
We are really pleased to see such positive results, which indicate that overall we have been successful in what is a very difficult situation. Our teachers and support staff have worked extremely hard all throughout term 3, making every effort to deliver meaningful learning experiences. We have also worked to support each and every student, both in learning and wellbeing. It's been very challenging at times, and we haven't always got it right, but the level of care has always been 100%.

What is reinforced so clearly is the importance of working in partnership with parents. When came to the level of support required from parents, we can see that many students needed a lot of support in their learning. I would acknowledge that parents have played a pivotal role in this, and without this support there is no doubt the results would be very different. It can be hard to see learning progression on a daily basis, but I can tell you that your children will have continued to learn and progress. I am confident we will see this as children return to school and teachers assess their progress.

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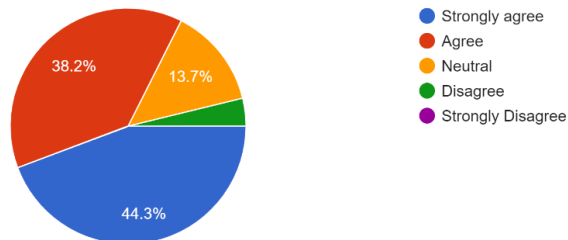
I received clear communication from Amsleigh Park primary school about the remote learning arrangements for Term 3.

131 responses



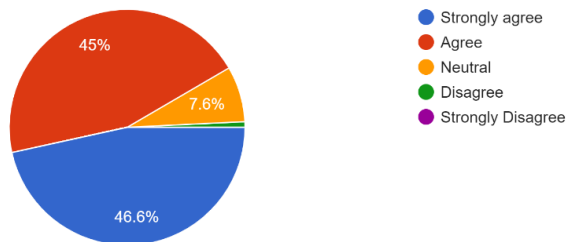
The amount of school work being provided through remote learning in Term 3 is enough for my child.

131 responses



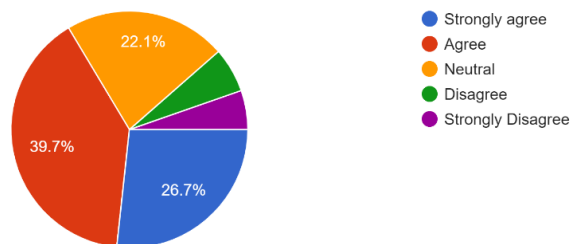
The instructional videos make learning easier to understand.

131 responses



Over, my child is more engaged in their learning in Term 3 when compared to Term 2.

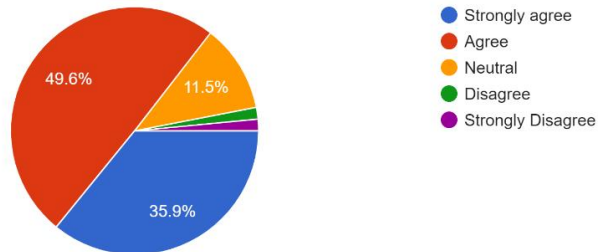
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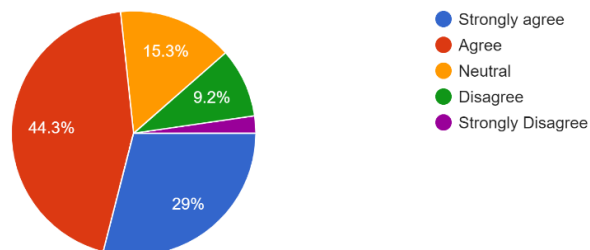
My child is receiving enough wellbeing support from their classroom teacher.

131 responses



The number of WebEx meetings each week is enough meets my child's needs.

131 responses



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OPENING HOURS – TERM 3 2020

Orders for new Uniform items can be emailed to the school. Please download & complete a copy of our uniform shop order form. Note that the only payment method available is credit/debit card.

Once orders are filled, you will be notified in regards to collection. In the event of incorrect sizing, please return unworn items/s with tags intact, together with a note that includes the child's name, grade and the correct size required.

A copy of the approved uniform list/order form is available on our website www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au

Libby Jumas
Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator



SUMMER ITEMS

ITEM	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	\$ 8.00 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



CommonwealthBank

Student Banking

Every Wednesday

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

Message from Commonwealth Bank;

The School Banking program will remain on hold until the normal operating rhythm of schools resumes.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

- [Start Smart](#): these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills, and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.
- [The Beanstalk](#): offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.

Learn music Online

Creative Music for Schools is still serving the students of Amsleigh Park Primary School with instrumental music lessons. However we have moved our lesson delivery online until circumstances allow us to resume lessons at school.

Learn to play drums,

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.

Online lesson costs are substantially reduced and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4.

Interested parents should email Melissa on melissa@creativemusic.com.au

