



## DIARY DATES

### SEPTEMBER 2023

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> G4-5 Ashwood SC visit**

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Cheese Toastie Day**

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Day –  
Student Free Day**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY TERM 3  
Early Finish @ 2:30pm**

### OCTOBER 2023

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Term 4 Commences**

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS  
@ APPS**

## DUE BEFORE DATES:

**COPIES OF ALL NEWSLETTERS ARE  
AVAILABLE ON  
OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

## **Principal Team Report**

### **The Amsleigh Park PS Community**

As I stood on stage after our second performance of the school production, I could not help but feel proud. Once again, we had come together as a community to give our students the opportunity of performing together for a wonderfully supportive audience. And what a great showcase of the wonderful talent of our students.

It's hard to measure the impact that participating in a production has on children as it's not assessed in the way we might do for academic learning. However, the research clearly shows that these opportunities add great depth to the learning experience for children, building confidence, promoting collaboration and teamwork, developing public speaking skills and all the while having lots of fun. I hope that you would agree that these are valuable skills that will benefit children over the long term.

One enduring factor in the success of the school production has been the way we all work together as a community. There are so many contributions, both big and small, which all come together for the performances as Salesian College. From costumes to catering, transport to parking, raffle ticket selling to pre-show set up, every aspect plays an important part. We simply cannot thank everyone enough for this fantastic support and hope that you know it is greatly appreciated.

I do want to thank our staff; we ask a lot of them, and I want them to know how much this is valued. Like other things we do at Amsleigh Park we can always rely on the teaching and support staff to embrace and support anything to enhance the lives of our students. It is not taken for granted and we thank you all sincerely for your dedication to our students.

As I said at production, we have fantastic students, wonderfully supportive families, and a committed and talented staff and that's a recipe for a great school community.



### **The Father's Day Stall**

It was a very big week for our parents and friends, but this did not stop the Father's Day stall from going ahead on Thursday. This great tradition is so important for our students who love the opportunity to select a gift for that special person in their lives. Having a small gift that was chosen by a child is a special moment for the recipient and lives long in the memory. I want to say a sincere thanks to our PFA and all volunteers who came along to ensure we continue to support our students in this gift giving. We appreciate your time and energy to make this happen.

### **District Athletics**

Amsleigh Park PS students love their sport and enjoyed a great day at the District Athletics recently. Competing in the Oakleigh District, our school enjoyed the carnival, and worked together as a team. There were lots of great moments, so well done to all our competitors. It's great to hear that 11 students are proceeding on to the Divisional Athletics. Many thanks to the parents who accompanied the team on the day to help, and thanks to Miss Hayes and our Grade 5/6 teachers for organising the team on behalf of our school. All greatly appreciated.

From Miss Carr...

## Whole School Production

What a wonderful two nights we shared at the whole school production last week! As a follow on to Michael's production thank-you earlier in the newsletter, I wanted to reflect on what a joy it was to have our whole school community together again in a celebration of the arts and our talented students.

We are so proud of all our students! To be up on stage in front of 850 people is a huge effort! Also a shout out to our amazing Grade 6s acting in the speaking roles, tying our story together between each of the class items. The Grade 6s have been a wonderful group to work with and we're proud that they were able to commit to the term's worth of afterschool rehearsals as part of the preparation for the show. We really enjoyed working with you and enjoyed all the fun that came along the way with you all!

In speaking with students around the school over the last week, it has been terrific to hear the students' insights into what they learnt or how they benefited from the whole process. Some grade 6s commented on how they felt more confident to speak in front of others, or enjoyed the extra time they got to spend with their friends in rehearsal in their last year of primary school. Some of our junior students talked of being brave and going up on stage, or the fun they had with their grade when it was time to go backstage. From our teachers, I've heard mentioned how the classes worked together so well as teams to support one another through the performance. It has been great to hear of all the positives of doing a whole school production. We can't wait for next year's show!



## Production Donations

A huge thank you to the local businesses who generously donated raffle prizes for our School Production Raffle or donated other goods for the show. It is greatly appreciated! It is wonderful to see the local businesses and families get behind Amsleigh Park Primary School, so please support them where you can. Thank you to:

- Bakers Delight Oakleigh -via Rana family
- Danielle's Artworks -via Simonds family
- Beacon Lighting -via Hooper family
- Swordfish Fish and Grill, Huntingdale -via Paps family
- Holey Moley – via Gaskin family
- Gumbaya World

## Curriculum Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Sep

Our staff are looking forward to a day of important professional learning next Thursday. We are most fortunate to be working with Dr Ange Rogers, who is an expert in the teaching of Mathematics and Numeracy. The learning will be focused on building teachers' knowledge for teaching mathematical concepts such as place value and multiplicative thinking. It is crucial that children understand these concepts as they are vital to the learning of more abstract Mathematics as children progress through school. Teaching primary Mathematics can be very challenging as it is our role to build a solid foundation for the future. Children who do not understand the core concepts increasing begin find this learning difficult. Ange Rogers has a special interest in place value and making sure that the teaching is evidenced based and follows approaches that support the development of this important conceptual knowledge.

Like all professionals it is important that teachers continue to 'upskill' in multiple aspects of education. Our Strategic Improvement Team oversees this side of things and we are constantly looking for opportunities to enhance professional knowledge and skills.



## Sounds Write

Thinking about professional learning I'm pleased to share with our community that nearly all our staff have been trained as Sounds Write practitioners. The great part about this is that we are now able to further embed the teaching of phonics in our literacy program. We can already see that our students are more confident when learning to read and have better skills in decoding words and building fluency. The teaching of synthetic phonics through Sounds Write is also highly inclusive and caters to a broader range of students including those children who might experience

A recent newspaper article in the Age discussed some of the current challenges facing education in the teaching of reading. The article makes it very clear that teaching of phonics in the way we do is the most effective way to teach reading and spelling. It's based on a vast piece of research known as the 'Science of Reading' which has identified the core learnings needed in the teaching of reading. The strength of this approach is that it includes explicit teaching of core phonics knowledge in a systematic and consistent way. The teaching which starts in Foundation (prep) is then built upon in Grade 1 and Grade 2, and by the end of this time all children have been taught the whole 'phonics' code. Becoming a Sounds Write practitioner requires rigorous training that staff must complete through a special course. Here's a link to the [Age article](#).

## Sunsmart

A reminder that 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 once the UV reaches 3. Please support our Sun Smart policy by providing a 'sun smart' hat for your child. Hats are available for purchase at the uniform shop.

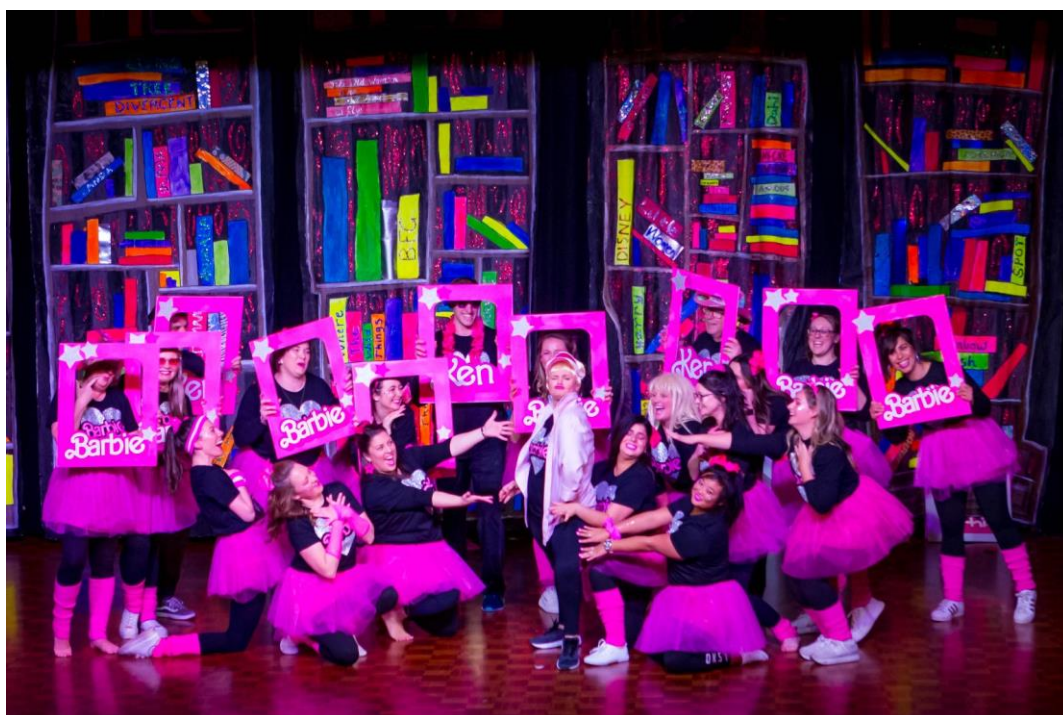
Until Next time...

*Michael Cormick*

PRINCIPAL

*Bec Carr*

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL





## FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE ADMIN TEAM.....

### Family Account Information

Thanks to the families that have paid 2023 Parent Contributions.

Please ensure that a **completed Payment Advice Form is sent to the office** so invoices can be processed, and payments allocated correctly.

Copies of the 2023 Parent Contributions letter and Payment Advice forms were sent out by email and are also available from the school office or on our website. [www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au](http://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.

Thank you,

Karen Hogan  
Business Manager



# THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

ZOOOPER  
DOOPERS



KILLER PYTHONS\*



\*Contain gluten

## THE BIRTHDAY BUCKET!

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 a minimum of 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](mailto:apps.parents@gmail.com)

### APPS – BIRTHDAY BUCKET ORDER SLIP

Please complete all details and return to the school office (min 1 week prior to delivery date):

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

Select one ☐ Zooper Doopers \$15.00 OR ☐ Killer Pythons \$15.00

Date Birthday Bucket to be delivered to classroom \_\_\_\_\_

Payment to be made over the counter at the School Office by Credit/Debit Card only

Thankyou.

### IMPORTANT

Orders must be placed a minimum of 1 week prior to your requested delivery date

## APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Baily Learning & Sporting Centre

OPERATING HOURS - TERM 3 2023  
Tuesday afternoons 3:00pm - 3:45pm

### Pay by Credit/Debit Card at the Uniform Shop

Orders for new Uniform items can be emailed to the general office if unable to attend in person on Tuesday afternoons. - credit/debit card payments 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](mailto: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 the original packing slip 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](http://www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au)

Libby Jumas  
Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator

## UNIFORM SHOP - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 child's belongings are clearly named and you regularly check the Lost Property area if you are missing any items.**

Thank you,  
Admin Team

# THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

## AMSLEIGH PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL - UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM

Pricing Effective Term 3, 2023 (July 10th 2023)

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DELIVER ORDER TO CLASSROOM ☐ OR COLLECT FROM OFFICE ☐

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	SIZE 18 QTY	TOTAL COST \$ (INC GST)	Office Use ✓ & Date Supplied
Short Sleeve Polo <u>SSP</u> Size M-XL also avail POA	Navy/ Emerald	\$25.00										
Long Sleeve Polo <u>LSP</u> Size M-XL also avail POA	Navy/ Emerald	\$27.00										
Surf T-shirt <u>STB</u> (No Collar) Size M-XL also avail POA	Navy	\$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 <u>CBS</u> Rugby (Unisex)	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 <u>SLP</u> Straight Leg Viscose/Nylon/Blatline	Navy	\$23.00										
Girls Skort Gab <u>SGS</u> (Gabardine Fabric)	Navy	\$17.50										
Girls Skort Cotton <u>SGC</u> Size 4-14 Size 16-20	Navy	\$19.50 \$24.00										
Summer Dress <u>SD</u>	Navy & White	\$23.00										
** Bike Shorts Cotton/Lycra <u>BS</u>	Navy	\$12.00										
Art Smock <u>AS</u>	Navy	\$15.00	Small			Medium		Large				
* * Bike Shorts can only be worn UNDER a school dress. Not suitable as shorts			Total From Over Page								\$	
SECOND HAND ITEMS \$			TOTAL ORDER								\$	
Office Use Only Receipt #												

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT Student Name & Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MasterCard or Visa only - Submit to General Office prior to collecting Uniform Order

Cardholders Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ FOR: UNIFORM PURCHASE

Cardholder Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Card No:

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# THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

## APPS UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM

Effective Term 3, 2023

ITEM	COLOUR	PRICE INC GST	SIZE		QUANTITY				TOTAL \$ (INC GST)	Office Use ✓ Date Supplied
School Bag <u>SBAG</u>	Navy	\$36.00	N/A							
Book Bag <u>BB</u> <u>Not required for Preps</u>	Navy	\$8.00	N/A							
Slouch Hat <u>HAT</u>	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 4-6 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 the Amsleigh Park Primary School Council – see Uniform Policy for further information.										
Please ensure you are using a current version of this order form – prices are subject to change without notice, previous versions may have incorrect pricing.					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 2023

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. "Tap"payments now available.

ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

[www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au](http://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](mailto: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 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.

July 10<sup>th</sup> 2023





## Information for families

Since the beginning of 2021, Amsleigh Park commenced using Xuno as our main communication tool with families, including newsletter distribution, absence notifications, student reports, communication with your child's teacher, messages and reminders, permission forms and online payments.

Xuno is a web-based school management program 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.

Bookings for "Get to Know You" & Parent Teacher interviews are also managed through Xuno. Parents can use Xuno to notify the school of any address/contact detail changes, absences, late arrivals, upcoming family holidays etc.

For new families - 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 school information and events.**

Please contact the office if you require a Xuno welcome email to be resent.

Thank you,

Amsleigh Admin Team



# Oakleigh Raptors Basketball Club

SUMMER REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Registrations  
close  
10 September

For Ages  
5+



Register Here



[www.raptors.org.au](http://www.raptors.org.au)



# WANT TO PLAY SOFTBALL?

COME DOWN TO JELLS PARK THIS  
SUMMER!

## SYNDAL SOFTBALL CLUB

SEASON  
TRAINING  
EVERY  
THURSDAY



GAMES  
EVERY  
SATURDAY



### PRE-SEASON TRAINING DATES

Thursday 31st August,  
7th & 14th September 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
Diamond 2  
Saturday 2nd and 9th September  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
Diamond 2

Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/8YmQRVG1PvYaqav17>



<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/syndalsoftballcl/>



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**26 November 2023**  
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**All funds raised support the**  
**Monash Children's Hospital**  
**Childhood Cancer Research Teams**



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**The Social Domain**  
Skills For Life

## Term 4 **SOCIAL THINKING PROGAM**



5-7 years

**4:15-5:00pm**

**Wednesday**

Starting 4th October

9-11 years

**5:00-5:45pm**

**Wednesday**

Starting 4th October

**\$150 per week**  
**NDIS supported**

Run weekly by a Speech Pathologist

### Topics Covered

- ✓ Conversation Skills
- ✓ Perspective Taking
- ✓ Forming and Maintaining Friendships
- ✓ Handling Teasing and Bullying
- ✓ Problem Solving and Reasoning
- ✓ Resilience and Managing Feelings

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