



DIARY DATES

OCTOBER 2026

**Fri 23 G1 Stay Late at school
Fri 23 G2 Sleep Over**

Mon 26 School Assembly

**Fri 30 Foundation Minibeast
Incursion**

Day for Daniel – Wear Red

NOVEMBER 2026

**Mon 2 Curriculum Day
Student Free Day**

**Tue 3 Melbourne Cup Day
Public Holiday**

Mon 9 School Assembly

Wed 11 G4 Kinder Visit

Tue 17 Student Free Day

**Check Xuno Calendar regularly
for upcoming events**

Payment/Permission Due Before Dates:

**Please check Xuno current and
past events/fees to ensure all
payments are up to date.
Thank you.**

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ARE AVAILABLE ON
OUR SCHOL WEBSITE**

Principal Team Report

Grade 2 Sleepover and Grade 1 Late Stay

This Friday our students in Grades 1 and 2 are looking forward to their annual late stay (Grade 1) and sleepover (Grade 2). It's a fun experience for our students that is designed to prepare them for participation in our school camping program in Grade 3. From previous experience we know this is a popular event that also helps to build student confidence in a supported environment away from home. Understandably our Grade 2s might feel a bit nervous about sleeping over for the first time as part of a school camp. Our staff work very hard to allay any fears they might have and provide the right support in order that our students will have a good experience.

Asking teachers and support staff to participate in overnight events is a big deal and we do not take this for granted. It is very much appreciated that staff take time from their personal lives, and we sincerely thank them in advance.



Class Placements 2027

Shortly we will begin the complex process of setting up class structure for 2027 and then placing students in classes. We make many important decisions along the way to set up our students for success. Sometimes parents/carers will make a request about their child's placement, and these are carefully considered during this process. Please note we only keep requests on file for two years as circumstances do change. If parents or carers do have anything you wish considered it should be sent directly to Mr Cormick via email to amsleigh.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au with the subject line 'class placements.' In terms of friendship, we always make sure that every student has another child in their class who they have nominated as a person they want to be in class with. We emphasize that it must be a person who is not likely to be a distraction as learning must always be the focus.

Smart Watches and Mobile Phones

Just a reminder to all families that all mobile phones and smart watches must be handed in at the office if they are being brought to school. This is a State-wide policy in Victoria which has led to better wellbeing outcomes for students. At APPS we manage a system that includes storing these items in specially designed numbered pouches during the school day. We do remind parents that any items that are brought to school at your own risk and there is no insurance coverage at school for these items.

Thunderstorm Asthma / Hay Fever

Further to previous information about the risks of thunderstorm asthma and management of Hay Fever. Recently the office reports that we are quite busy now assisting students with hay fever related symptoms. We are happy to help but it does suggest that it could be worth parents and carers considering how to prevent the symptoms from occurring. This can be worked through with your GP or pharmacist who can advise about the various options available to prevent flare ups, which might also help to avoid students developing uncomfortable symptoms at school. An Allergy Action Plan signed by a doctor must be provided with any allergy medication required at school.



Children's week 2026

Children's Week is a national celebration. It recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children. The event takes place in October every year, with thousands of Victorian children taking part in the festivities. Children's Week 2026 will be held between Saturday 24 October to Sunday 1 November 2026.

The theme for Children's Week 2026 is: *'Children have the right to use their own language, celebrate their culture and practise their religion'*. The theme is a simplified version of Article 30 of the UNCRC which states: *'Parties undertake to make the principles and provisions of the Convention widely known, by appropriate and active means, to adults and children alike.'*

Local councils, not-for-profit organisations, schools and early childhood services organise a variety of events during Children's Week. These include open days, displays, special events, virtual spaces and online-based activities. The events celebrate childhood and showcase children's achievements.

All Children's Week events in Victoria are free to families with children aged up to 12 years. This gives Victorian families the opportunity to enjoy fun, engaging and educational experiences.

If you would like to search activities in your local area, go to: <https://www.vic.gov.au/childrens-week>

Using School Crossings

Every so often we receive reports of students not using the school crossings on State Street and Dublin Street. We strongly encourage all families to use the crossings which are supervised by our local crossing supervisors.

Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2026

A new agreement has been approved in 2026 that provides an outline of the expected working conditions for all school staff for the next four years. In an ever-changing world we are seeing changes in the teaching profession and increasing demands being placed on teachers and support staff to meet the needs of children. Considering this, the working conditions of educational professionals have changed considerably in the past 10 years. Some changes you might have already noticed are the running of school events earlier in the evening so that staff do not need to stay too late in the evening. From 2027 there will be 8 student free days at every school so that teachers will have more time to undertake planning and preparation. These days will be spread across the school year, and we want to give you advanced notice of this.

Sporting Success

During 2026 we have enjoyed some excellent sporting success. While we do not play to 'win' there is nothing wrong with doing your absolute best and achieving success. Some of the most recent events have included divisional and regional athletics, school aerobics and divisional cricket. We are very proud of our inter-school sports programs and there is no doubt that our students greatly appreciate and enjoy participating in the many varied events that include: summer and winter sport, cross country, athletics, swimming and tennis. Most importantly, there is every opportunity to develop important skills in human movement, sport and competition, whilst also building physical fitness.

Our sports guru, Miss Hayes, does a wonderful job in building student's skills over time, and then organising for our school participation in the many events across the year. Many thanks to Miss Hayes for her dedication to this popular element of school life. A big thank you to the

many parents and carers who have supported our students by going along as helpers and coaches. And of course, well done to our students who continue our excellent tradition of sporting success at all levels.



Voluntary Parental Contributions for 2027

A heartfelt thanks to the many families who paid voluntary parental contributions in 2026, although in honesty the number was a bit low. At our last school council meeting the requested amount for our voluntary contribution in 2027 was set at \$245.00. As a school we continue to set this amount at a modest level in the hope that parents will see it as affordable. We consider this **moderate** contribution towards the cost of education a **vital** investment in your child's learning and providing them with the highest standards of learning. And it's about \$5.00 a week.

Whilst we get government funding for a standard (average) curriculum, this only provides for basic standard materials, resources and equipment for our students. We sincerely hope that we could do better than that for our students, but this will only be possible with the support of most of our community. Information regarding the 2027 Parent Contributions will be sent out soon. Please consider supporting your child/ren by paying this contribution in 2027. Thank you in advance for your support.

Whole School Transition -2027



We are currently in our long-range planning phase for the 2027 school year. Thanks to those families who have completed the enrolment census. We're keen to hear from any families planning on making a change next year, as we're making planning decisions based on anticipated student numbers.

Another part of our planning, is supporting students with year-to-year transition. As our students progress from one Year level to the next, it is important that they feel prepared for what lies ahead. Our

Whole School Transition Program supports our students with their level-to-level transition, through multiple sessions in December. During these visits, students go as a cohort to spend time in the next year level's learning spaces, with the current teachers of those levels. Here the students get to know other teachers and the key differences between their current year level and the one ahead. Students have a chance to ask questions and get to know students they may not have been in a class with before. The program culminates with our Smart Start session on Wednesday 16th December, where students will meet with their 2027 grades and teachers where possible. The program begins with our first session in early December.

Aerobics Spring Challenge

Congratulations to our three aerobics teams, Cartoon Crusaders, Wildcat Warriors and the Wildcat Cubs on their efforts at the recent Victorian Spring Challenge competition! The Cartoon Crusaders placed 2nd in the Primary Stage 3 Open section, the Wildcat Warriors placed 1st, and the Wildcat Cubs placed 2nd in the Primary Stage 1 Open section. Congratulations!

All teams gave their best at the competition and we're very proud of them all! Well done! It is great to see our students' set goals and train hard to achieve them. Congratulations aerobics kids.

Student Late arrivals / early exits

A reminder to families that when a student arrives late at school, they must come via the office and be signed in. It is important we have an accurate record of who is always on site at school, to ensure we can keep all our students safe. Similarly, if a student needs to leave early as happens from time to time, parents or carers must sign their children out at the office. Thanks for your help with this procedure.

Until next time ...

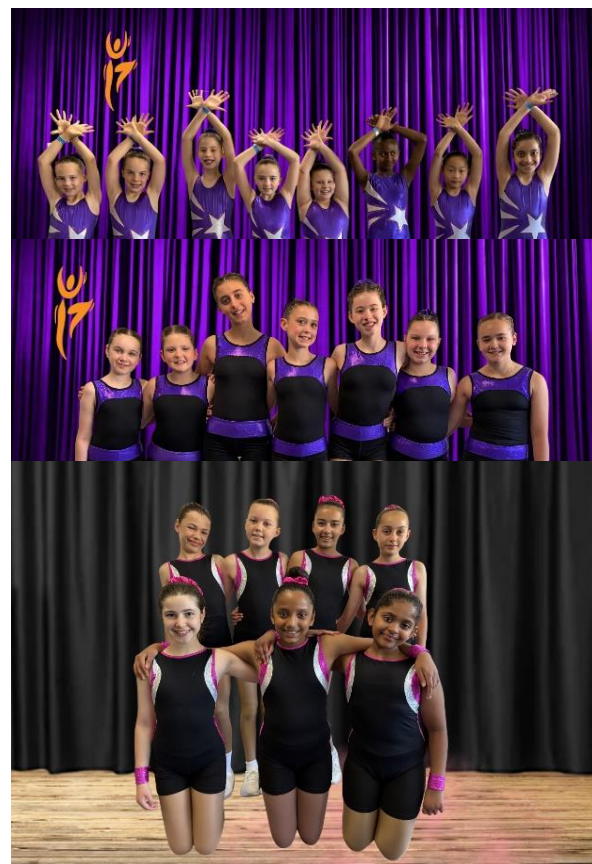
Michael Cormick

Principal



Bec Carr

Assistant Principal



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 signed in by a parent and stored securely at the General 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 - Xuno

If you have any family 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

You can then update any of your details. We receive a notification of the changes that have been made.

Admin Staff will then update the school's data base, which in turn flows back through to Xuno.

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. Please do not contact PFA members directly to make bookings as the Booking Diary is kept at the General Office. Payment by credit / debit card only can be made in person at the office or over the phone.

APPS BELL TIMES 2026

8:52am	Bell for students to enter classrooms and undertake set up for the day
9:00am	Bell to start learning time

9-9:50am	Session 1
9:50-10:40am	Session 2
10:40-11:30am	Session 3



11:30am	LUNCH – Eating inside for 10 minutes
11:40am	Bell for students to go outside for lunch break
12:28pm	Line up music
12:30pm	End of lunch break

12:30-1.20pm	Session 4
1:20-2:10pm	Session 5

2:10pm	Bell for students to go outside for Recess break
2:38pm	Line up music
2:40pm	End of recess break

2:40-3:30pm	Session 6
3:30pm	Dismissal for end of the school day
3:45PM	Yard Duty teacher announcement for end of supervised yard duty

Children must be collected from school by 3:45pm every day, or alternative arrangements, such as After School Care bookings are made by parents.



Information for families

Could we contact YOU in an emergency?

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 will receive 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 using the App so they are aware of school information and events, 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



APPS UNIFORM SHOP

Located in the Thelma Baily Learning & Sporting Centre

OPERATING HOURS – TERM 4 2026

Wednesday afternoons 3:00pm – 3:45pm
(Term 3 Order form below)

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 - SECOND HAND UNIFORMS & LOST PROPERTY

Thank you to the families that donate quality used approved 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 approved uniform items that you are happy to donate back to the school, please drop them into the general office. Please do not send non uniform items back to school and ensure that donated 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 4, 2026 (Oct 5 2026)

STUDENT NAME: _____ CLASS: _____ DATE: _____

DELIVER ORDER TO CLASSROOM ☐ **OR** PARENT TO 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 S 16 QTY	SIZE M 18 QTY	TOTAL COST \$ (INC GST)	Office Use ✓ & Date Supplied	
Short Sleeve Polo <u>SSP</u> Size S-XL	Navy/ Emerald	\$27.00 \$30.00											
Long Sleeve Polo <u>LSP</u> Size S-XL	Navy/ Emerald	\$30.00 \$34.00											
Surf T-shirt <u>STS</u> (No Collar)	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. <u>Not suitable as shorts</u>			Sub Total								\$		
			Plus total from over page								\$		
SECOND HAND ITEMS \$			TOTAL ORDER								\$		
Office Use Only Receipt # _____											Credit / Debit Card \$ _____		Office Use

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CREDIT /DEBIT 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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APPS UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM

Effective Term 4, 2026

ITEM	COLOUR	PRICE INC GST	SIZE	QUANTITY				TOTAL \$ (INC GST)	Office Use ✓ Date Supplied
School Bag <u>SBAG</u>	Navy	\$45.00	N/A						
Book Bag <u>BB</u> <i>Not required for Preps</i>	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 our School 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 2026

Wednesday afternoons 3:00pm – 3:45pm

Second Hand Uniform items are only available during this time

Credit / Debit card payments must be made at the General Office, or Uniform Shop, **prior** to collecting/receiving uniform items.

ORDER FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au

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

1. Complete all required sections of the order form clearly and then scan (PDF) and email the form to amsleigh.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au
2. **OR** send a general email directly to the school with your details, student name and grade, the items required and then phone the office with your credit/debit card details to make payment.
3. The order will be processed, and the uniform items 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 stock is available.

Completed forms can also be handed in to the General Office during school hours

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

Payment by credit / debit card only, either in person at the General Office, or over the phone - 9544 1553

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 Skittles 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



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 ☐ Skittles \$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 4 PFA EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

**SATURDAY
31ST OCTOBER**

HALLOWEEN

5:30 – 7:30pm
Local streets



**FRIDAY
6TH NOVEMBER**

Cakes for a Cause

Grades F, 1 & 2
baking and
volunteering



**TUESDAY
24TH NOVEMBER**

COLOUR RUN



**FRIDAY
27TH NOVEMBER**

WORKING BEE

Pre-election
power clean up
after school.
3:30 – 5:30pm



**SATURDAY
28TH NOVEMBER**

ELECTION BBQ & CAKE STALL

Calling all year levels
for baking and
volunteering!



**MONDAY
14TH DECEMBER**

CAROLS NIGHT

with PFA BBQ



PARENT SOCIAL NIGHT

POSTPONED TO TERM 1, 2027

Stay tuned for a new date – we can't wait to catch up then!



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