



**Thursday  
24th November 2016**

**MULGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

NEWSLETTER

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## Diary dates

### Term Dates 2016

Nov 30	BIG DAY OUT
Dec 8	Carols Night
Dec 12	Yr 6 Graduation
Thu Dec 15	Meet your teacher for 2017 (9.30-10.15)
Fri Dec 16	Final Assembly for 2016—2.45pm
Fri Dec 16	Xmas Raffle to be drawn at final assembly
Tue Dec 20	Term 4 Ends at 1.30pm
Tue Jan 31	School starts for 2017



## *Principal's News*

Our annual House Sports were held last Wednesday. The weather turned out to be terrific and our school community had a great fun day. Thank you to Mr. Hattwell and Mrs. Allday for coordinating this event and to all staff who did an exceptional job on the day! Students had a fantastic time. Congratulations to Green House for winning, well done!



**PRINCIPAL RETIRING** – After eight and a half years as Principal at Mulgrave Primary School, I will be retiring at the end of 2016. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at MPS and working with the wonderful community that we have. Over the years I have strived to give students the best teaching and learning opportunities possible. We have a tremendous staff cohort who have worked tirelessly with me to provide a high quality education for our students. Our parent community has been most supportive throughout the years and have assisted in making our great school what it is today. I sincerely thank all members of our wider school community for their strong support over the years. Mulgrave Primary School is very special to me, as are the many happy memories I have of students, staff and families. I do look forward to relaxing, walking, travelling, golfing, having long lunches with friends and family but won't forget you!!

Currently we are in the recruitment process of selecting a Principal for 2017. I will keep you informed about this as we move into the last few weeks of 2016. Thank you all most sincerely for your support and let's enjoy the last month together in the lead up to Christmas!

**PRINCIPAL'S BIG DAY OUT FOR STUDENTS** – There is much excitement around the school as we prepare for our BIG DAY OUT to Caribbean Gardens next Wednesday. Consent forms must be returned to school to enable us to organise numbers and buses.

Reminders for you:

**Where are we going?** – Caribbean Gardens, located in Scoresby. Entrances on Stud and Ferntree Gully Roads.

**When are we going?** – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Leaving school at approximately 9.20am. Leaving Caribbean Gardens at 2pm to return to school.

**What is the cost?** – There is no cost to students! **We do require consent slip to be filled out and returned.** This should contain appropriate contact telephone numbers in case of an emergency.

**What do I need to bring?** – **You will need a snack for morning break, your lunch and a good sized bottle of water. Please bring these items in a named disposable bag or small backpack that can be worn on the day. A hat must be worn and sunscreen applied if it looks like being a nice sunny day.**

**SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE WORN ON THIS DAY**



Some teachers still require parent helpers to assist students in going around the market. Please see your child's teacher if you can help on the day. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** – Parents should have now received raffle tickets for this year’s Christmas raffle. Please let the office know if you need some more. We would greatly appreciate any donations for our Christmas hampers. Donations can be placed in the box at the front office. Thanking you in anticipation!!



**FINAL ASSEMBLY REMINDER– Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Although school closes on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm, we have decided to have our end of year assembly on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. On this day we will have our Christmas Raffle and formally say goodbye to this year’s grade sixes. We will also announce our year 2017 School Captains which is always very exciting! Students should still attend school on the Monday and Tuesday of the last week. (Closure will be at 1.30pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December)

**PARENT PAYMENTS (STUDENT SCHOOL FEES)** – All families have received their Parent Payment notices for next year. Suzy is more than happy to assist you in processing these prior to Christmas to save the busy period on the first day of school. You can also pay electronically using the usual options offered. All fees must be paid by the first day of term one.

**YEAR 5/6 SCIENCEWORKS EXCURSION** – The year’s grade five and six excursion to Scienceworks last Friday was really successful. Feedback from both staff and students reflect that the day was extremely interesting and educational and that our students presented themselves well throughout the excursion as they always do. Thank you to everyone involved including our helpers.

**PREP PARENT INFORMATION SESSION** – It was great to have such a large turnout at our Prep Parent Information Night last Wednesday. Our new Preps and their parents are so looking forward to joining the Mulgrave Primary School community in 2017.

**MEET YOUR TEACHER DAY** – A reminder that students will meet their 2017 teacher on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at our ‘meet your teacher’ session which will run from 9.30-10.15am. Students joining our school and 2017 Prep students will also visit on this day. We are currently finalising a selection process to employ some new teachers for 2017 so at this stage don’t have our staffing confirmed for next year.

**CAROLS NIGHT – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – 6.30pm start.** This year’s Carols will be held in the school courtyard. Families can arrive from 5.30pm and the formal grade performances will begin at 6.30pm. The Carols will run for approximately 1-1½ hours. Please bring along your picnic rug, chairs, nibbles etc for the evening. This year we will have our popular coffee van back again and we are hoping to have an ice-cream van too. Teachers will again be cooking up some sizzling sausages for you to purchase – yum!! We encourage students to dress in Christmas colours and perhaps some tinsel to add to the festive season. Please note that our Carols night will be subject to having reasonable weather. Our growing school community no longer fits into the school hall so we need to be outdoors. Ensure you have downloaded our Tiqbiz app to keep up-to-date with any changes that may need to be made.



**TAKE HOME BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS** – Please can you find our missing classroom reading books and library books? Each year we lose too many of our precious resources. We would rather buy new equipment than use school money to replace books that are lying under beds and in your bookshelves. Set the kids a challenge and see how many school books they can find!!

Hopefully the great weather returns for the weekend.  
Liz Watkins—Principal

## SICK BAY ROSTER

### TERM FOUR

Friday, November 25	Joy Singh
Friday, December 2	Louise Czosnek
Friday, December 9	Yeva Manukyan
Friday, December 16	Joanna Tartaglia

# Extend OSHC at MGPS



Hi Everyone

The Children explored several interesting activities over the last two weeks. In art and craft many children creatively designed obstruct portrait and garden mosaics, which looked fantastic. Stress ball making out of play dough and rice was very popular over the week, all most everyone excitedly took part in making one. We are trying some healthy ingredient recepies this term, to promote healthy eat habit's. Our cooking experiment with veggie chocolate cake, and pancakes out of corn flour, went really well, and turns out to be the best one's ever! We also made delicious smoothy with strawberries, berries, banana and golden kiwi, every one loved it. In science lab we made instant sand and enjoyed moulding . We also had so much fun with other sensory activities: slime, play dough and kinetic sand.

Apart from these activities,over the week, our theme park dramatic setting was favorite of all. Thank you to our office staff Faiza and Molly who prepared a list for taking turns on the rides. It was so much easier for everyone, to wait for their turns. Hexagon ride operator Matty did fabulous work, and ensuring the safety of the children during ride. Beside from these activities, we enjoyed playing capture the flag, dodge ball, basket ball, long jump and many more activities of children's choice



Our Extend Superstar is Isabella L for making good choices and also for starting the day with a smile.



**The Program activities for next week are:**

**Monday 28th of November:** Porcelain Mug art

**Tuesday 29th of November:** Cooking: Fruit cake

**Wednesday 30th of November:** Cricket

**Thursday 31st of November:** Obstacle course

**Friday 1st of December** Science experiment: Bouncing ball making

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

**SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!**

**Book early to take advantage of early-bird rates!**

**Early-bird closes:**

**Friday 2 December for December bookings**

**Monday 19 December for January bookings**

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

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# House Sports



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

### HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

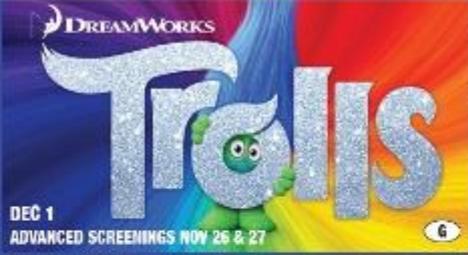
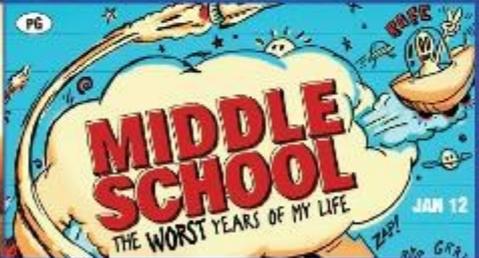


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