



DIARY DATES

APRIL

**Thurs 1 April – Last Day Term 1 -
Finish at 3.30pm due to swimming**

Mon 19th – Term 2 Commences

MAY

Fri 14th May – Prep Incursion

Mon 24-Wed 26 – G3/4 Camp

Mon 31 – Fri 4 June – G5/6 Camp

**WEDNESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS
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DUE BY DATES:

APRIL

Wed 21st – Grade 5/6 camp payment

Thurs 22nd – Grade 3/4 camp payment

Wed 28th – Prep incursion

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OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

Principal's Report

Reflections on Term 1

It never ceases to amaze me how quickly time passes in a school year, and here we are all of a sudden at the end of Term 1. It's been a really great term, and I commend all of our staff and students for their hard work.

Reflecting on the term I can say that the Resilience Project was a real highlight, and we are looking forward to teaching and consolidating the key messages of Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM) across the rest of the year. I reread the 'Resilience Project' book by Hugh Van Cuylenburg recently and it's my belief that the messages in his story are so relevant and important to our students. They remind me that we have much to be thankful for, and that we need to remind ourselves about this regularly. In building our sense of gratitude, even despite the adversity that we sometimes face, we can become more resilient and better able to deal with life's challenges.

In Hugh's book he talks about the different people he has met throughout his life, and the way in which these moments caused him to reflect on his attitude towards them. The stories are both engaging, yet sad in parts, but the overwhelming message is his admiration of the gratitude and strength shown by these individuals despite everything they faced, be it severe poverty, disability or mental illness. In the process he realised that he could and should look at the challenges in his own life differently, and in doing so discovered that he was able to build greater resilience.

The Resilience Project was originally created for schools, but it's been taken up all across Australia, including all AFL and NRL clubs, large and small corporations and any organisation looking to help their people to be more resilient. If you can get a hold of the book, it's a good read!

Farewell Helen

After 10 years of working in our wonderful Education Support team, Helen Wright will be retiring at the end of Term 1. Helen has been an integral member of our ES team, and has provided fantastic support to many students and staff over a long period of time. Always a calm and patient person, Helen models great kindness wherever she goes, and the individual students in her care are always thriving and happy in her company. We are sorry to see Helen leave our school and the school system, and she will be greatly missed by her colleagues and students alike. Her contribution to Amsleigh Park has been greatly appreciated and on behalf of everyone in our community I wish her a heartfelt thanks. We wish her every happiness for her retirement.



Swimming Wrap Up

Our annual swimming program concluded today, and was a great success. The feedback back from teachers was that our students were terrific, and engaged very well in the program. I also had the opportunity to talk to the pool coordinator, who complemented me on the way our students had behaved and participated in the program. It's always great to hear this kind of feedback. I would like to congratulate our students on their efforts and hope they have further developed their swimming skills, water safety knowledge and confidence. On behalf of the school I would like to thank our teaching, support staff and parents for supporting the program so well.

The Easter Raffle / Hot Cross Buns

Our sincere thanks for all families who ordered hot cross buns in 2021. They were distributed on Wednesday this week, and we hope you enjoy this delicious Easter treat. Special thanks to Megan Gaskin who did all the organising for the Hot Cross Bun Drive, with support and help from the PFA.

It will be great to once again have our Easter Raffle Draw in 2021. I want to thank our PFA who did all the hard work wrapping up the Easter baskets. With so many prizes on offer there should be lots of happy smiling faces on Thursday afternoon. Many thanks to our families who not only donated the treats, but also purchased raffle tickets. It's one of those great Amsleigh Park PS 'traditions', and we really appreciate the efforts of our PFA and community in bringing it all together.

And look who came to visit the preps and their buddies this week. You guessed it, it was none other than the Easter Bunny spreading holiday cheer. The preps excitement was a delight, and even the big buddies got into the spirit of the event. A big thank you to the Easter Bunny for visiting us this year!

Soccer X is Coming

In Term 2 we are welcoming 'Soccer X' to Amsleigh Park PS who will offer an after-school program. In much the same mould as Kelly Sports, it's simply just another option for families to get their kids involved in sport. There is an Ad in today's Buzz that you can see for further information

A Doggy Dilemma

We have always been welcoming of dogs in and around our school, and I often notice how much joy this brings to our students, staff and other parents. We know that dogs and pets in general are not for everyone, but as long as it's managed carefully and parents are responsible then it's OK. For the record I'm also a dog owner, and I believe in responsible pet ownership, which includes 'picking up' after my dog at all times.

Recently, we have noticed that some dog owners are not practising responsible pet ownership, and are not picking up after their dog. Whilst, we suspect it's the dog walkers using our campus after school and on weekends, I'm reaching out to our community as well. It would be of great disappointment to many local families if we have to have to close off our campus to the local community, we know that it's valued open space, and one of the best spots around to enjoy the fresh air. For the record many schools are locked up out of hours, but we have resisted doing this, as our school is a valuable community asset.

I would also say that it's not the doggie school who use our site on Saturday mornings, as they know as a strict condition of their usage, that all dog training includes being a responsible pet owner.

So, starting with our community first, I'm just reaching out to remind all dog owners to please pick up after their dog/s, and if they see other dog walkers out of hours to pass on this reminder from our school. Alternately, let me know if you see someone not being responsible, and I'll keep an eye out for them, as we certainly don't want any conflict to arise. Thanks in advance for helping us with this dilemma.

FAQs about COVID-19

Can we have indoor assemblies?

The Department of Education have stipulated that assemblies that involve parents or carers can only go ahead if the density limits of 1 person per 2sqM can be met, and this includes students and staff. Unfortunately, this means we cannot have indoor assemblies until the Chief Health Officer removes this requirement. We'll continue to have outdoor assemblies when the weather is fine in Term 2. In the case of bad weather the assembly will move indoors and will be staff and students only. A notification will be made using XUNO in this instance.

Monitoring Online Behaviour during School Holidays

No doubt our students are very much looking forward to their Easter break with their family, and everyone has certainly worked very hard and deserves a good rest. The impending school holidays however, always poses a risk that children will increase their time online, including access to movie content, gaming and/or general internet surfing. This is a time of increased risk in this space and portals such as, You Tube, and social media in general can be difficult to monitor. It might be a good moment to revise your family rules and expectations about the way children use technology, and what they are accessing, and for how long. And remember, it does keep kids busy, so it's easy to ignore the fact they are not spending time outdoors or socialising with friends.



Looking Ahead to Term 2

There's a great deal for our students and staff to look forward to in Term 2. Our Grade 3/4s and 5/6s will both have their annual school camps to Camp Manyung and Camp Kangarooobie respectively. These events are always a great highlight of the school year. In addition, our Preps will head off to Chesterfield Farm, our 1/2s to Scienceworks and our 5/6s to Werribee Zoo, so there's something for everyone. Of course, we'll also have all of the regular learning time and lots of other things happening at school, and that's exactly as it should be in school life. For our mums, dads and carers, we look forward to continuing to welcome you in and around our school. There will be another coffee morning, working bee and a celebration of Education Week that we will love to see you at.



One very important event in Term 2 will be our Open Morning on Saturday 15th May. This event is for prospective families looking for a school for their child, and it's vital that we continue to promote our school in the local community. All families, who have a child is pre-school or Kindergarten are welcome to attend the open morning, lots of staff will be in attendance to talk to, and our students leaders will have a great opportunity to be ambassadors and provide tours. Just to bring some fun to the event for preschool kids we'll also have a jumping castle and a FREE sausage sizzle, so there will be something for everyone. If you happen to know a family looking at schools, encourage them to come along. They can also contact us at any time to arrange a tour of the school during a normal school day. Nothing beats positive word of mouth from parents, and a timely and positive recommendation of our school can make all the difference.

Holidays

As we end Term 1 for 2021 I want to say thanks to everyone for supporting Amsleigh Park Primary School. We are truly 'East Oakleigh's Hidden Gem' and despite a time of broader challenge, we still have so many positive things happening. I feel both privileged and proud to lead this fantastic school.

As Amsleigh Park is a highly valuable community space please feel free to visit the school over the holiday break to use our school grounds, basketball courts, sandpits and/or play equipment. Should you notice suspicious or unruly behaviour, please contact the police, as the school holidays are also a time of increased vandalism in schools. Alternately, send an email through to Amsleigh.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au and we'll contact Education security.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter and a relaxing holiday. There's another great term to look forward to commencing on Monday 19th April. Until then, remember your ABC, that is, 'always be careful' and we'll see you all soon for another great term of learning.

Michael Cormick

Principal



Bec's Bulletin...

Year 6-7 Transition 2021-2022

The state wide Victorian Government School Year 6-7 Transition process will commence early next term, when all year 6 families will receive their Transition Information Packs. This pack will include the 'Application for Year 7 Placement 2022' form, details and timelines of how the process works and FAQs for parents.

If Year 6 families have any queries about this process, please contact me at school and I'll be happy to answer your questions.



Resilience Project

If you came along to our Resilience Project Parent Presentation earlier this term, you would have heard our presenter, Martin, discussing how important it is to talk about our challenges and failures with our children. The Resilience Project has sent the following snippet with some information about, and link to their podcast 'The Imperfects' for parents to further explore this topic and to hear some great podcast guest share their own challenges. Enjoy:

Listen to The Imperfects Podcast Teaming up with one of Australia's most successful comedians, Ryan Shelton, and his very talented brother Josh van Cuylenburg, Hugh has put together a podcast which is all about how perfectly imperfect we all are. Constantly comparing ourselves to others cannot only be exhausting, but extremely harmful. However, when we share our struggles, we start to realise that everyone, no matter how successful, has something they are battling with. In this podcast Hugh will be chatting to a variety of interesting people who will be bravely sharing their struggles and imperfections. Ryan will then join him to discuss some valuable takeaways we can all apply to our own imperfect lives. To listen directly to 'The Imperfects' or find out what platforms you can stream through for your next walk, run, ride or road trip with friends or family, click here: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/podcast/>



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

I'd like to wish everyone a very safe and relaxing holiday! I look forward to seeing everyone back at school next term for lots more learning and fun activities!

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 settle any outstanding fees as soon as possible. Let us know when you have made a BPay payment by sending an email to amsleigh.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au to advise us which fees are being paid so the correct receipt allocations can be 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.

Absences / Late Arrivals

A reminder that all absences should be reported first to the General Office. Admin staff process all attendance data, teachers are notified during this process. Absences can be notified by Xuno, email or phoning the school and selecting 1 when prompted to leave an absence message. Students arriving late to school must be signed in at the office by a parent. Please complete the sign in register, fill out a "Late Slip", hand this to your child so they can then proceed to their classroom and parents can then depart from the general office.

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		

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

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

1. Write child's name, grade and date of order at top of order form.
2. Indicate quantity of items required per size and total cost for each item.
3. 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.
4. 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.

PFA Update

The end of Term 1 is upon us and our 2021 PFA Committee is up and running.

At our recent AGM, the following committee was finalised:

President - Justin Scott
Vice President - Kathy Fraser
Secretary - Suzi Ikin
Treasurer - Allesha Mason-Jeffries
Class Rep Co-ordinator - Kathy Fraser
Fundraising Co-Ordinators - Caz Hayes & Megan Gaskin



Our PFA meetings occur once a month, alternating between a Wednesday night and a Friday afternoon (just before school assembly). If you're interested in giving back to the school community, maybe keen to meet other families at the school, or just enjoy a cuppa and a chat then please feel free to come along to any of our meetings.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser and the Easter Raffle



Our 2 big Easter fundraisers for this year have now concluded. A huge thankyou to all families that donated eggs, bought raffle tickets or hot cross buns, or donated their time in assisting with these events.

Proceeds raised will be updated once they are finalised.

Term 2 Activities

A range of fun activities are being discussed for Term 2 and will be announced in due time, but be assured that our Mother's Day Stall will definitely be back! Look out for more details about this once school returns for Term 2.



FROM ALL OF US ON THE PFA, HAVE A WONDERFUL EASTER AND A SAFE AND FUN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Next meeting – Friday 23rd April, 2.30pm in the After School Care room.

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After School Soccer **At Amsleigh Park Primary School** **FUN - EDUCATIONAL - ACTIVE**

Starting in Term 2, Soccer X will be running an 8 week After School Soccer program at Amsleigh Park Primary School every Thursday from 3.30 - 4.30pm beginning 6 May. The program is available to students from Prep - Yr 6. Children will be split into groups according to age. All sessions will be run by qualified coaches who hold WWCC. The sessions will be fully inclusive & fun based, catering for all abilities. For more information and online registrations please visit WWW.SOCCER-X.COM.



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