**DIARY DATES**

**AUGUST**
- August 8th 10th & 17th: Y3/4 Inquiry Incursions
- Thursday 11th: German Poetry Competition Select Students
- Friday 12th: House Athletics Carnival Y4-6
- Monday 15th: ICAS Maths test – Select students
- Tuesday 16th – Friday 19th: Grade 5 Camp Cave Hill Creek

**SEPTEMBER**
- Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th: WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION
- Thursday 15th: PFA Meeting 7.30pm OSHC Building
- Friday 16th: Last Day of Term 3

**TUESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS**

**WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY**

**PAYMENT DUE BY DATES:**
- Friday 29th August: Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 Orders

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Aerobics Champs**
Our highly successful aerobics teams had another great year in 2016 culminating with two gold medals last weekend. Our primary Creative Stage team, Amsleigh Spirit, won the National Championship for the second year running and our individual competitor, Callum, won the Primary Audition event. Audition is particularly challenging as it involves learning a routine then performing it for the judges with little time to rehearse. We are thrilled for all of our competitors and all their hard work, training and commitment has given them a great reward for effort. Well done to team members; Olivia R, Joanna, Ashleigh, Callum, Matilda and Georgia for representing Amsleigh Park Primary school so well. Special thanks to coaches Miss Hayes and Miss Carr, and all the other teachers and parents who travelled to the Gold Coast in support. As I like to say ‘Success does not happen by accident.’ Well done to all of our other teams and students who also participate in this great program, hope you had a great year of Aerobics!

**Principal for a Day**
I’d like to congratulate Stefan from Grade 6 who was successfully elected by his peers as Prime Minister of Amsleigh Park and as part of this role also became Principal for the day. I introduced Mr Mincic at Monday assembly and he shared his vision for Amsleigh Park with his peers that were part of his election platform. This experience was all part of the Grade 5/6 Inquiry learning program focusing on Government and ‘Who’s got the power?’ Mr Mincic also joined me on a school tour of a prospective parent and organised some fun lunchtime events for students. Here’s a report from Stefan…

**What I did as Principal for the day**
Principal for the day was on Wednesday. It was a very special day for me and I dressed for the occasion.

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I was responsible to write a letter to the school council with some of my suggestions of how to improve the school and how I view the learning system as a student, I wrote this newsletter page to talk about what we did for the elections and how we did it. I also went around to all of the different classrooms to check what students were learning. The students were doing an excellent job with their learning. I found it a very nice experience and it was a pleasure to be called Mr Mincic.

What I learnt
I learnt lots of interesting things throughout the day but mainly that being a staff member of Amsleigh Park requires a lot of work. The staff do a lot behind the scenes and have more responsibilities than it seems. I also learned that it feels like a big responsibility being a Teacher or Principal because your main job is to look after the students.

When I did the class tours it was very interesting to talk to all of the students in each year level and see what work they’re doing. Students were busy and everyone knew what they were doing.

I must say that I was very impressed by the work that the students presented.

Thank You
I know I’ve thanked everyone lots of times but it’s very important to show thankfulness.

I would like to thank all of the people that helped me with my campaign and the people that voted for me.

Stefan Mincic
Prime Minister of Amsleigh Park 2016

School Production – Important Update
Due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to change our school production ‘Legend of the living Library’ dates to Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September. We sincerely hope that this does not cause any inconvenience.

Ticket Sales will open soon and a notice will be sent out with details. Bookings will be made online at www.trybooking.com with all families initially able to purchase 4 tickets. Once the initial sales are complete families will then be able to purchase any remaining tickets. We hope that everyone understands this is done this way to ensure all families get a fair opportunity to purchase tickets.

Rehearsals for the production are progressing well. We continue to use a strategy to ensure it takes up minimal class time and does not interrupt learning in English and Mathematics. Classes also do some practice as part of normal Performing Arts and Physical Education sessions, so they are well prepared for their performance. It’s an Amsleigh Park formula that works really well and leads to a great learning experience for all children.

It might interest you to know that participation in the Arts enhances student learning in all areas, which is be shown very clearly in various research undertaken. The development of confidence, collaborative skills and public speaking are just some of the advantages.

Our New Buildings
Works continues on the design of the new P-2 learning wing and updates to all learning and admin spaces in the main building. The designs are now well advanced and look very exciting. The project is on track with construction starting early in 2017. We anticipate the P-2 building will be completed by the end of Term 3 all going well. Work on our main heritage building will commence in 2018. By the end of the project Amsleigh Park PS will be completely transformed into a contemporary 21st century learning environment that will serve the local community well for many years to come. (See images next page for a snapshot!)

Olympisches Fest
Last week we had the most wonderful special event to celebrate the Rio Olympic Games. Linking Physical Education with German Language, our students took part in lots of fun learning sessions and also attended a fantastic incursion. This whole school event was brilliantly organised by Frau Salles and Miss Hayes, and on behalf of everyone I would like to say a big thank-you to them.

My Best Wishes to all!
For those who may not have caught up on the news I’ll be on long service leave for the remainder of Term 3, and I’m looking forward to visiting family in Norway before heading into Europe. Everything back at Amsleigh Park PS is in good hands, with Sue Cox taking on the role of Acting Principal with support from Miss Johanne Abbott and Miss Bec Carr, who will both spend some time as Acting Assistant Principal. I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a great finish to Term 3 and I look forward to seeing everyone when I return from the start of Term 4.

Take Care,
Michael Cormick
PRINCIPAL
Here are some recent Internal 3D images of our new buildings. It’s looking so exciting!

Senior School Classroom – Main Building

General Office – Welcome Foyer

P-2 Covered Outdoor Learning Space
BOOK WEEK 2016 – August 20th - 26th
Every year we celebrate Book Week with our teachers reading the short listed books to their students during their library and literacy lessons. The students talk about their favourite books and authors as well as which books will be chosen as Book of the Year. This year the theme is Australia! Story Country. Now would be a great time to get your child/ren excited about reading by visiting your local library to look at the short listed books and to see what activities they will be running during Book Week.
If you would like to see the 2016 short listed books you can visit the following website; https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2016

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL WELLBEING
In 2017 the Victorian Social Capability Curriculum will be implemented at Amsleigh Park and as part of this, our teachers will develop the students’ knowledge, understandings and skills in this area to enable them to:
- recognise, understand and evaluate the expression of emotions
- demonstrate an awareness of their personal qualities and the factors that contribute to resilience
- develop empathy for and understanding of others and recognise the importance of supporting diversity for a cohesive community
- understand how relationships are developed and use interpersonal skills to establish and maintain respectful relationships
- work effectively in teams and develop strategies to manage challenging situations constructively.

As part of TRIBES and Kids Matter programs, we are working on developing all of these skills with our students and it is really important that parents work with their child/ren at home. You can help your child develop the following qualities and skills which will help them to build resilience and cope with life’s ups and downs.

- Trust - that the world is safe and that there are caring people to help them.
- Belief - in their ability to do things for themselves and achieve their goals.
- Feeling good - about themselves and feeling valued for who they are.
- Optimism - that things generally turn out well.
- Regulation - ability to manage their feelings, thoughts and behaviours.

If you need any more information about Building Resilience please visit the Kids Matter website:

GARDENING
I am still looking for some volunteers who could come in and do some weeding in the Enchanted Garden. If you are able to help please come and speak to me as soon as possible.
2016 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is drawing to a close.
The Premiers’ Reading Challenge for 2016 is drawing to an end. Each child will need to have entered his/her list of books read online by **Friday 26th August** to be included in the Amsleigh Park Primary School result. Happy reading everyone!
Lisa Donoghue
Premiers’ Reading Challenge Co-ordinator

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**RECYCLE MOBILE PHONES AND HELP PROTECT WILD GORILLAS**

Hi guys, Banjo and Finn here. We’d like to let you know that there’s a box outside the office for donating old or unwanted phones. The reason for this is to help save gorillas and their habitat. Mobile phones need a metal called Coltan to work. Sadly most of the world’s coltan comes from central Africa, where the gorillas live.

Please talk to all your family and friends and get them to donate all their old phones so we can reduce the worldwide demand for coltan and protect the gorillas habitat.

The collection box will be at the office for three weeks only and we are aiming to collect 50 or more mobile phones.
The Canteen is open each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

**The Canteen is closed on Tuesdays**
*Lunch orders are NOT available on Tuesdays*

Current Menu/Pricelist is available on the school website

Canteen Helpers Roster

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School Student Banking day is WEDNESDAY

APPS UNIFORM SHOP
Located under the stairwell near the library

OPENING HOURS FOR 2016

MONDAY AFTERNOON’S 3:30pm – 4:00pm
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS 8:45am – 9:30am

For any other queries, or to source second hand items, please visit the Uniform Shop during the above opening hours

Order form & Price list is available at the uniform shop, the general office or online at our website,
www.amsleigh.vic.edu.au

A huge thank you to the families who donate second hand uniforms back to the school. We really appreciate the supply of good quality items to offer for sale at reduced prices.

Joanne & Kath

Winter items still available to order

WINTER ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE…..

Winter Tights – Sizes 4-6, 7-9, 10-12 - $7.00 pair

Beanies – Child or Adult Sizes - $5.00 each

Gloves – Sizes 4-6, 7-10, 12-16, Adult - $5.00 pair

Scarves – One Size fits all - $5.00
NUDE FOOD DAYS ARE TUESDAYS AT APPS

WHAT IS NUDE FOOD?

NUDE FOOD is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging.

The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food, so that it is healthy and nutritious PLUS environmentally friendly.

Promoting Nude Food empowers students to make conscious choices about what they eat, and encourages them to think about their impact on the environment (and their health). You might be amazed with how enthused your child can become on this...

✔ TO PACK A NUDE FOOD LUNCH OR SNACK, YOU WILL NEED:
  - Cutlery from home is better than throwaway plastic ones
  - Plastic or metal drink bottles are recommended for refilling with water
  - Reusable containers for putting all of your food, snacks and drinks into
  - Lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections can be useful to avoid lost lids or containers

❌ TRY TO AVOID:
  - Zip lock or plastic bags, plastic wrap or aluminium foil
  - Tetra packed drinks, single serve yoghurts and cheese
  - Single use plastic forks and spoons
  - Prepackaged food, i.e. biscuits, snack bars and chips

TIPS FOR PACKING NUDE FOOD LUNCHES:
  - Try to involve the kids in helping decide what to take. This will help to avoid uneaten foods being thrown out, plus will save your family money as well. Also, remember to praise your child if they do eat something healthy which is new for them.
  - Try to pack the lunches the night before and store in the fridge overnight to avoid the mad rush in the morning.
  - If your child normally enjoys chips, yoghurt or other prepackaged snacks, buy these in a larger format and you can decant these into smaller reusable containers or lunchbox.
  - If your child does enjoy chips, why not try making your own veggie versions using sliced beetroot, parsnip or sweet potato and baking in the oven?
  - Try to use fruit and vegetables that are in season. Seasonal produce is friendly to the environment as well as to your budget, as less fuels are used to transport it into your supermarket.
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2. Have your child assessed for the Kumon English or Maths Programme and discuss a study plan.
3. Arrange for your child to attend four class sessions during the period of 15-31 August.
4. Meet with your Instructor to discuss your child’s Kumon experience.

KUMON OAKLEIGH
EDUCATION CENTRE
Instructor: Kamy De Mel
tel: 0418 585 300

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• Workbooks are provided for non-free trial days during the two weeks.
• Late registration may result in fewer study sessions.
• Class days, operating hours and available classes vary across Kumon Centres.
• The Free Trial is available for one subject only (either English or Maths).
• There is no obligation to enrol after the Free Trial.

http://au.kumon.com
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Platypus Junction Mulgrave
New Childcare Opening Soon!

Platypus Junction Group is a privately owned and family operated early learning and childcare centre delivering high quality long day care and education for families with children from 3months - 5years old for twenty years.

Platypus Junction Group is opening a brand new purpose built early learning and childcare centre at 5 Nexus Business Park, Mulgrave.

Platypus Junction Mulgrave is situated on level 3 and 4 at 5 Nexus Court, Mulgrave. Level 3 will house our welcome area and five separate age grouped rooms from the babies nursery to 3 and 4-year-old Kindergartens with two level 3 outdoor learning areas.

The playground is a fabulous rooftop garden and adventure learning space. A landscaped green playground with fruit trees, citrus and veggie patches mixed with sandpits and water play features and wonderful spaces for stories and experimenting.

For more information or to enrol, visit: www.platypusjunction.com or speak with Felicity, Michelle or Rebecca on 1300 261 685
Please retain these absence notes for your future use. If your child is absent for any reason, please complete and hand to your child’s teacher upon his/her return to school. These forms should also be used to give prior notice of absences due to holidays etc.

Handy Hint – All Absence notifications can be completed on Tiqbiz!

STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

Student Name: ___________________________ Grade: ________

Was absent / Will Be absent (please circle) from school on the following date/s

___ / ___ / ___     ___ / ___ / ___
___ / ___ / ___     ___ / ___ / ___

The absence was / is due to

□ Illness
□ Family Bereavement
□ Parent Choice
□ Family Holiday

□ Other ____________________________

Signed: ____________________________ Parent/Guardian  Date: ___ / ___ / ___

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