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Term 4 Issue 4 Week 8 Nov 24, 2022

W 7 - Prep Transition Session 4

Tu 20 - LAST DAY TERM 4 - Early

DUE BY DATES:

Nov 28 - Book Club Issue 8 LOOP Orders close

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Principal Team Report

Looking ahead to 2023

With only 4 school weeks left in 2022 we are now actively planning for the new school year. We are working on a Grade Structure for 2023 which considers the varied numbers of students at each year level, and how we might best meet the needs of all learners. Planning a well thought out class structure has several important considerations including:



- Government funding All schools are funded for the number of students enrolled and we need to staff both classroom and specialist programs
- The number of students in each year level
- How resources are allocated to the different year levels. E.g., smaller classes in P-2

Whilst the grade structure is important, we know that it is not as important as the work our teachers do every day. Once our students form a class, they become a community very quickly. Change is always part of school life and moving onto a new class is an important experience. The ability to make new connections and friendships is also a vital life skill and we encourage everyone to embrace this opportunity for learning.

This week we will also start the complex process of placing students into classes. All students have been asked to name students who they work well with in class. Sometimes best friends are not necessarily a good combination when it comes to learning, so we are more focussed on who children learn best with. All students are placed with someone from their list.

The Tutor Learning Initiative

The State Government has once again funded the Tutor Learning Initiative for 2023. This great program has been going since 2021 and has enabled schools across Victoria to provide targeted learning support for children who are not progressing as expected in a learning area.

At Amsleigh Park we have had more than 50 students receive support through this program in 2022, and it makes a great difference in their learning. Students who participate in the TLI are generally about 6-12 months behind in a certain area of learning. For example, it might be that they are progressing well in English but need extra support in Mathematics. In this instance they would receive 2-3 sessions of small group-targeted learning support with one of our tutors, Mrs Dimopoulos or Mrs DeFazio in Mathematics. This support would normally be required for about 1-2 terms depending on how students' progress.

Working Bees

Sincere thanks to everyone who came along to the working bees last Saturday and Sunday. Both were well attended and did some much-needed work around our grounds. One of the important tasks was spreading 20m3 of soft-fall playground mulch in the P-2 and 3-6 adventure playgrounds. It's wonderful to have these play areas, but we do need to add mulch a couple of times each year to maintain them in good order. The crew also gave the area next to the P-2 playgrounds and the old vegetable garden a good clean up. We really

appreciate your help and support with our grounds.



Staffing 2023

It's hard to believe that we are only four weeks away from the end of 2023. We are fortunate to have only minimal changes to our staffing profile for 2023, which include the following:

- Miss Trish Jones will be returning from family leave and taking up a role as our Art Teacher in 2023.
- Miss Alyssa Toulios is stepping away from full time teaching in 2023 to focus on some other interests. We do look forward to having her back as a relief teacher.

Prep 2023



Our new preps for 2023 have now completed their second orientation to prepare for commencing school. We can already see what a lovely group they will be in 2023 and look forward to welcoming them to Amsleigh Park. Miss Carr conducted a further information session for new families whilst the children were at this week's orientation. Special thanks to Libby Jumas, Angela Xypolias and Heather Greenwood for opening the uniform shop, which is a great help. Our next Prep orientation will be on Wednesday 30th November.

Prep Enrolment Process for 2024

The Education Department has recently stated there will be a new process for Prep enrolments for 2024 and beyond. The pre-school to primary process will be similar to the Year 6-7 one, ensuring more consistent and timely enrolment practices for primary school across the state. We expect that there will be a common <u>due date</u> for enrolments and that pre-schools and kinders will be helping with the process. Details about the new process will be published in Term 1, 2023, so when we receive this information, we will let you know. The Department of Education has instructed schools not to take any enrolments in Term 1, until the new process has commenced.

Student Book Packs 2023

Information about student book packs was distributed last week via XUNO email. If you did not receive this information, please contact us for details. The cost of book packs varies across different grade levels depending on what items the students will need. Payments for book packs are made directly to the supplier, Office Corporate. Don't forget to order by the due date to get free delivery.



Parent Payments

In 2022, 50% of families paid 2022 parental contributions at Amsleigh Park. Normally this would be about 95%. After many years of great support, it was a shock that so many families did not contribute, meaning that <u>all</u> our curriculum budgets were underfunded. The burning question is why we have gone from 95% to 50% of parental contributions? Despite some beliefs that the government will pay for any shortfalls, State Government funding only covers basic items in our curriculum. This is OK if we only want very basic materials, limited access to ICT equipment and a lower standard of learning resources. I am hoping that we would all agree that our students deserve better than this. Be assured that every dollar we receive is spent on student learning resources and providing our students with the education they deserve.

A request for 2023 parental contributions will be distributed shortly. The Department of Education now has a rule that we must call contributions voluntary, but as I have explained the reality is different. We are also not allowed to pre invoice charges to family accounts so families will have to complete a payment advice form indicating the payments they are making. An easy way to track if you have paid 2022 Contributions is to check your family statement. If you have made payment for 2022 Parent contributions the invoices will show on your account statement together with the corresponding payment.

If anyone is experiencing financial hardship you can always let us know. There are some options for families who might not be able to contribute fully. Please contact Karen or Michael to discuss.

Celebrating Student Achievements



Prior to the pandemic we had this great tradition of celebrating our student's special achievements outside of school. These achievements varied greatly and really could have included anything the student was proud about. It was a lovely Amsleigh tradition, and a great pleasure in acknowledging these achievements in front of the school. It could be anything from a participation award, to a special trophy/medial or certificate for a special achievement. We would like to get this going again and encourage students and families to bring in their special achievement on a Friday so they can be mentioned at assembly. Just drop by the office with your item and I'll add it to my list.

Kiwanis Club

For many years now the Kiwanis Club of Brighton has been supporting the Terrific Kids Award at Amsleigh Park PS and other schools. This award is given to one student from each grade level per year, so it's a coveted award to receive. Along with the certificate, the recipients also get a \$25.00 voucher, and of course the honour of being selected. Recently, the Kiwanis Club shared with us that fund raising is becoming much harder for them, so they have decided to run a special online raffle. Information is provided in this newsletter and there are some great prizes that include a \$1000 Coles-Myer voucher 1st prize.

Long Service Leave

I'm on a week's LSL next Monday 28th Nov to Friday 2nd December tackling one of my longheld goals of completing the Great Victorian Bike Ride. During this week, Miss Carr is acting principal and will take care of things at school. Wish me luck, I've trained hard, and I am looking forward to the challenge of riding 500Kms in 7 days. If only summer would start soon!



Planning Day Reminder

Don't forget that Monday 5th December is a planning day for teaching staff so there is no school on this day. All day care is available with Youth Leadership Victoria, please see staff to make a booking. This is our final pupil-free day for 2023, we thank you for supporting our professional work on these days.

From Miss Carr.....

Election Day Sausage Sizzle at Amsleigh Park- Saturday 26th November, 2022

As previously advised, Amsleigh Park will be a polling venue for the upcoming State Election. It is a great



opportunity for fundraising, as there are a large number of people expected to come through the Amsleigh Park campus on that day. We will be holding a sausage sizzle and cake stall. Thank you very much to the parents who have volunteered to run the stalls on the day. Thanks in advance to the families who are baking something for the cake stall. We'll be accepting these Friday before and after school and we'd love as many cakes to sell as possible. If you will be voting at Amsleigh Park this weekend, stop by for a sausage and sweet treat!

Education Support Staff

The Amsleigh Park Primary School community extends a warm welcome to Miss Emily D'Angelo, who has joined the APPS team in the role of Education Support. Emily will work to support the learning of students who require 1:1 assistance. We look forward to her joining our staff, welcome Emily!



Prep transition



This week saw our second Prep transition session. It was great to welcome along our newest students again this week, where they had a classroom session as well as their first session in German class. It was fantastic to start To Our School to get to know the students further, as well as their families. We look forward to having them again each week for the rest of the year. Well forward to having them again each week for the rest of the year. Well

done 2023 Preps on a great start at Amsleigh Park!

Michael Cormick **PRINCIPAL**

Bec Carr

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

P.S. 2022 Year Books are currently being printed. Invoices have been raised to family accounts that did not pre order & pay for a copy with the 2022 Parent Contributions. Statements were sent out by email. Families that have already paid for a copy will not have an outstanding amount showing for the Year Book on their statement. If you would like to purchase a copy, please process a BPay payment to the school before November 29, 2022

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 regularly 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.





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 FOR	RM.	
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Student name & grade name		
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Date Birthday Bucket to be delivered to classroom		
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APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Baily Learning & Sporting Centre

OPERATING HOURS - TERM 4 2022

Tuesday afternoons 3:00pm - 3:45pm

Last day of operation for 2022 is Tuesday 13 December

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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Surf T-shirt <u>srs</u> (No Collar)	Navy Size M-XL also avail	\$15.00										
Windcheater wc Size 6 - 14 Size Small (16)	Navy	\$24.00 \$28.00										
Size 4-14 Size Small (16)	Navy/ Emerald	\$37.00 \$42.00										
Shorts – Cotton <u>crs</u> Rugby (Unisex)	Navy	\$15.00										
Shorts- Gabardine Zip Pocket <u>as</u>	Navy	\$17.00										
Track Pants <u>TPDN</u> Double Knee-Unisex Size 4-14 Size 16	Navy	\$23.50 \$27.00										
Girls Pants <u>sur</u> Straight Leg Viscose/Nylon/Elastine	Navy	\$22.00										
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APPS UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM

Effective Term 3, 2022

ITEM	COLOUR	PRICE INC GST	SIZE		QUANTITY			TOTAL \$ (INC GST)	Office Use ✓ Date Supplied
School Bag SBAG	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 M 55cm 57		_	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.									
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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.





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APPS Wine Fundraiser 2022

Amsleigh Park Primary School has joined with Prospect Wines to offer a selection of 8 different wines to help raise funds for our school community.

The wines are sold under the "Prospect" label. They come from all major wine regions of Australia including but not limited to Adelaide Hills, Barossa Valley, Coonawarra, Clare Valley, Langhorne Creek, Limestone Coast, McLaren Vale Geelong, Heathcote, King Valley, Mornington Peninsula, Rutherglen, Yarra Valley, Margaret River, Griffith & Hunter Valley, plus the Marlborough region of New Zealand. Prospect Wines guarantee the quality of their wines and offer a money back service if you are not happy.

Perfect for Christmas Parties, corporate functions, Gifts or just to stock your personal wine cellar

Online Orders only. Minimum order is 6 bottles (can be all 1 wine, or any mix of different wines). Orders are delivered directly to your door and can be delivered Australia wide to most metro areas (standard delivery fee starts at \$9).

Click here for our online order page:

https://prospectwines.com.au/product/amsleigh-park-primary-school/

This link can be shares with family, friends and colleagues all around Australia





Launch of the Kiwanis Brighton Bayside Online Raffle

I invite you to participate in Kiwanis Brighton Bayside's first Online Raffle to raise funds for our projects and, particularly, our Terrific Kids and BUGS Award program which supports children in encouraging learning, motivation and generally becoming an enthusiastic part of our community.

However, our normal outlets to raise money have dried up over Covid. Therefore, we are holding this raffle with prizes donated by our amazing club members.

PRIZES

1st Prize \$1000 Coles Myer Gift Voucher Card 2nd Prize \$800 Bunnings Gift Voucher Card 3rd Prize \$200 Rebel Sports Gift Card

To purchase your tickets please click on https://raffle link.com.au/kiwanisbrighton which takes you to the raffle website.

If you are unable to purchase online, please email carolyn@famegroup.com.au and Caz can arrange to purchase your tickets for you.

TICKETS are priced at:

\$10 each, 2 tickets for \$18, 3 tickets for \$25, 4 tickets for \$32, 10 tickets for \$80.

Our RAFFLE will be drawn on Wednesday 7th December.

Thank you in advance for your support and if you have further questions, they can be directed to either myself or Caz Journeaux.

Many thanks for your support in this worthwhile cause,

Fiona Campbell Hicks
President and Co-Ordinator of the Terrific Kids and BUGS Awards
KIWANIS BRIGHTON BAYSIDE

CHESS at Amsleigh Park Primary

Chess is the original and enduring "thought sport" played throughout the world and has many benefits for young people. These include improved cognitive skills as well as self confidence and resilience. With coaches who rank among the best players in the country our chess programs are tailored to suit the needs of all abilities.

