

School Values

Respect
Resilience
Strive for
Excellence

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**School Purpose**

To provide an engaging, friendly, safe and supportive environment that enhances learning, personal growth and well-being of all students, enabling them to become lifelong learners.

DATES TO REMEMBER

25th June - NAIDOC Week Dance Celebration
26th June - Last Day of Term Two - Students dismissed at 2:15pm
13th July - First Day of Term Three
21st July - First Day of Breakfast Club
23rd July - 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to our 8th newsletter and final newsletter for Term Two!

A very big thank you to the families that joined us on Friday for our Term Two Celebration Assembly and also our farewell for Mr Hall and Ms Maria. It was lovely to see them and to send them off with all of our staff, students and community. Both Mr Hall and Ms Maria were part of the AMPS community for over 30 years. This is an outstanding effort from both of them and shows their dedication and commitment to our students here and their commitment to education.

This week we had our Parent Teacher Interviews, thank you to all the families who took the time to come and meet our teachers. These interviews are always a great opportunity for families to discuss the Semester One Report and academic progress of your child/ren. If you have not already taken the time to read your child/ren's Semester One Report, please do so via Compass.

Next term we have many different events happening. Please view the Term Three Important Events to stay updated. We will continue to update this over the course of the term and re-distribute when needed. There will be many opportunities across the term for our wonderful community to come together to celebrate.

Next term we will have a new staff member operating our Camp Australia program. Aarti has made the difficult decision to resign from her position with Camp Australia. For those of you who have met and worked with Aarti, I trust you will agree when I say that Aarti is a wonderful person and has made a big difference to the effectiveness of our before and after school care. Our students are going to miss her presence greatly.

Camp Australia are currently completing a recruitment process. Once I have been advised who is replacing Aarti, I will let you all know.

Next term we have our 3-6 Athletics Carnival on Thursday 23rd July. If you would like to volunteer to assist with this, please come and see Mr P.

We have an early finish on Friday for the last day of Term Two. It is hard to believe we are already here and heading into Term Three. Students will be dismissed at 2:15pm. Camp Australia will be commencing at 2:15pm.

Have a great break, I hope you all get the opportunity to rest and recharge with loved ones.

With thanks

Emma Hampton

Attendance

Students miss school for all kinds of reasons, but when they're absent, they miss more than just lesson content. They miss the opportunities to build the habits and skills that shape how they learn, connect and succeed at school and in life. These include developing foundational skills, building motivation and perseverance, forming relationships and feeling a sense of belonging and connection to both their peers and teacher. School connection is pivotal to each child developing a sense of community and belonging. While we understand that children get sick, have appointments and that unexpected situations can occur within a family, prior notification and logging of the attendance is essential.

Next term we will be strengthening our attendance practises and follow up processes with students and families. Compass has now added an attendance feature to your child's dashboard which gives you a visual representation of your child's current attendance versus what it was in the previous term.



Miss Armstrong

Learning Can Happen Anywhere!

As the school holidays approach, we encourage our students to enjoy a well-deserved break, spend time with family and friends, and continue exploring the world around them through everyday learning experiences. Learning doesn't only happen in the classroom! There are many simple and enjoyable activities families can do together that support the Victorian Curriculum while creating lasting memories.

Read together: Visit your local library, read a favourite story, or enjoy a chapter book together. Encourage children to make predictions, discuss characters, or write an alternative ending.

Make maths part of everyday life: Bake together and measure ingredients, estimate shopping costs, count collections, or play board games that involve number skills, strategy and problem-solving.

Explore the outdoors: Take a walk around your neighbourhood, visit a local park, or go on a nature scavenger hunt. Children can observe seasonal changes, sketch what they see, and ask questions about the natural world.

Get creative: Draw, paint, build with recycled materials, create music, or put on a family performance. Creative activities help children express ideas and develop confidence.

Talk, Share and Wonder: The best learning often comes from conversations. Ask your child questions such as:

- What was something new you learned this term?
- What are you curious about?
- What do you notice about the world around you?

Most importantly, enjoy this time together. We wish all of our students and families a safe, happy and restful winter holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning!

Miss Darcy



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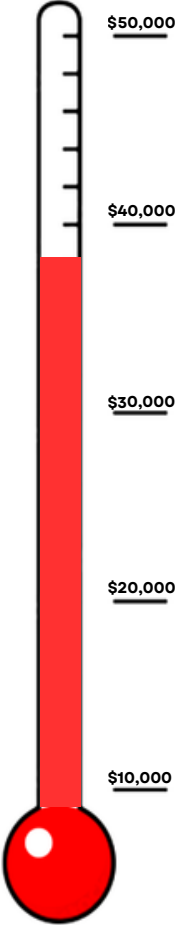
FUNDRAISING

SWEENEY

Coming up...

- Tony's Pies
(Orders now open)

With this years fundraising efforts in combination with last years fundraising efforts we are hoping to resurface the 3-6 playground.



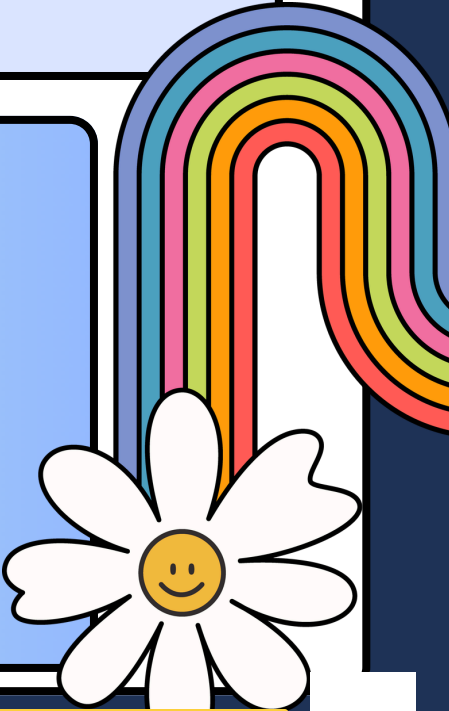
We have organised with Tony's Pies Essendon to conduct a Pie Drive. Tony's Pies will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls on Thursday 13th August 2026. All the products will be freshly baked and will be suitable to go straight into the freezer if you wish. So, order up BIG. Remember, the more you order the more we make.



<https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/altona-meadows-primary-school>

Funds raised so far...

- Movie Night Fundraiser \$2102.00
- Movie Night Raffle \$605.00
- Dominos Hot Lunch \$458.00
- Easter Raffle \$555.00
- Mother's Day Stall \$719.00
- Mother's Day Raffle \$511.00
- Fish & Chips Hot Lunch \$650.45





HA HA HA!
HA HA HA!
HA HA HA!

Why did the student bring a ladder to school?

Because they wanted to go to high school

HA HA HA!
HA HA HA!
HA HA HA!



Hi, I'm Mr Luke!

Push-Up Challenge

I'm doing 3,307 push-ups in 24 days as part of The Push-Up Challenge to raise awareness and funds for mental health in Australia. This target represents the 3,307 people who died by suicide in Australia in 2024 (the most recent stats).

You can push for better mental health too by donating to my fundraising page and supporting this important cause:
www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/fundraisers/lukejones849680/the-push-up-challenge

I have started this fundraising challenge a little late so I've got to cram all these push ups into 24 days, which will be a battle. If able to, please feel free to donate. It can be as much or as little as you like. Funds raised will go to Lifeline to support much-needed mental health services and initiatives in Australia. Any donation, big or small, is really appreciated!



To the wonderful students of AMPS,

THANK YOU

The assembly was a lovely way to say farewell to AMPS. I am sad to be leaving as I have been a teacher at AMPS for a very long time but I leave with many, many happy memories of the students I have taught and the experiences shared.

I have enjoyed reading the student comments in the "Farewell Mr. Hall" book.

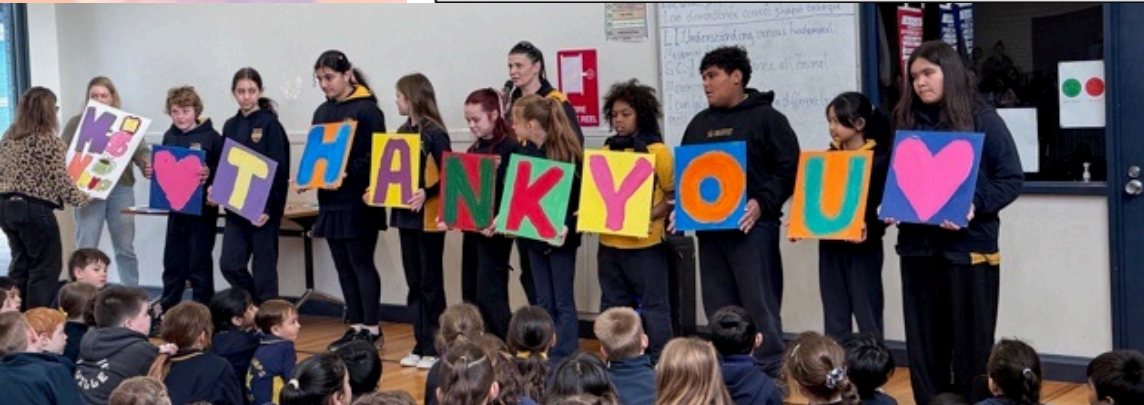
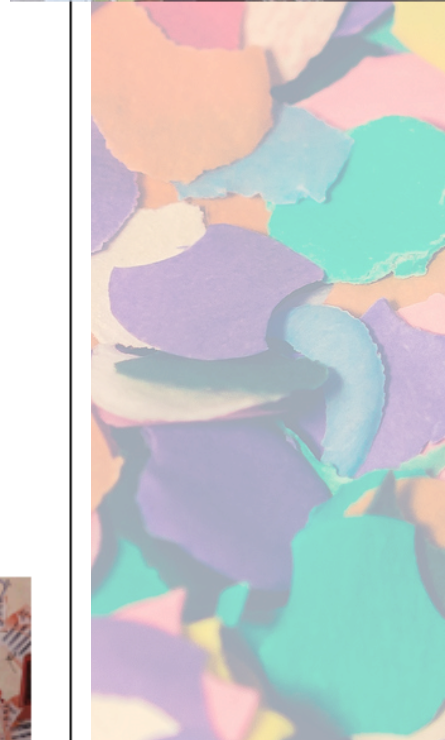
It seems my "Scary Song" and the stories about Eggs and Bananas racing, etc, have been very popular! As well as my habit of trying out the slides in the playground. And of course lots of mentions about music and ukuleles, etc!

I am glad that I have left you with some happy and positive memories and I have made learning fun.

I have loved being a teacher at AMPS and the school will always have a special place in my heart.

To you, AMPS students, I wish you all the best in the future. Thank-you once again.

Mr. Hall



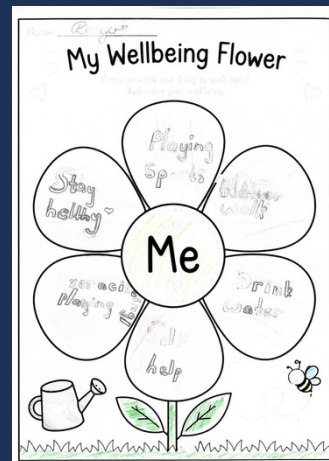
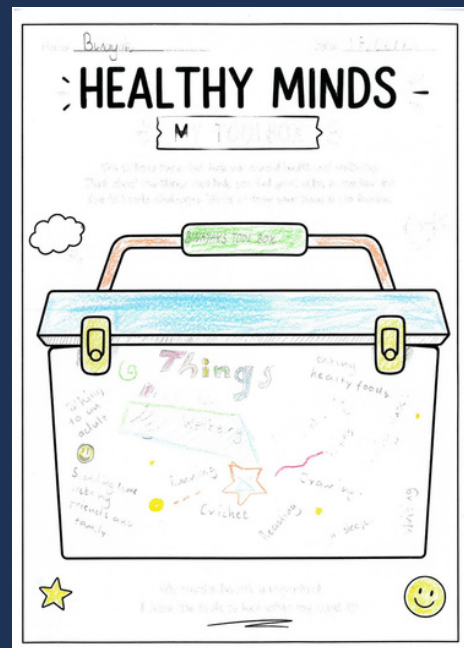
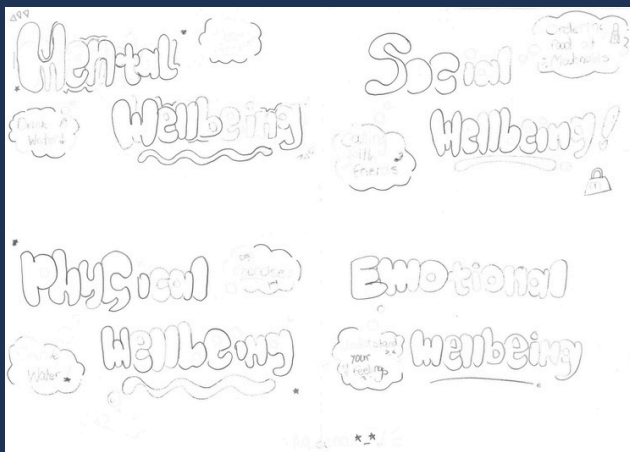


Mental Health & Wellbeing



SUPPORTING MINDS • BUILDING RESILIENCE • GROWING TOGETHER

During Wellbeing Week, the students explored the meaning of MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING. They explored the different elements that support healthy minds. Here are some examples of the fantastic work completed across different year levels:



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Term 3 Important Dates

- 23rd July - 3-6 Athletics Carnival
 - 21st July - First day of Breakfast Club
- 23rd July - P-2 100 Days of School Celebration
 - 10th May - 5/6 Excursion
 - 17th August - Anti Bullying Week
 - 24th August - Book Week
 - 28th August - Book Week Parade
- 2nd September - Father's Day Stall
 - 3rd September - Hot Lunch Fundraiser
- 4th September - Father's Day Open Morning
 - 10th September - R U Ok Day
 - 10th September - Last Breakfast Club
- 18th September - Last Day of Term Three - Students dismissed at 2:15pm

Term 3 Starts 5th October



Term 3 Assembly Schedule

24th July - Whole School (5/6A presenting)

31st July - Prep & 1/2 (1/2A presenting)

7th August - 3/4 & 5/6 (5/6B presenting)

14th August - Whole School (5/6C presenting)

21st August - Prep & 1/2 (1/2B presenting)

28th August - Book Week Parade

7th September - Fathers Day Open Morning

**11th September - Whole School Celebration
Assembly**

All assemblies will commence at 9:15am.
Weather will determine location choice of
Hall, Netball Court or Undercover area

