



## Friday 15th September - Grade 2 Sleep Over - 6pm

Thursday, 31st August 2017

TERM 3

WEEK 7

### KEY DATES

#### SEPTEMBER

Fri 1 Myuna Farm – Preps  
Wed 6 Responsible Pet Ownership  
Preps Incursion  
Fri 15 Grade 2 sleep over 6pm  
Fri 15 First Aid in Schools Program  
9am (G5&6)  
Fri 22 Footy Day - TBC   
Friday 22 **Early Dismissal - 2.30pm**  
**Term 3 Ends**



#### OCTOBER

Mon 9 **Term 4 Commences**  
**9.00am**

**Dates to be confirmed for:**  
Celebrate - Book week and Our  
Schools 30th Anniversary being  
at this Location.

### TERM DATES 2017

Term 3: 17 July to 22 September  
Term 4: 9 October to 22 December  
6th November - Curriculum Day

### TIMETABLE

Drop off time from	8.45am
Classrooms open	8.50am
School commences	9.00am sharp
Recess	11.00 - 11.30am
Lunch	1.40 - 2.30pm
School Finishes	3.30pm

## Principal's News

### Ali Baba

Wow! What a magnificent performance. Crossways was alive with excitement on Tuesday night and the students were absolutely fantastic. As I said on the night, this type of performance was a huge undertaking and one that really challenged the students and the staff. When Mrs. Bush and I began discussing it earlier in the year, we both agreed that backing tracks were not the way to go and we wanted to hear our own student voices. The odd technical glitch aside, I think we achieved that on the night and the performance is something that we will look to build upon in the future. So many of our students enjoyed the opportunity to learn a speaking role and they all practiced non-stop for months. I'm sure many a parent would have been a suitable understudy, given the amount of practice I understand took place at home!

As mentioned in the program, there were so many wonderful contributions from so many people. I won't go over them all again here, but a few that I would like to follow up on from the night were Miss Shaw, Mr. Stokes and Mrs Batt for their work in assisting the direction of the show, Mr. McIlwraith for his support in organising the logistics and Miss Peel for her amazing work on the sets. In addition, to all the staff and parents who went out of their way to sew costumes, create props, help with parking and so many other tasks, I thank you.

Hopefully the big 'win' on the night was the joy and excitement the students experienced as they 'tread the boards'. As someone who does not have an artistic bone in his body, I truly appreciate the need for a vibrant Arts program to provide that creative outlet for our students. There were so many students who stepped up on the night and clearly have great talent. With opportunities like Ali Baba, these students are empowered to express themselves and maybe find a calling in their lives. I hope so at least.

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Last, but certainly not least, on behalf of the school community I would like to thank **Mrs. Sally Bush**. The enormous effort and dedication put into the show had to be seen to be believed. Mrs. Bush worked tirelessly to provide this opportunity for our students and, such is the mark of the woman, before we left the theatre on Tuesday night she was already thinking about the 2019 production. I think I can safely say it will be something to look forward to.

### **Parent Opinion Survey**

Recently some families would have received an email seeking their input on the operations of the school in the 2017 Parent Opinion Survey. As I write this, we have only had a 29% response rate and we would greatly appreciate families taking the time to complete the survey. The survey has been extended to Midnight on Sunday Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> and the information gained will help us formulate the new Strategic Plan.

### **LEARNING TOGETHER - Principal Forum**

Last week Stuart and I were privileged to attend a Principal Forum on Leading Improvement, Innovation and Change. Building on Dr Terry Dozier's work 'Turning good Teachers into Great Leaders' and Dr Lyn Sharratt's 'Leading Collaborative Learning' we considered how to leverage a range of resources to continue to progress our school improvement journey. A big focus to come out of our recent review was developing staff capacity in understanding each student's "point of need" and differentiating the classroom lessons in order to meet those needs. The forum provided us with time to take stock of our current progress towards these aims and to refine some of the strategies that we are introducing, with the support of colleagues from schools across the eastern suburbs. From this, partnerships can be formed that will assist us in our work over the next few years, as we seek to collaborate with like minded schools who seek to ensure high levels of academic growth for all students.

### **Parking**

Recently there have been complaints from neighbours about people parking across their driveways during drop off and pick up times, in some cases, blocking people from coming or going from their homes. As a parent who has braved school pick up traffic myself, I understand the challenges, but it is important that we respect the signed parking restrictions in the area, as it is for the safety and amenity of the whole community. It is likely that council parking officers will be in the area and I would recommend that parents spread the word, as we obviously would like to see people respecting our neighbours, but we also don't want to see people fined when it could have been avoided. Again, I would recommend that families look to park at the reserve next door or behind us near the tennis courts.



### **2018 Enrolments or Departures**

Another reminder for families who have yet to enrol their child for 2018 to please contact the office to obtain an enrolment form. We would also ask parents who may be moving away from the school to please advise us in writing as soon as possible.

### **Open Door**

Finally for this week, a reminder to parents that my door is always open, be that for a getting to know you chat or so that I can better support your child/ren. Feel free to stick your head in and say hello and if I'm not out and about on behalf of the school, I will do my best to make you feel welcome.

\* Happy Father's Day to all of the dads out there. I trust your children will be bending over backwards to make the day a special one for you.

*Charles Spicer* – **Principal**

# School News

## WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back for 2017.

Please start collecting your stickers, fill in the sheets and place your reward sheets in the collection box outside the Office.



Below are all the categories that we could be eligible to win.

For more information;

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## SICK BAY ROSTER - TERM 3

Term 3 - 2017	
Date	Name
August 18th	Holly Oakes - 2F
August 25th	Anne McNee - 1S
September 1st	Louise Czosnek - 4T
September 8th	Sharon Krause - 6L

## LUNCHTIME CLUB TERM 3

### WANTED

We are looking for second hand Lego donations for a lunchtime club this term.

*Please drop off at the Prep Rooms.*









## Extend OSHC at MGPS

Hi Everyone,

First of all, we would like to wish all the wonderful dads "A Happy Father's Day" and celebrate the special day with us on **Friday September 1<sup>st</sup> at 4.30pm.**

Over the past couple of weeks the children were engaged in several experiences enabling them to excel their developmental skills in many areas. In art and craft we explored string art and learnt to make patterns by wrapping the colourful strings around chipboard shapes and decorating them afterwards. We also made mini peg planes and enjoyed flying them around. During sewing, the children learnt to sew beautiful key rings, and Tic Tac Toe games. Our master chef baked yummy pizza's with all the fresh ingredients. In another cooking activity, we made Zucchini boat pizzas to encourage healthy eating habits. In science, our Fairies in a bottle and Sun Set and Sun Rise experiments were interesting, the children had a lot of fun watching them glow in the dark.

Last week musical with Gilbert the Gecko was hilarious, everyone had so much fun dancing with Gilbert. The children also loved dressing up in their favorite costumes, building with a variety of constructions, solving puzzles, drawing and board games. Apart from these activities we enjoyed many physical games such as: number soccer, skittle soccer, action ball, swap ball, line tiggly, guards and soldiers, dodge ball, capture the cone, hockey and many other games of the children's choices.



Further to our Kid Club competition, we have only a few days left for voting, if you haven't vote as yet for Charlie L, please vote for her as soon as possible. We really appreciate your support.

*Kind regards*

*Meena*

### Our Extend Superstar are:

Jennifer C

For participating in the programed activities and being a supportive member of the team. Well done Jennifer! Keep it up the good work!

### The Program activities for next week are:

- ◆ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September : Cooking - Oat meal Cookies
- ◆ Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September : Science Experiment - Rubber band powered boat
- ◆ Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September: Team games - Cricket match
- ◆ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September : Art and Craft - Peg art (animal making)
- ◆ Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September : Sewing - Finger Puppet making

## SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

*Book 14 days in advance to receive the lowest rate.*



*Make your own DIY paints and have fun with messy art, participate in delicious cooking activities, learn all about persistence of vision by inventing your own spinning thaumatrope toy, and loads more!*

To check out the daily schedule, visit our website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and book via the Parent Portal.



# TERM 3 - WEEK 5 AWARDS

## Student of the Week Awards

Class	Name	Reason
PJ	Jayden T	For working really hard at writing
PL	Joseph M	For a much improved effort towards his reading and writing.
1J	Tiana T	For writing a great Big Write about Mulgrave Primary School.
1W	Grace L	For trying her hardest and successfully using trading when subtracting.
2F	Nicholas K	For his enthusiastic commitment to school activities.
2L	Harry G	For his persistence in working out vertical addition with regrouping.
3B	Summer L	For challenging herself and extending her writing this week
4E	Omar R	For his expressive reading voice.
4T	Marko M	For working really hard in all learning areas, particularly with his handwriting!
5D	Zak M	For his great work in Maths this week using the 4 operations .
5H	Charlie L	For her great work helping other students in 5H.
6P	Matty L	For being a responsible P.A. and announcements monitor.



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	Reason
<b>Kids Matter Awards - Term 3, Week 5</b>		
Junior School	Summer T	For always encouraging others.
Senior School	Ammar U	For making mature decisions when others were not.



## Simple Words to Avoid Power Struggles

**D**id you know the average child hears 432 negative comments or words per day versus 32 positive ones?

(Source: K. Kvols, Redirecting Children's Behavior)

If there were a hidden camera in your house, how many times per day would you catch yourself saying "No" or "Don't" to your kids?

NO or DON'T commands create several problems, especially for young kids...

- ◆ **Double-processing.** "Don't" commands require a child to "double-process." He has to think "Well, what does she NOT want me to do?" and "What does she want me to DO instead?" This can be very confusing, especially for young kids.
- ◆ **It reinforces the negative behavior.** Instead of hearing what you want the child to do, she is reminded of what she shouldn't do. Which command do you think she'll remember?
- ◆ **It's discouraging.** If 93% of the feedback you received during the day were negative, you would likely feel discouraged. That's how our kids feel. I'm not suggesting we can eradicate all of the "Don't" or "No" commands from our communication, but we can make shifts in the percentages with the following strategies:
- ◆ **Practice using "DO" commands.** Calmly state what you want your child to DO. Rather than, "Don't run in the house." Try, "Please use your walking feet in the house." Rather than, "Don't chew with your mouth open." Try, "Please try to make your lips touch each other as you're chewing."
- ◆ **Find opportunities to say YES!** Rephrase your comments to imply "YES." Rather than, "No, we don't have time to go to the park today;" try "The park sounds awesome! Would you rather go Wednesday evening or Saturday morning?" Instead of, "Don't color on the walls." Try (in a calm voice!) "You can color on this paper or with sidewalk chalk outside." Rather than, "We're not going anywhere until that room is clean!"

**Try - "YES, when your room is clean, then we'll leave for the mall. Sounds like fun!"** (She still has to clean her room but it's more encouraging hearing a YES response rather than a NO.)

**About the Author:** Nationally recognized [parenting expert](#) Amy McCreedy is the Founder of Positive Parenting Solutions and the best selling author of [The "Me, Me, Me" Epidemic - A Step-by-Step Guide to Raising Capable, Grateful Kids in an Over-Entitled World](#) and [If I Have to Tell You One More Time...The Revolutionary Program That Gets Your Kids to Listen Without Nagging, Reminding or Yelling](#). As a "recovering yeller" and a Certified Positive Discipline Instructor, Amy is a champion of positive parenting techniques for happier families and well-behaved kids. Amy is a TODAY Show contributor and has been featured on CBS This Morning, CNN, Fox & Friends, MSNBC, Rachael Ray, Steve Harvey & others. In her most important role, she is the proud mom of two amazing young men.

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