



Term 2 2025

Issue 5

Week 10

June 26, 2025

DIARY DATES

JULY 2025

Tue 1 School Reports Issued

Wed 2 VSSS Hub Rehearsal

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thu 3 Performance Assembly

**Fri 4 LAST DAY T2 – Early
finish @ 2:30pm**

Mon 21 – Term 3 Begins

**Wed 23 VSSS Mass Choir
Rehearsal**

AUGUST 2025

Tue 5 G6 Shrine Visit

Thu 7 House Athletics

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

DUE BEFORE DATES:

JULY

Fri 4 CSEF Applications Close

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

Principal Team Report

Grade 3-4 Camp Wrap Up

I had the wonderful pleasure of spending time with our Grade 3-4s on their annual school camp this week. Camp Manyung provided another wonderful camping experience for our students who enjoyed the many different activities that included: a flying fox, tree climbing, tree rolling, archery, UHF radios, frisbee golf, camp crafting and team building activities. Everything about Manyung is top notch so we enjoyed comfortable accommodation, excellent food and wonderful surrounds. The camp staff are great, so our students had many wonderful learning experiences along the way. I want to say a hearty congratulations to our students as they were all fantastic, enjoying being together with their friends and staff/parents. Importantly, they all challenged themselves to give everything a go and developing skills of independence and self-reliance in a supported environment. It was our biggest ever camp group and another very successful camping experience was provided to all.



Organising a camp takes a lot of work, and our Grade 3/4 team were fantastic in the way they all contributed to the event. It's also super important to have adults who are going to pitch in, and our camp team was simply awesome. I want to

say sincere thanks to our 3 parent volunteers, Tas Kostaras, Emilia Joh and Pamela Saracino who were so supportive of our staff team. A big shout out to volunteer staff: Miss Sam Hayes, Mrs Lauren Dimopoulos, Miss Khalia Barker, Miss Rachel Vella, ES team member, Louise Hughes and pre-service teacher Venuri R (known as Miss R) who joined Mr Jacob Darlow, Miss Emily Tapper, Mrs Emily Wade and me to look after 115 grade 3-4 students. I can't thank the adults enough for all things both big and small that they did to ensure a safe and happy experience for all. Special mention to Miss Tapper and Mrs Wade who took care of the all-important medications, and there was plenty of work for them.

Our camping program is such an important part of school life, and I'm pleased to say we are a school who values this opportunity and puts a huge effort into making sure it is successful. It is a lot for the adults to give up time from their personal lives and families and we greatly appreciate it. Later this year we round out the program for 2025 with the Grade 2 sleepover.

Thanks PFA!

A huge thank you to our PFA for putting on a fantastic event last week! The student disco was well-attended and great fun for students and parents alike! We are very lucky to have a group of such hardworking parents and carers who commit their time and effort to put on these events for our community and raise funds to continue to improve our school. Thanks also to all the other parent volunteers that helped run the disco; we really couldn't have these events without your help. A sincere thanks to all involved!



Performance Assembly Next Week

So far this year we have all enjoyed some wonderful performance assemblies and next Thursday 3rd July, we round out these performances for First Semester. Mrs Kennedy is working with our students to prepare an entertaining program.

Teachers Duty of Care

From 8.52am every morning students come into class to prepare for the school day and teachers assume duty of care for their students. At this time teachers need to be focused on students and support them to get ready for the day. We hope you will understand that this means they are generally not able to talk to parents or carers other than to take onboard a quick message. We do want to be accessible, but it needs to be balanced out with the teacher's duty of care to their students. If you need to talk to the teacher about a concern this is important, this is best done at a time when the teacher can give you their full attention. If the concern is urgent, you could also come and talk to Miss Carr or myself and we will normally be able to assist as an initial step.

Our student Leaders

I want to highlight the great job our Student Leaders are doing in 2025. It's an important opportunity to develop their leadership skills and act as a role model for other students. Our leaders are also responsible for several daily tasks, such as the bike sheds and recycling, undertaking them with diligence and commitment. Well done and congratulations to our Grade 6 Student Leadership team, keep up the good work!



Screen Time

In more recent weeks I have read some interesting articles in The Age about increasing concerns about the impact of too much screen time on children's lives. One recent article provided details of some important findings from a study done by Deakin University. [Article Link](#) This newly published research looks at the links between digital technology use and young children's wellbeing, specifically for those aged four to six. The comprehensive analysis shows children who spend longer periods using digital technologies are more likely to have social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. This kind of finding could be just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to screen time, and I would encourage parents to take note of some of this research and look for ways to manage screen time at home.



Year 6-7 Transition Update

All families of year 6 students in Victoria (who have applied for enrolment at a State Secondary School) will be advised in writing, next Tuesday 1st July of their offer of placement for year 7, 2026. Please feel free to contact Trish Jones or myself with any queries relating to year 6-7 transition.

Student Achievement Reports

Teachers have recently been working on the mid-year student achievement reports. As part of this process, students have been completing various assessment tasks, and it has been wonderful to celebrate the progress our students have made in their learning. The mid-year reports will be distributed to families on Tuesday 1st July, via Xuno.

An important part of Amsleigh Park's process in reporting achievement to parents and carers, is the Parent/Carer Teacher interviews. These interviews will be held on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday 2nd July and allow for further discussion and questions regarding your child's written report. It is a time to share successes and future goals regarding your child. We encourage all parents/carers to attend. If you haven't already booked, a time, bookings can be made via Xuno.



I CAN network

This term, as part of our proactive and preventative mental health supports, a group of Grade 5/6 students have participated in the 'Imagination Club' run by the I CAN Network Australia. Fortunately, this was funded through the Victorian Schools Mental Health Fund, and it has been wonderful to be able to provide a value-added program like this at Amsleigh Park at no cost to families.

The program was run by young adult mentors who supported the students in learning about teamwork, personal motivation, communication, leadership and developing a positive mindset. The program offered a safe, engaging environment where students were encouraged to recognise and celebrate their own strengths. Each session was designed to support students in developing peer connectedness, optimism, belonging and confidence.

We've had excellent feedback from students involved in the program, and hope to be able to run it again in future years.

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

Get Your Move On

With holidays next week our students have a chance to recharge and enjoy and change of pace. It might be colder outside right now, but this is no reason for children not to get out in the fresh air. The trick is to get children rugged up a bit and embrace the fresh air. Winter sunshine can also be quite pleasant and have a wonderful rejuvenating effect. Spending time out in the fresh air is invigorating and encourages children to be physically active. Current thinking is that at a minimum, children need to be active for 15 minutes about 4 times each day to build their fitness and wellbeing. The more time you spend on keeping fit, the healthier you will be and be more likely to enjoy being outdoors. The school holidays present an ideal time to get out and about, hope you make the most of it.

Safe Holidays

It's hard to believe that we only have one week of school to go for semester 1, before our winter break. We wish all families a safe and happy midyear break. We can't wait to see what our students will achieve in the semester to come!

Until next time...

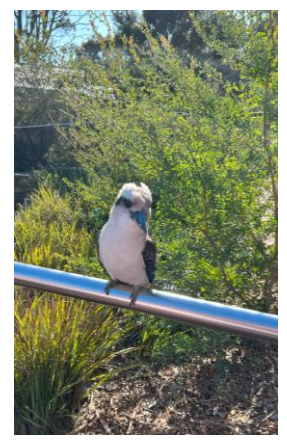
Michael Cormick
Principal



Bec Carr
Assistant Principal



Camp Happy Snaps...



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE ADMIN TEAM...



Student Medications

A reminder that a Medical Action Plan, completed by a doctor, must be provided for any student medication (e.g. 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 responsible to ensure up to date Action Plans and medications are provided to the school and must inform the school office of any changes to a student's medical condition / action plan.

All other medication must have a medication authority form completed by a parent at the Office.

All medication, including over the counter types, must be stored securely at the office for the safety of all students. It is recommended that students with hay fever etc. take their medication at home before school.

Absences/ Late Arrivals

A reminder that all absences should be reported via Xuno, including any family holidays.

Parents are responsible for addressing and updating their child's 'Unexplained Absences' in Xuno.

Students arriving late to school must be first signed in at the office by a parent before going to class.

School Emails - Check the email you are 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.

Change of Details Updates

If you have any details that need to be updated – phone numbers, home address, emergency contacts, work details, etc this can all be done via Xuno.

You need to click Full Xuno > School > Students > Contact Details > Update details

It will then let you update any of your details and notify us of any changes that have been made. Admin Staff will then update the school's data base which in turn flows through to Xuno.

CSEF – Do you have a healthcare/pension card?

Parents - If you currently hold a Centrelink health care or pension card **and did not claim CSEF through our school last year**, please come and see the office team and we can help you to apply for the CSEF payment. This is a \$154 per child payment to financially assist families with the cost of Camps, Sports Excursions, Swimming etc. 2025 applications close on Friday July 4 2025.

Birthday Bucket Bookings / Payments

A reminder that all bookings for Birthday Buckets must be made with Admin Staff at the office, one week prior to your requested date. Payment by credit / debit card can be made in person at the office or over the phone.

Building Languages Leaders



About Our Workshop

On Tuesday, Frau Salles invited a group of students in Grades 4 & 5 to attend an inspiring leadership workshop. Its purpose was to empower senior students, with an interest in Languages, to be leaders and to use their skills to enrich the learning of younger students. To apply our new skills, we invited the Grade 2s to join us in some fun games and taught them new German expressions. Everyone had a lot of fun teaching and learning from each other.

Danke, Linton and Frau Kylie! Gute gemacht!!!



Envirostars

Have you seen the bird
feeders that we made
and hung around our
school?



APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Baily Learning & Sporting Centre

OPERATING HOURS – TERM 2 2025
Wednesday 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 Wednesday 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, within two weeks of the purchase date, 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 included in this newsletter and is available on our website www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au

Lemonia Spindzos
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.
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. **If you have any items that you are happy to donate back to the school, please drop them into the general office. Please ensure that items are clean and have had any name labels/naming removed prior to returning them to school. 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 2, 2025 (Apr 22, 2025)

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	\$27.00										
Long Sleeve Polo <u>LSP</u> Size M-XL also avail POA	Navy/ Emerald	\$29.00										
Surf T-shirt <u>STS</u> (No Collar) Size M-XL also avail POA	Navy	\$15.00										
Windcheater <u>WC</u> Size 4-18	Navy	\$23.00										
Bomber Jacket <u>BJ</u> Size 4-20	Navy/ Emerald	\$34.00										
Shorts -Cotton <u>CRS</u> Rugby (Unisex)	Navy	\$17.00										
Shorts- Gabardine Zip Pocket <u>GS</u>	Navy	\$20.00										
Track Pants <u>TPDK</u> Double Knee-Unisex Size 4-20	Navy	\$26.00										
Girls Pants <u>SLP</u> Straight Leg Viscose/Nylon/Elastine	Navy	\$26.00										
Girls Skort Gab <u>SKTG</u> (Gabardine Fabric)	Navy	\$23.00										
Girls Skort Cotton <u>SKTC</u> Size 4-14 Size 16-20	Navy	\$24.00 \$30.00										
Summer Dress <u>SD</u>	Navy & White	\$28.00										
** Bike Shorts Cotton/Lycra <u>BS</u>	Navy	\$12.00										
Art Smock <u>AS</u>	Navy	\$18.00	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

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 2, 2025

ITEM	COLOUR	PRICE INC GST	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL \$ (INC GST)	Office Use ✓ Date Supplied
School Bag <u>SBAG</u>	Navy	\$43.00	N/A			
Book Bag <u>BB</u> <u>Not required for Preps</u>	Navy	\$9.00	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	\$9.00				
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 2 2025

Wednesday 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.

April 22 2025



Information for families

Could we contact YOU in an emergency?

Unfortunately, we still have a number of families with incomplete or incorrect contact and/or emergency contact details.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR FAMILY DETAILS IN XUNO & UPDATE IF NECESSARY.

Thank you 😊

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.

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 advise us of any changes to family or emergency contact details.

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

Thank you,

Amsleigh Admin Team





Every day counts

Missing **one day per fortnight** adds up to missing **four weeks** of school a year.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

APPLICATIONS CLOSE JULY 4 2025

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year **unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.**

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure

Applications Close on July 4 2025



THE BIRTHDAY BUCKET

Want to create a delicious and special birthday experience for your child and their classmates?

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 unnoticed.

Cost: \$15

Fill out the form below 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!

Any questions or suggestions please contact the PFA at apps.parents@gmail.com

*Killer Pythons contain gluten



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



TERM 3

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UP ON THE FUN**

After-school just got an upgrade

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Plus, with a **70%-90% subsidy** through CCS, it costs between **\$7.62 and \$33.60** per combined session.

To book, select the desired day, choose the Kids Unlimited option, and confirm your booking.



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kidsunlimited.com.au 1300 424 377

GUITAR LESSONS



Lessons conducted at school!

Grade 3-6 Students

Students will learn chords, strumming techniques and play their favourite songs in a well structured program I've designed.

I have over 25+ years of experience teaching guitar programs across Melbourne.

Ukulele Lessons are now
available from Term Three



CONTACT DETAILS:

Paul Varone

0411 123 655

pvarone1@bigpond.com



School Holiday Program

4 Fun Filled Days • 8:30am to 3:30pm • Ages 4-12

July 2025 Dates

Tuesday, 15th

Wednesday, 16th

Thursday, 17th

Friday, 18th

Scan To Book Now



Location: Mckinnon Secondary College East Campus, 14
South Dr, Bentleigh East, VIC

What Is Involved

- Karate/Kickboxing/MMA Training
- Class Discussions
- Weapons Training
- Self Defence
- Movie
- Ninja Obstacle Course
- Nerf Wars
- Soft Archery
- Ninja Rope Climbing
- Tournament Practice
- Games
- Grading (if eligible after 4 days)

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