



**Term 4**

**Issue 5**

**Week 9**

**December 1, 2023**

## DIARY DATES

### DECEMBER 2023

**Tue 5 – Grade 6 Luna Park**

**Wed 6 – Prep 2024 Transition  
Session 4 9:15am-10:30am**

**Thu 7 – Grade 6 Graduation**

**Fri 8 – Junior Cross Country**

**Mon 11-15 – Grade 4-5 Bike Ed**

**Tues 12 – Whole School  
Transition**

**Fri 15 – Final Assembly 2023**

**Mon 18 – Christmas Carols**

**Wed 20 – Last Day of Term 4  
Early Finish @ 1.3pm**

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

## DUE BEFORE DATES:

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov- Grade 6 Luna  
Park**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Grade 6  
Graduation**

**Fri 1 Dec –G5-6 2024 Camp  
Deposit**

**Book Club Issue 8 Orders**

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

## **Principal Team Report**

### **Congratulations Mrs Kwong!**



We are thrilled to announce the arrival of a baby girl for Mrs Kwong. Neve was welcomed to the World on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> November. It's a wonderful moment for Mrs Kwong and her husband, Nate, and on behalf of everyone in our community we offer them our heartfelt congratulations.

Mrs Kwong did a WebEx session with her Grade 2s this week and they were all super excited by the news.

### **Farewell to Mr Embury**

At the end of 2023 we will say farewell to Mr Embury who will be finishing up at Amsleigh Park PS. In the coming year Mr Embury is excited to be following his passion for basketball coaching and devoting more time to this interest whilst also undertaking some casual relief teaching. Mr Embury has been a hard-working member of the Senior School team for the past two years, teaching Grade 6. During this time, he has contributed to many school activities and events bringing a sense of fun and energy into his work. On behalf of everyone at Amsleigh Park PS I want to sincerely thank Mr Embury for his commitment to Amsleigh Park. Good luck with the coaching and we will see you at APPS as a relief teacher.



### **New Staff 2024**

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Fiona MacNally in 2024 who will be joining our teaching staff. Miss MacNally is currently teaching at Aspendale Primary School and is delighted to have secured a role at Amsleigh Park, which is much closer to home. We look forward to her joining us on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December to meet her new class for 2024 and spend some time getting to know them.



We will also be welcoming Mrs Nuala Martin who is joining our Tutor learning team from 2024. Mrs Martin is a familiar face at Amsleigh Park having worked at our school as a relief teacher over the past few years. Mrs Martin has been in a tutor for the past couple of years at Carrum P.S. so she also brings valuable experience to this team.



Starting in Term 2 we will also be hosting a German Language Assistant for 2 days per week. Mr Josef Chehouri was selected through the International Education Division at DET and is currently studying to be a teacher in Germany. This is a unique and highly valuable opportunity for our staff and students to work with a native German speaker.

### **Final Assembly for 2023**

We will be having our final assembly for 2023 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am. This will be a big assembly as we present Grade 6 awards, announce student leaders for 2024 and say farewell to staff. Parents and carers are most welcome to come along for this event.

## Parent Voluntary Contributions

When the information went out regarding parent voluntary contributions for 2024 there was a letter attached with information about why we ask for these payments. I have received some feedback that the link is down the bottom of the XUNO email, and it might not be obvious, so we have included the letter in this edition of the Buzz.

It would be fair to say that in recent years parent voluntary contributions have not been as strong as they were previously. Previously, more than 90% of families contributed so that we can provide our students with a higher standard of education. This has now fallen to about 55-60% and as a result we are not able to provide what we could previously. Parental contributions are a direct investment in your child's education and the amount requested is modest. Please take the time to read and consider the attached letter to get an idea of why we request this contribution and how we can use the funds. We need your ongoing help and support including a financial contribution to maintain the standards we all aspire to.

In saying this there is support for families who might be in a difficult financial position and if this is the case please contact our Business Manager, Karen Hogan.

## Class Structure finalised for 2024

We are pleased to offer another excellent class structure for 2024.

The class structure is as follows:

Prep x 3

Grade 1 x 2

Grade 2 x 3

Grade 3 x 2

Grade 4 x 2

Grade 5 x 1

Grade 5/6 x 1

Grade 6 x 1

We will be placing students in classes over the next couple of weeks in preparation for our Class Orientation on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Specialist Programs for 2024

We are pleased to say that our fantastic specialist program will be increased in 2024 and we will have 5 programs for the whole school year. This is due to the government providing further time for teachers to undertake planning so it's a win-win for everyone as we can now broaden out the scope of our STEM program to incorporate more Information and Communications Technology. Our specialist programs in 2024 are: Visual Art, Physical Education, Performing Arts, German Language and Science-Technology-Engineering and Maths (STEM). All students from Foundation to Grade 6 do a session in each specialist each week.

## The Tutor Learning Initiative



The State Government has once again funded the Tutor Learning Initiative for 2024. 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 2023, 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 for about 1-2 terms depending on how students' progress.

## From Miss Carr...

### Prep transition

This week saw our third Foundation transition session. It was great to welcome along our newest students again this week, where they had a classroom session. It was fantastic to start 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 done 2024 Foundation Students on a great start at Amsleigh Park!



### Coffee Van Morning

Next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, we're having a parent and carer coffee morning! Come and join us for a cuppa before school this Friday morning from 8:15am. Remember to BYO reusable cup for a 50c discount from the coffee van. This will be followed by the P-2 Junior Cross Country, if you're interested in staying to watch.

### Colour Run

The good just news keeps coming from this year's 'Colour Run', and I am very pleased to announce that the event raised just over \$13,000.00. Given the event was also lots of fun; this is a great bonus for the school. Prizes earned by students are on order and we hope to receive them shortly. Once again, huge thanks to the PFA, parent helpers, and also to the Oakleigh MFB for the added fun of the Fire Truck. Thanks to everyone involved, this was a most successful event. 😊



## Grade 6 Graduation

Our Grade 6s will be greatly looking forward to their Graduation Ceremony which will be held at school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### And finally...

Please note the following dates for your diary for the start of 2024.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024** - Staff Resume for 2024 – preparation and planning day – student free day.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024** – All students start school for 2023, including Foundation.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 14<sup>th</sup> Feb, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Prep Rest Days 2024

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024** – End of Term 1

We are already starting to prepare for the 2024 school year, as we are already past the half-way point of Term 4.

Until Next time...

*Michael Cormick*

PRINCIPAL

*Bec Carr*

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## In the Land of Giants

We had a visit from some members of the Southeast Melbourne Phoenix Basketball Club. The don't look so tall on the court by in real life, well see for yourself. Don't forget the short guys are about 185cm. The taller of the players is about 200cm or about 6'9" in the old lingo! They answered lots of questions and showed off some of their skills. Go Phoenix!





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## Parental Curriculum Contributions in 2024

November 14, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is our ongoing aim to provide the highest standards of education to all Amsleigh Park PS students. An important component of a quality education is making sure that we provide a high standard of resources and learning materials. We believe that our students deserve this, and we know that it makes a difference in the outcomes that they achieve.

To achieve the highest standards of teaching and learning our teachers and support staff need quality resources and materials, and we need the support of our school community to achieve this. Whilst we do get some funding from the Department of Education most of it is used to pay for our utilities – electricity/gas/water, relief teaching, plumbing, electrical work, photocopying, furniture, first aid equipment, cleaning consumables, rubbish removal and professional development. This leaves only a small amount to support learning in the standard curriculum.

To provide the high standard we believe our students deserve we ask our parents for a moderate parental contribution (previously known as school fees). Let me reassure you that parental contributions are spent on student learning and curriculum resources & materials. The Department of Education has a strict rule that we must call them voluntary financial contributions, but we simply cannot fund the items we want for our students without your help.

In 2023 the number of contributions did improve but we are still not back at the previous years when over 90% of families contributed. We have maintained the requested contribution for 2024. This modest amount is less than \$2.00 per week so we believe it's a fair and reasonable contribution. In comparison to many other programs for children it represents good value. E.g., One day of childcare can cost the equivalent to a year's contribution at school. Anyone who is experiencing financial hardship should contact us so we can provide support and assistance.

Here are some of the enhancements made possible through the generous support of families in 2023. Just think what would be possible if we had more resources to use.

In 2023 we,

- ✓ once again purchased new literacy and numeracy resources for student use. This includes more decodable reading materials, hands-on mathematics kits for classrooms and lots of new Library books. This year we spent \$30,000+ on these [resources](#)
- ✓ maintained sets of the Apple iPads to further enhance our performing Arts and STEM programs
- ✓ provided class sets of Apple I-pads, Netbooks and Chromebooks for our students to use in their learning. In 2023 we procured a set of new laptop computers for use in Grade 2]
- ✓ enriched the standard curriculum with a comprehensive specialist program. (Physical Education, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, German and STEM classes). Each specialist area received their budgeted requests for 2023 so they could continue to provide high standards of materials and [equipment](#)
- ✓ purchased additional curriculum materials and consumables for Inquiry learning and Social-emotional learning. For example, every child received a Resilience Project booklet to a total cost of \$6500 for the whole [school](#)
- ✓ acquired and/or replaced sports equipment to improve the Health & P.E. program
- ✓ purchased new 'Squirrel' chairs and other furniture for classrooms
- ✓ contributed towards the cost of a new covered walkway connecting our buildings
- ✓ replaced shade sails over the 3-6 playground

In 2024 we would be hoping once again to continue to provide high standards of learning resources and materials, but this will only be possible with your support. We ask that you please consider making this contribution in 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Cormick  
Principal

## APPS UNIFORM SHOP

**Located in the Thelma Baily Learning & Sporting Centre**

**OPERATING HOURS – TERM 4 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 4, 2023 (October 2 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>STS</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>CRS</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/Elastine	Navy	\$23.00										
Girls Skort Gab <u>SKTG</u> (Gabardine Fabric)	Navy	\$17.50										
Girls Skort Cotton <u>SKTC</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 / EFT \$								Office Use	

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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## APPS UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM

Effective Term 4, 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 4 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 or Uniform Shop **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.



EZRA  
PAUL  
MADISON  
SABRINA  
ELIJAH  
LUCAS  
ANNA  
WILLIAM  
NOAH

SARAYA  
AVANI  
LACHLAN  
CHRISTOS  
AUSTIN  
AMAYA  
EZRA  
OLIVER

GURFATEH  
ARCHER  
FLORA  
LACIE  
ROSELINDA  
SHAUN  
RABIA  
BELLA  
ADDERLINE

*Happy  
Birthday*

to all our students with December birthdays



## Information for families

Amsleigh Park 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, event approvals 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 and can easily inform the school of their child's absences and contact detail changes.**

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

Thank you,

Amsleigh Admin Team

# **VICTORIA TAEKWONDO**

## **SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

- **Mat exercise**
- **Ball game**
- **Skipping rope**
- **Taekwondo skills**

-Date: 8th-25th Jan 2024  
(Mon-Thur for 3 weeks)  
-Cost: \$100 (including T-shirt)  
-Location: 1/11-13 Milgate st  
Oakleigh South  
-Contact: [victkd2020@gmail.com](mailto:victkd2020@gmail.com)





**The Social Domain**  
Skills For Life

## **SOCIAL SKILLS HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Run by Speech Pathologists



### **Group 1**

5-7 years







### **Group 2**

8-11 years

**Dates:** *Wednesday 10th and  
Friday 12th of January*

 **64 Glenferrie Road, Malvern**

## **Topics Covered**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
|  <b>Conversation Skills</b>                 |  <b>Handling Teasing and Bullying</b>    |
|  <b>Perspective Taking</b>                  |  <b>Problem Solving and Reasoning</b>    |
|  <b>Forming and Maintaining Friendships</b> |  <b>Resilience and Managing Feelings</b> |



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# AUDITION for the Australian Youth Choir 2024.



Enrolments for 2024 are now open  
to boys and girls from 8 years of age.



An opportunity to develop:

- singing
- musicianship; choral repertoire
- confidence
- self-esteem
- new friendships



Weekly rehearsals in Canterbury during  
school Term with concerts included in the  
year.

## AUDITION NOW FOR 2024

Appointments are available throughout  
December by contacting us on:

EMAIL: [office2@niypaa.com.au](mailto:office2@niypaa.com.au)

CALL: 98362877 (leave a message for a return call)

Est. 1975, the Australian Youth Choir is a division of National Institute of Youth  
Performing Arts Australia (NIYPAA) ABN 28 007 124 629

# TRANSITION DAY

**Free workshop for students starting year 7**

**Build your confidence and learn skills to  
manage stress and make new friends**

**Wednesday 24 January 2024**

**9:30am – 3pm**

**Southern Community Centre  
27 Rupert Drive, Mulgrave**

**Register now at**  
**[www.trybooking.com/CMEZE](http://www.trybooking.com/CMEZE)**



**For more information, contact Monash Youth Services  
on 9518 3900 or [yrer@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:yrer@monash.vic.gov.au)**

