



Thursday, 20th December 2018

TERM 4 WEEK 11

KEY DATES

DECEMBER

- Fri 21 Assembly 12.45pm
Fri 21 **End of Term 4 - 1.30pm Dismissal**



JANUARY

- Tues 29 Staff only, return to School
Wed 30 Students First day of School

FEBURARY

- Approx Week 5-10 Hot Shots Tennis

CURRICULUM DAYS

- Term 1:** Tues 29th January
Term 1: Mon 20th May
Term 2: Fri 7th June
Term 4: Mon 4th November

TERM DATES 2018

Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

TERM DATES 2019

- Term 1: 30 January - 5 April, 2019
Term 2: 23 April - 28 June 2019
Term 3: 15 July - 20 September 2019
Term 4: 7 October - 20 December 2019

TIMETABLE

Commences	9.00am
Recess	11.00 - 11.30pm
Lunch	1.40 - 2.30pm
School Finishes	3.30pm



From The Principal



Congratulations 6

As many of our families are already aware, congratulations are also in order for Mrs Kerry Batt, who is expecting her first child. Mrs Batt will be with us until approximately the start of Term 2 before taking maternity leave. A family leave position will be advertised in Term 1 to arrange a replacement and the families of 4B will be notified as soon as the process is completed.

Congratulations 7

Sarah Chin has been offered a position at Haileybury College, effective from the beginning of the 2019 school year. First, I would like to pass on my congratulations to Sarah and thank her for her contribution to Mulgrave Primary School. I'm sure we all wish her every success as she moves on to this next phase of her career. As a result of Sarah's appointment and due to the late timing, we will begin the school year without a language program. Early in the new year we will review our program and consider our options, with a view to having a program in place by no later than the beginning of Semester 2. Stay tuned for further details.

Welcome

We were recently advised by Ms Evans that she would not be returning to MPS for 2019. As a result, we welcome Mr. Nathan Giles who will be joining the Year 2 team for 2019. Mr. Giles comes to us via Macclesfield Primary School and I'm sure the MPS community will make him feel welcome.

Thanks

I would like to publicly thank our School Captains for 2018, Una and Theo. They have been wonderful ambassadors for our school and have represented the interests of their peers with distinction. They, like Tamara and Will before them, leave big shoes to fill.

2019 Student Leaders

On that note, the 2019 student leaders will be officially announced during assembly on Friday. A full list of student leaders will be published in an early edition of the newsletter next year.

Curriculum Days 2019

- Term 1: Tuesday 29th January Term 2: Friday 7th June
Term 2: Monday 20th May Term 4: Mon 4th November

Departing Families

The Mulgrave Primary School community wish to acknowledge and farewell the following families who will be leaving us at the end of this year. We wish each and every one of you the very best for the future: Cheng, Clifton, Coldebella, Diakomanolis (Kara), Doros, Dorozhkin, Dubber, Edwards, Ess, Fatima, Fu, Ghatalah, Giallelis, Groenewald, Harris, Heyde, Jenner, Karim, Kuzmanovski, Liberati, Mangan, Marinakis, Muhammad Faisal, Murdoch, Nguyen (Caitlin), Rafati, Roberts, Sajidi, Smith, Taing, Tao, Taylor-Scholz, Vujmilovic and Xu.

Colour Fun Run Fundraising Update

As mentioned by Mr. Hattwell at assembly, the school has used the funds raised to purchase 7 new 65" TV's and brackets to replace the remaining Interactive Whiteboards in the Foundation and Year 1 classrooms. We will hopefully be able to install most, if not all of the boards before the new school year begins. It's certainly nice to be able to put funds raised by families straight back into resources for the students. Next year, we will be raising funds to purchase an air conditioning system for the stadium. This is a very large investment, but one that the school council believes will benefit the entire community. We are hopeful of being able to "rough in" the plumbing and electrical as we build the stadium, which will be far more cost effective.

2018 – The Year That Was

The years certainly don't seem to be slowing down. 2018 saw the school embark on the first year of a 4 year strategic plan and we hit the ground running, obtaining a \$60,000 grant for a school improvement partnership. This enabled us to review our entire curriculum and assessment documentation and throughout the year, we were able to build on our collaborative practice through shared unit and fortnightly planning that reflected consistency from classroom to classroom. This was an enormous project that would have otherwise taken 4 years to complete, but the grant enabled us to do the bulk of the work in 12 months. A great achievement by the staff who led the project and for the entire team who didn't hesitate to get on board. Of course, we were also successful in obtaining a grant to build a new stadium. Early in the new year, I hope to share the plans with the school community, before the project goes out to tender, with a view to breaking ground near the mid-year holiday break. In addition, Mr. Hattwell secured another grant for \$200,000 to build a sensory garden where the Year 6 portable was formerly located. This project is also in the planning phase, however we hope to get started on this one earlier in the year. Throughout the master planning process, we have been able to identify future needs, all geared around our students and what will provide them with the best outcomes in their learning. We have also established our Parents and families Association. My thanks to Mel Collard, Lucy Meszaros and Andrea Roberts in particular for their enormous contribution to ensuring the PFA has progressed. I'm sure I can speak for them when I say that we welcome more parents to the PFA and if you are interested in helping out, please keep an eye on the newsletter at the start of 2019 for more information. The PFA have driven a number of events throughout this year and hope to be bigger and better in 2019 with your help.

We have increased the number of our student leaders and their roles at assembly. For the inaugural leadership group, they have done a wonderful job and set a fantastic benchmark for our new leaders to follow. Our student leaders now attend the Halogen Young Leaders Conference to prepare them for their roles and in 2019, we will be looking at ways to further strengthen student voice and agency as we move into the next phase of our strategic plan. Our students took the lead throughout the year on a range of issues, most notably the day of action against bullying and our Target Tuesday rubbish reduction plan. Our Junior School Council continues to provide feedback to the school leadership and many of the ideas for the new stadium have come from the students themselves. There was the introduction of the new transition program, which we hope will lead to reduced anxiety and give students a chance to hit the ground running when we return in January. The feedback we have received so far has been overwhelmingly positive, so my thanks to our parent community for their support and understanding.

Getting back to teaching and learning and we were able to secure Dr. Mary-Jean Gallagher, one of the world's leading experts in education best practice and particularly reading, for a whole school curriculum day which also drew interest from schools from across Melbourne. This set the tone for a significant focus on Literacy and the development of our reading programs across the school. I have said it before and I will say it again – reading is everything. We will continue to place a heavy focus on this area, as it underpins all others. We have increased our technology resources significantly, particularly in the STEM area where robotics and coding is becoming more prevalent. In 2019, those resources will also find their way into the classroom to reinforce student learning and build engagement.

Speaking of engagement, the Art Show was an enormous success and we were thrilled with the turn out. In fact, parent and community turn out has been fantastic in 2018. This is hugely significant, as the evidence tells us that families who engage with their child's school ensure the best chance for success for their children. Clearly, that is working at MPS!

These are just a few of the initiatives that we have introduced in 2018 and of course, we won't rest on our laurels, as the staff have already been very busy planning for 2019. Term Planners for Term 1 are already being finalised and teams are looking to identify excursions and other activities as soon as possible so that we can notify parents sooner.

On that note, we look forward to the whole school production at the Alexander Theatre in Term 3.



School News

Principals Message Continued:

Merry Christmas and Safe Holidays

Finally, my thanks to the entire school community for their contribution to MPS this year. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the amazing staff team. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated, caring and skilled group of professionals. Their expertise, collegiality and genuine empathy for the students ensures that every child is supported at their own point of need. In particular, I would like to thank Mr. Hattwell for his support to me personally and for the enormous contribution he makes across the entire school, and to Suzy and Christine in the office, who always go the extra mile to support staff, students and parents, not to mention me. To the students and their families, have a wonderful holiday, stay safe and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you make the most of 2019.

Should families observe any illegal activity at the school over the holidays, can I please ask that you call 000.

Charles Spicer - Principal

Grade 2 Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal

The Grade 2 classes raised a massive \$487.60 for the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal. We were able to purchase 64 items including board games, balls, toys, books, pencils and textas.

A special thanks to Daniel and Nathan who contributed \$200 from their second-hand toy sale.



Term 4 - Linen Roster 2018

Date	Name
21st December	Monita Santos 3T



The Power of Saying YES to Kids!

Saying no is part of the deal when you're a parent.

With some age groups, (yes, two year olds and fourteen year olds, I'm talking about you) it can seem as if no is on automatic recording. It's exhausting, not to mention personally disappointing to continually refuse a child's requests.

Before you had kids you probably swore that you would not be that person who always says no! But no is okay, as long as you say yes as well.

No is born of good intentions (you want kids to stay safe so 'No you can't stay out late' is reasonable in the right circumstances.)

No is born of teaching kids to fit in ('You can't lock yourself in your bedroom when we have family and friends around.')

No is born from strength (I said no to your request yesterday, it's no today, and it will be no tomorrow) but can be worn down by continuous pestering.

There is a power to saying yes.

Yes gives your nos some legitimacy. If you never say yes, then no becomes tiring for kids to hear.

Yes can develop many wonderful qualities in kids and promote real autonomy as long as yes is used wisely.

Here's how.

"Yes, when –" develops responsibility

A sense of personal responsibility is a wonderful character trait to develop in children and young people. A simple way of promoting responsibility is to add a condition to your yes. Adding 'when' teaches kids that good things in life generally come with a condition attached.

Yes, you can stay out until after dark when you show me you can behave responsibly when you are with your friends.

Yes, you can play with your toys when you pack up the last lot you got out

"Yes, if –" promotes good decision-making

Independent kids are able to make their own decisions and also wear the consequences of their choices. Encourage them to make their own decisions with the word "if" judiciously added to a yes to their request.

Yes, you can go out to play if you think you can be home on time.

Yes, you can have that toy if you are willing to pay for it.

Note: You need to make sure kids wear the consequences of a poor choice if this strategy is to be effective.

"Yes, and –" promotes a benefit mindset

In this current era of high consumption it can be challenging developing a sense of generosity in kids. At Parenting Ideas we encourage parents as much as possible to develop a benefit mindset from an early age so that kids think in terms of how can they contribute to the wellbeing of others. Adding an 'and' to your yes helps to teach kids to think 'we' not 'me'.

Yes, you can go to your friend's house and you can drop your little brother off at his mate's house along the way.

Yes, you can have some cake and you can cut a piece for your mum as well.

Use your parenting power wisely

Being a parent places you in a position of power. It's easy to use that power to say no. It's harder, but more effective in the long run to seek a balance between no and yes, and in doing so, develop greater autonomy in kids.

Article by: Michael Grose



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I would like to begin by wishing all our school families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope you all have some time off to share quality family time together. The school holidays can be a fun and exhausting time, let's all share the fun with school friend play dates and catch ups to help survive!

The PFA have had a very successful first year this year with many events and these would not have been possible without the help of many people and organisations. We would like to acknowledge the following organisations for their support:

WIN REAL ESTATE	- PRODIGY EVENTS	- NOVA PHARMACY
WOOLWORTHS STUD PARK	- MULGRAVE PIZZA HOUSE	- HELEN'S HEALTH, FUN & FITNESS
UNIVERSAL POULTRY	- RUSH HQ	- GLORIA JEANS

We thank these organisations and encourage all our families to visit these places and support them. And if you own or work for an organisation that can support our school in any way we would love to hear from you.

WHAT'S ON NEXT YEAR??? Here is a taste of what we have planned....

- ◆ Friday 8 Feb - Welcome BBQ for Preps 2019
- ◆ Parent Whispering – Tips for helping Kids Manage Anxiety
- ◆ Easter raffle
- ◆ Kids Movie Day (Term 1 Holiday)
- ◆ Mother's Day
- ◆ 14th June - Trivia Night

With lots planned we would love to have your help.....

We are looking at having meetings on alternating evenings and day times so many can attend, however if you don't like coming to meetings or can't make the times but are available to help or have a special skill at organising events, please drop us an email and we can keep you connected.

We don't want to take up much of your time so with more people involved the less we all have to do!

Finally, I would like to say a massive thank you to two special people who have worked tirelessly to get this PFA off the ground and organise events. To Andrea and Lucy, thank you for your support and amazing organisation skills, this year would not have been possible without you. Andrea Mulgrave PFA will sadly miss you next year, thank you for the note taking, reminders and getting book club off the ground. Lucy thank you for your persistence, and planning again I would have been lost without you both.

MERRY CHRISTMAS again and we will see you on the flip side
Warm Regards

Mel



Get in touch....If you have any questions or ideas you'd like to share, please feel free to email us at: mulgravepspfa@gmail.com



Extend OSHC at Mulgrave Primary School

Hi Everyone,

Firstly I would like to congratulate and say good bye to our grade 6 students Faiza and Natasha for completing their primary school education. They have been part of our before and after school care for a number of years; they will be dearly missed! We wish them every success for their secondary education and thereafter.

Over the past couple of weeks, the children were engaged in Christmas crafts, cooking Vegetable Fritters, dumplings, Reindeer cookies and a science experiment, Tornado in the bottle. They also enjoyed playing various team games and outdoor activities.

I would like to take an opportunity to say Thank you to Mr. Spicer, Mr. Hattwell, office staff Suzy and Christine, teachers and families for all their support and help throughout the year 2018. Looking forward to working with you again in the New Year!

Our Summer Holiday program is packed with many exciting activities including Excursions and Incursions. Holiday bookings are now open; Please see our website for more details - <https://www.lookedafter.com/> for bookings, early bird rates are also available for advance booking.

We wish you all A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year 2019.

*Kind regards
Meena*

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DATE	EVENT	HIGHLIGHTS	DROP OFF BY
Mon 7 Jan	Activity Day	Glo-Slime, Tie Dye T-Shirt	-
Tue 8 Jan	Incursion	Slime Time	-
Wed 9 Jan	Activity Day	Pancakes , Sock Animals	-
Thu 10 Jan	Excursion	Belgrave Lake Park and Ralph Breaks The Internet	08:30
Fri 11 Jan	Activity Day	Pirate Party , Swamp Ball	-
Mon 14 Jan	Activity Day	Choc Chic Cookies, Egg Drop Challenge	-
Tue 15 Jan	Excursion	National Sports Museum and MCG Tour	08:30
Wed 16 Jan	Activity Day	Personalised Mugs, Obstacle Course	-
Thu 17 Jan	Incursion	African Drumming	-
Fri 18 Jan	Activity Day	Paper Cup Animals, Win It to Win It	-
Mon 21 Jan	Activity Day	Wind Chimes, Glitter Globes	-
Tue 22 Jan	Activity Day	Cricket, Dumplings	-
Wed 23 Jan	Excursion	Queen Victoria Park and Melbourne Sealife Aquarium	08:30
Thu 24 Jan	Incursion	Mini Golf	

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Wed 9th & Thu 10th January, 2019 (10.00am - 2.30pm)
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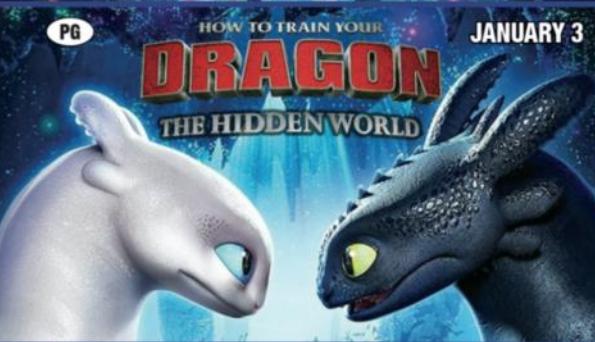
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