



DIARY DATES

MARCH

Thurs 18th – Grad 3/4 Excursion -
Melbourne Museum
Prep Pizza Night – 5:00pm-6:00pm

Fri 19th – 5/6 Sport Gala Day
G1/2 Around the World Incursion

Mon 22nd – Thurs 1st April – Whole
School Swimming Program

APRIL

Thursday 1st April – Last Day Term 1
Finish at 3.30pm due to swimming

Mon 19th – Term 2 Commences

WEDNESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS
@ APPS

DUE BY DATES:

MARCH

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

Principal's Report

School Council Executive

Our school council have now elected executive positions for 2021. Thank you very much to the following parents who are fulfilling executive roles on our School Council.

School Council President – Ana Meyborg

School Council Vice President – Kylie Champion

School Council Treasurer – Steve Ikin

We greatly appreciate your valued contribution to our School Council, and volunteering on behalf of all parents in our community to perform this role.

XUNO Messaging

I'm pleased to say that we will now be using push notifications in XUNO to communicate with parents. This feature in XUNO allows parents to receive a message to the lock screen on their phone in much the same way as it did with Flexi-Buzz. **In order to receive a notification in this way the phone settings must be set to allow notifications.** Please note there are no settings for this in the actual XUNO Family App, it must be done through your phone settings. For iPhones, you scroll down through settings, find the XUNO family App, click on it and choose to allow notifications. If you are having difficulty please let us know and we should be able to help. We will use this messaging to send out community reminders, and other messages that we want to get out to parents quickly. We will try to keep these messages to a reasonable level, so you are not constantly receiving messages via XUNO all the time.

Swimming Next week

On Monday 22nd March 2021 our students will commence the annual intensive swimming program for 2021. This year we have excellent participation with nearly 90% of children going along. After we missed swimming in 2020 it's more important than ever that our students keep up their swimming skills. Learning to swim is a vital life skill for all children and helps to make them safer when involved in water based activities.

Our program, provided by the Doug Ellis Pool at Monash University, is an excellent opportunity for children to further develop their water safety skills. I want to thank our teachers and parents in advance for assisting with this important learning program.

Due to COVID safe arrangements there are no spectators allowed at the pool in 2021. Only parents who are rostered on to help the class are allowed to attend this year. We hope you understand the need to adhere to the pool's COVID safe Plan.

Don't forget your togs, towel and googles next Monday!

Prep Enrolments for 2020

School tours have commenced for Prep 2022 and we have already started taking enrolments. If anyone has a child in pre-school please encourage other families to come along for a tour of our school, as positive 'word of mouth' is always the best marketing tool. Anyone with a child starting school in 2022 should come in and collect an enrolment form, as it's very helpful to get an idea of how many siblings we will have next year as soon as possible. We have space for no more than 3 prep classes in 2022, so please get your enrolment in early.



Naming the new school garden

Last year we were fortunate to have a wonderful garden constructed through an inclusive schools grant of \$200,000. This space has lots of options for students to enjoy some cooperative play or quiet time. At our last School Council meeting we discussed the naming of this garden area, and have decided to ask the Amsleigh Park PS school community for ideas.

One idea was to name it after a previous Principal, Mr Brian Kent, who undertook the merger between Amstel PS and Oakleigh East PS in 1994. Brian Kent brought the schools together and the old central hall located in the junior school building was named after him. It was also pointed out that we could still honour Brian Kent with a Plaque that is placed in the space, without naming the garden after him necessarily.

Another idea was to find a link to some of the things that are important to Amsleigh Park, such as showing gratitude, i.e. The Gratitude Garden. We already have the 'Friendship Garden', so maybe this could complement this idea.

What do you think? We are looking for some inspiration from our school community. We are opening up this to any school family who has a suggestion. Send them in to us along with a couple of reasons why you think it's a great choice. The school council will look at the choices and find an appropriate process to decide on one. Please send in your ideas to:

amsleigh.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au with School Garden in the subject heading. You have until the end of Term 1 to submit your ideas.



Cyber-Safety

Every year we become aware of situations involving both our students and other young children who are exposed to graphic content via the Internet. This is a concern Australia wide and we even have an e-Safety Commissioner who is tasked with promoting safe use of online spaces. You might think that this kind of thing is not going to happen to primary school kids, but unfortunately this is just not the case. It can be as easy as just Google searching the wrong word.

Students in senior primary school, who use the internet with increasing frequency, need to be monitored very carefully and understand the risks. Chat services are especially risky, as there are predators who are known to use such services to try and groom children. It's a very scary situation, and I have seen the impact this can have on children and families.

The eSafety Commission has numerous resources for parents to access to learn more about the risks. Here's a link that might be useful.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/are-they-old-enough>

It's well worth spending some time having a look at such resources, and could assist you in helping your child to stay safe when online.

Open Morning - Promotional Real Estate Boards

We are hoping to undertake some increased promotion of our school in 2021 to further build our profile in the local community. If anyone has a street frontage on Ferntree Gully Road, and you would be willing to have a promotional board up for 6-8 weeks, please let us know. Our quiet suburban location is a great advantage most of the time, but it does mean we are very hidden away. Sometimes families are not even aware that a primary school is located in Oakleigh East.

Grade 3/4s love the Museum

I was thrilled to hear that our Grade 3/4s had a wonderful day at the Melbourne Museum this week. The teachers report that everyone represented Amsleigh Park PS exceptionally well, and demonstrated our school values. Visiting the museum is a wonderful learning experience for children, and it's great to be able to go outside the school once again on an excursion. Nice work Amsleigh Park!

Until next time,

Michael Cormick

PRINCIPAL



Bec's Bulletin...

Road Safety

Although I put a reminder in the last newsletter, I will again remind our community of the importance of road safety around schools. Please reinforce road safety with your children by crossing at the school crossings and sticking to pedestrian areas of the school. Again, we've seen many families this week enter the school via Oakleigh Street and walk through the staff car-park. This is an out of bounds area to ensure our school community's safety and we ask the community to please walk around the carpark sticking to the marked pedestrian areas. Also, a reminder to please slow down when driving around the school and stick to the 40km/h speed limits during school pick up and drop off time. Thank you for your support with this matter.



Resilience Project

We have been practising GEM (Gratitude, Empathy, and Mindfulness) at school and as part of our work with The Resilience Project, we are encouraging families to explore this at home, for the benefits of everyone's mental health. The Resilience Project have provided the information below, with some ideas of how to

incorporate the practice of GEM at home.

Implementing GEM Chat at home – Gratitude Questions:

These daily questions have been developed to help families practise the GEM principles. They are a great way to facilitate positive conversations as your family shares a meal in the morning or evening, or another time that works best for your family.

Check out some great GEM CHAT questions here:

- What were three things that went well for you today?
- Who is someone you feel really grateful for today? Tell us why.
- What is it about our home that makes it our home/special family place?
- What is something you are looking forward to tomorrow?

Want to look further into the benefits of **Gratitude**? Follow this link: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/au/basics/gratitude>



STEM project: New School Vertical Garden!

Miss Hayes has put out an important request to our school community. We are designing a new vertical garden for our school! Our aim is to make Amsleigh Park a sustainable, extraordinary, significant place!

Supplies Needed!

If it is possible, please bring in the following items: **recycled 1.25 or 2L plastic bottles**, **small plastic garden pots** and succulent/herb cuttings. You can drop them into the STEM room.

What are the benefits?

The benefits of having a cool, fresh, green garden are that you get an opportunity to learn about plants and how to grow them. It provides us with a sense of responsibility by respecting our environment and looking after the nature around us. As a bonus, we can keep the temperature down by creating shade and removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Additional Help Needed!

We are also aiming to grow succulents out of the letters, APPS. If you have the skills and the time to make a letter (or 4) out of timber and chicken wire, we would love to fill them with astonishing, colourful and beautiful succulents and display them in the school. If you could do this, please let Miss Hayes know so that materials and dimensions can be confirmed.



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE...

Family Account Information

Each time a new fee is processed to family accounts, (swimming, camp, etc) a statement will be sent home via email. You may notice two different types of credit notes listed on your statement. Regular credit notes can be applied to any outstanding invoices, including outstanding 2021 Essential Education Item fees. CSEF credit notes can only be allocated to invoices relating to camps, sports, excursions etc. All credit notes are shown with a negative symbol, -\$10.00. There may also be an unallocated receipt amount, this is also shown as a negative. These unallocated receipts are a result of a payment being made without the relevant paperwork handed in to notify us of what is being paid for.

2021 Fees & Charges – Please carefully check if you have a credit /unallocated receipt amount on your family account that could be used to offset any outstanding fees. Please adjust your payment accordingly to avoid further overpayments.

BPay is the preferred method of payment, followed by credit/debit card.

If you have any queries regarding your family account, please contact the office.

A reminder to please complete page 5 & 6 of the 2021 Parent Payment information form and return to the general office. **We need a Parent Payment form returned from every family to assist with the receipt allocation.** We cannot assume which fees are being paid by families when a payment comes through from BPay and this is why we ask for the paperwork to be returned when payments are made.

2021 Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) – Eligible families can now claim the 2021 CSEF allowance. New families to the school who hold an eligible Centrelink pension or health care card should collect an application form from the office. We are required to sight and make a copy of your eligible card. Existing families who did not claim last year and have recently become eligible should also collect an application form from the school office.

Families who claimed last year through our school do not need to complete an application form, the CSEF system uploads details from last year and will advise us if families are no longer eligible.

Thank you,

Karen Hogan
Business Manager



2021 Term Dates

Term 1 - Thursday 28th January - Thursday 1st April

Term 2 – Monday 19th April – Friday 25th June

Term 3 – Monday 12th July – Friday 17th September

Term 4 – Monday 4th October – Friday 17th December

APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Baily Learning & Sporting Centre

OPERATING HOURS - TERM 1 2021

Monday morning - 8:45am - 9:30am
Tuesday afternoon - 3:00pm - 3:45pm

For counter sales, please pay first at the general office - credit card /eftpos payments preferred. Note that we do not offer "Tap" payments.

Emailed orders for new Uniform items are still accepted and encouraged. Please download & complete a copy of our uniform shop order form and send to amsleigh.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au
Any 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 current 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 - Cotton or Gab	4 - 16	\$17.50 each
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
* Worn UNDER school dress only		

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APPS UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM Effective Term 1, 2021

ITEM	COLOUR	PRICE INC GST	SIZE		QUANTITY		TOTAL \$ (INC GST)	Office Use ✓ Date Supplied
School Bag <u>SBAG</u>	Navy	\$35.00						
Art Smock <u>AS</u> Small Medium Large X-Large	Navy OR Emerald	\$15.00			Navy	Emerald		
Book Bag <u>BB</u> <i>Not required for Preps</i>	Navy	\$8.00						
Slouch Hat <u>HAT</u> (Tick size req'd)	Navy	\$10.00	SMALL 55cm	MED 57cm	LGE 59cm	XL 61cm		
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					
All items have been approved by Amsleigh Park Primary School Council – see Uniform Policy for further information.								
						TOTAL THIS PAGE \$ _____		

The uniform shop is located in the foyer of the Thelma Bailey Learning & Sporting Centre (Gym)

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS – Term 1 2021

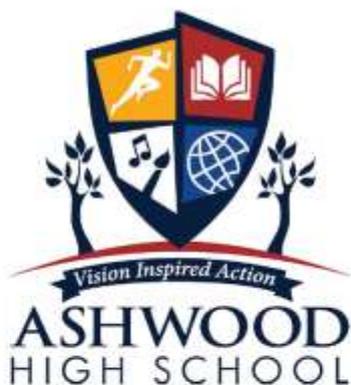
Monday morning – 8:45am – 9:30am
Tuesday afternoon – 3:00pm – 3:45pm

**Credit / Eftpos/Debit card payments must be made at the General Office
prior to collecting uniform items.**

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

IF YOU DON'T NEED TO ATTEND THE UNIFORM SHOP IN PERSON DURING OPERATING HOURS, PLEASE PLACE AN ORDER AS PER THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

- Write child's name, grade and date of order at top of order form.
- Indicate quantity of items required per size and total cost for each item.
- Scan (PDF) and email this completed form to amsleigh.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au OR send an email directly to the school with your details, student name and grade, the items required and credit card details. Completed forms can also be dropped in to the General Office.
- Order will be processed and 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 and provided as soon as possible.



Congratulating Amsleigh Park Primary School's Class of 2020

Congratulations to Rylee Cherry and Lilly Dequito from Amsleigh Park's 'Class of 2020'.

Rylee and Lilly joined Ashwood High School's approved SEAL program- Accelerated Curriculum & Enrichment (ACE) Program in 2021. Rylee was also awarded the Ashwood High School Performing Arts Scholarship.

Ashwood High School welcomes Grade 6 Amsleigh Park students to apply for ACE in 2022. Please apply before Monday 10 May 2021 online at <https://aus.edutest.com.au/D/?t=6ZF9HOQ9>



The Accelerated Curriculum and Enrichment (ACE) Program is an approved SEAL Program designed to cater for the special educational needs of high ability students.

Applications are now open for Year 7 in 2022.

Please register your interest at www.ashwood.vic.edu.au and note the following important dates:

ACE Information Session	Wednesday 28 April 2021
Round 1 Expression of Interest	by Monday 10 May 2021
ACE Testing Round 1	Saturday 15 May 2021
ACE Testing Round 2	October 2021
Year 7 2021 Information Night	Monday 6 December 2021
Year 7 2021 Orientation Day	Tuesday 7 December 2021

Join our Year 7 ACE Class in 2022
Register before Monday 10 May 2021

Take a tour or
join us for
Open Day!

Ashwood High School
Vannam Drive, Ashwood 3147
9807 1333
www.ashwood.vic.edu.au

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN
*Academic *Sporting Excellence *Instrumental Music
*Performing Arts *Leadership & Community Spirit
APPLY ONLINE: www.ashwood.vic.edu.au

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 **VISION INSPIRED ACTION**



**Ashwood Revealed
OPEN DAY & NIGHT**
Wednesday 28 April 2021
Book online www.ashwood.vic.edu.au

Tours & Information Sessions:

9:15am	School Tour
10:15am	Principal's Address
11:30am	School Tour
5:00pm	School Tour
5:30pm	School Tour
6:00pm	School Tour
6:20pm	School Tour
7:00 pm	Principal's Address

CLARINDA TENNIS CLUB COMMUNITY TENNIS OPEN DAY

Sponsored by @VicHealth Reimagining Health

10am - 3pm
3rd Sunday of the month



The next one is on 21st March
April 18th, May 16th, June 20th, July 18th

At Clarinda Tennis Club, 4-14 Crawford Road Clarinda

- Free coaching tips - Fun & Games - Bring the Family - All ages welcome
 - All equipment provided - Fruit & Cordial available
- It's all about getting active & healthy

For enquiries & more info contact: 0450 603 826
Email: clarindatc@gmail.com

Learn Drums !

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 \$17.50 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2.

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

 Creative Music

www.creativemusic.com.au





**Each Saturday morning
April 2021 – August 2021**

Oakleigh Auskick commences the 2021 season on
Saturday 24th April and finishes on Saturday 21st August (18 weeks).

The cost for the entire season is \$100.00.

You can register now on line, or any time during the season, at play.afl/auskick.

Each Auskicker receives a backpack including a football and other great footy stuff.
Mementos of the season, in the form of trophies and medals are presented to all Auskickers.

Boys and girls 5-12 years are eligible to participate.
Children must be 5 years of age or turn 5 years in the season.

Venue: Oakleigh South Primary School, Riley Street, South Oakleigh

When: Each Saturday morning

Time: Kinder, Preps & Grade 1 – 9:00am – 10:30am, Grade 2-6 9:00am-11:00am

Experienced coaches oversee the weekly program. Some parental help is required to assist these coaches with the running of the program – no experience is necessary.

For more information, contact the Oakleigh Auskick Coordinator,
Mr Kerry Ryan on 0413 691 885

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MCKINNON
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

BALL with US

JOIN US AT MCKINNON AND START
YOUR BASKETBALL JOURNEY THROUGH
ONE OF OUR PROGRAMS, AND MAKE
FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY!



- Introduction to basketball
- 5-7 years old
- 45 min skill session



- Learn to play basketball!
- 7-10 years old
- 45 min training session with modified gameplay



- Inclusive program for players with physical and intellectual needs
- Basketball skills and fun games



**DOMESTIC
COMPETITION**

- Join a local club and play matches
- 7 years old and above
- 1 training and 1 game per week

To find a team, head to mckinnonbasketball.org/join-a-club



- School Holiday program
- 9-13 years old
- Basketball skills, fun and games!



- Get ready to try-out for the McKinnon Cougars rep program
- 9 years old and above
- 1 training session per week

FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.mckinnonbasketball.org

FOR ENQUIRIES
programs@mckinnonbasketball.org