



Term 4

Issue 6

Week 11

December 15, 2023

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER 2023

Fri 15 – Final Assembly 2023

Fri 15 – Last day for lunch orders

**Mon 18 – Christmas Carols
5pm – 7pm**

**Wed 20 – Last Day of Term 4
- Early Finish @ 1.30pm
- Office closed from 11am**

JANUARY 2024

**Tue 30 - Term 1 Commences
For students in all year levels**

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

DUE BEFORE DATES:

**Fri 1 Dec –G5-6 2024 Camp
Deposit**

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

Principal Team Report

Grade 6 Graduation 2023

We enjoyed a wonderful Graduation ceremony in 2023. Well organised by our Grade 6 teachers, Mrs Arvanitis and Mr Embury, with great support from the Grade 5 teachers, Mrs Jonga and Miss Kirton, this event was an enjoyable night of celebration and reflection. The formal ceremony was beautifully presented by our Grade 6s who shared their memorable moments and sang with plenty of emotion. We were all super impressed to see our graduates work without notes during the event. Our Grade 6s acknowledged everyone involved in their school life that began in 2017. How quickly time goes, and with the passing of this time, it is wonderful to see how these students have matured into warm and caring young people. The end of the year for Grade 6s always comes with the mixed emotions of excitement but also some sadness as they realise their time at Amsleigh Park is nearly done. Looking at this group I can see they are ready for their next challenge, and we wish them every happiness and success as they commence their secondary years. We will certainly miss them all.

On behalf of our students, I want to thank Mrs Arvo and Mr Embury, with support from many parents and staff, for organising such a great event. It was truly a special occasion and will be a memorable one for all. Special thanks to our Grade 5 parents who helped to set up and serve the graduation dinner. Many schools have this tradition, and it works well as there are just so many things to organise with an event such as this. Thanks again to everyone, we appreciate all your help.



Our Priorities in 2024

After a successful school review in 2023 we now have a new strategic plan to implement from 2024-2027. Our plan includes two goals, one to continuously improve our teaching in English and Mathematics and the other to strengthen and enhance wellbeing and student engagement. This is consistent with the priorities of the government school system which places equal emphasis on learning and well-being as central to success in schools.

In 2024 we have an exciting plan to strengthen and enhance the way we teach Mathematics. We have formed a strategic partnership with Mathematics consultant and expert, Dr Angela Rogers, who will work with us across the whole year, providing important professional learning for our teaching staff. This professional learning will focus on building teacher knowledge and skills in implementing evidenced based strategies that supports the teaching of important foundational knowledge of Mathematics. This foundational knowledge is essential in the early years of primary school and includes counting and place value skills. Both might seem fairly simplistic, but research shows that many children have learning gaps in these areas which lead to difficulties in learning more complex concepts.

Grade 6 Final Farewell

We will undertake a final farewell for our Grade 6 students on **Wednesday at 1.00pm**. Please add it to your diaries. Our Grade 6s will walk down our traditional isle of honour to symbolize the completion of their primary school years. As they move down the aisle all our students clap and cheer for them. It's a lovely tribute to our Grade 6s and often is an emotional moment for everyone in attendance. We'll see you under the sports pavilion.

Expressing Gratitude

One of the important learnings that we have all learnt through The Resilience Project is to practise gratitude. Showing or expressing gratitude helps to build a deep appreciation of the many positive parts of life. At Amsleigh Park we have many reasons to express our gratitude in 2023. Here's a list of things we can all be grateful for:

Our Fantastic Assistant Principal



I want to sincerely thank Miss Carr for the generous contribution she makes to Amsleigh Park PS and all our students, staff, parents, and carers. A dedicated and talented leader, Miss Carr, is a person of great integrity who makes an enormous difference in many aspects of our school. Miss Carr is a champion of wellbeing and inclusion, making sure that all children can access education and learning. I feel fortunate to have a person of her qualities and together we make the 'dynamic duo!'

Teaching and Support Staff

Our school has such a wonderful staff who are all extremely dedicated to our students, always showing great care and compassion. Always willing to go that 'extra mile' in supporting our students and our school we are very fortunate to have such a caring and committed team. Our staff are dedicated to continuously improving all aspects of learning and education at our school, and they work tirelessly to ensure that all students reach their full learning potential. Our staff also includes a highly effective and experienced teacher-leader team that includes our Learning Specialist, Miss Barker, Professional Learning Community Leaders, Miss Renwick, Mrs Arvanitis and Miss Colacitti and Mrs Bianco, Wellbeing Leader, Miss Tapper, Specialist Leader, Mrs Kennedy and Numeracy Leader, Miss Brown. Together our teacher leaders make sure we continue to meet the standards we have set for our students. We are indeed most fortunate to have a talented and committed staff.



Administration Team 2023



Business Manager, Karen Hogan and our Admin team, Jade Portingale and Ali Wright-Smith are our ever smiling and helpful Admin team. Managing a range of changes with careful planning and dedication, I want to highlight how important they are to Amsleigh Park PS. As the first point of contact for parents and a key support for our students, our admin team is always helpful, caring, and thorough, with an attention to detail. On behalf of our community, I want to say sincere thanks to Karen, Jade and Ali for their continuing hard work and dedication to our school. We really appreciate it!

Our Parents and Care Givers

Next Wednesday we will say a fond farewell to many parents and carers as their children depart APPS. On behalf of our staff, I want to say a heartfelt thanks for your wonderful support of APPS. The partnership between our staff and parents/carers is worthy of celebration as it is vital we all work together in the best interests of our students. This week we enjoyed a special morning tea together with our parents and carers in order to acknowledge their generous support and offer thanks to those who could make it along. If you could not make it, please accept our appreciation for your support.

One person we must acknowledge is Caz Hayes, who has been a driving force in our PFA for many years right from when it first started off in about 2014. Caz has been a key leader and contributor to the PFA and organised many of the fantastic events conducted for our students and the wider community over many years. Caz has generously given her time to our school and we are very grateful to her for the many contributions. Sincere thanks to Caz and best wishes from us all.

Our Parents and Friends Association provide valued support to Amsleigh Park and in 2023 has run numerous events for students, staff and the community. Our PFA encourages many connections across our school and gives parents and carers the chance to get involved in and support their child's education. Sincere thanks to Justin Scott, PFA president and Suzi Ikin, PFA secretary, for being the executive members of the committee. Thanks to everyone who has been involved we really appreciate it.

The working bee crew also deserve our thanks so big shout out to Laura Harrison and Justin Scott, the driving force behind the community working bee program. We have a large campus with lots of space for our students, but this also means a challenge in managing it. With the ongoing help of the working bee crew, we are continuing to make improvements.



THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

Student Leaders

This year's student leadership group have done a fantastic job, acting as great role models for all other students. Setting a wonderful tone for our school, they have been excellent ambassadors for our school and

thank you!

when given the chance, have set a great example and very high standard of student leadership for all others to follow! Special thanks to School Captains, Bella and Jacob, who have excelled as school captains. Well done to all our Grade 6s for being an excellent group and wonderful buddies to their Prep friends.

Our Wonderful Library

Our school library is a special space we are all very proud of. It's an inviting space, generous in size and nicely furnished and so important in building positive reading habits. We don't just want to teach children to read at school, we also want to instill in them a love of literature and reading for pleasure. Our library book collection continues to grow steadily as our Librarian, Martin, gets new books into circulation. I want to thank his dedication to our library and for bringing great enthusiasm and fun to



Out of School Hours Care



Youth Leadership Victoria are a unique organisation as they provide out of hours care for students as a not-for-profit entity. This means they are focussed on service rather than profits, often providing enhanced opportunities for our students. YLV are always highly supportive of our school and will make sure care is available on all pupil-free days and during school holidays, which is vital for working parents/carers. Sincere thanks to Rita, Aisha, Androula, Harry and the whole team at YLV, we appreciate your partnership with our school.

The Uniform Shop

Amsleigh Park maintains an on-site uniform shop through the good will of staff and parents. Without the support of our parent coordinator, Libby Jumas and her band of helpers we simply would not be able to run our shop. I want to highlight how important our uniform shop is to our whole school community. As a not-for-profit shop we keep the price of uniforms to a wholesale level, with the convenience of having a shop on-site. In this age of outsourcing, many schools no longer provide this kind of service, so it does set us apart. It might not always seem like a big deal, but I can assure you it's much better than having to go to the retail shops. I want to thank Libby and her helpers, Heather and Angela for their generosity in running our uniform shop in 2023, we are very grateful to you.



School Council

I want to say a sincere thanks to all our councillors who give generously of their time to school governance, with special thanks to President, Ana Meyborg, Treasurer, Steve Ikin and Vice President, Kylie Champion. School Governance is an important function that happens behind the scenes. With oversight for the Child Safe Standards, finances, policies, facilities and out of school hours care, our council plays a vital role to make sure we operate according to the Education Act. Thanks for being part of a cohesive partnership where all members are totally focussed on the common good of the school. A job very well done on behalf of our school community.



Thanks and more thanks....



Big thanks to Suzi Ikin and Lucy Knight who help to distribute the Book Club orders each month. It's one of those things that just happens quietly behind the scenes and brings joy to the excited recipients.

Thanks Liam and Nicky Shaw who have been looking after the Birthday buckets, along with our student helpers. They are more popular than ever.

Thanks to Jane Renwick for her hard work in our gardens. Jane has spent many hours weeding and beautifying quietly behind the scenes and we really appreciate the help.

In a school environment there are always so many people to thank and acknowledge, and we hope that we have covered everyone. There are so many things that happen, both big and small, and some might go unnoticed. We hope that you get the personal satisfaction of knowing that you made a

difference for our students and staff, after all that's what we are all here for.

Reading Nights for 2023

Big congratulations to the many students who completed many reading nights in 2023, it's been a bumper year of success, and we ended up with about 125 students who did 300 reading nights. These amazing results means that our students have continued to develop their fluency and vocabulary. Reading nights can be counted from Jan 1, 2024, so keep reading during the holidays.

Thank you from Miss Carr!



A sincere thank you to all of the parents and community members who have helped with the huge variety of activities and events throughout 2023! What a lucky bunch of students we have, having so many extracurricular opportunities offered to them each year. Many of these would not be possible without the assistance of our wonderful families. We truly value and appreciate your help and support!

I have really enjoyed working with the Amsleigh community this year and I look forward to working with everyone again next year!

I'd like to wish everyone a relaxing, happy and safe Christmas and New Year! See you in 2024!

Smart Start

Earlier this week, all students attended 'Smart Start', the final transition session for the year. Students spent the morning with their classmates and teacher for 2024. All groups were really settled and made a good start in building a positive rapport and learning environment for next year. I know all teachers enjoyed getting to know their future students. It was lovely to see our students moving so confidently into the next year of their schooling. Thanks to Miss Lauren Wall who lead the whole school transition program for 2023-2024.



Lost Property



Please pop in at the lost property area in the gym foyer and check if any of your child's belongings are there. There is a large amount of unnamed property to be claimed.

Our regards for the holidays...

We would like to wish you every happiness during the festive season and holidays that follow. Be safe and enjoy time with family and friends. Let's hope for some sunshine so we can enjoy some long, lazy summer days of relaxation and fun.

Michael Cormick

PRINCIPAL



Bec Carr

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



SEASONS
GREETINGS

PS: Final day for 2023 is Wednesday 20th December – school finishes at 1.30pm.

PPS: School starts on Tuesday 30th January 2024 for all Foundation to Grade 6s. We look forward to welcoming you back for another great year at APPS.

APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Baily Learning & Sporting Centre

OPERATING HOURS - TERM 4 2023

Tuesday afternoons 3:00pm - 3:45pm

Last Day of Operation for 2023 is Tuesday 12th December 8.30am-10.30am

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

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

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 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

**IF YOU DON'T NEED TO ATTEND THE UNIFORM SHOP IN PERSON DURING OPERATING HOURS,
PLEASE PLACE AN ORDER AS PER THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Write child's name, grade and date of order at top of order form.
2. Indicate quantity of items required per size and total cost for each item.
3. Scan (PDF) and email this completed form to amsleigh.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au OR send an email directly to the school with your details, student name and grade, the items required and credit card details. Completed forms can also be dropped 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.



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



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

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



1300 950 992



hello@thesocialdomain.com.au



Enjoy experiences that will encourage your baby to investigate, explore, create and utilise their senses

Come and let them get messy, without the clean up!

DATE: Friday 22nd of December 2023

TIME: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

ADDRESS: 1350-1352 Dandenong Rd, Hughesdale 3166 (03) 9563 1474



Paisley Park

Early Learning Centres

RSVP

Through Facebook

Through Eventbrite

1800 PAISLEY | 1800 724 753 | www.paisleypark.com.au

Sensory Play



FOR BABIES

Our sessions encourage babies (6 weeks to 2 years) to imagine, experience, investigate, explore, create and utilise their senses.

Local families welcome. Refreshments provided.

DATE: Friday 15th of December 2023

TIME: 10:30am-11:30am

ADDRESS: 130-1352 Dandenong Rd, Hughesdale 3166
Register through Facebook, Eventbrite or call (03) 9563 1474

To register visit our facebook page, website or call our team.



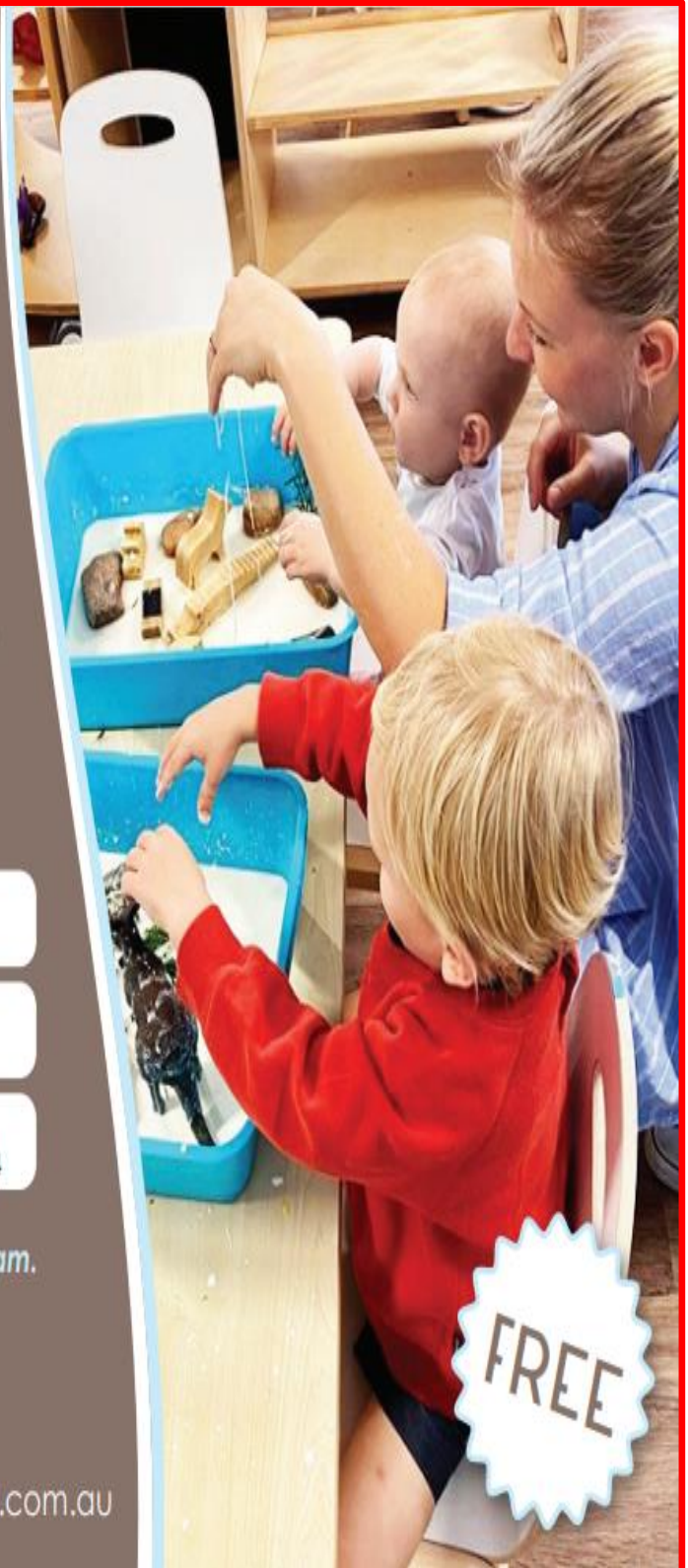
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BIG SUMMER READ

Keep kids reading over summer with Monash Public Library Service and the Big Summer Read!

Your children, grandchildren and students have worked hard this year to develop their reading skills, and no doubt you have worked hard to support them. Don't let their reading skills slide over the summer holidays - keep up the great work and ensure they return to learning in 2024 in good form!

The Big Summer Read helps families to stay motivated by offering fun ways to record their children's reading, as well as a prize draw. It's open to children aged 0-18 and opens on Friday 1 December. Children must read a minimum of ten titles to enter the prize draw.

You can register at any branch of Monash Public Library Service and collect a reading log. Ensure all your reading logs are returned to the library by Wednesday 31 January.

Find a branch: www.monlib.vic.gov.au/branches

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



**For more information, contact Monash Youth Services
on 9518 3900 or yrer@monash.vic.gov.au**

