REMINDER – CURRICULUM DAY - MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER – no school on this day.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY – I hope you all enjoyed the Melbourne Cup Day holiday with your families. Perhaps you were lucky and backed a winner!! Many parents were lucky enough to have a four day weekend and spend some quality time relaxing with their families. Next year we are looking at having the Monday, pre-Cup Day, as a Curriculum Day as we have been notified that we can now use this day for teacher professional learning. This will be one of our annual curriculum days. It may help you to know this to enable you to plan ahead.

HOUSE SPORTS – Our annual house sports day will be held on Tuesday 10th November, weather permitting. All students will be participating and need to wear a sports uniform (shorts and runners). We also encourage students to wear their House Colours (T-shirt, socks, hair ties, ribbons etc., if they would like to). Please no hair colouring or face painting. Students must wear a broad brim hat, have a water bottle that they can refill and apply sunscreen before coming to school. Please refer to notice sent home earlier in the week for more details.

STEP INTO PREP SESSION – Our next Step Into Prep session will be held on Thursday 12th November at 11.30am. On the 8th December, we will be having a longer session – 9.30-12.00 for our future prep students. Looking forward to having these children visit the school again!

INFORMATION SESSION FOR PREP 2016 PARENTS – On Wednesday 18th November at 6.30pm, we will be having an information session for parents of 2016 Prep students.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2016 – Enrolments are still being taken for 2016 at this stage. Please visit our school office for an enrolment form if you have a child who is coming to Mulgrave Primary School next year and who has not been enrolled. Similarly, if you are transferring out of our school at the end of the year, can you please let us know, as we need to have accurate figures to work on for our planning. Thank you to those families who have informed us of their plans recently.

VISITORS IN SCHOOLS POLICY – The Department of Education has recently updated its policy information relating to visitors in schools. Mulgrave Primary School has an existing policy that requires all of our parents, friends and other visitors to sign in at the school office, prior to visiting any of our buildings. All classroom helpers, PMP helpers, assistants on sports days etc. require to have a current Working With Children card. Your card needs to be shown to Suzy in our school office, to verify that you are approved to work with our students. This ensures that anyone working with your child has been authorised to do so. We really appreciate you helping us with our processes to keep your children in a safe environment when at school.

HOMEWORK – There has been a great deal of discussion in the media lately about the merits of homework. From time to time we survey our parents to find out their views. In the past, the Mulgrave Primary School community has overwhelmingly requested to have homework and to reflect this, we do have a homework policy. Homework requirements will of course vary across the different levels of the school. The purpose of giving homework is to reinforce and consolidate learning and to promote good work habits for future studies. Set homework should reflect the teaching and learning that has previously taken place in the classroom. I would strongly encourage all students to read regularly, as effective readers can translate their reading and comprehension skills across to all other areas of study. If your child is
struggling with set homework, please arrange to have a talk with your child’s teacher. By working together we can support your children to embed good skills that will assist them later in their schooling.

**Parent Spot – Asthma in Children** – With the onset of the warmer weather, we are noticing an increase in the number of children suffering from hay-fever and asthma related issues. We have included the Term 4 Asthma Foundation newsletter for your interest.

**New School Form: “I’ve had Asthma First Aid today”**

We are pleased to introduce a new asthma resource for schools funded by the Australian Government as part of the Asthma Child and Adolescent Program. The new school form, “I’ve had Asthma First Aid today” is a simple way to advise parents and carers about the school’s management of an asthma incident experienced by their child. It records details about the time and place of the asthma flare up, the medication administered and any follow up required.

The form is provided as a writable pdf that can be emailed to the family or as a standard pdf for staff to print and complete by hand. Both formats are attached.

**Asthma Education for Parents & Carers**

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria is funded to provide FREE Asthma Education Sessions to Parents and Carers. Foundation Staff can come to your School or Children’s Centre and speak directly to parents of children with asthma. Please see the attached Flyer for more details or contact us on 1800 ASTHMA for more information.

**National Asthma Week (NAW)**

A big THANK YOU to all who became actively involved in their communities during National Asthma Week!
Mulgrave Primary School
Shopping Trip Fundraiser
24th October 2015

Once again we had a fantastic day out raising money for the school. This year we had 32 people on the bus trip. We met at the school at 7am Saturday and boarded the bus for a full day of shopping at various factory outlets in Melbourne.

We visited a number of planned outlets and even had a few extra surprise outlets for the day, in total visiting over 10 outlets. Natio and Toynetworkx were popular outlets along with Diana Ferrari, Raglan Fashion House, Candy Stripes, Manchester, Nuts and Confectionary and Jewelers. Lunch was in Lygon Street at La Notte. Everyone enjoyed a two course sit-down lunch with wine.

Our annual raffle was held raising $161 for the school. We would like to thank the following business for their generous donations towards our raffle along with the prizes donated from each factory outlet throughout the day.

**In House Studio Fitness** for the $100 Fitness Voucher

**Laika Cocktail Wine Bar** for the champagne

**Witness The Fitness** for the 7-day free pass

**Eastside Automatics** for the free car service voucher

Overall we raised approximately $1200 for the school. Thank you to everyone who came and we look forward to next years trip in October 2016!
Shopping Tour held on Saturday, October 24. Thankyou to everyone who supported this wonderful fundraiser and to Julie Piening for all the organising!
**Student of the Week Awards Week 3**

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<td>Violet O</td>
<td>For being helpful in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Bowie G</td>
<td>For participating well in class discussions.</td>
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<td>Deannah X</td>
<td>For demonstrating an improved approach to all classwork.</td>
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<td>Sharif S</td>
<td>For demonstrating enthusiasm to help others and doing some great writing.</td>
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<td>3/4S</td>
<td>Tom C</td>
<td>For making a huge effort to concentrate on his work and helping others.</td>
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<td>5T</td>
<td>Iris H</td>
<td>For her beautiful drawings.</td>
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The KidsMatter awards are given to students who show courage in situations of adversity, show leadership skills in different ways around the school and show kindness and empathy towards all members of the Mulgrave Primary School Community.

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**Student of the Week Awards—Week 4**

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<td>For his high standard of work.</td>
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<td>Stella W</td>
<td>For making excellent improvements across all subjects</td>
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<td>Mia M</td>
<td>For writing an entertaining and informative procedure for dancing.</td>
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<td>3/4S</td>
<td>Christopher H</td>
<td>For wonderful procedure writing this week!</td>
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<td>5T</td>
<td>Alexander D</td>
<td>For his strong understanding of character traits in literature.</td>
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**Principal Problem Solver**

*Last Week's Problem*

What was the final score in the rugby game played between Scotland and Australia early on Monday 19th October?

**Answer Is:** Australia 35, Scotland 34

**Congratulations to:** Morgan & Teagan O.

*This Week's Problem Solver is:*

What was the name of the horse who won the 2015 Melbourne Cup?

**Answer is:** ____________________________

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**Student’s Name:** ________________________

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**Sick Bay Roster**

**Term Four**

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Hello everyone

Over the past two weeks, the children were engaged in many interesting activities, including planting tomatoes with Andrea from Bunnings. The children excitedly took part and were able to take their plant home to watch it grow. Our community project for meals on wheels went really well, several children put lots of effort into making more than one place mat, well done everyone for doing such fantastic work. In our science corner, the children creatively designed their water well and loved watching the bucket travel up and down, which enabled them to learn the science behind it. We also experimented with paper clips and made them float on the water, the scientists call it surface tension. Quite a lot of children enjoyed measuring and mixing ingredients for our mouth watering blueberries muffins. On Wednesday last week, we celebrated Molly’s 9th birthday with yummy chocolate cake. Other activities children enjoyed were silent ball, dodge ball, octopus, all the horses run, skittle soccer, piggy, capture the flag, ship shark shore, fruit salad, role plays, building with blocks and much more.

Our Extend Superstar is: Faiza K for being very creative and utilizing her time in the after care program really well.

Our Extend Superstar is: Zachary K for making positive choices and also participating in team activities.

Monday: 9th of November: 3D Maps
Tuesday: 10th of November: Obstacle course
Wednesday: 11th of November; Herb and spice dough
Thursday 12th of November: Jam drop biscuit
Friday: 13th of November: Hot potatoes and other games

Kind Regards - Meena

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!

Booking deadlines:
Book for December by Friday 27 November
Book for January by Monday 21 December

Our holiday program bookings are open and there’s a local one near you. All Extend’s holiday programs are open to primary school aged boys and girls.

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Participate in an epic egg drop challenge, make your own burlap pillow, and play lots of sport including cricket and basketball! Join in on all this and more at Extend’s Summer Holiday Program.

To check out what’s on and where your local program is, visit our website, extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.
DANDENONG SHOW
November 14th & 15th 2015

Where the city meets the country, the Dandenong Show has lots to offer; farm animals, dogs, arts and crafts, amusement rides, show-bags and fireworks. Don’t forget to visit the animal nursery and look out for the free entertainment. There is something for everyone!

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FREE LADIES D.I.Y WORKSHOP DAY

Thursday, 26th November
11am—2pm
Come and join us for a creative Ladies Day at Springvale Bunnings. We will plant, paint and build. Giveaways and refreshments provided. Bookings ESSENTIAL.
Phone 8558 7300.
849 Princes Highway, Springvale
www.bunnings.com.au