



DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

Fri 3 - G6 Luna Park

Th 9 - G6 Graduation 6-9.30pm

Thu 16 - Last Day T4 - early finish at 2.30pm

JANUARY 2022

Mon 31 - G1-G6 Students return

FEBRUARY 2022

Tue 1 - Preps Commence

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
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OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.

From the Principal Team

Farewells for 2021

It's with a tinge of sadness that I write a farewell for our learning specialist, **Miss Johanne Abbott**. Miss Abbott has been at Amsleigh Park for the past 10 years and during this time has developed into an outstanding teacher and leader. Playing an important role in our improvement initiatives in Literacy, Miss Abbott provided professional learning and coaching for other staff to develop their teaching skills and knowledge, especially in the implementation of VOICES writing across our whole school. A valued staff member, leader and friend to all teachers and support staff, her support will be missed. Our students will also miss her kindness, care and support. Miss Abbott will be embarking on a new challenge at South Melbourne Park Primary School in 2022, and we wish her the best of luck. On behalf of our whole school community, I want to congratulate Miss Abbott on her success and thank her for the contribution she has made at Amsleigh Park. Miss Abbott must finish up a little earlier in 2021 and her last day will be Friday 10th December if you want to wish her well. We will have a special farewell at our Assembly on this day. Included in this newsletter is a farewell letter from Miss Abbott to our school community.



Mr Alex Price concludes his position at our school at the end of 2021, having come in 2021 to replace Mrs Jonga. Looking after our wonderful Grade 6s, Mr Price has given these students an excellent final year of primary school. After reading some of the comments from our World Teachers Day Padlet I can see that his work has been appreciated by our students and their families. Mr Price has made a valued contribution to our school. In 2022 he will be teaching at Heatherhill Primary school, and we wish him every success in his new role. Many thanks on behalf of everyone at Amsleigh Park Mr Price.

We were most fortunate to qualify for a German Language Assistant in 2021 and welcomed **Mrs Barbara Uecker** to this role. Barbara has been a wonderful support to our German program and has helped to engage our students in the study of both language and cultural understandings. Barbara is warm and caring person and brought a valuable support to the teaching program in German. The funding only lasts for 12 months so we must say farewell to Barbara soon. On behalf of all students and staff I want to sincerely thank Barbara for being a member of our staff team and for her dedication to our German Program. I'm pleased to report that Barbara will continue the same role at Box Hill High school in 2022 and we wish her well.



Congratulations to Miss Barker

In 2021 we were lucky to welcome Miss Barker to our teaching staff, who joined Amsleigh Park looking for a new challenge after spending 10 years at River Gum PS. Teaching Grade 1 in 2021, Miss Barker has quickly established herself as a natural leader of our staff, and generously shared her outstanding knowledge of Literacy with her colleagues. Having previously been a valued learning specialist at Rivergum, we were thrilled that she has now taken up the position as learning specialist at our school. We are greatly looking forward to Miss Barker taking up this new role in 2022.



Miss Barker will support the continuing roll out of Structured Literacy and synthetic phonics as part of the teaching of Reading. This approach, based on extensive research into the Science of reading, is now being implemented in forward thinking schools, and we have already seen the benefits for our students over the past couple of years. In a nutshell it's a better way to teach reading that works with all students, including those who might experience difficulties in learning to read.

New beginnings in 2022

As you might know Miss Jones is expecting her second child in 2022, so we will farewell her early in the school year. Recently we were fortunate to appoint **Mrs Nadine Wyatt** to our staff to replace Miss Jones. Mrs Wyatt is joining us from Brunswick North PS. Living over this side of town, Mrs Wyatt made a lifestyle choice to work closer to home, and we did not hesitate to appoint her to a position at our school. Miss Wyatt was a highly valued teacher at her current school, who will miss her greatly, but this is sometimes the way things work out. Miss Wyatt will be with us for our special 'Smart Start' day on Wednesday 15th December when our students will spend time with their new teacher for 2022.

Whilst it's not a new beginning, we also look forward to welcoming back **Mrs Jonga** in 2022, who has been on maternity and parental leave in 2021. Mrs Jonga is a long-time member of our staff, and an excellent teacher who can teach at any level with equal measures of success. Her dedication to teaching is outstanding and it's great to have her back onboard. Mrs Jonga will be here on our Smart Start day to get to know her new class.



Mrs Louise De Fazio and **Mrs Lauren Dimopoulos** will also be coming back to Amsleigh Park in 2022, taking on the important role as our learning tutors. The State Government have once again provided funding to employ staff to provide tutoring to children who we identify as needing catch up learning after 2021. It gives me great confidence to have two experienced teachers joining us in this role.

We are just do fortunate as a school to have so many great staff, who are all so dedicated and committed to supporting our students to learn, grow and develop as individuals.

To finalise our staffing, we are currently working through the selection of two new teachers. One teacher will replace the vacancy created by Miss Abbott, and the second positions is due to our school growing by one class in 2022. With another moderate increase in enrolments, we are pleased to move from 15 to 16 classes in 2022. We are working on them now and will appoint these teachers over the next week in time for our Smart Start transition program.

From Miss Abbott

Dear Amsleigh Park Families,

I have accepted a position at South Melbourne Park Primary School. I will be a learning specialist, leading and implementing literacy across the school. South Melbourne Park Primary, is a new school, only opening in 2019. I will be teaching Grade 5/6, which will be a new challenge for me. My time at Amsleigh has prepared me well to take on this big challenge.

While I'm excited about the new opportunity, there's also a big part of me that's very sad to be saying goodbye to amazing our students, school community and my colleagues. I can't tell you how much I've enjoyed my time at Amsleigh Park and how much I joy I have felt in teaching your children and being included in your families, over the past 9 years.

You have made me look forward to coming to school, I'll always remember the moments of great success for your children, funny moments, laughs and the joy working with your children and you. Thank you all, for everything.

All the very best in your future,

Johanne Abbott

Class Structure finalised for 2022

We are pleased to offer another excellent class structure for 2022, with the addition of one extra class.

The class structure is as follows:

Prep x 3

Grade 1 x 3

Grade 2 x 2

Grade 3 x 2

Grade 4 x 2

Grade 5 x 2

Grade 6 x 2

We have been hard at work on allocating students to classes in recent weeks, and we will communicate this to all families on Tuesday 14th December. Our classes are finely tuned to balance out many factors including size, gender, academic ability, behaviour, participation, friendship and needs. **We look for effective working relationships above friendship to ensure that learning is not hampered by distractions**, but all students are guaranteed to have a person from their preference list.

Graduating Class of 2021

We are all looking forward to this year's Grade 6 Graduation in 2021. After another challenging year I want to congratulate our Graduates, who have strived to be and do their best. They are a truly wonderful group, who have provided great leadership of all students in 2021. They will be missed by us all. Acting as effective role models, our Grade 6 class, have been terrific buddies to their Prep friends, and have set a nice tone for all other students. We have spent many enjoyable years with this group, and thank them for being a respectful, motivated and resilient group, living up to these important school values and embodying our school motto, 'Our Best Always.'



Grade 6 Farewell

We will undertake a final farewell for our Grade 6 students on Thursday 16th December at 2.00pm. Our Grade 6s will walk down our traditional isle of honour to symbolize the completion of their primary school years. As they move down the aisle all our students clap and cheer for them. It's a lovely tribute to our Grade 6s and often is an emotional moment for everyone in attendance.

Please see End of Year Assembly information on next page.

Whole School Transition

As our students progress from one Year level to the next, it is important that they feel prepared for what lays ahead. Our Whole School Transition Program supports our students with their level to level transition, through multiple sessions over December. During these visits, students go as a cohort to spend time in the next year level's learning spaces, with the current teachers of those levels. Here the students get to know other teachers and the key differences between their current year level and the one ahead. Students have a chance to ask questions and get to know students they may not have been in a class with before.

The program culminates with our Smart Start session on Wednesday 15th December, where students will meet with their 2022 grades and teachers where possible. The program began today with our first session.

Transition



And Finally...

Only two school weeks to go for 2021....how time flies!

Michael Cormick & Bee Carr

Amsleigh Park Principal Team

End of Year Assemblies 2021:

Friday 10 December - (9.00am – 9.45am)

- Kiwanis – Grade 6 and Prep
- School and House Captains 2022 Announced
- Citizenship Award from Steve Dimopoulos
- Farewell to Miss Abbott

Thursday 16 Dec - (9.00am – 9.45am)

- Grade 6 Awards
- Farewells – Staff

Thursday 16 Dec (1.55pm – 2.30pm)

- Farewell to students leaving at the end of 2021
- Grade 6 Final Farewell

The following letter was written by Aishwarya from Grade 4 in the Neighbourhood watch newsletter. Well done for showing such great initiative and leadership in your local community.

Calling all 'Young Champions' to participate in NHW

Hi, my name is Aishwarya and I study at Amsleigh Park Primary school. In early 2020, I joined the Neighbourhood Watch as a zone leader for the Scotchmans Creek zone MON 020. As a zone leader, I distribute NHW newsletters to my zone and participate in discussions along with other members of NHW and Victoria Police to keep the community safe.

Most of the NHW members are senior members of our community working hard to reduce crimes in the community and I think, as young members of the community, we have a part to play too. We can take on some responsibilities by expressing our ideas, editing and distributing newsletters, helping at community events, and much more.

Volunteering our time is not only beneficial to the community, but also helps young members to build their leadership skills, learn new things, and to get to know our community better.

If you wish to volunteer your time, please reach out to us on doug_calvert@hotmail.com. If you need to know more about my experience with NHW please contact the Area Manager, Doug Calvert, who can put you in touch with me.

Thanks again,

Aishwarya

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE ADMIN TEAM.....

Family Account Information

Credit Notes for 2021 cancelled Camps and Excursions/Incursions have now been processed. A reminder to please settle any outstanding fees as soon as possible. Let us know if you would like credit notes allocated to outstanding charges and also if 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. Please carefully check if you have a credit note/unallocated receipt amount on your family account that could be used to offset any outstanding fees and adjust your payment accordingly to avoid further overpayments. If you would like a refund of unallocated receipts/credit notes by EFT, please email the office for a Refund Request Form.

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.

Please see information on Page 9 of this newsletter regarding 2022 Parent Contributions.

Student Medications

A reminder that a Medical Action Plan, completed by a doctor, must be provided for any student medication (eg. Ventolin, Epi Pens, severe allergy medication) stored at the school office. We cannot store or administer any medication without an Action Plan containing instructions from a doctor. This does not include occasional antibiotics. Wherever possible, parents should request antibiotic prescriptions that can be taken at home, ie Antibiotics that are required 3 times per day can be taken at home in the morning, on return from school and again at bedtime. For students that do require antibiotics at school, a parent must complete a medication authority form when handing medication into the office. It is recommended that students with hayfever etc. take their medication at home before school. All medication must be stored securely at the office for the safety of all students.

Absences / Late Arrivals

A reminder that all absences should be reported to the General Office. Admin staff process all attendance data, including late arrivals and early exits. Teachers are notified of the absence/late arrival during this process. Absences can be advised using Xuno, email or phoning the school and selecting "1" when prompted to leave an absence message. **Students arriving late to school must be first signed in at the office by a parent before going to class.** Parents should complete the sign in register, fill out a "Late Slip" and hand this to their child who will proceed on their own to their classroom and give the late slip to the teacher.

Contacting The School

When contacting classroom teachers or responding to their emails via Xuno, remember to double check the 'To' address. Several emails meant for classroom teachers are arriving in the Amsleigh Park PS inbox, along with many other daily external emails. Replying to the school inbox may delay your communication being received by the classroom teacher in a timely manner. When responding to a teacher's email, refer to their email address that appears within their message and copy & paste this address into the address field.

Thank you,

Karen Hogan
Business Manager



APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Baily Learning & Sporting Centre

OPERATING HOURS – TERM 4 2021

Over the Counter Sales Not Currently Available - * See below

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

*** Email orders for new Uniform items to the general office – credit/debit card payments only**

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 – Discontinued Items

	<u>SIZES</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
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

AMSLEIGH PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL - UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM Effective Term 3, 2021

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 Panelled Polo <u>SSP</u>	Navy/ Emerald	\$26.00										
Long Sleeve Panelled Polo <u>LSP</u>	Navy/ Emerald	\$28.00										
Surf T-shirt (No Collar) <u>STS</u>	Navy Size M-XL also avail	\$15.00										
Windcheater <u>WC</u> Size 6 -14 Size Small (16)	Navy	\$24.00 \$28.00										
Bomber Jacket <u>BJ</u> Size 4-14 Size Small (16)	Navy/ Emerald	\$37.00 \$42.00										
Shorts -Cotton Rugby (Unisex) <u>CRS</u>	Navy	\$15.00										
Shorts- Gabardine Zip Pocket <u>GS</u>	Navy	\$17.00										
Track Pants <u>TPDK</u> Double Knee-Unisex 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>SKTG</u> (Gabardine Fabric)	Navy	\$17.50										
Girls Skort - Cotton <u>SKTC</u>	Navy	\$17.50										
Summer Dress <u>SD</u>	Navy & White	\$23.00										
* Bike Shorts Cotton/Lycra <u>BS</u>	Navy	\$12.00										
Art Smock	Navy	\$15.00	Small		Medium			Large				
* Bike Shorts are only to be worn UNDER a 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 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, our uniform shop will be temporarily closed for on-site purchases, however orders for new uniform items can still be filled and delivered to classrooms.

Please download and complete a copy of our uniform shop order form, available from our website, www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au If unable to do this, please email the office directly with your order details including your name and contact number, child's name, grade, the name of the uniform items, quantity and sizes required.

Note that the only payment method available is credit/debit card. Once processed, orders will be sent to the 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

2022 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Notices and forms have been sent home regarding the 2022 Parent Contributions and the ordering process for your child's 2022 Student Book Pack through Office Corporate.

There was a printing error with the initial book pack lists, replacement copies have now been sent home to the affected classes. Apologies for any inconvenience.

**Please carefully check your school account balance for non CSEF credit notes or unallocated receipts and deduct this amount from the total amount of your payment. Credit notes are shown with a negative symbol, -\$10.00
CSEF credit notes can only be allocated to Camps, Sports, Excursions, not parent contributions.**

Please complete and return the Parent Payment Advice form to the General Office asap so payments can be allocated to the correct invoices. Invoices can now only be entered once the payment & payment advice is received.

Please contact the General Office by phone or email if you have any queries regarding your account. Thank you

Nikolaus



Dear Parents and Carers,

December is a very special month in Germany. This week in German classes we talked about the German Nikolaus tradition. Students were very excited about this, especially the little ones.

According to the tradition, on the **5th of December** children clean their shoes and place one shoe or boot in front of the entrance door in the evening. On the **6th of December**, when they get up, Nikolaus has visited. He usually leaves some chocolate, fruit and nuts inside the shoe or boot.

Kids have been asking if Nikolaus visits Australia too... We had to confess that we were not sure 😊 Maybe?

You don't have to start this celebration in your families, but if you'd like to, just ensure that the kids clean their shoes (!!) and put them outside this coming Sunday evening.

Let's see what happens then!



Frohe Nikolaus!!!!

Frau Salles & Frau Barbara



Finding the Hope

Single Session for Parents and Carers

Would you like tips and strategies to:

- Manage better and survive during these uncertain times?
- Support our kids to cope during uncertainty?
- Manage expectations?
- Parent anxious children?

Join us and other parents to have your questions answered and hear from each other how to parent during these times

DATE: Monday 6th December 2021

TIME: 1.00pm - 2.30pm

WHO: Parents, Grandparents and Carers

WHERE: **Online** - Via Zoom

COST: Free of charge (Bookings essential)

BOOKINGS:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BUEVJ> or by scanning the QR Code



PARENTZONE



For enquiries contact:

ParentZone Eastern on (03) 9721 3646 or email ParentZone.Eastern@anglicarevic.org.au



GUITAR TUITION ENROLMENT FORM



Guitar Lessons in 2022

Guitar Teacher - Paul Varone

Amsleigh Park Primary School

Guitar lessons are available at the School.

Innovative and Modern Guitar Program. (Students in Gr 3 and higher)

- Over 25 years experience.
- Modern, classic and fun songs taught in guitar lessons.
- Guitar lessons are easy to follow, modern and affordable.
- Structured program.

If you would like your child to participate in the program, please complete the slip below and send photo to 0411 123 655 or email and scan form to pvarone1@bigpond.com

Instructor's Name: Paul Varone
Telephone: 0411 123 655
Email address: pvarone1@bigpond.com



Name of Student _____

Grade _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____ Email: _____

Phone number: (M) _____

I give permission for my child (print name) _____ to participate in the guitar program.

For more details regarding current tuition fees, please contact Paul Varone on 0411 123 655 or by email at pvarone1@bigpond.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 1, 2022.

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

 Creative Music

www.creativemusic.com.au

