



**Thursday
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MULGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Diary dates

Term Dates 2016

Fri Aug 12 Hooptime—Grades 5 & 6
Aug 22-23 Book Fair 8.30—9.00 & 3.30—4.00
Wed Aug 24 Step Into Prep for 2017 preps
Thu Sep 1 District Athletics
Fri Sep 2 Myuna Farm Preps
Sept 5-9 Literacy & Numeracy Week
Tue Sep 6 Roahl Dahl Dress Up Day

Wed Sep 7 Mini Fete 3pm—5pm
Fri Sep 9 Whole School Fun Run
Fri Sep 9 Gr 2 Sleepover
Fri Sep 16 Term 3 Ends
Mon Oct 3 Term 4 Begins
Sat Oct 15 Shopping Tour
Nov 2-4 Yr 3/4 Camp Mt Evelyn
Tue Dec 20 Term 4 Ends

Principal News



We are currently in week 5 of a 10 week term. In the next few weeks we have some very exciting things happening at Mulgrave Primary School. To celebrate the 2016 Olympics in Rio, we have had our own Mulgrave Olympics. All children were involved in our exciting activities which began on Monday! We started with our Opening Ceremony followed by The Torch Relay, the lighting of the Olympic cauldron and the reading of the Olympic oath. Students were organised in multi-age groups with each group representing a country. Lots of fun activities and sports have been organised for students to celebrate the Rio Olympics and learn about the history of the games and the many sporting events. Thank you to our staff who worked hard to prepare the great day. Our school Captains and House Captains also did a fantastic job in leading the activity groups – well done!

MINI-FETE Wednesday 7th September 3.00-5.00pm –

Our Mini-Fete will take place in week 9 during our special Literacy and Numeracy week celebrations. Last year's mini-fete was very successful so we have decided to do it again! The aim is to involve students in each grade in organising a grade stall as part of a school fundraiser. There will be games and activities, items to purchase and lots of fun! Students are encouraged to save up their pocket money to come and spend it at the fete stalls. Teachers in each grade will contact you to let you know what your child's grade is doing and invite you to donate items for the stall if required. Donations for any other stalls are most welcome!

The draft stall list at this stage is –

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| ☺ | Prep T and Prep J – Mystery jars and bottles | ☺ | 3S – Photo Booth |
| ☺ | Prep A – Gone Fishing! | ☺ | 3P – Drink and Lolly Toss |
| ☺ | Prep M – Guess how many in the jar? | ☺ | 4L – Happy Hookey |
| ☺ | 1WB – Cake Stall | ☺ | 4M – Nail Polish |
| ☺ | 1L – Try your luck – Game | ☺ | 5T – Toys and more! |
| ☺ | 2L – Chocolate Toss | ☺ | 5E – Ice Bucket Challenge |
| ☺ | 2W – Popcorn | ☺ | 6M – Face and Hand Painting and Colourful Hair |

NAPLAN PILOT AND RESULTS – Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the online trials of NAPLAN during the week beginning August 15th. The pilot program is testing the effectiveness of students completing their assessments electronically in 2017, as well as testing processes nationally to troubleshoot any issues that may arise.

WORKING BEE – SATURDAY 30th JULY – Thank you to Mr. Hattwell and a team of parents and students who worked on tasks around our buildings and grounds last week. A great deal was achieved on the day.

YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER – Our year two students are beginning to get quite excited about their sleepover on Friday 9th September. This is a great opportunity to spend a night away from home in preparation for future camps.

GIRLS T-BALL TEAM – Congratulations to our girl's T-Ball team who will be competing in the finals on Monday 15th August. We wish them well!

PARENT OPINION SURVEY – Thank you to all families who have returned their Parent Opinion Surveys this week. We have had a record number of returns and truly appreciate you taking the time to give your feedback.

TALENT QUEST – Entry forms have been made available to students who would like to participate in our Talent Quest which will be held on Monday 15th August. Entries closed on Monday. Mrs. Bush is currently organising the schedule for the day based on the number of performances. A Tiqbiz message will be sent out confirming what time each of the year level/sub-school entrants will be performing.

HAIR COLOUR and NAIL POLISH – Recently we have had several students attending school with their hair coloured and an increasing number wearing nail polish. Our Uniform Policy and Dress Code clearly states – '**Extreme hair colours and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted. No coloured nail polish or make up are to be worn to school.**' We strongly encourage parents to support us in keeping to our school policies. All students attending Mulgrave Primary School are required to abide by the rules that we have put in place. Students should feel proud of wearing their school uniform and being well-groomed at school. Please keep hair colour natural for school days and if necessary use temporary sprays for parties etc. on weekends.

Parent Spot – <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au> A Kidsmatter article on family relationships for you this week – hope you enjoy it!



Family relationships

Children thrive on feelings of belonging and affection that come from having caring and supportive families. Research affirms that the quality of family relationships is more important for children's wellbeing than the size or composition of the family. Whether families have one parent or two, whether they include step-parents, grandparents or other carers, they can build strong, positive family relationships that promote family wellbeing and support children's mental health. The keys to developing **healthy family relationships** include making relationships a priority, communicating effectively and providing support for each other. However, **building better family relationships** with children and with all family members is not always easy. Different needs arising within the family may create tensions between family members, and pressures that come from outside (eg work or financial pressures) may also impact on families and children. Sometimes these pressures can make the development of positive family relationships more difficult. Yet, even taking these influences into account, there is much the adult or adults in the family can do to build strong family relationships. **Happy families work together** to make decisions and make sure each family member's needs are being adequately met.

Families are different

Families vary in the expectations they hold regarding children's behaviour and the roles of parents and carers. This leads to differences in family relationships and communication styles. Many beliefs about what makes for strong family relationships are influenced by the values and experiences that parents and carers were exposed to in their own families while growing up. Cultural background can also impact on the values and goals adults have for children's development. For example, it is common in Western industrialised societies like Australia for parents and carers to value children's independence, whereas parents and carers from other **cultural backgrounds** sometimes give more emphasis to family responsibilities than to children's independence. There are also many differences within cultures. Differences in the ways that families are made up lead to different relationship and support needs.

Family strengths as identified by Australian families

Communication – listening to each other and communicating with openness and honesty.

Togetherness – sharing similar values and beliefs that create a sense of belonging and bonding.

Sharing activities – spending time together doing things they enjoy, for example, sports, reading, camping, playing games.

Affection – showing affection and care on a regular basis through words, hugs, kisses and thoughtfulness.

Support – offering and being able to ask for support, with family members knowing they will receive assistance, encouragement and reassurance from one another.

Acceptance – understanding, respecting and appreciating each family member's unique personal qualities.

Commitment – seeing family wellbeing as a first priority and acting accordingly with dedication and loyalty.

Resilience – being able to withstand difficulties and adapt to changing circumstances in positive ways.

Families in this research also identified that the biggest challenges in family relationships were communication breakdown, parenting issues and difficult relationship dynamics. Acknowledging existing family strengths is a good starting point for addressing challenges and building stronger family relationships.

Liz Watkins – Principal
Have a great weekend
everyone!

PROBLEM SOLVER CERTIFICATE WINNERS
Audrey N, Delphi M, Zak M, Vilara K, Yarna, Visal K,
Charlie L, Sura A, April G, Sienna G, Sara S, Faiza K

OLYMPICS DAY

Monday, 8th August







**MONDAY 22ND & TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST
8.30AM—9.00AM & 3.30PM—4.00PM
TO BE HELD IN THE BER BUILDING
LOTS OF GREAT BOOKS AT GREAT PRICES!**



Extend OSHC at MGPS

Hi Everyone

The children have been involved in many interesting experiences over the last couple of weeks, which have enabled them to have fun and also enhance their developmental skills. Last week we incorporated Aboriginal activities in our program to celebrate Aboriginal week. For this we made coffee clay with flour. Everyone loved exploring the sensory activity and made some great Aboriginal art prints. Once again Faiza, Molly and Victoria did a fantastic job building with recycled materials. In our kitchen corner little master chefs made yummy Vegemite rolls and trail mix using nutritional ingredients. During science our volcano experiment went really well, the children made their own volcanoes with dough and had so much fun erupting it using soda and vinegar. Our other science experiment was an egg in a bottle, which was also interesting and we learnt the science behind the experiment. We also had an educational story time with Lillian from Wheelers Hill library. Lillian read a variety of picture books which were listed in children's book week.

Some other activities that everyone loved exploring were bunchems and connected sand. These activities, gave them endless opportunity for creativity. The children came up with very unique designs, which looked awesome. We also played many physical games such as: revenge, octopus, rock paper scissor relay, Aboriginal games, mini Olympics, dodge ball and many other activities of their own choices.

Kind Regards

Meena



**Our Extend Superstar is.... Ved P for always being honest and respectful to others. Well done Ved!
Our Extend superstar is...CJ for putting a lot of effort in to kids club competition! Well done CJ!**



The Program activities for next week are:

- Monday 18th of August :** Cooking Indian Bread
- Tuesday 19th of August:** Science experiment: Boat challenge
- Wednesday 20th of August:** Art and Craft: Paper plate animals
- Thursday 21st of August:** Team games: Relay
- Friday 22nd of August:** Hula hoop fun game

KIDS CLUB ART COMPETITION
WIN A \$200 TOYS R US ONLINE GIFT CARD

Entries are now open for Extend's Kids Club Competition! Submit your art entry online at extend.com.au between Monday 25 July to Friday 12 August, 2016.

This year's theme is "**My Extend Friends**" For further details and terms visit extend.com.au

...**BUT THERE'S MORE!** Help your After School Care service win a mystery incursion! Be sure to come along to After School Care to enter. See you there!

***** **SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!** *****

Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates!

VIC & QLD booking deadline: Friday 2 Sept
NSW/SA/WA booking deadline: Friday 16 Sept

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 sports and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend's Spring Holiday Program.

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

SICK BAY ROSTER

TERM THREE

Friday, Aug 12

Sharon Krause

Friday, Aug 19

Sarah Munnings

Friday, Aug 26

Joy Singh



Student of the Week Awards—Term 3 Week 4



Class	Name	Reason
PA	Phoenix G	For trying his best and working hard to improve his writing.
PJ	Daniel B	For always trying your best in writing.
PM	Kobie P	For always putting in his best effort.
PT	Logan I	For trying very hard to improve his handwriting.
1L	Terry C	For showing such fantastic listening skills all week!
1WB	Andrew S	For making a huge effort to beat his personal best in Speedy Maths.
2L	Danial H	For encouraging others and showing team spirit during KidsMatter.
2W	Charlee A	For working hard and improving her spelling.
3P	Anna B	For using her initiative and always working hard.
3S	Teagan O	For making an improved effort to ensure her table is clean.
4L	Emma S	For producing an attractive and informative Leisuretime profile.
4M	Tanas K	For a fantastic homework project.
5E	Amelia K	For working well in a group to make a fantastic 3D town.
5T	Mamoon S	For always being cooperative and helpful to his classmates.
6M	Campbell N	For fantastic creative writing.



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 3, Week 2

Junior School	Daniel B
Senior School	Nicholas D



SHOPPING TRIP FUNDRAISER SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2016



This year the shopping trip is in its 11th year and its 5th year as a fundraiser for Mulgrave Primary School. Why not come and join us for a fun day of shopping and lunch and help raise money for the school as we go. The cost is \$50 for the day. This includes the bus trip to 10 factory outlets (some not open to the general public). Drinks and refreshments on the bus. A 2 course lunch at La Notte in Lygon St, including a glass of wine/soft drink as well as tea and coffee. If you are interested in joining us or would like a bit more information please do not hesitate to contact Julie Piening, julpine@hotmail.com, 0408 403 018.

The full itinerary will be sent home via tiqbiz.



ADVERTISING

Platypus Junction Mulgrave New Childcare Opening Soon!

Platypus Junction Group is a privately owned and family operated early learning and childcare centre delivering high quality long day care and education for families with children from 3months - 5years old for twenty years.

Platypus Junction Group is opening a brand new purpose built early learning and childcare centre at 5 Nexus Business Park, Mulgrave.

Platypus Junction Mulgrave is situated on level 3 and 4 at 5 Nexus Court, Mulgrave. Level 3 will house our welcome area and five separate age grouped rooms from the babies nursery to 3 and 4-year-old Kindergartens with two level 3 outdoor learning areas.

The playground is a fabulous rooftop garden and adventure learning space. A landscaped green playground with fruit trees, citrus and veggie patches mixed with sandpits and water play features and wonderful spaces for stories and experimenting.



For more information or to enrol, visit: www.platypusjunction.com
or speak with Felicity, Michelle or Rebecca on 1300 261 685