Principal’s News

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- **Carols Night** – Thursday 8th December 6.30pm
- **Graduation** – Year 6 students – Monday 12th December
- **Final School Assembly** – Friday 16th December 2.45pm
- **Last day of school year** – Tuesday 20th December – school closes at 1.30pm
  
  *(After School Care available if needed)*

What a wonderful BIG DAY OUT we had last week. Everyone had a terrific day. The sound of children laughing all day brought the park alive. Organisers and staff at the park were amazed at our children and how much fun and enjoyment they were having and how much everyone else enjoyed their visit. Stallholders were so kind to our students. There were lots of special bargains to be had! A fair bit of negotiation took place from our students too. Our school group was the biggest school group to have attended the park. The train ride was a real hit with everyone too. Parents look out for the special Ride Pass that all children received. This gives a free Chairlift, Train and Jungle Cruise ride – valid until 10th February 2017. I’m sure the family would enjoy a day out at Caribbean Gardens in the holidays.

**NEW PRINCIPAL FOR 2017** – I mentioned in my last newsletter that I would be retiring at the end of the year. The process to appoint a new Principal has now concluded and I am happy to inform you that Mr. Charles Spicer has been appointed as Acting Principal until the end of term 2 next year. Thereafter, a substantive Principal will be appointed. This may of course be Mr. Spicer if he is the successful applicant. Charles and I will be meeting several times over the next few weeks to ensure that the transition process is very smooth. I know that Charles will do a very efficient job in leading Mulgrave Primary School next year.

**CAROLS NIGHT** – Thursday 8th December – 6.30pm start. This year’s Carols will be held in the school courtyard tonight. Families can arrive from 5.30pm and the formal grade performances will begin at 6.30pm. The Carols will run for approximately 1 hour. Please bring along your picnic rug, chairs, nibbles etc. for the evening. This year we will have our popular coffee van back again and also an ice-cream van too. Teachers will again be cooking up some sizzling sausages for you to purchase – yum!! We encourage students to dress in Christmas colours and perhaps some tinsel to add to the festive season. Please note that our Carols night will be subject to having reasonable weather. Our growing school
community no longer fits into the school hall, so we need to be outdoors. Ensure you have downloaded our Tiqbiz app to keep up-to-date with any changes that may need to be made at the last minute.

GRADUATION – YEAR 6 – How time flies! Our year six students will attend their Graduation ceremony on Monday 12th December. This is a very special event for this fine group of students and I know that they are so looking forward to the celebrations.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – Thank you for your terrific support of this year’s raffle. All donations of items for our Christmas hampers can be left in the box at the front office. Thanking you in anticipation!! The raffle will be drawn at the last school assembly on Friday 16th December at 2.45pm.

FINAL ASSEMBLY REMINDER – Friday 16th December - Although school closes on Tuesday 20th December at 1.30pm, we have decided to have our end of year assembly on Friday 16th December. On this day we will have our Christmas Raffle and formally say goodbye to this year’s grade sixes. We will also announce our year 2017 School Captains which is always very exciting! Students should still attend school on the Monday and Tuesday of the last week. (Closure will be at 1.30pm on Tuesday 20th December). Students will be dismissed from classrooms as there will be no assembly.

PARENT PAYMENTS (STUDENT SCHOOL FEES) – All families have received their Parent Payment notices for next year. Suzy is more than happy to assist you in processing these prior to Christmas to save the busy period on the first day of school. You can also pay electronically using the usual options offered. All fees must be paid by the first day of term one.

MEET YOUR TEACHER DAY – 9.30-10.15am - A reminder that students will meet their 2017 teacher on Thursday 15th December at our ‘meet your teacher’ session which will run from 9.30-10.15am. Students joining our school and 2017 Prep students will also visit on this day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – Our School Council met for the last time in 2016 on Tuesday evening. I would like to formally thank all Council members for their time, effort and interest in serving your school community this year. There will be member vacancies announced at the beginning of next year. Keep a look out for this notification if you are interested in being part of our School Council.

Enjoy your Christmas shopping!
Liz Watkins

Student Banking

Student Banking will end for this year next Monday, December 12. We will notify everyone via the newsletter on a start up date for 2017.

As previously mentioned, the last day to order student rewards was Monday, December 5. Reward tokens will carry over into 2017.
Hi Everyone,

This year has gone flying past, I can't believe this is the last newsletter for the year! We have been very busy over the last couple of weeks working on our Christmas project, which is going really well. In art and craft we experimented with a variety of colours to design a picture on canvas, which looks fantastic. Our master chef made refreshing mango lassi with fresh mango and yogurt. We also baked mouth watering strawberry cake, the fresh strawberries and blueberries for the topping made it even more delicious! Looking for treasure around the yard during our treasure hunt was a great experience and enjoyed very much! “Bakery run” was our dramatic play setting, and many children enjoyed pretending to bake a variety of biscuits and cakes for their customers out of play dough, enabling them to work as a team.

Aside from these activities over the week we played several team games such as: hockey, ping pong ball, cricket, obstacle course, capture the flag, revenge, fruit salad, piggy in the middle and many other games of children's choices. We also have had fun solving puzzles and designing creatively with hema beads.

I would like to say thank you to all our wonderful families, teachers and office staff for all their great support throughout the year. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a very happy and prosperous year 2017! Hope to see you in the New Year!

The Program activities for next week are:
Monday 12th of December: Christmas Cards/ Ornaments
Tuesday 13th of December: Cooking: Christmas Cookies
Wednesday 14th of December: Skittle Soccer
Thursday 15th of December: Afternoon with Gilbert
Friday 16th of December: Party games

To check out what’s on visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book early to take advantage of early-bird rates!

Early-bird closes:
Friday 2 December for December bookings
Monday 19 December for January bookings

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Have fun with science experiments, participate in a bunch of craft activities with access to a plethora of art media, and get active with a variety of outdoor sports and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend’s Summer Holiday Program.

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SUMMER 2016 - 2017
HOLIDAYS!

WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER - FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER &
MONDAY 9 JANUARY - WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY

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

*RECEIVE AT LEAST 50% OFF REGARDLESS OF INCOME!

EARLY-BIRD CLOSES:
Friday 2 December for December bookings
Monday 19 December for January bookings
Excursions are limited and fill fast!
Book now to avoid disappointment.

BOOK ONLINE VIA THE PARENT PORTAL
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.

**Kids Matter Awards – Term 4, Week 9**

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<td>Krystal S</td>
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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS—TERM 4, WEEK 8**

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<td>For being a polite and well-mannered member of the class.</td>
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<td>Ali G</td>
<td>For being a friendly and helpful class member.</td>
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<td>1WB</td>
<td>Ben D</td>
<td>For making smart choices in Chinese to ensure he completes his work.</td>
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<td>Boris I</td>
<td>For his fantastic ideas in the ICT challenge.</td>
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<td>2L</td>
<td>Sara S</td>
<td>For showing beautiful manners to the bus driver during Big Day Out.</td>
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<td>Leila R</td>
<td>For her interesting ideas in the weeks Big Write.</td>
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<td>3P</td>
<td>Victoria T</td>
<td>For managing her time wisely all week. Well done.</td>
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<td>3P</td>
<td>Petar I</td>
<td>For great listening when learning how to calculate change.</td>
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<td>4L</td>
<td>Alexander B</td>
<td>For a great presentation on cars for our ‘Change Over Time’ topic. Well done!</td>
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<td>Nicholas D</td>
<td>For his amazing focus in writing.</td>
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<td>5E</td>
<td>Xavier P</td>
<td>For always being a positive member of our class.</td>
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<td>5E</td>
<td>Holly R</td>
<td>For her excellent school captain speech.</td>
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<td>6M</td>
<td>Deep</td>
<td>For being a great leader and a wonderful help in the classroom.</td>
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**Specialist Awards **
November 2016

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<td>Mira S</td>
<td>For her amazing amount of knowledge about our solar system.</td>
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<td>Victoria T</td>
<td>For her excellent work and enthusiasm on the space posters and the plants topic.</td>
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<td>Senior School</td>
<td>Jack C</td>
<td>For his fantastic ideas, attitude and work ethic in Science.</td>
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| **Artist of the Month**                            |
| Junior School | Tyce C | For creating a unique surrealism inspired monster using bold colours and shapes. |
| Middle School | Matthew K | For building confidence in his artistic ability and creating a fantastic abstract face using the oil pastel resist technique. |
| Senior School | Antonia P | For making the most of art class each week and creating a beautiful design on her hand mould inspired by the Australian body paint artist Emma Hack. |

| **Performing Artist of the Month**                   |
| Junior School | Charli-Jo B | For her ongoing enthusiasm, passion and energy for every music activity she is exposed to. |
| Middle School | Jessica P | For her amazing acting and dancing skills in Theatre Club while playing the role of Miss Trunchball |
| Senior School | William B | For his help throughout the year with the set-up and operation of the PA system and microphones. |
| Senior School | Sean O  | For his help throughout the year with the set-up and operation of the PA system and microphones. |
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
School Holiday - Hot Shot Tennis
Gladewood Reserve Tennis Club
Mungowers Way, Mulgrave

Dates & Cost
Mon 9th Jan - Fri 13th Jan 2023
- Any 3 days $110
- All 5 days $150
- Times: 9am to 11am
- Enrol via email or by SMS, include name & age of the participant and contact info. Invoice will be sent via email upon registration.

Program:
- Ages 5 to 7 yrs old
- 1 hour per day
- Kids on Red, Orange
- Green ball level
- 2 hrs of Tennis drills, Match Practice & Fun Games
- BDO “Small Snack & Drink”
- RSVP: 10th December 2023