I hope you enjoyed having your children home on Monday. Teachers and all other staff members worked very hard all day. The first half of the day we had a presenter from AMAZE – Autism Victoria. This was an excellent professional learning session for all and a great refresher for our teachers and Education Support staff. Staff worked together on the new Victorian Curriculum in the second half of the day. We are auditing our integrated units for each year level and preparing our core subject curriculum documents for 2017.

PREPS NOW FULL TIME - Our 2016 Preps are doing an amazing job of settling into routines. They look as if they have been at school for many months! Yesterday we held our Prep Induction Ceremony. Led by their buddies, our Preps looked fantastic and full of confidence. Thank you to the many parents and visitors who attended this special morning.

SWIMMING PROGRAM – Final arrangements are now in place for our swimming program. We have had a very good response from families and know that this program will provide water skills and confidence for children to assist them with swimming and water safety in future years. A notice giving further details for parents will be provided to you.

YEAR 5 AND 6 CAMP – Many parents attended the camp meeting last week organised by our Year 5 and 6 teachers. We hope that we were able to answer some of the questions you had. This is the first time we will have been to Cave Hill Creek camp but are looking forward to the experience.

2016-2017 PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM – Currently we are already showing a number of families around the school with a view to enrolling at Mulgrave Primary School in 2017. If you would like to participate in this program or know some friends or relatives who have children coming to school next year, the following dates may be of interest to you :-

SCHOOL TOUR DATES in 2016– Thursday 28th April, Thursday 2nd June, Thursday 21st July
“Step Into Prep” Transition visits for prep students coming to school in 2017 –
• Wednesday 27th July 9.15 – 10.15
• Wednesday 24th August – 9.15 – 10.15
• Wednesday 12th October – 9.15 – 10.15
• Wednesday 9th November 9.15 – 11.00
PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – Wednesday 16th November – 6.30pm

IT’S NEARLY EASTER TIME – As we have just over three weeks left of this term, we are seeking your assistance with our Easter Raffle. All families will have received some raffle tickets home and a covering letter. Please return your raffle tickets and money to the school office. The raffle will be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 23rd March. Extra raffle tickets are available from our office. Traditionally we ask parents to donate an egg or other Easter product to assist with this fundraising activity. Please place your donation in the basket at the school office. Sincere thanks for all your support!!

SECURITY CAMERA UPGRADE – As part of our continued pursuit of keeping our community and buildings safe, we are in the process of upgrading our CCTV camera systems around the school. Whilst our existing system has proven to be very effective, we are committed
to further investing in this area to ensure that we take all precautions possible to deter thieves. We have been able to assist police on a number of occasions by providing footage of burglars.

**TENNIS SUCCESSES**

Congratulations to our Mulgrave Primary tennis team on their fantastic performance in winning this year’s district tennis competition. Jasmine (2nd Place), Sydney (3rd Place), Tamara (4th Place), Rhys (1st Place), Savneet (2nd Place) and Theo (3rd Place) competed in the Wellington District Tennis Competition, convincingly winning the day. We also have Rhys, Savneet and Jasmine moving through to the Division finals to be played next term. Congratulations to the whole team on an outstanding effort!

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**Parent Spot – Autism.**

*Parents may be interested in visiting – [www.amaze.com.au](http://www.amaze.com.au)*

**What is Autism Spectrum Disorder?**

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental condition which affects individuals in two main areas:

- Individuals have impaired communication and social interaction
- Individuals have restricted, repetitive patterns of behaviour, interests or activities

ASD affects the way that individuals are able to interact with others and they often find the world to be a confusing place. Difficulty communicating can result in ‘melt downs’ – this differs from a tantrum as the individual does not choose to have a melt down.

Individuals with ASD often have sensory sensitivities – they may be under- or over-sensitive to any of the five senses.

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**Every Individual with ASD is Different**

‘If you’ve met one person with ASD, you’ve met one person with ASD’. (Anon.)

The term Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) reflects the fact that no two people with ASD are alike. Even though each individual with ASD has difficulties in the areas of communication, socialisation and flexibility of thought, each has a unique combination of characteristics and so may seem quite different. Two siblings with ASD may be very different from each other even though both may have a diagnosis of ASD.

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**Secondary Conditions and Difficulties Associated with ASD**

Some people with ASD have other conditions as well, such as:

- speech and language difficulties
- intellectual disability (around 50% of individuals with ASD also have an intellectual disability)
- sleep problems
- attention problems
- epilepsy
- anxiety and depression
- difficulties with fine and gross motor skills

There are other conditions that are associated with ASD, including Fragile X Syndrome, Tuberous Sclerosis and other genetic disorders.

Many individuals with ASD have difficulties interpreting sensory information, and may display over- or under-sensitivity. Being over-sensitive to sound, touch, taste, smell and vision can be very distressing to individuals with ASD and can result in very strong reactions.

Depending on the severity of the condition and secondary conditions/difficulties, some individuals may be able to live independent lives while others will always need assistance and support.

For more information, please visit [www.amaze.org.au](http://www.amaze.org.au)

Have a great weekend everyone!

Liz Watkins – Principal
Last week’s Problem Solver was: This year is the year of the monkey in the Chinese calendar. What will it be in 2017?

Answer was: The year of the Rooster

Congratulations to: Una V, Alex V, Samantha M

A REMINDER

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS ON WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH
ORDER ENVELOPES HAVE BEEN SENT HOME WITH EACH STUDENT, SPARE ENVELOPES ARE AT THE OFFICE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A FAMILY PHOTO (ONLY FOR STUDENTS AT SCHOOL) PLEASE COLLECT AN ENVELOPE FROM THE OFFICE.
### Student of the Week Awards

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<td>Constance K</td>
<td>For listening well and being a kind and caring friend.</td>
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<td>PT</td>
<td>Andrew P</td>
<td>For beautiful manners.</td>
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<td>Tiana C</td>
<td>For always having such beautifully presented work.</td>
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<td>Harry X</td>
<td>For his contributions to class discussions and his great start in Grade 1.</td>
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<td>Lawrence Z</td>
<td>For writing a very detailed writing recount.</td>
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<td>Justin P</td>
<td>For always working hard and his high standard of work.</td>
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<td>3P</td>
<td>Renee C</td>
<td>For having lots of persistence and seeing all tasks through to completion.</td>
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<td>Luke C</td>
<td>For trying his best in all his work and being our &quot;Around the World' maths champion!</td>
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<td>Zoe Y</td>
<td>For displaying an enthusiastic approach to all work tasks.</td>
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<td>Billy L</td>
<td>For working well in maths and trying hard when learning subtraction. Well done Billy.</td>
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<td>Olivia I</td>
<td>For her perseverance with editing her creative narrative.</td>
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<td>Aria M</td>
<td>For his fabulous speech about courage.</td>
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<td>6M</td>
<td>Harry D</td>
<td>For being thoughtful and helpful and for showing care for the classroom environment.</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 Mulgraves Primary School Community.

### ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

(Artwork is on display in the office foyer)

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### SCIENTISTS OF THE MONTH

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<td>Jordan M</td>
<td>Fantastic behaviour and ideas.</td>
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<td>Joshua J</td>
<td>Great enthusiasm and effort in science class</td>
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<td>Senior</td>
<td>Zach T</td>
<td>Excellent scientific thinking and working well with others.</td>
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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
### SICK BAY ROSTER

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#### REMINDER

Our preferred method of payment for all items including parent payments for excursions, camps, sport, UNSW Assessments or special food days is via the Qkr! App. If you would like assistance with downloading the app please call or visit Suzy in the office. Qkr! makes life easier for staff, volunteers and parents!
Extend OSHC at MGPS

Hello everyone

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have been engaged in many exciting activities. To celebrate Chinese New Year we incorporated several activities into our program, which related to their culture. These included: fortune cookies, Chinese ball, the Great Wall of China and Chinese whispers. We also made fascinating monkey masks and lanterns, which are now on display in the art room. Our recycling contest is well underway, thanks to Molly and Fazza for showing such enthusiasm to encourage others to participate. Lillian from Wheelers Hill library visited us last week, the children enjoyed several interesting books. In our science lab we experimented making gooey slimy slime. We also made apple-flavoured strawberry yoghurt using fresh ingredients. To celebrate Natasha, Mitchell and Flynn’s birthdays, we baked yummy cakes. Apart from these activities we loved the egg and spoon race, capture the flag, fruit salad, badminton, tennis, handball, baloney games and outdoor play. Building with Lego blocks has also been very popular over the week as well as our dramatic play.

Kind Regards

Meena

Our Extend Superstar is... Nicolas K for always remembering his manners. Well done Nicholas!

Our Extend superstar is... Max C for care and effort he puts into his work. Well done Max!

The Program activities for next week are:

Monday 7th of March: Art and craft: Easter baskets

Tuesday 8th of March: Science experiment: Blowing bubbles

Wednesday 9th of March
Hurdles

Thursday 10th of March:
Cooking: Milk Shake

Friday 11th of March:
Dancing competition

AUTUMNHOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates!

VIC & QLD booking deadline: Friday 18 March
NSW & SA booking deadline: Friday 1 April

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Create a diorama of the Amazon jungle, mould an autumn leaf dish out of clay, and participate in lots of group games including a time challenge and secret agent maze! Join in on all this and more at Extend’s Autumn Holiday Program.

To check out what’s on visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.
EXCITING NEWS!
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM TO BE HELD AT MULGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN 2016 HOLIDAYS!
TUESDAY 29 MARCH - FRIDAY 8 APRIL

MULGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
LOCATION: Gladeswood Drive, Mulgrave VIC
HOURS: 8.00am - 6.00pm
Full day fee: $65
PAY BETWEEN $14.78 - $32.50 PER SESSION!

BOOKING DEADLINE:
Book by Friday 18 March to avoid a late fee.
Excursions are limited and fill fast!
Book now to avoid disappointment.

BOOK VIA THE PARENT PORTAL AT extend.com.au
## Extend Holiday Program at Mulgrave Primary School (MGPS)

Check out the timetable below and book in via the Parent Portal. Excursions are limited and fill fast so don’t delay! *subject to change*

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<td>12.00pm - 1.00pm</td>
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<td>Mr Egg Head &amp; Time Challenge</td>
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Don’t forget to bring your morning snack and lunch (just like a normal school day)! Check the activity descriptions for further information on what to bring, excursion times, and more.

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### Fee Relief - The Facts

**Number One Myth**

*We won’t qualify for any child care entitlements. Our income is too high.*

**Fact #1**

The Child Care Rebate (CCR) *is NOT income tested!*

The CCR offers families a maximum 50% reduction in their child care fees, irrespective of their income level.

**Fact #2**

59% is the minimum reduction you may receive in your fees

Families with an income less than $153,000 per year will also qualify for CCR as well as OHR, meaning even more savings!

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**Do You Qualify?**

Qualifying criteria for entitlements:

- Your children attend approved care
- You are an Australian resident or holder of a qualifying visa
- You are either working, looking for work, training or studying
- Your children meet government immunisation requirements

**A Partnership with Extend IS**

- Easy for schools
- Affordable for families
- Fun for kids

Read further information and try our Fee Relief Calculator at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)
Brentwood Secondary College
School Tours
Start Monday 7th March until Friday, 15th April 9.15am & 4.00pm. Bookings essential 8545 0300

Open Day
Thursday 21st April 10.30am Info Session
10.50am School Tour
2.00pm—same format as above

Wellington Secondary College
Open Night
Wednesday, April 27—6.30pm

Wheelers Hill Secondary College
Open Night

FREE DENTAL CHECKUP

Free Dental Check-up
Keeping Kids Smiling Program

Keeping Kids Smiling will be attending Mulgrave Primary School, in Term 2 from Monday 11th of April 2016.
The Keeping Kids Smiling is a program aimed to identify children in need of dental care and will help teach children how to look after their teeth at home. Children will receive a FREE dental check-up in the dental van by a Dental Therapist from Link Health and Community. The session will also include a toothbrushing lesson.
Consent forms have been sent home with your child and are due by 15/3/2016.
Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend on the day and all children will be sent home with a show bag. Parents will receive a letter informing them of the results of the dental check-up.

Link Health and Community
Rear, Level 1
9-15 Cooke Street
Clayton 3168
1300 552 509
www.linkhc.org.au
Our Prep Induction Held Wednesday, 2nd March with Grade 6 Buddies
Join your local club the **GLEN WAVERLEY HAWKS**
At Central Reserve, Glen Waverley.

With major building works beginning soon, Central Reserve South is about to become an even greater place to play local junior footy.

The Glen Waverley Hawks have been providing a place for junior boys and girls to learn and play Aussie Rules Football since 1973. A club with a great family culture, we welcome new families to come and enjoy our friendly atmosphere.

**Join us at our Registration Day**
**On Sunday 6th March from 11.00am, - 1.00pm at Central Reserve, your best local ground!**

**AGE GROUPS**
Under 8 to under 17

Richard Janssen 0412 152 525
Bec Snape 0435 934 737

www.glenwaverleyhawks.com