



MULGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Labour Day Holiday Monday March 13th - No school

Thursday, 2nd March 2017

TERM 1

WEEK 5

KEY DATES

MARCH

Thu 2 - District tennis
Tue 7 - Tennis clinics, grades 3&4
Wed 8 - Tennis clinics grades, 5&6
Thu 9 - Prep Induction 9.15-10.30
Fri 10&17 - Summer Interschool sport, grades 5&6
Mon 13 - **Labour Day holiday**
Tue 14 - Tennis Clinics grades 3&4
Wed 15 - Tennis Clinic grade 5&6
Fri 17 - Summer Interschool sport, grades 5&6
Tue 21 - Tennis Clinics grades 3&4
Wed 22 - Tennis Clinic grade 5&6
Thu 23 - Zoo excursion, grades 3&4
Mon 27-29 Dental clinics
Fri 31 - **Last day of Term 1**



APRIL

Tue 18 **Term 2 - Students commence**
Mon 24 - Curriculum Day
Tue 25 - Anzac Day

MAY

Fri 5 - Winter District Interschool Sport Gd5&6



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 11.00 - 11.30am
Lunch 1.40 - 2.30pm
School Finishes 3.30pm

Principal's News

Curriculum Days

During the February meeting, School Council has ratified our remaining curriculum days for 2017. Our next curriculum day will be on **Monday April 24th** and this date will enable school staff to work on our School Self-Evaluation as we prepare for our 4 yearly review later in the year. Our final curriculum day is scheduled for **Monday November 6th**. Staff will use the information garnered from the self-evaluation and the reviewer's report to develop the next School Strategic Plan which will drive our school's direction over the next 4 years.

School Review Dates to Remember

As part of the school self-evaluation and review, the school will be conducting two parent forums to gather feedback and garner an insight into the parent perspective as to how the school has performed over the last 4 years and to help inform the direction of the next 4. With that in mind, please keep the evening of *Tuesday May 2nd, from 7-8:30pm* or the morning of *Wednesday May 3rd between 9:15 and 10:45am* available, as we truly value the input of our parent community and actively seek your views.

Homework

Many of our teachers have received questions about homework at MPS. **It is important to note that whilst the world's leading experts argue that homework in primary school has little to no influence on student learning, they all agree that regular reading is essential.** With that in mind, teachers have been instructed to stop issuing worksheets for homework and instead focus on reading, spelling (to support their writing) and number facts. Obviously things will differ slightly as students progress through the school, however homework at MPS will be underpinned by three distinct expectations:

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"Striving for the best in everything we do"

Principal's message continued:

1. **Home Reading** – Every child is expected to read every day. This includes weekends and we would encourage every child to aim for a minimum of 30 minutes per day. This may mean being read to, attempting sight words or linking pictures to words in the early years, right through to 30 minutes plus of independent reading in the senior school. As I mentioned last week, research tells us that students who read for more than 60 minutes a day will achieve significantly higher results than those who do not.
2. **Number Facts** – Up to 10 minutes of practicing number facts is also an important component of homework. This can be achieved by accessing the Athletics program or through practice of automatic recall skills such as times tables.
3. **Spelling** – Each child will have their own spelling words allocated by their teacher and they should practice these for 5 minutes. In the junior school this could be sight words and in the senior school, it will be words that the student is attempting in their own writing. We know that spelling and vocabulary go hand in hand so we want our students to be working at their own level, thus the individualised approach.

In addition to this, from time to time students will also receive additional tasks such as projects or research in order to follow up on work done previously in the classroom. In total, we do not expect students to exceed 45 minutes a night in the senior years and in fact encourage students to pursue a range of activities to ensure a balanced approach to life and learning that includes regular exercise and time with family and friends.

The Big Picture – Student Achievement

In 2017, the staff of MPS will be working together to deliver a number of behind the scenes improvements. One of those improvements is a more refined approach to targeting individual student progress whereby we more efficiently track achievement and use this to drive tailored programs for our students. It's important that we as a teaching staff understand each child's place on the learning continuum and do all in our power to improve them academically by 12 months or more in each school year, via an evidence based approach to teaching and learning.

To support this, staff have already begun work on reviewing our assessment schedule as we look to provide triangulated data to support our understanding of student progress. For example, in reading this may take the form of a one on one reading assessment, an online comprehension test and teacher judgements based on regular conferencing. By doing this 4 times a year we can track student progress, extend where possible and intervene where necessary. It is our expectation that over time, this will lead to improving our already strong learning outcomes.

The City of Monash is currently lobbying the Federal government to establish a Headspace office in Monash. Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation providing early intervention mental health services to 12-25 year olds, along with assistance in promoting young peoples' wellbeing. If you would like to assist the City of Monash, postcards supporting the city are available at the school office. These can be filled out and left with the school who will forward them on to Monash Council.

Charles Spicer – **Principal**

FROM THE OFFICE - We would like to remind parents to please keep the school informed of any changes to your child's medical information or changes to your family circumstances. This includes change of address or phone numbers. It is particularly important that we have your correct phone numbers on file in case we need to notify you if your child is ill or if there is an emergency.

Changes can be notified in person at the office, via a tiqbiz message or by email (mulgrave.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au).

SCHOOL PHOTOS - School Photo's were taken Wednesday 1st of March. If you have forgotten to hand in your envelope or pay, you can do this but please pay online directly to Elite Photography, using the details provided on their envelope.

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

PREP INDUCTION - Is on Thursday March 9th from 9.15 to 10.30 in the School Hall. Tea and Coffee will be provided.



Term 1 – Week 5

Student of the Week Awards

Class	Name	Reason
PM	Ella V	For settling into school so well and consistently making good choices.
PT	Sade J	For helping and caring for others.
1J	Constance K	For her amazing writing.
1S	Mira S	For working hard in writing lessons this week.
1W	Jennifer C	For writing excellent questions and using correct punctuation.
2F	Rose C	For her fabulous help in the classroom.
3B	Sienna R	For using initiative and solving problems independently.
3J	Louis A	For writing a brilliant recount about his favourite holiday.
4E	George H	For his excellent reading.
4T	Divya B	For her creative and entertaining 'shoe story' and all round fantastic attitude.
5D	Ashleigh T	For her great work in Maths this week with expanded notation.
5H	Delphi M	For expanding her reading horizon.
6L	Xavier P	For his fantastic attitude to learning and skill with decimals.
6P	Tahlia O	For taking on board feedback to improve her learning.



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.

Level	Name
<i>Kids Matter Awards – Term 1, Week 5</i>	
Junior School	Cilicia O
Senior School	Luke C

New



Choir Members Welcome!

We had our final choir try-out on Monday and now it's time for the students to decide if they want to join the choir. A contract has been sent home with all interested students that lists the expectations of choir members including behaviour and commitment. We want to make our choir bigger than ever this year and it is really important that students come to every rehearsal so they don't fall behind.

Thank you,

Sally Bush, Erica Shaw and John Stokes.

THEATRE CLUB



We have had our final Theatre Club try-out on Tuesday and I am so impressed with the students' level of enthusiasm! We are already well into the choreography and have auditions for speaking roles and solo singing parts lined up for the end of the week.

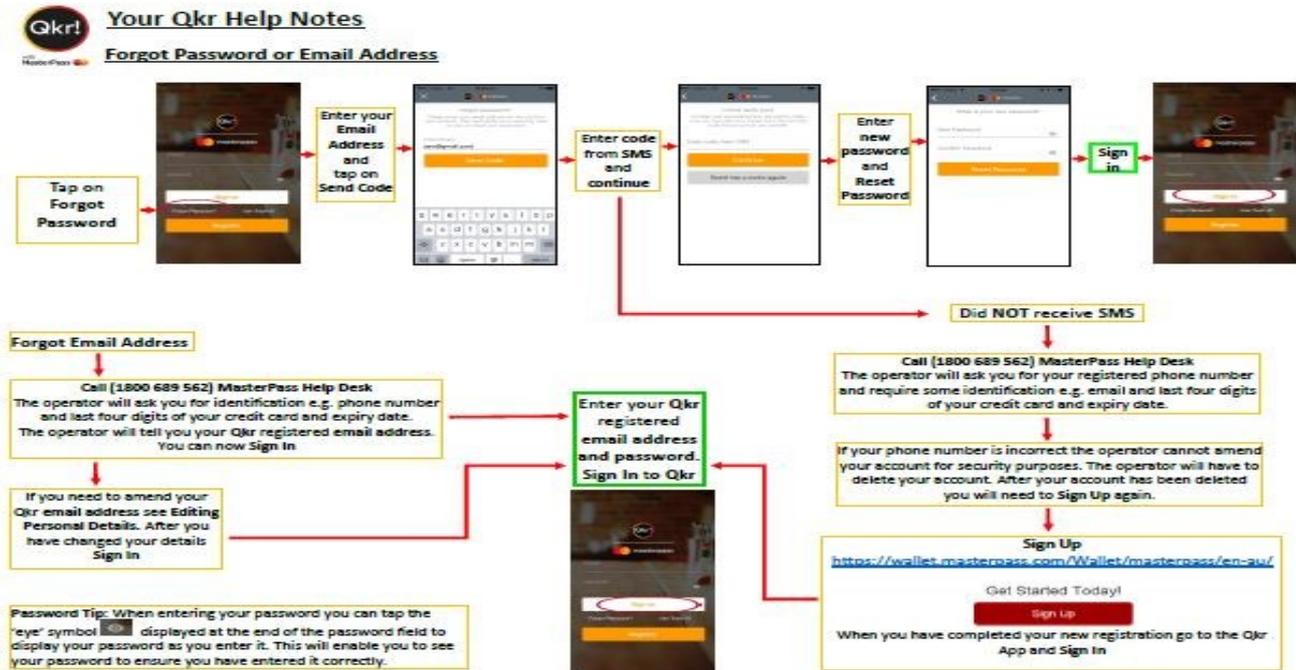
While I will do my best to give as many speaking or solo singing parts as possible, we do have a very large group this term so I won't be able to offer every student a role. Those who do miss out will still be able to enjoy the singing, dancing and acting that goes with the song.

If your child is in Theatre Club, they will be soon be sent a copy of the song via Class Dojo so they can practice at home.

Thank you,

Sally Bush

QKR HELP NOTES



TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How can I keep track of my Qkr! payments?

A. Itemized Qkr! eReceipts provide a record of purchase and are a convenient way to keep track of your Qkr! payments.

To view your eReceipts:

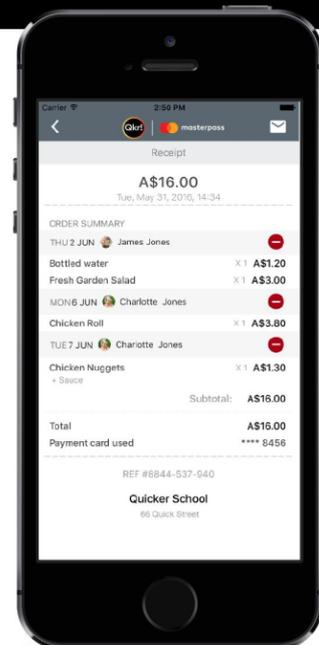
1. Open Qkr! and tap 'Activity'.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and tap 'Receipt' to view eReceipts.

Never lose a receipt: email receipts to your account:

1. Select the eReceipt you wish to email to yourself.
2. Tap on the mail icon at the top right of your screen.
3. Tap 'Send' to email the eReceipt to your email address, or enter another email address, and tap 'Send'.

Use an eReceipt to cancel a food order you have paid for:

1. Select the eReceipt for the order you wish to cancel.
2. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
3. Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.





Extend OSHC at MGPS

Hi Everyone

Over the past couple of weeks the children have explored various interesting activities which has enable them to enhance their overall developmental skills.

In Art and craft, we made *Wacky robot's* with recycle materials, which looked amazing! Many children participated in designing their favorite Pokémon book mate. We also loved making figurines with clay and enjoyed painting them afterwards. Leaf painting with different types of leaves looked beautiful with a variety of awesome colours! These different art activities gave children an opportunity to express creativity through variety of art mediums.

In cooking, we learnt how to make natural yogurt and also promoted healthy eating habits by making yummy Zucchini boat pizza's and Tazitiki dip with fresh homemade yogurt.

In science we had loads of fun shooting our balloon rockets, and in another experience we loved mixing chemicals together to shoot out film canister.

The children were also involved in various physical activities such as: Skittle soccer, number soccer, dodge ball, fruit salad, line Tiggy, Baloney games and outdoor play experiences which promot their social and physical skills.

Apart from these activities children learnt about dental hygiene through our dental incursion. We celebrated *Natasha's 10th birthday* with a yummy cake. We also enjoyed exploring kinetic sand, designing with Hema beads, drawing, reading books, building with blocks, playing Uno and many more activities.

Kind regards
Meena

Our Extend Superstar's are -

Zachary K for making good choices in breakfast club. Well done Zachary!

Victoria T for being a supportive member of the team and participating in all the program activities: Well done Victoria! Keep up the good work!

The Program activities for next week are:

- ⇒ **Monday 6th of March :** 3 D Natural art
- ⇒ **Tuesday 7th of March:** Science - Anemometer
- ⇒ **Wednesday 8th of March :** Story telling contest
- ⇒ **Thursday 9th of March :** Team game - Pacman and other team games

Extend News continued:

AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!



Book 14 days in advance to receive the lowest rate.

New booking terms: Great news! In response to parent feedback we are pleased to announce that our Holiday Program booking terms have now changed to provide greater flexibility for families. See Terms and Conditions on our website for further information.

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 Autumn Holiday Program.

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

SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER- TERM 1

Term 1 - 2017	
Date	Name
10th February	Melinda Collard - 1W
17th February	Hong Zhu - 1S
24th February	Julie Piening - 5H
3rd March	Holly Oakes - 2F
10th March	Anne McNee -1S
17th March	Louise Czososnek 4T
24th March	Sharon Krause 6L
31st March	Stephanie Buggy PL



'Students enjoying the tennis clinics at Gladeswood Tennis Club'

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

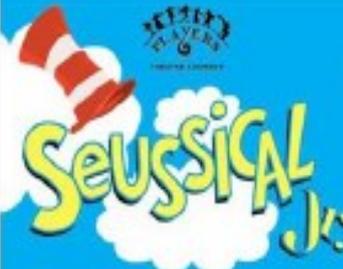
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

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



Parent Applications close June 23rd 2017



Music by **STEPHEN FLAHERTY** Lyrics by **LYNN AHRENS**
Book by LYNN AHRENS and STEPHEN FLAHERTY
 Co-Concepted by LYNN AHRENS, STEPHEN FLAHERTY
 and ERIC SUE
 Based on the Works of DR. SEUSS
 Licensed exclusively to Music Theatre International's subsidiaries
 All performance materials supplied to the licensed licensee.

Friday 3 1st March - Sunday 9th April
 Christine Strachan Theatre,
 South Oakleigh College, Bakers Rd

Tickets:
 Adults - \$25 Children/Conc - \$20

Bookings: www.playerstheatre.com.au

Could you, would you see a show?
 I think someone's in it that you know!
 With Horton's magical worlds to explore,
 The Cat in the Hat has crazy fun in store.
 The cast are amazing, yes indeed....
 Our website has the link you need.
 So bring your friends, come one, come all,
 "A person's a person no matter how small!"



Ex-student Campbell stars as Cat in the Hat, and Mrs. Bush's
 children Summer and Nicky.

ADVERTISING



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6pm Sessions
available for
5 to 10 Yrs old



Jells Park Preschool



A better start!

Vacancies for the 4 Year Old
Program for 2017 still
available*

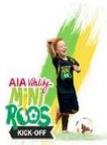


*in green & yellow group – Mon, Wed & Fri

Call Us: 03 9560 8035

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37 Petronella Ave, Wheelers Hill



LYNDALE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



Seeking NEW players Season 2017

We are seeking girls and boys aged between 7 and 12 years' old.

This is a great way of giving children (both girls and boys) in the local and surrounding suburbs a friendly place to participate in a brilliant healthy activity, having fun, learning new skills and making life-long friends while building social skills by playing in a team-based environment.

COME ALONG TO OUR REGO/INFO DAY ON SATURDAY 11th OF MARCH 2017

Where: Lyndale United Soccer Club
Corner of Halton & Gladstone Roads
Dandenong North (at rear of Lyndale High School)

Time: 10:30am till 1:00pm

THERE WILL BE A FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY!!!

For any further information

contact **DANIEL** on 0434 010 755 or

email: info@lyndaleunitedfc.com

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ROCKETS

Thinking of playing
BASKETBALL

We are currently taking registrations for
U8, U9 & U10 boys & girls for
WINTER SEASON
commencing 2nd term

Games played **Saturday mornings** @ Dandenong
Training at Rowville Sports Precinct
Players must have turned 6 to start playing

All enquires to registrar@rowvilleroockets.com
or go to www.rowvilleroockets.com

GIRLS SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FREE SESSIONS THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY & MARCH

COMMENCES FEBRUARY 13, 2017 MONDAY 5 - 6 PM

BRANDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

WAVERLEY PARK
HAWKS

GIRLS UNDER 7 - 16



Girls Footy

FREE AFL Football Skills Development Sessions

Would you like give AFL footy a try or do you want to improve your footy skills?

If the answer is "yes", please come along to our free AFL football skills development sessions, hosted by the Waverley Park Hawks Junior Footy Club.

Girls between the ages of 7 to 16 years in age are invited to come along and participate in enjoyable drills and games that will improve their skills.

When? Every Monday at 5 – 6 pm until March 27th

Where? Brandon Park Primary School Wheeler's Hill

We look forward to seeing you there.

Go Hawks!