

SLEIGH PARK THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ



Term 4 Issue 1

Week 2

October 13, 2022

DIARY DATES 2022

OCTOBER

Fri 14-G2 Sleepover & G1 Stay Late

Thu 20 - Regional Athletics

Thu 27 – PFA School Disco P-2 5.30-6.45pm G3-6 7.10-8.30pm

NOVEMBER

Tue 1 – Melb Cup Day Holiday

M 14 - F 18 Book Fair

Thu 17 – Student Free Day

Sat 24 - State Flection

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

DUE BY DATES:

Oct 20 - Book Club Issue 7 LOOP Orders close

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Principal Team Report

Welcome Back for Term 4

A warm welcome to everyone in the Amsleigh Park community for Term 4. We hope our students had a restful break and families were able to take some time together. For any Geelong supporters out there, no doubt it was a happy grand final day, although not a great game. Any NRL supporters might say the same as the Panthers dominated. I hope that our students were looking forward to coming back to school to see their friends and teachers again. It's certainly been a great start to Term 4 and there will be lots more fun to come.

German Poetry Competition 2022

During Term 3 a group of 13 dedicated students represented Amsleigh Park PS in the German Poetry competition for 2022. This competition is organised by our German Language specialist, Frau Salles, and provides our students with the chance to showcase their language skills. As part of the competition the competitors must memorise and present a poem in German, focusing on performance, intonation and poem



The results are as follows:

Honourable Mention(Grade 4): Tiago F, Marcus G, Hunter E, Lily H, Charlotte B, Honourable Mention (Grade 5): Roselinda C, Amaya S,

Performance Award (Grade 6): James S Intonation Award(Grade 6) Kirrily R Intonation Award(Grade 5) Avani SA

Bronze Medal (Grade 6): Isu J Poem Delivery (grade 5): Bella K Silver Medal (Grade 5:) Alyssa M Gold Medal (Grade 5): Elaine W

Grade 2 Sleepover – Grade 1 Late Stay

Our Grade 1 and 2 students are very excited for their late stay and sleepover tonight. Held at school, this event is a traditional part of our outdoor education program. In 2022 we are introducing a special late stay at school for Grade 1s, who will come back to school until 8.00pm to have some fun with their friends and teachers. Our Grade 2s will have the added fun of 'sleeping over' at school, helping them to prepare for their first official school camp as Grade 3s in 2023. These events are quite significant in supporting our students to develop confidence in a supportive environment away from home.

With all events that occur out of school hours we are very indebted to the teaching and support staff who assist. Like camps, this event is a big ask for staff who must give up time from their personal lives so that our students get the opportunity. We appreciate their generosity and dedication to our students.

School Disco

We hope are kids are ready to rock as the school disco for 2022 will be held on Thursday 27th October. We are looking forward to 'Bop till You Drop' visiting with a night of great fun and dancing.

Great Feedback for Amsleigh Park

Last Term our Grade 5/6s participated in a special incursion day focused on the creation of a business making Smoothies. For all reports it was a great day, which students enjoyed immensely. The organisation that ran this day, Mini Boss, also made a point of saying how fantastic our students and staff were to work with and how engaged they are in learning. Given they see thousands of students each year, this kind of feedback is most welcome. I'm pleased to say we often hear this kind of feedback and it's a source of great pride for our school.

Given we often hear this kind of feedback, why is it that our students consistently behave and engage so well? The answer takes in several factors starting with the great work done by our teaching and support staff. As a school we implement School Wide Positive Behaviour Support and through the teaching of expected behaviours and interpersonal skills our students develop appropriate behaviours. In addition, as a school we aim for consistency and fairness in our expectations so when students see this they respond accordingly. Students also feel secure when things are both predictable and fair. Of course, the behaviour of students is also influenced by their values and family life, so we know and appreciate that important and pivotal role parents play in reinforcing this too. Hence, both staff and parents work in this partnership to support students as they grow and mature with highly successful outcomes. It's a great credit to all involved and we look forward to more of this great feedback in future.

School Enrolment census (Grade structures)

Last week we sent out the annual enrolment census to all families via XUNO email. The census involves the completion of a short survey asking if students will be returning to Amsleigh Park PS in 2023. This census is important in helping to plan for the correct number of classes with the right number of students in each class. Having up to date information is vitally important and we appreciate it greatly when families let us know of any changes. Each year we have several families who move house, so we understand if this means a change in school too. If you had not had a chance as yet please complete the survey using the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSeaQFj5gKFZW6Vr5zQXDbURW6IEytMcST9HZrakBVOPY gaw/viewform

Class Placements 2023

Later this term we will start the complex process of placing students into classes for 2023. We spend many hours undertaking this important work, which considers many different variables such as:

- Academic ability and performance
- Work habits e.g. ability to work independently
- Classroom behaviour
- Social network /friendships
- Social maturity
- Special needs e.g. twins, siblings
- Special factors such as 'anxiety'

During this process, changes and adjustments to the proposed class groups are made over several weeks. Draft class lists are then submitted to the Leadership team for final ratification and then finally teachers are assigned to class groups. For the record teachers do not ever pick students to be in their class, all classes are assigned by the Principal Class team once the groups are decided.

Requesting Special Consideration for Student Placement in 2023

If any families have any requests for placement of children on educational grounds, please send this to me no later than <u>Friday 21st October</u>. Please note that **requests for specific teachers are <u>not accepted</u>** in this process. It is our important goal that we place children in a happy and secure learning environment. Whilst we do keep all previous requests from past years, they do become dated in terms of relevance, so we will only consider information from the past two years. If a previous request on educational grounds still exists, please take the time to bring this to our attention once again so that we are aware of any long-term considerations that might still be relevant.

New Shade Sails

Just prior to the school holidays we had some new shade sails installed in our school yard, adding further shaded areas for our students and staff. Including the Pavilion, we have added nearly 700m2 of new shade in our school yard in 2022, so there are now many options for children to seek shade in hot weather. The new sails were installed over the mandala area. Over the past few years, we have been able to increase the amount of shade all around our school considerably, so we are now a school that offers great options for being sun-smart.

From Miss Carr...



Grade 1 fun night and Grade 2 Sleepover

This Friday night, our Year 1 and 2 students embark on the first event of their Outdoor Education program, with the Grade 1 fun night (5.30-8.00pm) and the Grade 2 Sleepover (5.00pm until the next morning!). The students are very excited to be spending the night at school along with their friends and teachers, with many fun games and pizza dinner planned. Thanks to the Grade 1/2 teaching team for their work in preparing for this event. We hope our students enjoy these events and it helps prepare them for future camps in middle school and senior school.

Sovereign Hill Excursion

Last Friday saw the Grade 5/6 students and teachers enjoy a fantastic day out at Sovereign Hill. Part of the cost was subsided by the Positive Start program, a government initiative designed to reengage students in outings and adventures post remote learning. Thanks to Positive Start for making this day financially viable for us.

The students engaged in a range of experiences over the day including gold panning, an education session, an underground mine tour, watching the blacksmith smelt gold, exploring the 1850s shops, houses and gardens and more! Lots of learning about what life was like in 1850s Victoria and how the events of that time have impacted our current experience of life in Victoria and our model of democracy in Australia.

Thanks to our students for engaging so positively in all aspects of the day and for their exemplary behaviour. We were once again complimented by staff at Sovereign Hill on the way our students conducted themselves. Well done!





Sunsmart- Reminder

I did mention this in our newsletter at the end of last term, but worth a reminder now that we're into term 4: As the UV levels increase at this time of year, we need to be sunsmart! The Cancer Council recommend a combination of sun protection measures:

- 1. Slip on some sun-protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
 - 2. Slop on broad spectrum, water resistant SPF30+ (or higher) sunscreen. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun.
 - 3. Slap on a hat broad brim or legionnaire style to protect your face, head, neck and ears.
 - 4. Seek shade.
 - 5. Slide on some sunglasses make sure they meet Australian Standards. Our Sun Smart Policy specifies that all students must wear a sun smart hat whenever they are outdoors at school. Please support our Sun Smart policy by providing a 'sun smart' hat for your child. Hats are available for purchase at the uniform shop.



Department of Education Scholarships

Scholarships are available for eligible students in Grade 4 to Year 11, and for Year 12 students planning to undertake tertiary studies in 2023.

The Department of Education and Training administers a number of scholarships that are available to eligible students who are currently enrolled in Grade 4 to Year 12 in 2022.

Applicants for these scholarships will be evaluated on their:

- participation in school activities
- community involvement
- academic record for the current year.

Scholarships are either one-off payments or cover the duration of the student's course or annual study. Many of these scholarships have specific eligibility criteria so please refer to individual applications for more information. Applications are open and close on Wednesday 1 February 2023.

For more information and a list of available scholarships, see the <u>2022 Student scholarships for Grade 4 – Year</u> 12 fact sheet.

For information on how to apply, refer to **Student scholarships**.

COVID-19

We has a timely reminder that COVID 19 is still around with seven students testing COVID positive this past week. These cases are both in senior and junior school classes. It's great that things seem to be quite stable now, but schools remain highly vulnerable and susceptible to 'super spreading' events.

<u>The department of Education provided clear guidance for schools this week.</u> The following settings, based on advice from the Department of Health, will apply from 11.59pm Wednesday 12 October 2022.

It is strongly recommended that **students**:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
- should <u>not</u> attend school after 5 days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school
- advise the school of the COVID-19 positive test result

Where **students** become symptomatic at school they should:

- be collected by their parents/carers
- undergo testing for COVID-19

It is strongly recommended that **staff**:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
- should not attend after 5 days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school

In addition a child who has had 'gastro' or a tummy illness should not return until 24 hours after the symptoms disappear. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

The Term Ahead

There is a lot to look forward to across Term 4. Our core learning programs in English and Mathematics continue to be a high priority, but in keeping with our focus on the 'whole child' we balance this out with other learning opportunities. In Term 4 we look forward to lots of extra-curricular activities including Divisional sports finals, Amsleigh Idol, Grade 2 sleepover, Grade 1 Late-stay, School Aerobics 'Spring Challenge,' Grade 6 Graduation, Whole School Transition for 2023, Prep 2023 Orientation and Carols Night to round out an exciting term. Our teachers will also be working hard on December reports. Keep an eye out for your class newsletter in the next couple of weeks for more specific details about each class and year level.

Michael Cormick

Bec Carr

PRINCIPAL

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Grade 6s at the Climate Summit run by the State Library of Victoria.



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE ADMIN TEAM.....

2022 Parent Contributions - Family Account Information

Thank you to the families that have paid 2022 Parent Contributions. We greatly appreciate your financial support of our school. Please ensure <u>a completed Payment Advice Form is sent to the office</u> so invoices can be processed, and payments allocated correctly.

If you would like to contribute, please request a copy of the 2022 Parent Contributions paperwork from the office or download a copy from our website www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au

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. Parents are required to provide up to date Action Plans and inform the school office of any changes to a student's medical condition / action plan.

This does not however, 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. All medication must be stored securely at the office for the safety of all students.

It is recommended that students with hayfever etc. take their medication at home before school.

Absences / Late Arrivals

A reminder that all absences should be reported via Xuno. This ensures that Admin staff, who process all attendance data, including late arrivals and early exits are receiving the information in the first instance. Teachers are notified of the absence/late arrival during this process. If you wish to pass on any further information to teachers, please send them an additional email. If unable to report via Xuno, absences can be advised by emailing the General Office 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.

School Emails – Check the email address you are sending / replying to

When contacting classroom teachers, or responding to their emails via Xuno, remember to double check the 'To' address.

Many emails meant for classroom teachers are arriving in the Amsleigh Park PS inbox, along with a huge number of other daily external emails. Replying to the school inbox may delay your communication being received by the classroom teacher in a timely manner and creates extra work for Admin staff.

When responding to a teacher's email, please refer to their email address that appears within their message and copy & paste that address into the address field.

Karen Hogan Business Manager



PS. We have a new eftPos terminal in the General Office, "Tap" payments now accepted, yay! 🕲



Xuno Information for families

Amsleigh Park PS uses Xuno as our main communication tool with families, including newsletter distribution, absence notifications, student reports, communication with your child's teacher, messages and reminders; and coming soon, permission forms and online payments.

Xuno is a web-based school management software that has a website portal for use in a browser and an App, 'Xuno Family" for use on smart phones or tablets.

It is easy to use and is a vital tool to keep our parents informed about their child/ren's school life and all things happening at Amsleigh Park.

Parents should use Xuno to notify the school of any absences, late arrivals etc. Bookings for "Get to Know You" & Parent Teacher interviews are also managed through Xuno.

Parents can also check and update their family contact details, student medical conditions and emergency contacts. It is critical that we have up to date medical & contact details for all students, so please check your details carefully and update if necessary.

<u>For new families</u> - On enrolment, you should have received a welcome email from Xuno (please check your junk folder if not received in your inbox), with information on how to create your Xuno account. Please follow the instructions and links in the email to create a Xuno account and password in your browser.

As Xuno is our main communication tool, it is important that all families are signed up so they are aware of our school information and events. Please contact the office if you require a Xuno welcome email to be resent.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR STUDENTS BORN IN

Holly Eleanor Max Colby Julia Aleksa **Christie** Liana Charlotte Eliah **Anthea Estelle** Riley Aj Hui-Hui Sukhmani Mia Jack **Archie** Noah Suyash





Wondering what to do for your child's class to help celebrate their birthday?

Order a BIRTHDAY BUCKET and have a festive bucket delivered to your child's classroom just prior to lunch filled with either Zooper Doopers or Killer Pythons to ensure your child's birthday does not go by unnoticed.

Cost: \$15

Just fill out the below form and return it to the front office at least 1 week prior to the date you would like your birthday bucket delivered. We will take care of the rest!

Please contact the PFA with any questions: apps.parents@gmail.com

APPS - PFA BIRTHDAY BUCKET - ORDER / PAYMENT FORM
Please complete ALL details and return to the school office
Student name & grade name
Select One Zooper Doopers \$15.00 OR Killer Pythons \$15.00
Date Birthday Bucket to be delivered to classroom Payment by Credit/Debit card only-complete below or phone the office with your card details
Cardholders Name: Flease print clearly
Cardholders Contact Ph No: Date:
Signature: Amount:
Card number Card Expiry Date:/

APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Baily Learning & Sporting Centre

OPERATING HOURS - TERM 4 2022

Tuesday afternoons 3:00pm - 3:45pm

Over the Counter Sales Now Available - Masks strongly encouraged

Pay by Credit/Debit Card at the General Office prior to collecting items from the uniform shop

* Orders for new Uniform items can be emailed/dropped off to the general office

Payment by credit/debit card only

Please download & complete a copy of our uniform shop order form and send as a PDF 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 also available on our website www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au

Libby Jumas Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator

UNIFORM SHOP - 2nd HAND UNIFORMS & LOST PROPERTY

Thank you to the families that donate quality used uniform items back to the school. Please ensure that items are clean and have had any name labels/naming removed prior to dropping off the items. Second hand uniform items are only available to purchase during the Uniform Shop opening hours. We cannot take orders for second hand items, however requests for items to assist families experiencing financial hardship should be made at the General Office.

As stock relies on donations from parents, and changes regularly, there is no guarantee on availability of items. Stock of second hand items is currently very low, if you have any items that you are happy to donate back to the school, please drop them into the general office. Thank you

LOST PROPERTY - Sadly, there are many items in our lost property area in the canteen foyer. Named items are returned to class rooms by our wonderful volunteer helpers. Un-named items will be disposed of at the end of each term if not collected. Please ensure all of your childs belongings are clearly named and regularly check the Lost Property area if you are missing any items.

Thank you, Admin Team

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Bomber Jacket Size 4-14 Size Small (16)		Navy/ Emerald	\$37.00 \$42.00											
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APPS UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM

Effective Term 3, 2022

ITEM	COLOUR	PRICE INC GST	SIZE			QUANT	ПΥ	TOTAL \$ (INC GST)	Office Use ✓ Date Supplied
School Bag <u>SBAG</u>	Navy	\$35.00	N/A						
Book Bag <u>BB</u> Not required for Preps	Navy	\$8.00	N/A						
Slouch Hat <u>HAT</u>	Navy	\$10.00	SMALL 55cm	ME 570	_	LGE 59cm	XL 61cm		
Gloves <u>G</u>	Navy	\$5.00	4-6		7-1	0	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		CHII	ID	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.									
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The uniform shop is located in the foyer of the Thelma Bailey Learning & Sporting Centre (Gym)

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS - TERM 3 2022

Tuesday afternoons 3:00pm - 3:45pm

Second hand Uniform items only available during this time

Credit /Eftpos/Debit card payments must be made at the General Office prior to collecting/receiving 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 <u>amsleigh.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au</u> 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 into the General Office.
- 4. Order will be processed and uniform items and will be either sent home with your child or collected from the office if requested. 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.



The very popular student SCHOOL DISCO is back for 2022.



SAVE THE DATE! Thursday 27th October

for some dancing and fun with your friends.



This year we will run 2 discos on the night:

Prep - Grade 2	5.30pm - 6.45pm		
Grade 3 - Grade 6	7.10pm - 8.30pm		

Food, drinks and glowsticks will be available for purchase during each disco and our awesome DJ will keep the party pumping with a huge dancefloor in the Thelma Bailey Centre.

This is a student-only event. Tickets will be pre-sold to students in the coming week and no one will be allowed to enter on the night without a ticket. Strict procedures will be in place to sign children in and out of the Thelma Bailey Centre and we will be asking that everyone strictly adhere to their grades disco times listed above.

More detailed information will be sent home shortly with further information regarding these procedures, how to buy tickets and what to expect on the night.



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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 7

PLACE ORDERS ON LOOP BY THURSDAY OCTOBER 20, 2022







ParentZone Term 4 2022

Parenting programs * Free of Charge * Bookings Essential

Dads Matter

Dates: Tuesdays (6 evening sessions) 8th November - 13th December 2022

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

A program for dads to better understand the importance of their role in the lives of their children.

Click here to register (limited places) Enquiries: julia.russell@anglicarevic.org.au

Surviving Separation

Dates: Mondays - October 10th - December 5th inclusive (eight evening sessions, no session on October 31)

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Learn how to support your children through separation, deal with conflict, and better manage

your parenting arrangements

Click here to register (limited places) Enquiries: julia.russell@anglicarevic.org.au

Strengthening Parents Support Program

Strengthening Parents Support Program provides monthly peer support groups for parents who have a child with a disability or developmental delay. Contact: Michelle at

StrengtheningParentSupport@anglicarevic.org.au

Talking Tweens

Dates: Monday afternoons (6 sessions) Mon 10th Oct to Mon 14th Nov 2022

Time: 12.00pm to 2.00pm

Come along to discuss how to improve communication with your child, deal with anger and anxiety and establish boundaries with your child around screen use and other challenging behaviors

Click here to register (limited places) Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Parenting from Preschool to Prep

Dates: Tuesdays (6-afternoon sessions) Tues 11th October to 22nd November Excludes Melbourne Cup public holiday

Time: 1:00 to 3:00pm

Venue: Box Hill South Family Centre

Come together to discover how to prepare your child to start school in 2023, Develop your child's resilience to cope with change, and understand why children behave the way they do.

Click here to register (limited places) Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au







