



**Thursday  
25th August 2016**

**MULGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**NEWSLETTER**

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## Diary dates

### **Term Dates 2016**

Wed Aug 31 Fathers' Day Stall  
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 Gr 1 Exc money & form due back  
Fri Sep 16 Term 3 Ends  
Mon Oct 3 Term 4 Begins  
Fri Oct 7 Gr 2 Exc money & form due back  
Fri Oct 14 Gr 1 Excursion Mont De Lancey  
Sat Oct 15 Shopping Tour  
Fri Oct 21 Gr 2 Excursion Mont De Lancey  
Nov 2-4 Yr 3/4 Camp Mt Evelyn  
Tue Dec 20 Term 4 Ends

## *Principal News*

The Olympics have continued to be a focus across all levels of the school. Children have enjoyed watching some of the events and learning about the history of the Games and the athletes.

**BOOK FAIR** – Thank you to families for supporting our annual Book Fair this week. We hope the children enjoy the great books that were purchased. Happy reading!



**STEP INTO PREP PROGRAM** – Yesterday we had our second 'Step Into Prep' session. This program effectively prepares our pre-school children for school in 2017. We look forward to future visits throughout the year.

**MULGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL CLUSTER PROJECT** – Teachers at Mulgrave Primary are part of a local cluster of schools working together on a joint project – "Robust Writing". The other schools involved are Brandon Park Primary, Albany Rise Primary and Jells Park Primary. Each of our schools have teachers trained in a writing program called – 'The Big Write and VCOP' (VCOP – Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation). Teachers from the four cluster schools met at our school last night for a cluster professional learning session. This was a great opportunity for teachers to network and work collaboratively on an aspect of literacy that we are each focussing on in our individual schools. You may hear your child talking about 'The Big Write'. Students are enjoying working on this approach to improving their writing.

**FATHERS' DAY STALL** – As Fathers' Day is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding our Fathers' Day Stall on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Students will be able to purchase a gift for Dad. Prices of gifts range from \$2-\$8.

**MINI-FETE Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 –

Prep T and Prep J – Mystery jars and bottles

Prep A – Gone Fishing!

Prep M – Guess how many in the jar?

1WB – Cake Stall

1L – Try Your Luck - Game

2L – Chocolate Toss

2W – Popcorn

3S – Photo Booth

3P – Drink and Lolly Toss

4L – Happy Hookey

4M – Nail Polish

5T – Toys and more!

5E – Ice Bucket Challenge

6M – Face and Hand Painting and Colourful Hair



**NAPLAN PILOT AND RESULTS** – Year 3 and Year 5 students received their NAPLAN results this week. Our students also participated in trialling the online NAPLAN process last Wednesday and Thursday. It was interesting to be part of this pilot program. We were able to experience some of the technical issues that arose and the trials gave us an insight into what to expect next year. Our feedback will be submitted to the VCAA – Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. An observer from the VCAA was also in attendance during the Thursday sessions to observe how the process went.

**YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER** – Our year two students are beginning to get quite excited about their sleepover on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September. This is a great opportunity to spend a night away from home in preparation for camp in 2018.

**GIRLS T-BALL TEAM** – Congratulations to our girl's T-Ball team who competed in the finals last week. Although they weren't successful in winning the tournament, they had a lot of fun and enjoyed the day. Thank you to Ms. Evans who coached the girls on the day.



**TALENT QUEST** – Many families were in attendance on Monday to watch the Talent Show organised by our music teacher, Mrs. Bush. I was very impressed by the extent of talent we have across the school. The opportunity to perform in front of an audience helped students to gain confidence and improve their self-esteem. Next year is our musical production year and with such great talent, it should be a terrific extravaganza!!

**END OF TERM 3** – The last day of term 3 is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. The school closes at 2.30pm on this day. After School Care is available for those parents who need to use the service.

## **Parent Spot** – *Kidsmatter article – [www.kidsmatter.com.au/FAMILIES](http://www.kidsmatter.com.au/FAMILIES)*

### **Key Points for helping children resolve conflict -**

The ways that adults respond to children's conflicts have powerful effects on their behaviour and skill development. Until they have developed their own skills for managing conflict effectively most children will need very specific adult guidance to help them reach a good resolution. Parents, carers and teaching staff can help children to see conflict as a shared problem that can be solved by understanding both points of view and finding a solution that everyone is happy with.

#### **Guide and coach**

When adults impose a solution on children it may solve the conflict in the short term, but it can leave children feeling that their wishes have not been taken into account. Coaching children through the conflict resolution steps helps them feel involved. It shows them how effective conflict resolution can work so that they can start to build their own skills.

#### **Listen to all sides without judging**

To learn the skills for effective conflict resolution, children need to be able to acknowledge their own point of view and listen to others' views without fearing that they will be blamed or judged. Being heard encourages children to hear and understand what others have to say and how they feel.

#### **Support children to work through strong feelings**

Conflict often generates strong feelings such as anger or anxiety. These feelings can get in the way of being able to think through conflicts fairly and reasonably. Acknowledge children's feelings and help them to manage them. It may be necessary to help children calm down before trying to resolve the conflict.

#### **Remember**

- Praise children for finding a solution and carrying it out.

If an agreed solution doesn't work out the first time, go through the steps again to understand the needs and concerns and find a different solution.

At Mulgrave Primary School, we adopt the Restorative Practices resolution process which we have found very effective in supporting children in managing conflict resolution. The actions are very similar to what is listed above from Kidsmatter. Please visit the Kidsmatter website for lots more information.

Have a great weekend everyone!

**Liz Watkins**  
**Principal**

## OUR PREP STUDENTS ENJOYED THEIR FIRE ED SESSION



Today the firemen came to visit again. They showed us the fire truck. We squirted some water over the fence. We got to hear the sirens. When they left the sirens were on. I felt happy! Logan

Today the fire fighters came and we got to squirt the water through the hose. We got to count the red and blue lights and it was fun. Bianca

### **Problem Solver Certificate Winners**

#### **Olympic Motto**

**Faster, Higher, Stronger**

**Zak M, Christopher H, Gabbi T, Bowie G,  
Visal K**

# SCHOOL FUN RUN

## FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Our annual Fun Run will be held on Friday 9th September (weather permitting); this is our major fundraiser for the year. Fun Run forms were sent home with students a couple of weeks ago. If your child does not have a form please feel free to collect one from the school office.

All students who raise \$10 or more are eligible to receive a prize/s of their choice, from the relevant prize category.

To assist family and friends to sponsor students for this year's fun run, we have created an event page with TryBooking. Please use the link below, and forward to any family or friends, who may wish to sponsor online using their credit card. As part of the process, sponsors will be asked for the name/s of the student/s they are sponsoring, this will enable us to keep track of all monies raised by students online.

<https://www.trybooking.com/225297>

Collecting sponsorship monies via TryBooking is easy, convenient and will help ensure Mulgrave Primary School has a successful Fun Run campaign in 2016.

Please note that we are not using the online page at [australianfundraising.com.au](http://australianfundraising.com.au), however all students who do raise \$20 or more online, via TryBooking, will still receive a bonus prize.

Completed Fun Run forms and all sponsorship money should be returned to the school office by Friday 16th September 2016 (last day of term 3). Prizes will be sent home early in term 4.

If you have any questions regarding the fun run or online donations, please contact Suzy Shaw in the school office on 9795 2477.

Thank you for your support!





## **Extend OSHC at MGPS**

Hi Everyone,

First of all I would like to congratulate, Faiza for making it to the top 3 in the Kids' Club competition, now her victory is depending on your votes, so please vote for Faiza by going to the Extend Kids' Club competition website. I also would like to say thank you to those children who have participated in the competition for both group and individual entries.

Last week, our paper plate animal making experience gave them an opportunity to be creative by making sensational animals. The science experiment walking water was popular and the children were curious to find out the outcome, which was quite interesting. Another Science experiment, Boat Challenge, enabled children to environmentally design the strongest boat they could out of the recycled material, which was good fun. Our little master chefs loved to mix and roll the dough for tasty roti bread. On Thursday everyone enjoyed contesting each other in mini Olympics. Apart from these activities we loved our team games such as; dodge ball, capture the flag, fruit salad, poison ball, octopus, revenge, hula hoop fun games and many more activities such as: Kinetic sand building, bunchems, solving puzzles, dramatic play etc.

Kind Regards  
Meena



**Our Extend Superstar is.... Victoria T for being a good helper and supportive member of the team. Well done Victoria, keep it up the good work.**



**Our Extend superstar is... Charlie for always participating in program activities with enthusiasm. Well done Charlie!**

### **Next Week's Activities**

- ♦ **Monday 29th of August** : Incursion: Bunnings workshop
- ♦ **Tuesday 30th of August**: Word search contest
- ♦ **Wednesday 31st August**: **Art and Craft: Fathers' day craft**
- ♦ **Thursday 1st of September**: Incursion: Gilbert the Gecko
- ♦ **Friday 2nd of September**: Musical games

To check out what's on visit our website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and book via the Parent Portal.

### **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.**

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# Please welcome Bubbles to our family!

Thanks to everyone's donations last term on the ocean dress up day, Mulgrave Primary School was able to 'adopt' Bubbles the dolphin. The \$430 dollars raised has gone to Whales and Dolphin Conservation (WDC) who work hard to protect the habitat and marine creatures near Adelaide. The WDC organisation have created a dolphin sanctuary to protect the whales and dolphins from the boats and pollution in the area. We will get regular updates from WDC about how Bubbles is going and what he is getting up to.

The Junior School Councillors at MPS chose this cause, and worked hard to promote and then collect the funds, so thank you Junior School Councillors for your passion in this area.

Our official adoption papers will be presented by the junior school councillors at the assembly this Friday, and after that the papers will be available for viewing near the office.

If you're interested in reading more about what WDC are doing to help dolphins and whales, please visit [au.whales.org](http://au.whales.org)

Mr Stokes



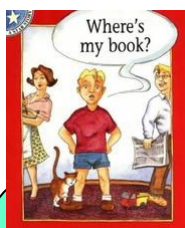
# SICK BAY ROSTER

## TERM THREE

Friday, Aug 26	Joy Singh
Friday, September 2	Louise Czosnek
Friday, September 9	Yeva Manukyan
Friday, September 16	Joanna Tartaglia

## TERM FOUR

Friday, October 7	Maria Ulas
Friday, October 14	Julie Piening
Friday, October 21	Anne McNee
Friday, October 28	Lucy Meszaros
Friday, November 4	Victoria McIvor
Friday, November 11	Melinda Collard
Friday, November 18	Rachael Kasap
Friday, November 25	Sharon Krause
Friday, December 2	Sarah Munnings
Friday, December 9	Joy Singh
Friday, December 16	Louise Czosnek



## MISSING BOOKS

We are missing many "Take Home Books" from our classrooms. We would love to have these returned. How about a "Book Hunt" on the weekend. Books can be returned to the school office or your child's classroom.

Thank you!!

# ADVERTISING



## Tennis Coaching

### Junior Group Lessons

Call: 0413 569 296

\* Free Hot Shots enrolment & T-shirt

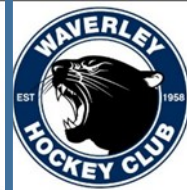
\* Access to Hot Shots League

\* Free make-up lessons

\* Free end of year Calender with group photo

[tennis.com.au/gladeswood](http://tennis.com.au/gladeswood)  
Maygrove Way, Mulgrave

**New!!!**  
**6pm Sessions**  
**available for**  
**5 to 10 Yrs old**



## HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

### WAVERLEY HOCKEY CLUB HOOKIN2HOCKEY

*Are you interested in trying hockey for the first time?*

**All ages welcome!**

**When:** 4 weeks, 1 hour 9am – 10am, Saturday mornings (8<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Oct)

**Cost:** Fees are \$35 plus \$1 to Hockey Victoria for insurance cover



And at our first session Waverley's very own Travis Brooks and Stephen Mowlam, former members of the Australian Kookaburras Men's Hockey Team, and Gold Medallists at the Athens 2004 Olympics and Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games will join to provide the kids an opportunity to see their medals and hear about being Olympic champions!

### For inquiries and to register:

To participate in our Waverley Hookin2Hockey program, please register interest at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/hookin2hockey2016>

Our registrar will invoice you accordingly. For questions email [hookintohockey@waverleyhc.org.au](mailto:hookintohockey@waverleyhc.org.au)

For more info about any of our programs: <http://www.waverleyhc.org.au/iuniors>

## 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](http://www.platypusjunction.com)  
or speak with Felicity, Michelle or Rebecca on 1300 261 685