



Tuesday January 30th - 9am - First day of School 2018

Thursday, 21st December 2017

TERM 4

WEEK 11

KEY DATES

DECEMBER

Friday 22 - Term 4 Ends
1.30pm Dismissal

Happy
Holidays!



TERM DATES 2018

Term 1: 30 January to 29 March
Term 2: 16 April to 29 June
Term 3: 16 July to 21 September
Term 4: 9 October to 21 December

TIMETABLE

School commences 9.00am
Recess 11.00 - 11.30
Lunch 1.40 - 2.30
School Finishes 3.30pm
Last day of term Dismissal - 1.30pm

JANUARY Tuesday 30th - First Day of Term 1 2018

Principal's News

2018 Student Leaders

Last Friday we were fortunate enough to have the Honourable Daniel Andrews MP, Premier of Victoria, present our 2018 student leaders with their badges. It is always an exciting time when announcing new leaders and the visit by Mr. Andrews made it all the more so. The message Mr. Andrews delivered echoed the schools expectations of our senior students, in that they are all required to be motivated, persistent and, ultimately, successful and follow the schools rules and show respect and responsibility, ensure the safety of others, listen to their friends, teachers and families and demonstrate resilience when things don't go our way. By doing so, each student sets a standard for the younger students to follow. The opportunity also enabled myself and our School Council President, Mr. Ed Meszaros, to discuss the schools needs for the future and it was a pleasure to show Mr. Andrews our grounds and discuss the possibilities that could be maximised. This in turn models the benefits of open dialogue as leaders and we hope that our 2018 leaders can do their best to develop the art of conversation to support their peers.

I look forward to working with our 2018 student leaders next year and wish them every success in their roles.

- **School Captains:** Una Vujmilovic, Theo Edwards
- **Arts Captains:** Cassie Clifton, Emma Sidea
- **Environment Captains:** Kara Diakomanolis, Shelby Harris
- **STEM Captains:** Faiza Karim, Zachery Kroenert
- **Blue House Captains:** Kristina Dew, Christopher Doros
- **Gold House Captains:** Delphi Maranakis, Alex Vujmilovic
- **Green House Captains:** Samantha Mangan, Billy Leris
- **Red House Captains:** Natasha Winbanks, Tanas Kuzmanovski

Letters to Industry – Adidas & Tamara D

Earlier in the year, our Year 6 students all wrote a letter to industry, seeking support for the school. Our School Captain Tamara D wrote to Adidas who have offices locally in Dunlop Rd Mulgrave. On Monday we received a call from Mr. Shannon Morgan, Brand Activation Manager for Adidas Pacific who was impressed by Tamara's letter and wished to make a presentation to the school.

Principal's message continues pg 2:

Values: Motivated • Persistent • Successful Est. 1879

Letters to Industry – Adidas & Tamara D continued:

So on Wednesday morning, Shannon met with Tamara and the Year 6 students and discussed the similarities with our school and the Adidas brand, particularly in regard to our sustainability projects and subsequently presented the school with 10 World Cup soccer balls and \$5000 worth of vouchers to be used to stock up our sports equipment, buy future prizes for fundraisers and possibly even explore some uniforms for our sporting teams. This is an incredibly generous gesture by Shannon and Adidas and of course, it would not have been possible without the fine efforts of Tamara and the work of all of our Year 6 students. For your interest, we have attached Tamara's letter to the newsletter and again would like to thank her, Shannon and Adidas.

2018 Staff

Last week we were able to finalise our staffing for 2018. After much consideration, the 2018 MPS team will consist of:

- **Foundation:** Janet Melnyk (Team Leader), Kerry Batt, Le Buu Ly, Erica Shaw
- **Year 1:** Nicola Weerakoon and Sarah Murray, Sandra Teghil, Hannah Brown (nee Christie)
- **Year 2:** Lauren Hay (Team Leader) and Dale Thompson, John Stokes, Georgia Lay
- **Year 3:** Hayley Brown, Lucinda Truesdale
- **Year 4:** Ella Friend and Tom Boyle (Team Leader), Krista Di Iorio
- **Year 5:** Stacey Parsons, Ben Rosewall
- **Year 6:** Louise Jarvis (Team Leader), Tim O'Neill/Graeme Leopold*
- **Specialists:** Sally Bush (Performing Arts, Team Leader), Emma Peel (Visual Arts), Sarah Chin (Mandarin), Stuart McIlwraith (STEM), Marija Kusturic (Physical Education)
- **ES Staff:** Tien Sumarni, Marina Vujmilovic, Rebecca Storan, Liz Hodder, Viki Ali
- **Administration :** Christine Miller
- **Business Manager:** Suzy Shaw
- **Assistant Principal:** Stuart Hattwell
- **Principal:** Charles Spicer

* Mr. Leopold will be taking 6 months long service leave during the first half of 2018.

2018 State Election

Just over a week ago we welcomed the state Opposition Leader, the Honourable Matthew Guy MP, and the pre-selected candidate for the District of Mulgrave Marie Davenport. With less than 12 months before the next election, it is not uncommon for politicians to visit and we welcomed the opportunity to discuss our needs with Mr. Guy and Mrs Davenport. It should be noted that the school remains a-political at all times and whilst the District of Mulgrave is currently held by the Honourable Daniel Andrews MP, we will be courteous towards any candidate willing to understand our needs. As we have done with Mr. Andrews, we spoke about our growing population and the challenges this presents. We are fortunate to have already received a new portable to cater for our short term needs, however we will continue to work with the DET and our elected representatives to ensure the best outcomes for the school.

Apology – Final Assembly

As many families are already aware, this Friday is also my son's last day in primary school. As such, after discussion with the School Council, I will be attending his assembly this Friday. Traditionally, my son's school dismisses the Year 6 students at 1:15pm, so I will be on my way back to MPS as quickly as is legally possible and am hopeful of being able to say goodbye right on the stroke of 1:30pm, but I wanted to let all of the families at Mulgrave know why I will be a notable absence on the day. I have taken the time to discuss this with our graduating class, who were all wonderfully supportive and for that I thank them. I trust you can put yourself in my shoes on this occasion also.

Season's Greetings

My thanks go out to all of the students, staff and families of the Mulgrave Primary School community. My first year at MPS has been a truly enjoyable experience and the warm welcome I have received has been humbling to say the least. We are extremely fortunate to belong to a community that places a great stock in education and strong values. I would encourage all of our students to maintain their skills over the holiday period, particularly by reading every day, but I also wish our students a very safe and enjoyable holiday. I would like to thank all of the families who have contributed to the school throughout the year and of course, to the wonderful teachers who give so much of themselves to make Mulgrave such a warm and inviting place. Finally, best wishes to all of our families over the festive season and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Charles Spicer - Principal



School News

Daniel Andrews visits MPS 2017



Congratulations 2017 Grade 6 Graduates



Fete 2017 Raffle Winners

- 1st - Jack C
- 2nd - Pano P
- 3rd - Katrina B

Thanks to everyone who brought raffle tickets and came along to support us and join in with the fun of the Mini Fete and Carols.

The Raffle raised approximately \$800.00



First day of School 9am - Tuesday 30th January 2018



TERM 4 - WEEK 9 AWARDS

Student of the Week Awards

Class	Name	Reason
PL	Ayden T	For learning to spell the 12 Golden Words!
2F	Oceana F	For her persistence in finishing her work.
3B	Kira M	For improving her handwriting this week.
3J	Alex A	For an extremely detailed piece of writing about making pizza.
5H	Zachary K	For his outstanding work in Mathematics, completing all of his extension tasks.

Specialist Awards - November 2017

Level	Name	Reason
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Scientist of the Month

Junior School	Zoe L	For her excellent effort in science. She is always a happy and eager member of the class. Well done Zoe.
Middle School	Jack C	For his interest in science and his contributions during group activities and class discussions. Well done.
Senior School	Hannah R	For her hard work and great attitude in science, as well as her dedication to finishing her work.

Artist of the Month



Junior School	Shubhnaaz D	For her hard working attitude in Art class
Middle School	Tiahna D	For her beautiful watercolour mandala
Senior School	Jacinta J	For her extremely detailed graduation mosaic, displaying a high degree of skill and talent.

Performing Artist of the Month

Junior School	Siena G	For her excellent attitude in Music and for always coming in class with a big, friendly smile.
Middle School	Teagan O	For her ongoing, excellent results and her enthusiastic approach to Music.
Senior School	Sasa M	For his excellent results when playing the recorder.



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.

Level	Name	Reason
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Kids Matter Awards - Term 3, Week 8

Junior School	Cynthia T	For being a positive role model for her peers.
Senior School	Milla G	For taking pride in her school.



Extend OSHC at Mulgrave Primary School

Hi Everyone,

Soon it will be time to say good bye to year 2017 and welcome wonderful year 2018 with a new beginning and hopes. Next year after the school holidays, we will be moving to the spacious BER building, which will allow us to set up more activities stations, and it means, more opportunities for learning for children, we are looking forward for this new start!

I would like to remind families to book in for Summer holiday program at MGPS, which is packed with many exciting experiences, including excursions to Side-track, Tunzafun Xtreme, NGV and to several parks. Please visit Extend.com.au for further details on the program at MGPS. Please visit lookedafter.com for holiday bookings.

We wish all the very best to our grade 6 students, Ava, Tia, Abbie, Matty and Xavier for their future endeavours! They will be missed!

I would like to take an opportunity to say "Thank you" to all our Families, Mr. Spicer, Mr. Hatwell, Teachers and office staff for all their support and help throughout the year 2017. Looking forward to work with you in New Year!

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a very happy prosperous year 2018!

Kind regards,
Meena

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Our Extend Superstars are:

Amelia S and Tiana T For being great helpers at breakfast club. Well done girls keep up the good work!

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

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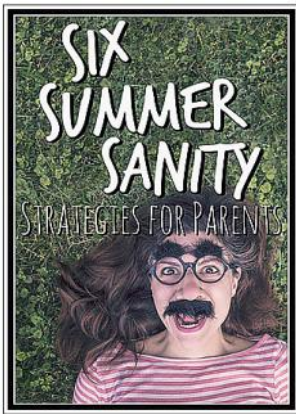
Check out the daily schedule at extend.com.au and enrol and book with our brand new platform, **LookedAfter**.

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

January Holiday Program Starts From
Monday 8 January - Thursday 25 January 2018

<https://www.lookedafter.com/>

Tuesday January 30th - 9am - First day of School 2018



Ali's Corner - Parents Spot



This is it. That time of year when it hits you – summer's in full swing and there's no school reprieve. Let the "what do we do NOW" chants begin. There is hope, however, for getting through the "dog days" of summer without losing your marbles, your patience or your temper. Let's take a look at some fun strategies to help you keep your cool and make some terrific memories with your kids this season.

- 1. Set Summer Bedtimes.** What? The first thing kids want to do is stay up late, right? I know, but regular bedtime scheduling is one of the best things you can do for your sake and theirs. Why is this important? Kids thrive on routine and that fact doesn't go out the window when the weather's warm. Lack of sleep is a recipe for cranky kids, and that's no way to spend your summer. Pack the days full of fun, then get them into bed on time. When you do, you'll have happier kids and more energy for everyone to tackle each day.
- 2. Brainstorm Anti-Boredom Ideas.** Few things can make a parent's head spin like their kids saying, "I'm bored" on a repetitive loop. While defaulting to TV or technology is an easy way out, it's not really a memory maker for the books, right? Make boredom brainstorming a regular event. Get everyone in on the mix, and write down every idea, even the craziest ones. Make it a contest to see who can come up with the best things to do for the week. Head online to family-friendly blogs or Pinterest to find budget-friendly family fun ideas and create a bucket list that you and your kids can start checking off this summer. It will make for an awesome recap as school starts in the fall to see how many of the ideas you put into action.
- 3. Spend One-on-One Time.** "I'm bored" is often kid-speak for "I really want to spend time with you." All-in family time is fun and important for family bonding – but kids also need one-on-one time with you on a daily basis. It fills their attention buckets in positive ways and meets their need for emotional connection. Even 10-15 minutes a day of one-on-one time with each of your kids will go a long way to a smoother sailing summer. (Think more cooperation, less complaining and sibling harmony!) During your one-on-one time – let kids pick out what they want to do with you and make it a priority. If that means that the house is a bit more disorganized or the dishes have to wait, so be it. This small investment in time will reap big rewards in emotional connection and better behaviour.
- 4. Take a tech-break.** Be as clear about technology time in the summer as you are during the school year. It's tough to tear kids away from screen time, I know, but summertime is a great time to give those texting thumbs and screen-scrolling eyes a break and focus on family-first activities. Have some old school fun with board games and cards, or get out into nature and enjoy the great outdoors with activities like swimming, fishing, hiking, gardening, mini golf or sports. Use up as many of those brainstorming bucket list ideas as possible!
- 5. Everyone helps.** All kids should be expected to take part in Family Contributions (a better term than chores) during the summer and all year long. Being a contributor reminds kids that they are part of the big picture in how a family works. Even little ones can take a role. I love to use the *When-Then tool when getting kids to pitch in*. For example, *when* your family contributions are complete, *then* you can enjoy your 30 minutes of technology time. No exceptions on this one or you'll be negotiating it all summer long!
PRO TIP: If kids complain of being bored, have a jar filled with Family Contributions (chores) they can pick from to ease their boredom.
- 6. Commit to service work.** One wonderful way to help steer clear of kid entitlement issues is to get them out of their comfort zones and into the service of others. Get together as a family and talk about what kind of community service or charity work you can do as a family this summer and then make a plan to make it happen. Make it a goal to do one activity per week for the rest of the summer that includes service – helping a local food bank, doing household jobs or yard work for an elderly neighbour. Or perhaps, volunteer at a retirement home or children's hospital. Or, join a local beach or park clean-up effort. There are a lot of ways that kids can give back, and summertime is the perfect time to fit some of that service work in. While it may seem like a long couple months of constant kid time ahead, it will be over in a blink. Start making memories today by putting together a family plan to make every moment count this summer. Even if some of those moments are as simple as popcorn in a blanket fort, playing a round of dominoes or spending quality colouring time. Enjoy every minute of it.

By [AMY MCCREADY](#)

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