



DIARY DATES

JULY

Fri 30 – G5/6 Sport Winter Gala Day (Rescheduled from 11/06)

AUGUST

Wed 11 – G1/2 Creative Sparx Excursion

Fri 13 – Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)

SEPTEMBER

Thu 2 - Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)

Fri 17 – LAST DAY TERM 3

**TUESDAYS
ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS
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DUE BY DATES:

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FORMS AND NOTICES ARE
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OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

Principal's Report

Welcome Back...Again

It was great to reboot Term 3 on Wednesday, and a delight to see all the happy smiling faces of our students in person. Kids love school, and for good reason. You get to be with your friends and teachers, you get to learn and develop, and you get to have lots of fun.

Our aim from Day 1 was to quickly settle our classes and launch back into learning. Visiting classrooms, I could see that our students were not only glad to be back, but they were also straight back into our well-established school routines. Well done to all!

Many thanks to our parents who are supporting us with the current drop off and pick up routines. I acknowledge that it is a little inconvenient, but it's worth it to have our students back in classrooms. Our staff are aware that we have a few children who find it overwhelming and are trying to help by coming out to the gates to walk students into school. Another really good idea is to meet up with a friend and walk in together. It's not a permanent routine and we really appreciate your patience as we continue to move out of restrictions.

Learning from the Olympics

I hope that you are finding some time to take in the spectacle of the Modern Olympics, which is a welcome distraction from the many impacts of COVID-19. As I commented earlier this week the commitment and dedication shown by these athletes is astounding. Spending years training for their chosen sports, our athletes demonstrate the kind of sustained effort needed to achieve excellence. They are life-long learners, constantly working on their sporting skills, mindset and understandings. We see their performances, but do not see the many hours of toil they endure to make this happen. Swimmers for example might swim around 14km per day in training, which is 280 lengths of an Olympic pool. It's hard to imagine the kind of effort this requires, and it is a feat that deserves great admiration.

In a way our students are like 'learning' athletes, spending significant time every day to improve and develop their knowledge and skills. Being a successful learner requires persistence, dedication and consistent effort over a long period of time. Just like elite athletes, our learners are coached and supported by experts in their field (teachers), who help them to take the next step in their learning. Every year their performance is measured against the standards of the Victorian Curriculum, and in this process, there is a chance to celebrate their continuing growth and development. There may not be a medal or award at the end of it, but the reward is to be an educated and contributing member of society, and that is a feat that also deserves admiration.



Pyjama Day

Wearing PJs to school is a special treat that might happen once every couple of years. This year's day was a reward chosen by students for their positive behaviours, and it was well deserved. Whilst the behaviour of kids can have its moments, the vast majority of behaviours shown by our students are excellent. I hope that everyone enjoyed this day, I was especially comfy in my Dr Suess PJs and Uggies. 😊

Upcoming Curriculum Days in Term 3

Each year all Victorian Government Schools are allocated 4 curriculum days to use for professional learning and/or undertaking other work that cannot be undertaken on other school days. These days are extremely important to all schools, as they are an opportunity to work together as a whole staff to build our knowledge and understanding of new and emerging teaching and learning approaches. Like all professions, teachers must constantly update their knowledge and continue to build new skills that respond to the needs of students.

At the start of 2021 I made a conscious decision to hold off our curriculum days until the second half of this year. I did this with the support of our staff so that we could focus all our energy and time on catch up learning for our students. Of course, when I made this decision we had also been enjoying a relatively normal life away from COVID-19, and hoping there would be no further need for lock downs. Unfortunately, as we have found, this was not the case.

There are two curriculum days organised for Term 3, one on Friday 13th August and one on Thursday 2nd September. Both are of great importance to our school as they will enable our staff to undertake professional learning together. In both instances we have booked a 'consultant' to present new learning to our teaching and support staff on these days. Consultants are in demand, so changing the booking is not an option. I want to explain what these days entail so that our community can understand why we have curriculum days and how they are used to benefit our students.

Our first curriculum day will be spent with Jen Bowden, the lead primary consultant from the Mathematics Association of Victoria. We are currently working on further building teaching capacity in Mathematics, and this is also a Strategic goal of Amsleigh Park. The day will focus on introducing our staff to high impact teaching in Mathematics that supports the development of deep understanding of Mathematical concepts and also fostering high levels of student interest and engagement. This day will complement work already undertaken to build a common framework for teaching in this core curriculum area.

Day 2 will be spent on further building our knowledge in the teaching of phonics and phonemic awareness with Karen Starkiss from Dyslexia Services Australia. Over the past 3 years we have adopted a new approach to the teaching of reading which is based on a highly structured strategy for the teaching of phonics in the classroom using explicit direct instruction. This approach is now being adopted by many schools, who like us, can see the positive impact this is having on teaching children to read. We have always taught phonics (the sounds the letters make) as part of our teaching, and the key difference now is the emphasis placed on systematically introducing the letters in a set order, with constant revision and multiple exposures each day and week. Our day with Karen Starkiss will be used to consolidate this approach and bring together the threads into one coherent whole school approach.

In Term 4 we will also have one final curriculum day on Monday 1st November, making it a four-day weekend for students, with Melbourne Cup Day on Tuesday 2nd November.

THE 2021 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The Parent Opinion Survey is issued annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year, 80 of our families will be invited to participate. All responses to the survey are anonymous. The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement and the teaching and learning programs. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. The survey will be open until Sunday 22nd August and parents will be notified if they have been randomly selected to complete the survey.

Being A Safe Community

One of my important goals at present is to work to make our school community as COVID safe as possible. Miss Carr and I are right up to date with the expectations of Department of Education and we are being very careful to ensure we maintain a COVID safe school. It's well worth it to have kids back in classrooms to continue their learning. Please be patient, we will continue to make adjustments as things change; every little thing we do could be the one thing that makes a difference when it counts. Our great thanks in advance.

Have a great week,

Michael Cormick



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Victorian Government High Ability Program



The Victorian Government has again funded the 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, focuses 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 commenced their first classes last week and have enjoyed meeting high ability students from other schools and their teacher from Virtual School Victoria. Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 students who have been selected to be in the mathematics stream of the program.



Resilience Project

The Resilience Project has passed on these links to one of the latest episodes of Hugh's podcast, 'The Imperfects', and recommends it as a great listen for parents:

The Academy of Imperfection - Dr Billy Garvey, Paediatrician

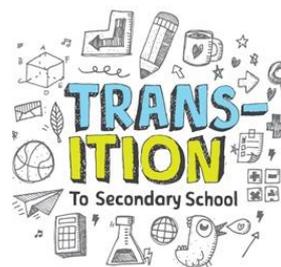
Go get your pens and notebooks everyone! In this edition of The Academy of Imperfection, students Hugh, Ryan and Josh sit down with famed paediatrician, Dr Billy Garvey of The Royal Children's Hospital. Currently, Billy regrettably has a two and a half year waiting list to see him in person, but is keen to reach as many of you as possible NOW. And with all the talk on our podcast about parenting recently, we felt this was a very necessary episode. Billy may not look like one of Australia's most respected and in-demand paediatricians, as we speak about in the episode, but gee whiz, he sure does talk like it!

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THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

6-7 Transition

A reminder to all Year 6 families that have applied for a Year 7 placement at a Government Secondary School in 2022, that you will receive your 'confirmation of placement' letter from us next Wednesday 4th August. As placements are linked to students' permanent residential addresses, please contact me if your address has recently changed. If you have any further transition queries, please feel free to get in contact: rebecca.carr@education.vic.gov.au .



Whole School Production

Our whole school production kicks off this term! All students will participate in a class song and dance item, with the Year 6 students filling the main cast roles. This event is a fabulous celebration for our students, who are very excited to perform for their friends and family! This year will be a little different due to the impact of COVID restrictions. Stay tuned for some exciting announcements about what this will look like!



A REMINDER FROM THE PFA

Working with Children Certification:

Did you know that moving forward, you will require a valid Working With Children Check Card Certification to help out with any fundraising event run within the school where children are involved? This will include events such as our annual School Disco, Mother's and Father's Day Stalls, School Production etc. When our children are present, our volunteers must have this certification.

It is an easy process to apply. Just go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au and follow the online steps. Your card will arrive within about 6 weeks.

IMPORTANT:

The school requires a copy of your certification to be kept in the general office. Please drop into the office so a copy can be made for their files.

If you are already certified for Working with Children, does the office have a copy? Can you please make sure a copy is on file for you at the front office today?

Thanks so much and we look forward to having you support our school at a fun event soon.

The PFA

APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Baily Learning & Sporting Centre

OPERATING HOURS - TERM 3 2021

SEE BELOW

~~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

SALE - WINTER ITEMS



ITEM	SIZES	PRICE
Discontinued Girls Bootleg Pants (Brand New) Approximately 40 pairs in various sizes	4 - 16	\$5.00
Discontinued Boy Leg Briefs - Twin Pack (Brand New) Approximately 15 Twin Packs	4-6, 8-10, 12-14	\$4.00
Only available from the Uniform Shop whilst stocks last No exchange or refunds available on these items		
Please see order form below for all other uniform shop items.		

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

APPS UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM

Effective Term 3, 2021

ITEM	COLOUR	PRICE INC GST	SIZE		QUANTITY		TOTAL \$ (INC GST)	Office Use ✓ Date Supplied
School Bag <u>SBAG</u>	Navy	\$35.00						
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>	Navy	\$5.00	4-6		7-10	12-16		
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 Uniform 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 3 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.

UNIFORM SHOP - TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Until further notice, and easing of restrictions, our uniform shop will be temporarily closed for on-site purchases, however orders for new uniform items can be emailed to the school. Please download and complete a copy of our uniform shop order form, available from our website, www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au

Note that the only payment method available is credit/debit card. Orders will need to be emailed to the school no later than 3:30pm each Monday. All orders will be filled on Tuesdays, then delivered to your child's classroom. In the event of incorrect sizing, please return, unworn item/s with tags intact, together with a note that includes the child's name, grade and the correct size required.

Thank you.

Libby Jumas
Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator

School Crossing Supervisors Required

We are seeking dedicated individuals to work as School Crossing Supervisors located within the City of Monash

These areas include Mulgrave, Glen Waverley, Mount Waverley, Clayton, Ashwood, and surrounding areas.

Ongoing Positions with a great hourly rate, providing full training and full uniform.

Safety in the community is a priority.

If this is you, please call Xavier (03) 8561 8896 or email your interest to mulgrave-recruiters@chandlermacleod.com for further assistance.



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Soccer X Pty Ltd After School Soccer Program

We are excited to tell you about the after-school soccer program we will be running at Amsleigh Park Primary School.

Throughout the 6 weeks our coaches will lead fun, educational and active sessions sending your child home energised and with a smile on their face.

Why choose Soccer X?

As well as providing fun filled Soccer sessions which teach the players new skills & techniques we aim to provide & improve the following skills:

- **Social Skills**
- **Team building**
- **General Fitness**
- **Sense of Achievement**

We believe by integrating these skills into our programs it will help your children become well rounded young adults.

All standards are welcome, so do not worry if you have never played before.

Most answers to your questions can be found by checking our website, but if you do not find an answer, please telephone 0415324917 / 0421273583 or email: semel@soccer-x.com.

Saturday / Sunday Games Mornings

Age 5 – 11 Years

Each term during 2021 we will be running a 'Mini Games' program alongside our after-school programs.

Not sure if your child is ready to commit to club Soccer?

Our 'Mini Games' program provide a perfect transition from 'fun based' programs to the regular club season. Run on a termly basis alongside our schools program, the Games Mornings offer the players an opportunity to play small sided matches with & against like-minded players of a similar age.

FAQ's:

- i. **What happens if it rains?**
The session will take place undercover. In extreme weather conditions sessions will be cancelled and parents notified via SMS & Email.
- ii. **What should my child wear for soccer?**
Anything that is comfortable. Shorts, t-shirt, runners/boots. Soccer boots are not essential.

Program Details:

Day: **Thursday** Start Date: **12th August**
Time: **3.30 – 4.30pm** Where: **School Oval**
Ages: **Prep – Year 6**

Registration:

To avoid disappointment **ALL** registrations and payments must be completed **ONLINE prior** to the first session.

Cost: **\$90** (6 weeks)