



**Thursday
22nd October 2015**

MULGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Diary dates

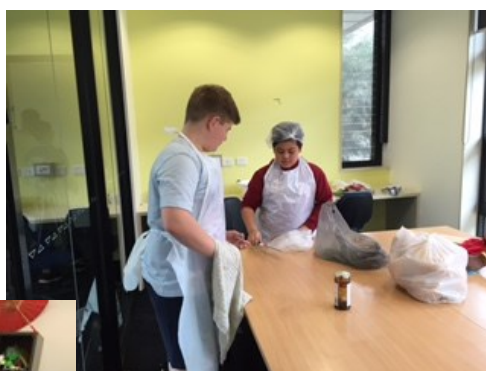
Sat 24th Oct	Shopping Tour Fundraiser
Tues 3rd Nov	Public Holiday
Tue 10th Nov	House Sports
Thu 12th Nov	Step Into Prep 11.30am—12.30
Mon 16th Nov	Curriculum Day

Wed 18th Nov	2016 Prep Information Session for parents 6.30pm
Wed 25th Nov	Prep Zoo Excursion
Tue 8th Dec	Step Into Prep 9.30-12noon
Wed 9th Dec	Carols Night
Mon 14th Dec	Year 6 Graduation
Fri 18th Dec	End of Term 4
Thu 28th Jan	School begins for 2016

Principal News

The last couple of weeks have been a lot of fun for students. On Friday our Junior School Council organised **LOUD SHIRT DAY** as a fundraiser to help hearing impaired students. Students wore extremely bright, colourful shirts and looked amazing on the day. This event raised \$328.50 which was an excellent effort. Well done everyone!

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY – On Friday our Year 6 students and their teachers provided all staff members with a beautiful lunch to celebrate World Teachers Day. The presentation in the ‘restaurant’ was amazing, as was the menu. Teachers were offered chicken curry, burgers, tiramisu, fruit kebabs and much more. Students gained lots of new learning experiences and it was very interesting watching them engage in new skills such as mixing, whipping, baking, cleaning-up and vacuuming. Students themselves thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, from creating the invitations to dressing the tables and serving the lunch. Special thanks go to all involved including Mrs. Mann’s husband and mother who came along to assist students on the day.



STUDENTS ARRIVING EARLY – With the better weather, we are noticing an increase in the number of students arriving at school early. Parents are reminded that teacher supervision begins at 8.45am. Prior to this time, teachers are generally involved in meetings and preparation and are not required to be on duty. Please use our Before School Care Program if you require this service.

PICK-UP TIME - A reminder also that students should be collected at 3.30pm daily. We also offer After School Care for those families who need to have their children supervised beyond this time. We realise that parents can be late occasionally but please make alternative arrangements if you can't pick your child up at the end of the school day. We appreciate your help in this matter.

CROSSING SUPERVISOR AND PARKING – Monash Council traffic inspectors are regularly monitoring driving behaviour outside of our school in the mornings and after school. Please adhere to signage and avoid double parking and letting your child walk where there are cars arriving and departing. Alistair, our crossing supervisor, has been concerned for his safety recently when cars have driven or parked on or near the crossing and he has also been subject to verbal abuse by parents. Please support Alistair as he endeavours to keep your children safe.

HOUSE SPORTS – Our annual house sports will be held on Tuesday 10th November, weather permitting. More details closer to the time.

STEP INTO PREP SESSION – Our next Step Into Prep session will be held on Thursday 22nd October at 11.30am. Looking forward to having our future students visit the school again!

ENROLMENTS FOR 2016 – Enrolments are still being taken for 2016 at this stage. Please visit our school office for an enrolment form if you have a child who is coming to Mulgrave Primary School next year and who has not been enrolled. Similarly, if you are transferring out of our school at the end of the year, can you please let us know as we need to have accurate figures to work on for our planning.

2016 GRADE PLACEMENTS - Processes are currently in place to recruit and place teachers for next year. Once this has been completed, we will then commence the process of allocating staff to class or specialist positions and developing class lists. We hope to confirm staff and student class placements by mid-December. This process takes a long time and placements are considered carefully. A variety of factors are taken into account when placing students into new classes. These include: student academic performance and social and emotional development; student friendship groups (The children will be asked to nominate children that they feel they work well with); an equitable ability spread across all classrooms; previous student-student interaction; student learning styles; balanced, supportive classrooms. Whilst your child's 2015 classroom teacher will have input into placement for 2016, specialist teachers, our leadership team and the whole staff will look at the factors above to make the most suitable placement for your child and their peers for 2016.

If you have any additional information related to the criteria above that you feel we may not already be aware of, I would appreciate it if you put this in writing addressed to me by Friday, 30th October. Your letters will be treated confidentially and previous years requests will not be honoured as student needs change. Information not related to the above criteria will not be considered (eg. Requests for a particular teacher or child to be with a 'group' of friends). Please note that letters received after this date will not be included in the process. Your child will move to their 2016 classroom to meet their teacher and classmates in the last week of December. A note with the class and teacher information will be sent home on that day. Information will not be available prior to this date. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, students will not be changed from the classes carefully developed by the school. Social development is an important part of the school's curriculum program, and adapting to different students and teachers is an essential part of becoming flexible, adaptable adults. I will keep you informed as our plans for 2016 take shape.

SCHOOL COUNCIL DATE CHANGE – A reminder to members of School Council that the date of our next School Council meeting has been changed from Tuesday 20th October to Tuesday 27th October.

STUDENT WELLBEING OFFICER – Ali Hardaker – Parents are reminded that we have Ali working with us in the school for three days each week. Ali's role is to support the wellbeing of our school community. Ali can often assist with pastoral or social-emotional needs but she is not a psychologist or counsellor, so cannot offer these services. If you feel that you or your child would benefit from having a discussion with Ali, then please come and see me and I can arrange a meeting for you. A consent form requires to be completed prior to any one-on-one student meetings with Ali.

ICY-POLE SALES - Icy-pole sales will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For a short period of time we will also be selling some \$1 ice-creams, as we have some tubs of ice-cream remaining from our Mini-Fete day.

Listed below are some dates for next year that you may like to have –

2016 Victorian School Term Dates (correct at time of publication)

Term One – Thursday 28th January to Thursday 24th March

Term Two – Monday 11th April to Friday 24th June

Term Three – Monday 11th July to Friday 16th September

Term Four – Monday 3rd October to Tuesday 20th December

2016 - Public Holidays

Labour Day – Monday 7th March

ANZAC Day – Monday 25th April

Queen's Birthday holiday – Monday 13th June

Melbourne Cup Day – Tuesday 1st November

***School Curriculum days have not yet been set. The first one will be on Wednesday 27th January when **only teachers attend school**. A further 3 dates will be set based on the school and professional needs of teachers and Department of Education priorities and initiatives.

Parent Spot – Would your family like to help the homeless?

2 PAIRS EACH – SOCKS – HELPING THE HOMELESS – Several students in and around our area have been getting involved in an initiative to help homeless people in St Kilda, the City, Dandenong and Frankston. The challenge for one student in particular is to collect 50,000 pairs of **brand new** warm socks to give every one of our 23,000 homeless a couple of pairs each. If you are interested in supporting this activity, you can drop off your brand new socks at the school office and we will collect them and send them on to the appropriate person. To find out more, please visit <http://www.2pairseach.com.au>



Have a terrific weekend everyone and hopefully the great weather will continue!

Liz Watkins – Principal

PRINCIPAL PROBLEM SOLVER

Last Weeks Problem

Which team won the 2015 AFL Grand Final and what was the name of the team's Coach?

Answer Is: Hawthorn and Alistair Clarkson

Congratulations to: Jasmine L, Samson T

This weeks Problem Solver is:

What was the final score in the rugby game played between Scotland and Australia early on Monday 19th October?

Answer is: _____

Student's Name: _____

SICK BAY ROSTER

TERM FOUR

Friday, October 30	Sarah Munnings
Friday, November 6	Louise Czosnek
Friday, November 13	Maria Ulas
Friday, November 20	Victoria McIvor
Friday, November 27	Janet Pillai
Friday, December 4	Joy Singh
Friday, December 11	Sharon Krause
Friday, December 18	Joanna Tartaglia



Student of the Week Awards – Term 4, Week 2



Class	Name	Reason
PT	Ronan M	For being a bucket filler and helping teachers at the start of the week.
2L	Victoria T	For her persistence in Cars and Stars
3/4 H	Ava G	For writing a detailed procedure
3/4 L	Africh P	For creating an interesting profile of a character from his novel
5T	Luka M	For his exceptional knowledge in computer use.

STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

There have been several changes to the rewards that are available for students who have been able to claim a prize after reaching 10 silver tokens or 1 gold token. The wrist band, glow in the dark stickers and the torch are no longer available

Below is a list of the available items for this term..

Commonwealth Bank



A note from School Banking

Please choose one of the following reward items:



Galaxy Glider



Outer Space Savers Money Box



Invisible Ink Martian Pens



Intergalactic Rocket



ET DVD

There is limited stock available of some of the 2014 reward items:



Shark Key Ring



Scented Pencils



Swimming Bag

All reward items are available while stocks last



Name: _____

Class _____

Student ID _____

I would like to redeem 10 tokens for a:

- ☐ Galaxy Glider
- ☐ Outer Space Savers Money Box
- ☐ Invisible Ink Martian Pens
- ☐ Intergalactic Rocket
- ☐ ET DVD
- ☐ Shark Key Ring
- ☐ Scented Pencils
- ☐ Swimming Bag



Parent Update

Hello everyone

I hope everyone is enjoying the last term at School. Over the past two weeks Extend children have been involved in many exciting activities including a community involvement police visit. Constable Jackson's visit on Tuesday last week Tuesday was great. He discussed how to stay safe, whom to call in an emergency situation, police appearance, dressing up in police uniform and marching. Children even had a chance to sit in a police vehicle and buzzed the siren. The children had an awesome time with him. In art and craft we did wax painting and started our placemats for meals on wheels. They are well underway and children are doing a fantastic job! On Thursday we baked mouth-watering rainbow cup-cakes, the children had fun designing their own cup-cakes using multi coloured batter. Our fizzy drink experiment with lemons and bi-carb of soda was refreshing, everyone loved it. Many children joined in for our Science experiment, which enabled children to figure out how to make carbon-dioxide in a bag and see the chemical reaction by blowing up the plastic bag. We also celebrated Leila's 7th birthday last Monday week with a chocolate cake. Beside these activities we loved a spoon race, orienteering, capture the flag dodge ball, octopus, role play, a paper plane contest, building with blocks and many more.

Our Extend Superstar is: Arman Z for being a very supportive member of the team with positive attitude Well done Arman!!!

Our Extend Superstar is: Kiran K for being really helpful and participating in all the activities. Well done Kiran!!!

Next week's activities

Monday: 26th of October: Water well
Tuesday: 27th of October: Skittle Soccer
Wednesday: 28th of October: Bunning
Thursday: 29th of October: Cooking Berry Muffins
Friday: 30th of October: Basket Ball games

Kind Regards - Meena

Term 4 Community Project

Once a year Extend launches a major Extend-a-Hand initiative that equips children to contribute to the wider community. This year we are partnering with Meals on Wheels so that the children in Extend's programs can make placemats for Meals on Wheels' recipients. Come along to After School Care for an opportunity to contribute to this great team project!

NEW FAMILIES

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DANDENONG SHOW

November 14th & 15th 2015

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SCHOOL
OPEN DAY 2015
SATURDAY OCTOBER 24
10AM—1PM**

Activities Include:

- Tour of the kinder
- Face Painting
- Mobile Zoo
- Popcorn
- "Squirt" from Swimworld
- & lots of kinder fun!

Enrol now for 2016!

Phone: 9560 3495