2017 Dates

**February**
- **Preps**: No attendance on Wednesdays during February
- Tue 14 - Parent teacher meetings
- Fri 17 - Curriculum Day - No school for students

**March**
- Wed 1 - Preps commence every Wednesday
- Wed 1 - School Photos
- Mon 13 - Labour Day holiday
- Thu 31 - Last day of term 1

Term 1 Ends

**April**
- Mon 16 - Term 2 - Students commence

Term Dates 2017
- Term 1: 30 January to 31 March
- Term 2: 18 April to 30 June
- Term 3: 17 July to 22 September
- Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

**Timetable**
- Drop off time from 8.45am
- School commences 9.00am sharp
- Recess 11.00am - 11.30am
- Lunch 1.40pm - 2.30pm
- School finishes 3.30pm

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**Principal News**

Happy Chinese New Year to our Chinese community! We hope you are enjoying all the festivities of this cultural event.

2017 is the Year of the Rooster.

From the Principal......
Welcome back to school to all members of our school community! A special welcome to all of our Prep/Foundation students and new students who have joined our school this year. We hope you have a really good start to the year.

Our Prep students settled beautifully and they look like they’ve been at school for months! Our transition program has assisted these children in preparing for school and we will again offer the “Step Into Prep” program in 2017. Many families have also visited the school grounds during the holiday break to enable children to become familiar with the school environment. Our Prep classes have explored the school buildings and facilities and have begun to establish sound routines and learn about how the school day works. We look forward to watching these curious young people develop over the years.

I would also like to thank the staff and school community for making me feel welcome at MPS. Everywhere I go there is another smiling face offering assistance and that makes an enormous difference when you are finding your way in a new environment. For now though, I am looking forward to meeting all of the students and learning lots of names. As the year progresses, staff will be working towards refining our assessment schedule and building on our already excellent writing program. Our goal is to streamline how we assess students so that we spend more time teaching and when we do assess, we are using that information to better tailor our programs to individual student needs.

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Striving for the best in everything we do
Principal message continued

In 2017 the school will also be undertaking a review. Every 4 years, Victorian schools are required to review their previous strategic plan via a self-evaluation and a review panel day before taking those results and creating a strategic plan for the next 4 years. Students, parents and staff will have the opportunity to contribute to the self-evaluation and there will be more information regarding once we have confirmed a timeline with the Department.

Today’s newsletter is a brief communication to start the year off. Our regular newsletter will be fortnightly and published every second Thursday. This will be our only newsletter printed and sent home with all students. We encourage all parents to download the Tiqbiz app to receive our newsletter and other correspondence electronically. Instructions for downloading Tiqbiz are attached to the newsletter. Please see Suzy in the office if you require assistance.

STAFF – A very warm welcome is extended to our new staff – Miss Brown, Ms. Miller, Mr. McIlwraith and (officially) Miss Truesdale. Please say hello to our new staff members if you see them around the school. We also welcome back Mr. Leopold, Mrs Hay and Mrs Weerakoon from Leave.

Mrs. Sarah Murray will be with us for most of February before commencing her Family Leave. We wish Sarah and her family well as they await the arrival of their new baby.

2018 ENROLMENTS – With the school continuing to grow, it would be extremely helpful if parents with siblings enrolling in 2018 could contact the office to obtain an enrolment form. Families can either call, email or drop in to advise us of their intentions and we will place your child on our database ahead of the Step Into Prep program and can send enrolment forms home with siblings to make life easier.

CAR PARKING – Parents are asked to be mindful of the parking restrictions around the school. Parking officers regularly patrol the school zone. The staff car park is strictly for staff cars only and parents must not enter this car park. We have visiting staff entering and leaving on a regular basis. Pedestrians should not use the car park when entering and leaving the school. Please use the pathways at the front of the school and on Maygrove Way. We thank you for your support in this matter as student safety is very important to us.

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY – Parents are reminded that there is a Labour Day holiday on Monday 13th March. There will be no school on this day.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS – Tuesday 14th February - Next week you will receive some notices about our parent teacher meeting sessions which will be held on Tuesday 14th February after school. Parents of all students are invited to book a time convenient to them. We use ‘School Interviews’ online system to book appointments. More information next week.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – Information relating to vacancies on School Council will be distributed at the beginning of next week. Please look out for this if you think you may be interested in nominating or being nominated for 2017. Information will include a timeline and summary of the role of School Council.

FUNDRAISING/PARENTS AND FRIENDS GROUP – If you would like to be involved in our fundraising group and perhaps assist on Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day stalls, Sausage Sizzles etc., we would love to hear from you. Please complete the tear-off slip in this newsletter. A meeting will be arranged for interested parents once we have your responses. We look forward to working with you this year!

EXCESSIVE HEAT AND LEAVING CHILDREN IN CARS - Fortunately the beginning of the school term has started without too much excessive heat. The school operates a heat policy and we keep the children inside on very hot days. We have been asked to remind our parent community about the dangers of leaving children in cars on very hot days.

THE TEMPERATURE INSIDE A PARKED CAR CAN DOUBLE WITHIN MINUTES
ON HOT DAYS NEVER LEAVE KIDS ALONE IN CARS.
NO EXCEPTIONS, NO EXCUSES.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Our whole school assembly is held on Fridays at 3pm in the school hall. All parents and members of our school community are welcome to attend. The first assembly for the school year will be Friday Feb 10th.

Have a relaxing weekend everyone and we’ll see you back on Monday!!

Charles Spicer – Principal
ICY-POLE SALES – A reminder that students can buy an icy-pole on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the beginning of lunchtime, starting Week 2. The cost is $1.00.

ART SMOCKS – To protect clothing, all students are requested to have an Art Smock or old shirt that can be worn during art classes.

HATS – A reminder that hats must be worn in terms one and four. Sunscreen and sunglasses are also highly recommended.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - School photographs will be taken on Wednesday March 1st and individually named order envelopes will be coming home shortly. If paying online, please follow the instructions on the envelope carefully. Sibling photograph envelopes, must be picked up from the office and handed in, either prior to or on the day of photography. If you have more than 2 children attending this School, the 3rd and subsequent children’s packages are free of charge.

2017 PARENT PAYMENTS

A reminder that parent payments for student Essential Education Items was due by the first day of school. Thank you to the many parents who have made payment. If you have not yet paid, please ensure you make payment as soon as possible; students will receive their stationery once payment has been arranged. If you are experiencing difficulty with payment, please speak to Charles Spicer or Suzy Shaw.

CHANGING OF THE LINEN IN THE SICK BAY 2017

If you are able to help out by changing the linen in the sick bay, please fill in the tear off slip below and return to the office. Depending upon the number of volunteers, you would only be required once or twice a term. Parents usually change the bed linen on a Friday, take it home to wash and return it to school during the next week. The roster will be sent home and also published fortnightly in our newsletter. All assistance is greatly appreciated!

VOLUNTEERING TO HELP OUT WITH THE CHANGE OF LINEN ROSTER IN THE SICK BAY

Parent Name: ____________________________________________________________

Student Name: ___________________________ Grade: _______________
**CANTEEN NEWS**

Just a reminder that lunch orders can be placed Wednesday through to Friday. Orders need to be written on a paper bag with the child’s name, grade and order clearly written on the front of the bag, enclosing correct money is also appreciated. We appreciate the fact that children may take the initiative to fill in their lunch order, but please check the order before submitting it to ensure that it is legible. Students need to hand their orders into their classroom teacher at the start of the day.

Please find attached a current price list. It is important that you use the 2017 price list as there are some changes.

**Parent Helpers/ Classroom Volunteers**

We value the assistance of parent helpers in our classrooms and with other school activities. It is a requirement of school council, that all volunteers at our school hold a current Working With Children Check (WWC check) and that these details are recorded on our Register of Volunteers. If you would like to assist in the classroom or with other school activities, please provide details of your WWC check to our school office and also ensure you update your details with the Department of Justice and Regulation, to include Mulgrave Primary School as a place you volunteer at.

If you would like to apply for a Working With Children Check or need to update your details, please use the link below


All helpers/volunteers must also ensure they sign in and out at the office, each time they are in the school. This is particularly important in the event of an emergency where we need to account for all people on school premises.

Our Parent Helpers Policy is also available on the “About Us” tab on our website.

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**FUNDRAISING/PARENTS AND FRIENDS GROUP**

If you would be interested in assisting, please complete details below and return the slip to the school office. Alternatively, you can ring us on 9795 2477.

Name________________________________________________

Child/children’s names ______________________________________________________

Telephone number ____________________________________
### MULGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT CANTEEN MENU - 2017
### AVAILABLE ONLY ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

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**NOTE TO PARENTS:**

To order your child/ren's lunch: Write child's name, class & order on a clean paper bag. Bags can be provided for 10c.

Lunch orders will not be accepted after 9:30 A.M.

Please ensure correct amount of money is put into the bag and folded to secure.

If there is not enough money with your child’s order, one item will not be provided.
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A reminder to all families – Please download the tiqbiz app if you haven’t already done so. Please also remember to update your child’s year/grade for 2017 (see below).

Now we have commenced a new year, you will need to make new tiqbiz selections for your child’s year/grade.
To do this open the tiqbiz app, click on the “enter here” button for Mulgrave Primary School and then click on the menu bar on the top right of the screen as per sample shown.
You will then have to option to add any relevant boxes. Please also remember to remove those boxes no longer relevant (these will show towards the bottom of the page).

Please contact the school office for any further assistance.
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Password Tip: When entering your password you can tap the "eye" symbol displayed at the end of the password field to display your password as you enter it. This will enable you to see your password to ensure you have entered it correctly.
Hi Everyone

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing break over the summer. Our summer holiday program at MGPS was a wonderful start to the New Year. Many new children joined in with us over the break and had so much fun exploring with several exciting activities that included excursion and incursions.

This week we are celebrating Chinese Lunar New Year, therefore our art and craft, cooking and also team games are reflecting Chinese culture.

Our Next week program activities are:

- Monday 6th of February: Art and Craft - Google maps
- Tuesday 7th of February: Cooking - Ice pole
- Wednesday 8th of February: Science - Rocket shoot out
- Thursday 9th of February: Team game - Cats in the corner
- Friday 10th of February: Back yard Cricket

Please see important information below to ensure you are ready and organised to use Extend’s service this year.

NEW FAMILIES – ENROL TODAY
Enrolling is simple and can be done online via our Parent Portal. The annual enrolment fee will not be charged until you use the service, so it’s a great way to ensure that you have emergency access if the need arises. See information on the operating hours, fees, how to enrol and book at extend.com.au

HAVE YOU SECURED YOUR 2017 BOOKINGS?
If you have used our services before, we look forward to seeing you again throughout Term 1. Please ensure you have made your 2017 bookings on the Parent Portal in advance.

QUESTIONS?
Check out the FAQs on our website which contains useful information for new parents.

PARENT PORTAL
To check out what’s on, and for further information, visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
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