**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Welcome Back**
I would like to welcome back everyone to Term 4. After a very busy Term 3 everyone was in need of a break and I hope it came at a timely moment. I trust all of our students were able to spend time with family and friends. From my own point of view it was great to return to Amsleigh Park after my extended break, and on Monday I was looking forward to seeing everyone and hearing about the second half of Term 3.

For those who may have missed it, my family and I were extremely fortunate to be able to spend 7 weeks travelling in Europe. After visiting extended family in Norway, we then travelled through Denmark, Netherlands, Germany, France, Greece and Italy. There were many highlights and we really enjoyed the history and culture of the many European cities we were lucky enough to visit. Whenever I travel to other places I’m always reminded how lucky we are to live in Australia and feel grateful that it is a very safe country and in most cases, far removed from many of the problems faced by other nations. Here’s a happy snap of the family on the Eiffel Tower.

**Thank-you!**
I would like to say a sincere thank-you to Miss Cox for taking on the role of Acting Principal in my absence. It’s great to go on leave knowing that things will be in good hands and life will continue to tick along as normal. I would also say a big thank-you to Miss Johanne Abbott and Miss Bec Carr, who shared the role of Acting Assistant Principal and provided outstanding support to both Miss Cox and our students. It was greatly appreciated!

**The Term Ahead**
There is a lot to look forward to across Term 4. Our core learning programs in English and Mathematics continue to be a high priority, but in keeping with our focus on the ‘whole child’ we balance this out with other learning opportunities. In Term 4 we look forward to lots of extra-curricular activities including; Divisional sports finals, Amsleigh Idol, Grade 2 sleepover, School Aerobics ‘Spring Challenge,’ Bike Education for Grade 4 & 5, Grade 6 Graduation, Whole School Transition for 2017, Prep 2017 Orientation, Carols Night and Leigh Club performances to round out an exciting term. Our teachers will also be working hard on December reports. Keep an eye out for your class newsletter in the next couple of weeks for more specific details about each class and year level.

**Curriculum Day**
We will be having our final curriculum day for 2016 on Monday 31st October, which is the Monday prior to Melbourne Cup Day and therefore our families can look forward to a 4 day weekend. For anyone who needs it there will be ‘all day care’ available with Youth Leadership Victoria. The staff will be participating in a day of professional learning focusing on how we teach Writing. We’ll be considering the seven steps of writing which include: Sizzling Starts, Tightening Tension, Plan for success, Dynamic Dialogue, Show don’t tell, Ban the boring and Exciting Endings.
Sun-Smart
Term 4 is a sun-smart term and all Parents and children are reminded that sun smart hats must be worn every day during recess and lunch breaks and on school excursions. A sun smart hat provides at least 5cm of protection to the face, neck and ears.

Class Structure 2017
We have now reached that time when we start to consider what classes we will have in 2017. Working out a class structure is a complex task and we use a number of criteria in this process. Our overall aim is to work out a model that enables us to provide a quality learning environment for all students. The criteria/factors that we use to make up our class structure include the following.

- The educational/social-emotional needs of our students at each year level.
- The projected number of students in each year level.
- The ratio of girls to boys.
- The number of teachers employed at the school.

Additionally, there are some external factors that affect this process.

- Each school is allocated a number of classrooms based on enrolment. For our current enrolment we are officially entitled to 15 classrooms.
- Each school is allocated funding based on the number of students enrolled so therefore we are able to employ teachers based on this number.

With careful planning we will be able to provide a structure that maintains our excellent class sizes and supports all students to reach their learning potential. During 2016 our numbers have increased steadily and our current enrolment is 372 (up from 362 in February) and we anticipate that we will start the new school year around this number. We currently have 16 classes and we would hope to go to 17 classes in 2017, providing our enrolment continues at present levels.

Class Placements 2017
Later this term we will start the complex process of placing students into classes for 2017. We spend many hours undertaking this important work which takes into account many different variables. Factors which are considered in the placement of students include:

- academic ability and performance
- work habits e.g. ability to work independently
- behaviour
- social network /friendships
- social maturity
- special needs eg twins, siblings

During this process, changes and adjustments are made over several weeks. Proposed class lists are then submitted to the Leadership team for final ratification and then finally teachers are assigned to class groups.

If any families have any requests on educational grounds, please send this to me no later than Friday 28th October. Please note that no requests for specific teachers are accepted in this process. Rest assured every effort is made to place children in a happy and secure learning environment. Whilst I do keep all previous requests from past years, they do become dated in terms of relevance, so we will only consider information from the past two years. If a previous request on educational grounds still exists, please take the time to bring this to my attention so that we are aware of any long term considerations that might still be relevant. We anticipate that class placements will be published on Thursday 15th December in preparation for our ‘Smart Start’ whole school transition session the following Monday 19th December.

World Teacher’s Day
Wednesday 5th October was World Teachers Day and I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge what a fantastic teaching staff we have at Amsleigh Park PS. Their care and commitment to our students goes above and beyond, and I can say this from 30 years of experience of working in schools. I feel proud and fortunate to be the principal of staff who are so dedicated to our students and the success of our school. So on behalf of everyone I thank our teachers for this and hope they continue to find fulfilment in their vital work.

Michael Cormick
PRINCIPAL
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
We are looking for a group of parents to work together to organise our Christmas Raffle. Each year all of our families donate items to go in Christmas hampers for our annual Raffle. Helping with the Christmas Raffle involves organising notices and tickets to go home, decorate the donation box, count the raffle money and organise the tickets for the draw. If you are able to help please speak to Saro, Tania or myself.

STUDENT WELLBEING
Over my last few newsletters I have been sharing some information and resources about social/emotional wellbeing. Today I received some information about parent workshops on the topics of Mindfulness and Managing Anxiety. If you are interested in participating in these workshops or finding out more about them see the information below:

Mindfulness for Parents – Fridays in October 1.30-2.30p.m.
Managing Anxiety for Parents and Teachers – Tuesday 18th October 6.30-8.30p.m.

You can go to Irabina website at http://irabina.com/services/upcoming-events/ or by phone (03) 9720 1118 or email autism@irabina.com

Chess, Wise Ones, Guitar, Keyboard, Piano and Kelly Sports
All of these extra-curricular activities have started this week or will be beginning next week. If you would like your child to participate in any of these programs they must be enrolled before attending. Please collect and complete the relevant enrolment form from the stand near the office and send it with payment according to the details on the notice. Please do not send payments for these activities to the office.

YEAR BOOK
Currently our staff are working on creating their pages for our 2016 Year Book. This is your last chance to make sure that you do not miss out on your copy of the Year Book. Each year all of our events, programs and students are highlighted in the year book and it is a great momento to keep for each year of your child’s primary schooling. If you did not pay for your 2016 Year Book when you paid your school fees or you are new to our school and would like a copy please pay $15 to Tania or Meredith in the office.

Do you have or know of a child starting Prep in 2017?

Enrolments at Amsleigh Park for Prep 2017 are limited. If you or someone you know is looking at enrolling their child for next year, please contact the school office as soon as possible to arrange application forms and/or a school tour.
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 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
The Human Body and Its Systems

Amsleigh Park Primary School

This new WiseOnes unit of 8 one hour lessons develops an understanding that the human body is an integrated system of many separate systems. Learn about your skin, circulation and nervous system. Learn about your skeleton which supports the whole body, your brain which enables knowledge, courage, honesty and curiosity. Learn how to use Socratic questioning. Research skills will be taught. In Week 8, we will all share our new knowledge, just as the body shares all its systems to make a whole person.

WiseOnes Application for 4th Term 2016

This program is available for all Grade 1 - Grade 6 children who have qualified for WiseOnes. The unit for Term 4 commences week beginning Monday, 10th October, 2016. The unit will run for 8 weeks commencing: Wed 12th October, 2016

WiseOnes Teacher: Rowena Beaumont 0417 388 847

Yes, I wish to enrol my child in the unit "The Human Body and its Systems" starting week beginning Monday, 10th October, 2016. I give permission for a copy of this slip to be handed to the WiseOnes teacher. Please send this slip and payment of $238.00 to the school office by Wednesday 5th October, 2016.

The only Payment Methods accepted are CASH, CHEQUE (Payable to Amsleigh Park) OR CREDIT CARD.

Child's Name ___________________________________________ School: Amsleigh Park Primary
Date of Birth __________________________ Class (2016) ______________
Parents' Names ____________________________________________________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________________________________
Phone: BH ___________________ AH _______________ Mobile ___________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________

Please tick ✓ appropriate boxes below;
☐ Yes, My child has already qualified for WiseOnes
☐ Yes, I would like a free test for my child
☐ Yes, I would like my child to be tested with a fuller assessment to qualify for WiseOnes (this assessment cost is $250 inc GST).

As we are a non-credit business, children will not be accepted into the program for the term unless the fees and enrolment form are returned by the above date.

For further information please contact Pat Truscott on 9326 6441 or Mobile: 0407 313 657

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORITY for WISEONES Term 3, 2016 - MasterCard or Visa only

DO NOT COMPLETE FOR A DEBIT / EFTPOS CARD – TAKE CARD IN PERSON TO GENERAL OFFICE FOR PROCESSING

Cardholders Name: __________________________________________________________ (Please print clearly)

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Card Expiry Date: ______/_______ Amount $238.00 (For Wiseones Term 4 2016)

Card number

Card holder name: __________________________________________________________
Date of birth: ______________
Address: ________________________
Phone: BH: ___________________ AH: __________________ Mobile: ___________________
Email: ________________________
Learn music
here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play drums, here at Amsleigh Park Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4, 2016.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333 or email samantha@creativemusic.com.au

Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au

AMSLEIGH PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 4 - SIZZLING SPRING SPORTS AND DANCE for Prep to Grade 6

CRICKET – HOCKEY - TENNIS

As the weather warms up, join us for a great program to develop, challenge and improve your child’s motor and coordination skills.

Our experienced coaches aim to develop and enhance the wide range of sporting skills of your child, including catching, throwing and hitting. While also improving strength, flexibility, hand-eye co-ordination, spatial awareness, co-operative skills and teamwork, all within a FUN and very SAFE environment.

Over 10 weeks students will have the opportunity to move, groove, spin and hop to the sound of the beats alongside our professional dancer and very experienced teacher. You will have a fantastic time learning the new moves in our high intensity, excitement-filled dance classes.

WHEN: Tuesday
COMMENCING: 11th Oct.
CONCLUDING: 13th Dec.
TIME: 3.40pm – 4.40pm
YEAR LEVELS: Prep – Gr. 6
COST: $99
(9 week term)

WHEN: Friday
COMMENCING: 14th Oct.
CONCLUDING: 16th Dec.
TIME: 1.40pm – 2.30pm
YEAR LEVELS: Prep – Gr. 6
COST: $110
(10 week term)

Book online www.kellysports.com.au

Search for ‘Oakleigh’ or postcode 3166

Enquiries to Philip on 0408 379 543 or philip@kellysports.com.au
Innovative and Modern Guitar Program.

- Guitar Lessons held during class time.
- Over 20 years experience.
- Modern guitar program with the use of IPads in class.
- Modern, classic and fun songs taught in guitar lessons.
- Learn songs from Taylor Swift, AC/DC, Ed Sheeran etc.
- Guitar lessons are easy to follow, modern and affordable.
- Group lessons.
- Structured Program written by Paul Varone.

Guitar lessons are available for students from Grade 2. If you would like more information, please call/sms Paul Varone on 0411 123 655 or email pvarone1@bigpond.com
ST PAULS CRICKET CLUB
2016/17 SEASON

Cricket season is starting soon! We promote a safe and friendly environment at St Pauls Cricket Club for kids to hone their skills and play Australia’s chosen summer sport. From ages 5 to 16, come along and give it a shot (free to try)

New and inexperienced players most welcome

New players are welcome to come and give it a go – with friendly, experienced coaches to show you the ropes.

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Venues
Batesford Reserve
91 Batesford Road, Chadstone
Amsleigh Park Primary School
State Street, Oakleigh East

Need more information?
Email us at stpauls.cricketclub@gmail.com;
Head to our website at StPaulsCC.com.au; or
Call our junior co-ordinator Tom on 0432 771 650

DEAR PARENT

NumberWorks’ n’ Words can help your child reach greater heights with our expert after-school Maths and English tuition.

From Prep to Year 10, no matter whether they’re struggling to keep up, or burning to be ahead, NumberWorks’ n’ Words promises to give your child’s education – and confidence – a real boost.

Over the past 20 years, NumberWorks’ n’ Words has achieved amazing results with thousands of children just like yours, by:
- tailoring lessons according to your child’s individual needs
- setting achievable goals and keeping you updated on your child’s progress
- engaging your child with technology and resources developed by our own qualified experts
- using specialist, trained tutors who teach to the Australian Curriculum

Right now NumberWorks’ n’ Words is offering FREE ASSESSMENTS in Maths and English. These assessments provide a great opportunity for you to discover how your child is doing, collaborate on a plan to help them achieve their potential, and to see for yourself how effective – and enjoyable – NumberWorks’ n’ Words specialist Maths tuition and English tuition really is.

WITH OUR EXPERT TUITION, YOUR CHILDREN CAN REACH EVEN GREATER HEIGHTS.

Call today to book your free assessment, or to discuss any concerns you may have about your child’s progress.

Glen Waverley
Ph: 9574 9564
Natasha Cuff
181 Glen Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley

Balwyn
Ph: 9888 4396
Melissa Spence
468 Highgrove Rd, Surrey Hills

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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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