



DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Mon 12 – Week 2

ALL students return to on site learning

Wed 14 – Prep 2021 Parent Info Night
via Video Conference

NOVEMBER

Tues 3 – MELBOURNE CUP DAY
(Public Holiday – No School)

Wed 25 – 2021 Prep Transition Session 1

**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:

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AVAILABLE ON
OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

Principal's Report

The Excitement is Building

I'm sure everyone is excited but impatient for Monday to roll around. I can tell you it will bring us all great joy to welcome our students back to Amsleigh Park. I'm expecting a feeling similar to the one I get at the start of each year, as students enter our grounds with happy smiles and excitement. Our students are the reason we chose to be educators, they give us a purpose and provide us with great motivation to help them be successful. So, just as they will return with the anticipation of seeing friends and enjoying the fun and familiarity of school life, we will be back into the classroom and the core business of face to face teaching that we know and enjoy so much.



For the next little while our focus has been sharpened to include three State-wide priorities that include; **mental health & wellbeing, learning and transition**. Across this week we have been working on translating these priorities into actions. We now have a clear plan for what we need to do, and it starts from Monday, as we start to support our students to adjust back into the routines of school life.

Re-establishing a happy and productive classroom environment, rebuilding learning stamina and motivation and rekindling friendships are all vital in those first few days. We expect students will need time to adjust as they get back into routine, but we expect that most students will bounce back well. Our teachers and support staff will be observing and noting student wellbeing, and where needed, we'll work with parents to further support those students who need it. As we get the routines in place, we will increasingly turn our attention to learning. Remote learning enabled us to maintain continuity, and we'll be observing and assessing the progress made during this time to establish what needs further consolidation. During Term 4 we will be increasing the amount of time we spend on teaching Literacy and Numeracy, making sure that this year's curriculum in these core subjects is covered thoroughly. In doing this we are confident that we can support students to meet the expected standard for their year level. Of course, there will still be our specialist programs and other learning as well, but Literacy and Numeracy will be the priority.

Term 4 is a key time for transitions, and this will come into focus in the second half of the term. We will be supporting our students to prepare to move up a year level, handing over information from teacher to teacher and planning for the continuity of learning. We have planned for our pre-schoolers to attend four orientation sessions as they begin to prepare to move to primary school, and at the other end, our Grade 6s will prepare for the move to Year 7.

We understand that some parents may feel worried about the loss of face to face schooling, and by prioritising these three areas, we are confident we can make a significant difference to each child's learning. Please be assured that we are determined to make this a success, and look forward to your support. Please read over our list of FAQs included with this newsletter to get more specific information about other aspects of our return to school.

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

Planning for a COVID Safe Community

By now we are all accustomed to the many rules that must be followed in the interests of having a COVID safe community. We all share this responsibility, and as a school there are a number of important actions we must undertake.

1. If a student or staff member is unwell they should not attend school at all. Anyone with cold/flu symptoms needs to stay home until the symptoms are completely gone. There can be no exceptions to this.
2. Our students and staff will undertake regular hand washing/sanitising, up to 5-6+ times per day. This includes when they arrive at school, before eating and after play times.
3. Children are not required to wear masks at school, although they may do so at the discretion of their parents. Staff are not required to wear masks while working in the classroom, but must wear masks at all other times. Parents must wear masks whilst travelling to and from school, according to the directions from the CHO.
4. Social distancing between adults is vital, and our staff will be practising this routinely. Parents also need to social distance in and around our school fence lines, and we ask respectfully that parents do not congregate in groups.

Many thanks in advance for supporting our COVID safe plan, and helping make Amsleigh Park PS a COVID safe community.

Term 4 is Sun Smart

As you get the uniforms out once again make sure you locate your child's school hat. As UV levels are now increasing we expect that all children will wear a hat when outdoors. If you happen to need a new hat they can be ordered from the uniform shop. Please email the school or contact the office to place an order and we'll make sure the kids get their hats ASAP. Please note that a peaked hat does not meet the criteria for Sunsmart, and the hat must protect the face, ears and back of neck. Sunscreen can be worn at school, and children need to have a personal supply.



Staying in our Bubbles

Over the coming weeks you might hear your child/ren talk about being in their class bubble. The term 'bubble' is being used to help children understand the need to minimise interactions between classes when children are indoors. So, until there is a change in the advice from the Chief Health Officer (CHO), we are going to keep children to their own classrooms as much as possible. It's not that the risk is that high, but in the unlikely event we do have an infection, then the contacts are greatly reduced.

When children are outside for recess, lunch or sports they are not required to stay in their class bubble. It is both impracticable and unnecessary, as being outdoors is a low risk activity for infection, and let's face it kids need to play.

The use of the bubble complements all of our other strategies, such as hand washing, and together form a common sense set routine for everyone to follow.

Xuno is Coming

During Term 3 we undertook some important investigation of a number of software packages that schools can use to manage different aspects of school life. For example, having online permission and payments for excursions, daily roll marking, writing reports and communicating with parents. After an extensive process we have selected Xuno, which offers many great features. During Term 4 we will be undertaking professional learning so we are ready to introduce the package in 2021.

One of the most important considerations during our selection process was having a special Parent App that we can use to communicate with our community on a day to day basis. The App will also allow for notifying of a child's absence from school, giving permission for excursions, making payments and receiving student reports. It will be very easy to use, and accessible from all platforms including IOS, Android, PC, phone and tablet. Many schools are successfully using XUNO already, and give it a big thumbs up. Stay tuned for more about this as the Term progresses.

The logo for XUNO, featuring the word 'XUNO' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on a blue rectangular background.

And finally...

I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone next week. Until then stay safe, stay connected and stay well.

Michael Cormick

PRINCIPAL

Return to School FAQs

Understandably, as we move into the new COVID-normal, things will look and be very different from our normal school routines.

When do students return?

Prep to Grade 6s return on Monday 12th October, 2020.

Are parents allowed on our school site?

The short answer is a respectful 'no.' The normal friendly and welcoming atmosphere at Amsleigh Park needs to be different for now. The Department of Education and Training (DET) have instructed schools to be extremely careful with this, and parents must drop off children without coming onto the main school site. Our staff will be there to welcome students and help get them to class as needed.

What if I need to speak to my child's teacher?

We understand this is important, and teachers will be contactable via email or phone. If the message is urgent please call the office, and the message will be passed on.

Can I go to the School Office?

Whilst we are in current restrictions in Victoria, the office will not be accessible as it would normally be. There will be a small number of exceptions, for example, picking up a sick child.

My child only has a little 'Sniffle' can they still come to school?

In the past children have sometimes attended school with a 'slight cold' or not feeling 100%. DET has provided clear advice to schools and the community. Any child or staff member who is ill, no matter how minor it seems, should not come to school until they are completely well. Parents should also seek medical advice as required. There is no room for any school to make exceptions about this; it's in everyone's best interests.

What happens if my child becomes unwell during the school day?

Just as per normal, any child who becomes unwell will be sent over to the sick bay, and parents contacted to pick up. If a child presents with a runny nose or cough (cold/flu symptoms), they will also be sent over the sick bay, and parents contacted for pick up.

Can children use the play equipment or share toys or sports equipment?

Yes, children will be able to access our adventure play equipment, but of course it will be important that they wash their hands after doing so. It's a similar story with sports equipment and other items used in play.

What steps will the school take to encourage 'hygiene' especially hand washing?

As we know hand washing is one of the single most important things we can do to prevent the spread of any virus, especially COVID-19. Students will be required to wash their hands at routine times every day including, when they first go to class, before eating, after recess and lunch playtimes and any other time we feel it is necessary. Parents can support this by reinforcing the proper '20 second' approach to washing hands before kids return to school.

Will students also use hand Sanitiser?

Yes, we will also use hand sanitiser when hand washing is not possible. Each classroom will have its own supply of sanitiser.

Can I keep my child at home even if their class has returned?

DET have made it clear that parents have the right to keep children at home if they want to. However, it will not be possible for the learning at home program to continue, as teachers will need to devote their time to planning and preparing for learning at school.

What if my child has a medical reason for not returning to school?

Please contact us if you believe this circumstance applies to you, so we can develop a plan for your child.

Can students use the drink taps (bubblers)?

This is a definite 'no' and all students will need to have a named drink bottle with them at school every day. They can take them into the yard at play time and have them in class.

Will we have Monday Assembly?

Unfortunately, having our normal Monday assembly is not possible under the current restrictions, and it may not be for some time. We are planning to run a trial of having assembly on Friday afternoon via video conference. Parents will be invited to attend.

How about excursions and camps?

DET have currently informed us that we are not able to go on excursions or camps until further notice.

Will students be undertaking extra homework?

No, this is not the plan initially, as it will be important that students build their learning stamina at school first. As the term progresses we will provide home learning that is achievable. Reading every night is still a priority, and this should be maintained right from Monday.

What about some of the community events we normally expect in Term 4?

At this stage we are not sure if we will be able to run any large community events during 2020, as it will depend on the advice from the CHO. For some vitally important events such as, Grade 6 Graduation, we will definitely have a celebration that acknowledges this moment.

Can I send birthday treats to school?

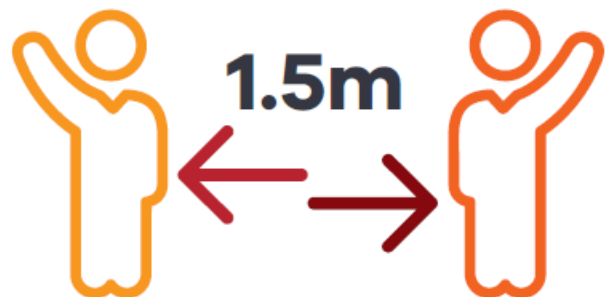
At this stage we can only have wrapped items, so a small chocolate or similar works well. Please ensure there are no items that have nuts thanks.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

If you are unwell, please stay at home.

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults. Please follow these physical distancing measures:

- avoid gathering in a group inside or around the school
- keep 1.5m between yourself and other adults



- avoid handshakes and hugs
- wash your hands regularly.



THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ



Welcome Back!!

I'm so excited to welcome our school community back to onsite learning next week! I greatly look forward to catching up with students and working with families to support our students to have a great term 4.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

As our students return to school next week, we can't wait to get back into the tangible acknowledgement system as part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support implementation. All staff will be using tokens to acknowledge students who are demonstrating our expected behaviours and school values. The tokens are colour coded to the school value the child was displaying:



Blue – Respect Red - Motivation
Yellow- Inclusion Green – Resilience

As previously, students will collect their tokens in their classroom and then once a week, students deposit their tokens into the whole school reward boxes of their choice! I can't wait to see which reward we achieve first!

To support this at home, you could ask your child about the tokens they have earned this week and what values they were acknowledged for.

Our SWPBS Value focus next week is Motivation, focussing on the behaviours 'I participate positively', 'I engage in learning' and 'I try my best'.

Thanks for your support in creating a positive school environment for our community.



Victorian Government High Ability Program

The Victorian Government has funded an Excellence Program, The Victorian High-Ability Program. This will provide up to 48,000 high-ability students in Years 5 to 8 (Year 5-6 at Amsleigh Park) at government schools the opportunity to participate in a 10-week online extension and enrichment program, in English and mathematics.

The virtual program, delivered by Virtual School Victoria, will focus on extending and developing students' mathematic and English abilities. After completing the virtual program, students will participate in a face-to-face masterclass with other high-ability students from schools in our local area (pending Covid restrictions).

The Department of Education has centrally managed the selection process for the program based on students' academic performance. The students at Amsleigh Park who are participating in this program have commenced their first classes this week and have enjoyed meeting high ability students from other schools and their teacher from Virtual School Victoria. Congratulations to the students who have been selected to be in the inaugural cohort of this program.

Introducing 'The Resilience Project'

We are very excited to announce that the Resilience Project is coming to Amsleigh Park in 2021!



As you know, resilience is one of our school values at Amsleigh Park, as well as being a state-wide education target, 'building healthy, happy, resilient kids'. Often we are approached by parents in our community, looking for advice on helping to build their child's resilience and it is also something we actively work on at school. Next year we are partnering with the Resilience Project, to help support the positive mental health of our students, staff and parent community.

The Resilience Project delivers emotionally engaging programs to schools, providing practical, evidence-based mental health strategies to build resilience and happiness. Some of our families may already be familiar with their work, or have attended one of The Resilience Project's public presentations in the past.

Through student, staff and parent presentations, school curriculum, the TRP App, and Wellbeing Journals, they share the benefits of Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness, and easy ways to practise these in everyday life. They also incorporate Emotional Literacy, Connection and Physical Health education and activities as they are foundational contributors to positive mental health. Their mission is to teach positive mental health strategies to help people become happier.

There will be more information coming soon about our work with The Resilience Program in 2021, but in the meantime you can jump on their website <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/> to find out some more information and access some of their ideas for building positive mental health at home within your family.

Lunch Orders



Our lunch order provider, Classroom Cuisine will resume lunch order service as of next Wednesday 14th October.

As previously, please access their website <https://classroomcuisine.com.au/> to place an order **(before 8:30am)**. The team at Classroom Cuisine will be offering a slightly reduced menu for now, to allow for a Covid Safe workplace for their employees, with gloves, temperature checks and masks in place. They have completed a Covid Safe plan in accordance with the mandated guidelines from DHHS.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) –Important changes for 2020 only

- The final eligibility date for CSEF in 2020 has been extended from 14 April until 5 October 2020.
- Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

Parents who became eligible from April 15 to October 5 can now apply for 50 per cent of the standard per student rates. Parents who claimed the 2020 CSEF in Term 1 or 2 should not apply again.

If you now have an eligible Centrelink pension or Health Care Card and would like to apply for CSEF, please contact the general office for an application form. A copy of your eligible card will be required together with the completed claim form. Please submit any applications before October 30, 2020.

If you have any queries, please contact the general office.

Thank you

Admin Team



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.

APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Baily Learning & Sporting Centre

OPERATING HOURS - TERM 4 2020

On site counter sales NOT available until further notice

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.

Orders placed before 11am on Tuesdays will be filled that afternoon (for in stock items) and distributed to students. Orders placed after this time will be filled the following Tuesday. Back orders will be filled as soon as stock is available

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

<u>ITEM</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	\$ 8.00 pair
Girls Skort	4 - 16	\$17.50
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

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AMSLEIGH PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL - UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM Effective Term 4, 2020

STUDENT NAME: _____ CLASS: _____ DATE: _____

APPROVED ITEM	COLOUR	\$ PRICE INC. GST	SIZE 4 QTY	SIZE 6 QTY	SIZE 8 QTY	SIZE 10 QTY	SIZE 12 QTY	SIZE 14 QTY	SIZE 16 QTY	TOTAL COST \$ (INC GST)	Office Use ✓ Date Supplied
Short Sleeve <u>SSP</u> Panelled Polo (New)	Navy/ Emerald	\$26.00									
Long Sleeve <u>LSP</u> Panelled Polo	Navy/ Emerald	\$28.00									
Surf T-shirt <u>STS</u> (No Collar)	Navy	\$15.00									
Windcheater <u>WC</u> Size 6 -14 Size 16	Navy	\$24.00 \$28.00									
Bomber Jacket <u>BJ</u> Size 4-14 Size 16	Navy/ Emerald	\$37.00 \$42.00									
Shorts –Cotton <u>CRS</u> Rugby (Unisex)	Navy	\$15.00									
Shorts- Gabardine Zip Pocket <u>GS</u>	Navy	\$17.00									
Track Pants <u>TPDK</u> Double Knee Size 4-14 Size 16	Navy	\$23.50 \$27.00									
Track Pants <u>TPSL</u> Straight Leg Size 4-14 Size 16	Navy	\$23.50 \$27.00									
Girls Pants Straight Leg <u>SLP</u> Viscose/Nylon/Elastine	Navy	\$22.00									
Girls Skort Gab <u>SKT</u>	Navy	\$17.50									
Girls Skort Cotton	Navy										
Summer Dress <u>SD</u>	Navy & White	\$23.00									
* Bike Shorts Cotton/Lycra <u>BS</u>	Navy	\$12.00									
* BoyLeg Briefs <u>BLB</u> Twin Pack	Navy	\$8.00	Size 4 - 6		Size 8 - 10		Size 12 - 14				
* Bike Shorts & Boy Leg briefs are to be worn only UNDER school dress			Total From Over Page							\$	
			TOTAL ORDER							\$	
Office Use Only Receipt # Cash / Cheque / Credit Card / EFT \$ Office Use											

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT Student Name & Grade _____
MasterCard or Visa only DO NOT COMPLETE FOR A DEBIT / EFTPOS CARD - TAKE CARD TO GENERAL OFFICE FIRST FOR PROCESSING

Cardholders Name: _____ Card Expiry Date: ____/____/____

TOTAL \$ _____ Cardholder Signature: _____ FOR: UNIFORM PURCHASE

Cardholder Contact Phone Number: _____

Card No:

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APPS UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM

Effective Term 4, 2020

ITEM	COLOUR	PRICE INC GST	SIZE		QUANTITY		TOTAL \$ (INC GST)	Office Use ✓ Date Supplied
School Bag <u>SBAG</u>	Navy	\$34.00						
Art Smock <u>AS</u> Small Medium Large X-Large	Navy OR Emerald	\$15.00			Navy	Emerald		
Book Bag <u>BB</u>	Navy	\$8.00						
Slouch Hat <u>HAT</u> (Tick size req'd)	Navy	\$10.00	SMALL	MED	LGE	XL		
Gloves – <u>G</u> Small or Medium	Navy	\$5.00	SMALL or MEDIUM		SMALL	MEDIUM		
Winter Tights <u>WT</u> Sizes 3-5, 7-9, 10-12	Navy	\$7.00						
Beanie <u>B</u> Child / Adult	Navy _____	\$5.00 ea _____	Child / Adult _____		CHILD	ADULT		
Scarf - one size <u>S</u>	Navy	\$5.00 ea	One size					
** Raincoat <u>RC</u> Sizes available: 4/6, 8/10, 12/14, S/M = 16/18 Adult	Navy	\$34.00						
- ** RAINCOATS NOT CARRIED IN REGULAR STOCK BUT ARE AVAILABLE BY SPECIAL ORDER								
					TOTAL THIS PAGE \$ _____			

DUE TO COVID 19 – THE UNIFORM SHOP IS NOT CURRENTLY OPEN FOR COUNTER SALES

Please email all orders to amsleigh.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au

ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE
www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au

Payment by credit/debit card only

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS ORDER FORM AS PER THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write child's name, grade and date of order at top of page.
2. Indicate quantity of items required per size and total cost for each item.
3. Scan and email this completed form to the general office – amsleigh.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au or send an email directly to the school with your details, the items required and credit card details.
4. Uniform items and will be sent home with your child, orders are usually completed within one week (excepting unavoidable delays from the supplier). Any items not available at time of order will be placed on back order provided as soon as possible.



Talking Teens

A Parents Building Solutions Program

Do you want to:

- Improve your relationship with your teenager?
- Improve communication with your teen and resolve family disputes?
- Understand why young people behave the way they do?
- Learn effective ways to deal with anger and anxiety - both yours and theirs

Join us online to learn strategies and take some time out for you.

13, 20, 27 Oct & 10, 17, 24 Nov 2020

Program runs across 6 sessions

Time:

7.00 pm - 8.30 pm

Where:

Online via Zoom

Cost:

Free of charge for parents and carers in Melbourne's Eastern Region.

Bookings:

Laurie on 0488 501 204 or
laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au

PARENTZONE



Health
and Human
Services



Emotion Focused Parenting

A Parents Building Solutions Program

Would you like tips and strategies to:

- Better understand and talk with your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions and deal with conflict?
- Manage challenging behaviours?
- Parent anxious children?

Children with emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Show improved concentration at school
- Have fewer illnesses

When:

Wednesdays (6 evening sessions)
Oct 21st to Nov 25th 2020
7.00pm - 9.00pm

Where:

Online - Via Zoom

Cost:

Free of charge for parents in the Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne (Bookings essential)

Bookings:

Julia at ParentZone on 9721 3629 or 0400 866 495

PARENTZONE



Calm Parents Happy Kids

**A Parents Building Solutions Program for
Parents of Children aged 2 to 12 years**

Do you want to:

- Learn ways to deal with anger and anxiety in your children and in yourself?
- Improve communication and relationships with your children?
- Discover strategies to manage challenging behaviour?
- Take care of your own emotional wellbeing and resilience?

Join us for 6 online sessions, learn valuable strategies, whilst taking some time out for you!

When: Thursday evenings (6 weekly sessions) 15th Oct to 19th Nov 2020

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Where: Online via Zoom

Cost: Free of charge for parents and carers in Melbourne's Eastern Region.

Bookings: Contact Sharon 0438 683 049
sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

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