AMSLEIGH PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
OUR BEST ALWAYS

THE AMSLEIGH BUZZ

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DIARY DATES
NOVEMBER 2026

Fri 6 PFA F-G2 Cake Stall 3:15pm – 3:45pm

Mon 9 - School Assembly & G6 Grad Photos & Whole School Group Photo

Wed 11 G4 Kinder Visit

Tue 17 Student Free Day

Wed 18 Foundation 2027 Transition Session 1

Thu 19 G1 Cranbourne Gardens Excursion

Tue 24 Colour Run

Wed 25 Foundation 2027 Transition Session 2

Thu 26 G2 Cranbourne Gardens Excursion

Fri 27 Working Bee 3:30pm

Sat 28 State Election BBQ & Cake Stall

Check Xuno Calendar regularly for upcoming events

Due Dates

Fri 27 Book Club Issue 8 LOOP orders close

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

COPIES OF ALL NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR SCHOL WEBSITE

Principal Team Report

Best of Luck Mrs Kwong and Family



Our Grade 1s will farewell Mrs Kwong this week as she leaves us to start her maternity leave. Mrs Kwong is expecting her 2nd child soon and on behalf of everyone at Amsleigh Park we would like to wish her and her family the very best of happiness. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Kwong for her work with our Grade 1s in 2026. Working in a wonderful partnership with Mrs Bianco to share teaching responsibilities for Grade 1B it's been great to see the learning progress of the class. Mrs Kwong will be on family leave in 2027, and we can look forward to welcoming her back to APPS in future.

Congratulations to Miss Vella



We are all very excited for Miss Rachel Vella who will be getting married to her long-time beau, Andy, on Saturday 14th November. On behalf of all of us we want to wish Rachel and Andy a magical day and following that, every great happiness for their future lives together. We are looking forward to seeing some photos from the occasion and hearing about this special event in their lives.

Welcoming our New Foundation Students



We are looking forward to welcoming our new Foundation students for 2027 on Wednesday 18th Nov for the first of five transition sessions. At present we have 48 students enrolled and we are waiting to confirm numbers before making any final decisions on classes. Our Foundation Transition Program runs over 5 weeks so the 'Foundies' get plenty of time to become comfortable with our school environment. The aim is to make the pathway to primary school as smooth as possible. Along with our new foundies we also look forward to welcoming the many new families to our school community.

Staffing Update for 2026

We have been planning for the 2027 school year for some time and currently working on our staffing mix. At this stage we are working through some different scenarios depending on our final enrolment number. It's important work and always a significant decision for everyone in our school. Just to keep everyone up to date here's some of the changes to date.

- Miss Sandra Phoon leaves us at the end of 2026 and is seeking to broaden her experience in education further.
- Mrs Madison Maley-Hutt has also been granted a year's leave to focus on her extended recovery after having brain surgery in late 2025.
- Mrs Nadine Kwong begins her maternity leave this Friday 6th Nov.
- Mrs Lauren Wall is returning from family leave in 2027 and we look forward to welcoming her back to Amsleigh Park in a part-time capacity.

So far, we have been fortunate to appoint some wonderful new teachers to our staff and look forward to introducing them to our community very soon. Mrs Isabella Barrett, who is already teaching in Grade 2B on Fridays and Mr Nick Tod are both looking forward to joining the Amsleigh Park staff. Once we have all details locked in for 2027, we will let everyone in the community know. Stay tuned!

School Uniform

The wearing of correct school uniform is well supported in our community. It does make life easy for families as school uniform does not require decisions about what to wear and means there is no competition between children about clothing. It also reduces pressure on parents and carers to be buying their children the latest clothing because others at school are wearing it at school.

We have noticed children sometimes wearing jewellery to school that is not safe such as dangling earrings or neck laces/chains. Please be mindful that children are active at school and these items can sometimes present as an injury risk during active play. We would also appreciate it if children could stick to our policy of wearing light or dark coloured shoes. Children have increasingly been wearing Fluro or brightly coloured runners and this creates a competition between students and in the end it's not very helpful for the teachers who must manage it when they have more pressing matters.

Performance Assemblies 2026

We hope you have been enjoying this year's performance assemblies that showcase the wonderful talents of our students. These performances have been well received by our students and staff who have greatly enjoyed them. It's also been terrific to see so many parents and carers in attendance. Sincere thanks to Mrs Kennedy for her efforts in organising these performances, which are an important part of Performing Arts.

Social Media Ban

Around this time in 2025 the social media ban for children under 16 years of age came into effect. The Australian Government made this decision out of concern that our young people do not have enough time to build the life skills or understandings required to navigate this increasingly complex and sometimes very dangerous space for children.

'For example, the pressure to respond to streams of notifications and alerts and view disappearing content has been linked to harms to health - these include reduced sleep and attention, and increased stress levels. (e-Safety Commission)'.

Major social media platforms are now required to restrict the use of their platforms to young people who are 16 years or older. The office of the e-Safety Commissioner for Australia considers this…

'*As a 'delay' to providing access to social media so that young people will have more time to develop important skills and maturity. It's breathing space to build digital literacy, critical reasoning, impulse control and greater resilience.*' (e-Safety Commission)

So rather than seeing it as a ban, it's better to consider this as a 'common sense' delay so that children have the opportunity develop the maturity, knowledge and social skills to enjoy the online world.

'Age-restricted platforms won't be allowed to let under-16s create or keep an account. That's because being logged into an account increases the likelihood that they'll be exposed to pressures and risks that can be hard to deal with. These come from social media platform design features that encourage them to spend more time on screens and make it more likely that they will see negative, upsetting or manipulative content. (e-Safety Commission)'

We continue to observe issues arising through the use of social media and messaging between students. Whilst it's not all bad some of this is occurring because most students 12 years and under are a long way off having the maturity or social skills to navigate the online environment. Typically, when complaints are made to the school these situations end up needing a lot of time spent on investigating what happened and then working with students to restore friendships. Often parents and carers have not been aware of what their child was doing in this space. Instant messaging is one very good example where we see issues arise between children out of school hours. It's easy to think that kids are safe in these spaces when they are just messaging their friends but increasingly, we see disagreements arise and the use of inappropriate language and bullying behaviours. Because children often don't seek assistance or don't understand the implications, then the situations can quickly get out of control.

I encourage families to make careful considerations regarding how their child/ren are accessing the online world. You might be surprised what children are being exposed to as it's easy to click on links which can take you to all kinds of websites.

Assessment and Reporting



As we enter the second half of term four, your child/ren may have let you know they have been begun undertaking some assessment tasks at school this week. As we move further into the assessment period, teachers and students are reflecting on the fantastic leaning that has taken place this semester. Assessment tasks are a valuable opportunity for students to demonstrate their growth, effort and achievement.

In preparation for end-of-semester reports, teachers are gathering a range of evidence to ensure each student's progress is accurately reflected. Part of this important process involves moderation across year levels, where teachers work together to review student work samples and data, share insights, and ensure consistent assessment practices. This collaboration forms part of the focus of our **upcoming Student-Free Assessment and Reporting Day, on Tuesday 17th November.**

Student reports will be shared with parents and carers via Xuno, on Tuesday December 15th.



World Teachers Day

Last Friday 30th October was World Teachers Day!

We celebrated our wonderful teachers for their skilled work in educating, inspiring and supporting our young people.

The theme this year for World Teachers Day was 'Shine a Light', on the great work teachers do. As the Principal Class Team, we would love to shine a light on our teachers and the wonderful job they do each day. We are very lucky to work with such caring, dedicated and knowledgeable teachers, who are only too happy to go that 'extra mile' to support our students.

Thanks to the many students and families who wished our teachers a Happy World Teachers Day last week.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall at Amsleigh Park- 28th November



We'd like to share with the community that Amsleigh Park will be a polling venue for the upcoming State Election on 28th November. Our wonderful PFA will be in touch soon, with information about a sausage sizzle and cake stall fundraiser on that day.

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

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 SSP Size S-XL	Navy/ Emerald	$27.00 $30.00										
Long Sleeve Polo LSP Size S-XL	Navy/ Emerald	$30.00 $34.00										
Surf T-shirt STS (No Collar)	Navy	$15.00										
Windcheater WC Size 4-18	Navy	$23.00										
Bomber Jacket BJ Size 4-20	Navy/ Emerald	$34.00										
Shorts –Cotton Rugby (Unisex) CRS	Navy	$17.00										
Shorts- Gabardine Zip Pocket GS	Navy	$20.00										
Track Pants TPDK Double Knee-Unisex Size 4-20	Navy	$26.00										
Girls Pants SLP Straight Leg *Viscose/Nylon/Elastine*	Navy	$26.00										
Girls Skort Gab SKTG *(Gabardine Fabric)*	Navy	$23.00										
Girls Skort Cotton SKTC Size 4-14 Size 16-20	Navy	$24.00 $30.00										
Summer Dress SD	Navy & White	$28.00										
** Bike Shorts Cotton/Lycra BS	Navy	$12.00										
Art Smock AS	Navy	$18.00	Small			Medium			Large			
** *Bike Shorts can only be worn UNDER a school dress. Not suitable as shorts*											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:

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 *SBAG*	Navy	$45.00	N/A			
Book Bag *BB* *Not required for Preps*	Navy	$9.00	N/A			
Slouch Hat *HAT*	Navy	$10.00	SMALL 55cm / MED 57cm / LGE 59cm / XL 61cm			
Gloves *G*	Navy	$5.00	4-6 / 7-10 / 12-16			
Winter Tights *WT* Sizes - 3-5 4-6 7-9 10-12	Navy	$9.00				
Beanie *B* Child / Adult	Navy	$5.00 ea	Child / Adult	CHILD / ADULT		
Scarf - one size *S*	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

Oct 5 2026

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


To All Of Our Students With A Birthday In November
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
Sophie
Odessa
Aurora
Anika
Aria
Kiasha
Ruby
Madi
Johnny
Ayaaz
Luca
Zaid
Harshini
Olivia
Ynah
Marko
Dimitrios
Angus
Noah
Lucy
Timothy
Sophie
Varish
Jude
Quinn
Zachary

PFA TERM 4 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!

AURORA CALISTHENICS - NOVEMBER 2026 COME AND TRY OPEN CLASSES

