



**Thursday  
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**MULGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

NEWSLETTER

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### Diary dates

Wed 4th Feb	No Prep Students at school today
Wed 11th Feb	No Prep Students at school today
Tue 17th Feb	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Wed 18th Feb	No Prep Students at school today
Thu 19th Feb 9.15am	Parent Helpers Training Session

Wed 25th Feb	No Prep Students at school today
Mon 2nd Mar	Curriculum Day—No school on this Day
Wed 4th Mar	No Prep Students at school today
Mon 9th Mar	Labour Day Holiday
Tue 17th Mar	School Photos today
Fri 27th Mar	End of Term 1

## Principal News

**NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY. OUR FIRST ASSEMBLY WILL BE FRIDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY AT 3.00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

Welcome back to school everyone! I'm sure as parents you are very much looking forward to your children returning to school and getting back into a routine. The first week is a nice, short two day week for students. Teachers officially started back on Wednesday, although all teachers have been into school many times during the break preparing for the start of the year. There has been much excitement in the school as children meet up with friends they haven't seen for a number of weeks.

Parents are reminded of the need for all students to wear a hat in term one. It would also be beneficial for students to have sunscreen applied before they leave for school to protect their skin. We still have several hot weeks of summer to enjoy and we are keen to keep all children safe from the harmful effects of the sun.

**THE TEMPERATURE INSIDE A PARKED CAR CAN DOUBLE WITHIN MINUTES  
ON HOT DAYS NEVER LEAVE KIDS ALONE IN CARS.  
NO EXCEPTIONS. NO EXCUSES.**

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Our new Foundation (Prep) students have settled in very well. The transition program has assisted many students to be confident and enthusiastic about beginning school. Parents are reminded that prep students will be very tired in the first few weeks. **Preps do not attend school on any Wednesday until after the Labour Day holiday on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. The first Wednesday for preps to attend will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.** This ensures that preps have a great start to the year and also allows assessment for the Department of Education to take place. Prep parents will be given an appointment time on one of those Wednesdays when they are asked to bring their child along and complete some individual assessments with the teacher. More details about this later. Please speak with your child's teacher about any questions you may have regarding this process.

**School Fees – Student Education Contributions** – Thank you to the many families who have paid their school fees. There are now a range of payment options for your convenience. Included in the payment is your child's stationery/resource pack for the year. These are being distributed to students as payments are finalised. Please visit the school office if you have any questions regarding this process.

**Parent Helper's Training session** - Several of our new parents have expressed an interest in assisting in our classrooms. We very much welcome this and look forward to working with you. Our school policy is that all classroom helpers need a Working With Children Check. These are cost free and available online only ([www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)). Our office is required to keep a record of all parents assisting in the school and have a copy of their WWC on file. I will be conducting a **Parent Helper's Training session on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am** for all those parents who haven't helped in schools and would like some guidelines. Please complete and return the tear-off slip in this newsletter and return to the school office.

**Riding in school** – Students are reminded that there is NO riding of bicycles or scooters within the school grounds. All students who ride must place their bikes in the bike enclosure as soon as they arrive at school. This will be locked for

security reasons at the start of the day. No skateboards are to be brought to school. Bicycles are the preferred mode of transport for students. Scooters are discouraged as they do not provide students with the road skills that we are trying to promote and should not be used on roadways. All riders must wear helmets.

**Car Parking** – Parents are asked to be mindful of the parking restrictions around the school. Parking officers regularly patrol the school zone. The staff car park is strictly for staff cars only and parents must not enter this car park. We have visiting staff entering and leaving on a regular basis. We have also received a complaint from a neighbour about inappropriate driving and parking in a nearby court. Although this falls outside the jurisdiction of the school, we are concerned for the safety of all of our school community. **Pedestrians should not use the car park when entering and leaving the school. Please use the pathways.**



**Curriculum Day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Each year all schools have four curriculum days to enable teachers to engage in professional learning activities. The first day of the school year, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, was our first curriculum day. The next one will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. On this date we will be working with a literacy consultant. The dates of our curriculum days are determined by the availability of our consultants and speakers. Parents should note that the Monday following our curriculum day is the Labour Day holiday.

**Labour Day Holiday Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents are reminded that there is a Labour Day holiday on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. There will be no school on this day.

**Parent Teacher meetings** – Next week you will have receive some notices about our parent teacher meeting sessions which will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February after school. Please return your time request sheets to the classroom teacher to coordinate a time schedule.

**School Council elections** – Our annual School Council election process will begin soon. Information relating to this will be sent home to all families. Please consider nominating or having someone nominate you. It can be a very rewarding role. More information is available from the school office.

**Icy-Pole Sales** – A reminder that students can buy an icy-pole on Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$1.00.

**Fundraising/Parents and Friends Group** – If you would like to be involved in our fundraising group and perhaps assist on Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day stalls, Sausage Sizzles etc., we would love to hear from you. We will arrange a meeting for interested parents once we receive notification of your interest by returning the tear-off slip in this newsletter. Looking forward to hearing from you!

#### **Lunch Orders**

Lunch orders will not commence until Wednesday, 4th Feb. Lunch orders are available on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday each week. Students need to write their order on a paper bag together with the correct money and hand it in to their classroom teacher first thing in the morning. Lunch order forms are available from the office.



#### **Changing of Linen in the Sick Bay Roster**



If you are able to help out by changing the linen in the sick bay, please fill in the tear off slip in this newsletter. Depending upon the number of volunteers, you would only be required once or twice a term. Parents usually change the bed linen on a Friday, take it home to wash and return it to school during the next week.

Liz Watkins – Principal

*Have a great weekend everyone!*

### **PRINCIPAL PROBLEM SOLVER**

Who won the men's final of the Australian Open and what was the final score?

Answer is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO HELP OUT WITH THE  
CHANGE OF LINEN ROSTER IN THE SICK BAY**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR FUNDRAISING/PARENT &  
FRIENDS GROUP**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PARENT HELPER TRAINING SESSION**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_