



Monday 16th April - First Day of TERM 2 - 9am Start

Thursday, 29th March, 2018

TERM 1

WEEK 9

KEY DATES

MARCH

Thu 29 Term 1 Ends
Dismissal 2.30pm

School Holidays

APRIL

Mon 16 First day of term 2
Tue 24 ANZAC Day Assembly
Wed 25 Anzac Day
Thu 26 School Tour 9.15



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

Principal's News

Holiday Homework from Mr. Spicer

The evidence tells us that students usually go backwards in their reading skills during holiday periods. Obviously we want our students to be able to recharge their batteries over the break, but I would strongly encourage all students to continue to read every day. That might be as part of the bedtime routine or just part of some quiet time in their rooms, but I cannot stress enough how important consistent home reading is to long term academic success. At MPS, we have been working hard to refine our practice when it comes to the teaching of reading and we are certainly giving students every opportunity to develop their skill level, so now it's over to the students themselves to show some independence and get reading!

Holiday Homework Part 2

A few years ago some former students of mine put their minds to becoming world No. 1 in Athletics. Over the holidays, they used the program regularly and at one point, there were 4 students ranked inside the top 10 in the world, including the world number 1 and 2 rankings. This led the class to claim the World No. 1 ranking for approximately two weeks. I firmly believe that the students of Mulgrave can achieve such heights as well, so I put the challenge out there to our students. If you achieve a top 10 ranking, please take a screen shot and share it with the school next term!

Amazing!

Our very own Scott M in Year 3 will appear on the silver screen to highlight World Autism Awareness Day on Monday 2 April 2018. AMAZE will release its fourth Spectroscopic film of autism stories to Victorians, Australians and the world. Scott was one of the children selected to appear in the film based on his submission to AMAZE earlier in the year. Students were asked to respond to the following questions:

1. What is or was good about your school for you?
2. What were the specific challenges for you at school and what could have helped you with these challenges?
3. What changes should schools make so that autistic students are supported to have a positive school experience where they can achieve like all other students?

With a focus on education, the 2018 Spectroscopic is providing opportunities for students to tell their stories, which will help shape a better education future for all autistic students. Scott is once again demonstrating his courage and resilience and has put his story forward so that he may help others. His willingness to share his experiences is testament to the strength of character we see every day and I'm thrilled that so many more will be able to learn from Scott on April 2nd. For more information, please follow the link below and hopefully many of our families can see Scott's smiling face on the big screen.

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1858236984250155&id=119871841420020

Principal's message continues pg 2:

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School Council

We had the first meeting of the new School Council last week and elected the Executive positions for 2018. My thanks and congratulations to the following Councilors who have accepted nominations to the positions of:

- ◆ **President** – Ed Meszaros
- ◆ **Vice President** – Petra Tonkin
- ◆ **Treasurer** – Don Corcoran
- ◆ **Secretary** – Stuart Hattwell

At this meeting we also nominated conveners for the School Council Sub-committees for 2018. The Sub-committees are a very important part of the School Council process and I have included a short explanation below for your information.

School Council Sub Committees.

What do sub-committees do?

Sub-committees:

Assist Council in the work that needs to be done. They report regularly at School Council meetings, provide advice and make recommendations to School Council which has the final responsibility for decisions. **Sub-committees cannot make decisions for School Council; rather they make recommendations to Council.**

- Are open to non-School Council members and therefore provide opportunities to involve people in the school who are not members of School Council.
- The Council sub-committees sometimes have working parties that are set up for a specific task for a set period of time. An example of a working party might be related to the development of a policy – for example a “healthy eating” working party or a “sun smart” working party. Working parties are covered by the same rules as sub-committees. They cannot make decisions but instead make recommendations to either a sub-committee or School Council.

I would like to invite any interested community members to become involved in one of the Council sub-committees listed below. If you would like to discuss the possibility of contributing to Mulgrave in this way, please feel free to give me a call, or contact the Conveners as listed below.

Mulgrave Primary School Council Sub-committees & Conveners 2018

Finance – Convener – Don Corcoran

Finance monitors school budgets, income and expenditure, as well as making recommendations regarding financial policies.

Education – Convener – Tom Boyle

Education is involved with writing new policies covering any aspects of the school program that need that type of documentation. They also conduct a cyclic review and update all existing policies.

Facilities – Convener – Stuart Hattwell

Facilities look after the external environment of the school, gardens and playground areas. They organise working bees for routine maintenance and also grounds improvement projects.

Parents and Families Association* – President – Melinda Collard

* The PFA President is elected by the PA prior to the first council meeting of the year. The newly ratified PFA will coordinate fundraising activities and support school events with a view to increasing parent participation.

Holidays

During the holidays, school families are always welcome to use our facilities to play, but we ask that people are mindful of the Vacation Care program if they do visit. Also, should you see any suspicious activity, please call 000. That said, enjoy the school holidays and the Easter long weekend and we will see you all back here on April 16th for the commencement of Term 2.

Charles Spicer – Principal

Happy Easter

School News

School Captain - CAMP REPORT

It's the School Captains back for another article. This month we will be writing about the 5/6 camp at Cave Hill Creek.

We left the school at about nine o'clock and as soon as we came on the freeway there was heaps of traffic. The bus ride took nearly three hours, everybody was tired but extremely excited to finally be there. We unpacked and were told our cabin groups. When we finished unpacking we had our packed lunch. As we were finishing our food, the teachers began to tell us our activity groups.

The activities we did while at Camp were:

- Canoeing
- Bikes
- Giants Ladder
- Low Ropes Course
- Bush Art
- Bush Cooking – Damper
- Bouldering
- Archery
- Bush Walk
- Hut Building

We asked a few people what their favourite activities were. This is what some people had to say:

Kristina: Favourite – Bush Walking, Least Favourite – Didn't have one

Samantha: Favourite – Low ropes course, Least Favourite – Archery

Alex: Favourite – Bike, Least Favourite – Bush Art

Bowie: Favourite - Canoeing and Bush Walk, Least Favourite – Bouldering

Luke: Favourite- Bush Walk, Least Favourite- Bush Art

Ved: Favourite- Canoeing, Least Favourite- Bush Art

Anna: Favourite- Low Ropes, Least Favourite- Bush Cooking

Georgia: Favourite – Giants Ladder, Least Favourite – Bush Art

During our spare time some of us were having showers, playing table tennis or were in their cabins talking to our friends. The food at camp was not the best, but we managed for the week. We enjoyed our time at Cave Hill Creek but we are both glad to be back at school and see our families again

Una and Theo - School Captains 2018

Art Mural - Arts Captains

Hi everyone, this year we want to add something exciting to Mulgrave Primary School and we need your help! We have been thinking about this for quite a while and we are finally ready to announce it. Our school definitely needs a pop of colour! On one of the boring brick walls in our school, we are thinking of adding a mural.

Every year, the students in the grade 6 classes will make a wooden flower each in whatever designs they want. Then they will stick it on to the wall, which is going to be painted to look like a house on a hill. It will be something that people can come back to look at when they are in high school and even when they have graduated.

The thing is, we need your help and support to do this!

If there are any parents, family or friends that are willing to help paint our wall it will be greatly appreciated.

All supplies will be provided by the school.

2018 Arts Captains of Mulgrave PS - Cassie and Emma

Sick Bay Linen Roster - 2018

Term 2 - 2018		
Week	Date	Name
Week 1	20th April	Leeanne Boyson 3T & 6L
Week 2	27th April	Jackie Hajj 1B & 4D
Week 3	4th May	Giao Kruschina 3T
Week 4	11th May	Laura Cain 1W
Week 5	18th May	Holly Oaks - 1B & 3B
Week 6	25th May	Joanna Tartaglia - 6J
Week 7	1st June	Lucy Meszaros - 3T & 1T
Week 8	8th June	Dana Kroenert - PB & 6L
Week 9	15th June	Monita Sabtos 3T
Week 10	22nd June	Anne McNee 2L
Week 11	29th June	Melanie Collard 2H



Greetings from the Parents and Friends Association:

We held our second meeting on Thursday 15th March and welcomed some new faces to the group, rewarding their attendance with tea and coffee. For those willing to join us at our **next meeting on the 26th April**. There has even been a promise of biscuits!

FEEDBACK ON PLANNED EVENTS

The first item on our agenda was to review Term 2 events planned by the school and provide some feedback as to how these events could be improved. This generated robust discussion in regard to what parents would like to see at events and also how they might like to be involved, all feedback will be shared with the school planning group for consideration.

FAMILY SOCIAL EVENING

The above school event discussion again raised the issue which is the main goal of the PFA, that we would like to provide opportunities for families to engage with each other in order to build a greater sense of community spirit within the school. The parents who attended this meeting felt that it would be a good idea to do this at a location where families did not have to actively supervise their children, yet knew they were being entertained. As such the location of Lollipops/Crazy Climb centre was suggested and this was further investigated. As we wanted to keep this event purely exclusive to Mulgrave PS families there was cost involved to hire out the venue which meant that we required a particular number of families to commit to attending to ensure this event did not actually cost the school.

Unfortunately, this time we were unable to reach the required numbers however, as there was much support for the idea and we will hopefully be able to hold a similar night mid-term 2.

NEXT MONTHS MEETING 26 April 7.30pm



This meeting will be all about action planning for events. The ideal will be to brainstorm and plan future events. We welcome anyone who feels they can contribute to the ideas, planning and execution.

NOT YOUR STEREOTYPICAL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

I wanted to mention an issue that was raised at our last meeting, that there is a certain stigma attached to many PFA groups; something along the lines of competitive cake stalls, pressure to attend every event, volunteering at multiple events, lots and lots of extra work, pearls and fantastic hair!!



This couldn't be further from what we are, and are trying to represent. Put simply the Mulgrave Primary PFA is a group of interested people who would like to build the community spirit of the school. We don't want to be exclusive, and we invite anyone to join, if and when they have the time. It doesn't have to be every meeting just whenever you are free, or by contacting us via email and sharing your ideas. Yes, we do hope to run events that will ultimately benefit the school and our children; but we aren't asking people to commit more time than they are able or willing to share.

My goal is to be able to walk into the school and say hello, how are you? To parents Jayne or Shaun or Mary using their actual name rather than just a polite smile, and to know if I am late or stuck I could call someone to help me out. Even if you can't make meetings but can come to the odd event this is enough to grow our community, so I look forward to seeing you all around the school and welcome your hellos!

How to contact the PFA

If you have questions for us or ideas you'd like to share, feel free to email us at mulgravepsfa@gmail.com





School News

TERM 1 - WEEK 8 - AWARDS

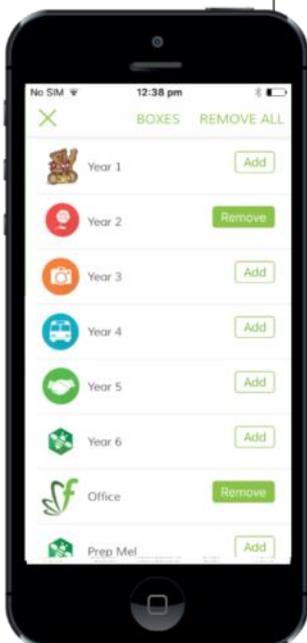
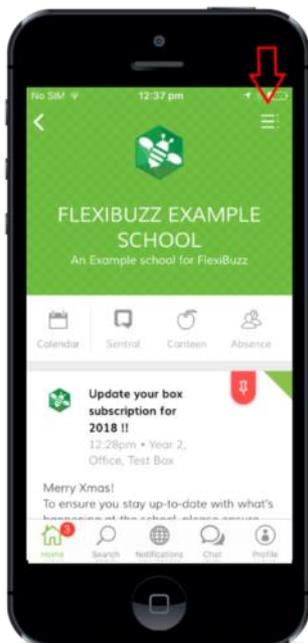
Student of the Week Awards

Class	Name	Reason
PB	Mason H	For an improved effort in all written tasks.
PM	Daniella T	For always working so hard in all learning tasks.
PS	Paul K	For his amazing effort in learning the golden words.
1B	Ayden T	For working so hard to improve the effort he makes in class!
1T	James M	For showing great sportsmanship during Maths Games Time.
1W	Siena G	For always having such a positive attitude
2H	Audrey M	For making interesting connections when reading.
2S	Brodie S	For his excellent narrative writing.
3B	Brian T	For creating complex worded problems involving money.
4D	Lawrence Z	For thinking of interesting sentences during our VCOP games.



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Phone App's



TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How can I keep track of my Qkr! payments?

A. Itemized Qkr! eReceipts provide a record of purchase and are a convenient way to keep track of your Qkr! payments.

To view your eReceipts:

1. Open Qkr! and tap 'Activity'.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and tap 'Receipt!' to view eReceipts.

Never lose a receipt: email receipts to your account:

1. Select the eReceipt you wish to email to yourself.
2. Tap on the mail icon at the top right of your screen.
3. Tap 'Send' to email the eReceipt to your email address, or enter another email address, and tap 'Send'.

Use an eReceipt to cancel a food order you have paid for:

1. Select the eReceipt for the order you wish to cancel.
2. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
3. Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.





Easter Raffle



Easter Hampers Winners

- Kristina D
- Felix N
- Vanessa P
- Nathan M
- Holly G
- Isabella R
- Peter H
- Lotkin Family
- Isabella R
- Matthew S
- Teagan O

- CONGRATULATIONS

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4 WAYS TO RESPOND TO KIDS WHO LOVE THE LAST WORD

"Don't do it!"

I sat in the back of the classroom and I saw a fourteen-year-old student taunt his teacher in a way that only young adolescent boys can do. The teacher asked the student to get back to work and stop disturbing others, reminding him that his behaviour was out of order.

The student grudgingly resumed his task. But just before he put his head down, he threw out a comment about it being a stupid piece of work that he had to do.

This young fella' threw down an 'imaginary rope' (the last word, a taunt, a jibe, a joke) for the teacher to pick up.

"Don't pick it up! Just let it go!" I thought as I sat in the back of the room. He was getting back to work. This was the boy's way of saving face in front of his mates.

The teacher picked up the imaginary rope and began a tirade of abuse that was extremely personal.

I detected the slightest grin the student's face that said *"Gotchya!"* The teacher's remarks were like water off a duck's back. He revelled in them and I watched as his status amongst his male peer group just went up a number of notches.

Okay, so what's the point?

The hard part of dealing with kids, whether you are a teacher or a parent, is to ignore some of their 'last wordedness' and the verbal comments they throw our way.

I am not suggesting that we ignore all taunts or rude remarks but there are many occasions when we should just leave the 'imaginary rope' where it lies. Usually when we 'pick up the rope' we turn into a child!

'Throwing the rope' is so effective as behind most conflict between kids and adults are the deeper issues of:

- **Power** (*"I want to make you do this"*),
- **Position** (*"I'm the adult so you should listen to me"*) and
- **Prestige** (*"I want others to think I'm doing a good parenting job"*).

Arguments, last-wordedness or comeback lines, which are often about kids saving face, threaten our position or prestige as parents or teachers. *"You can't say that to me, I am the adult,"* is the type of thinking that brings us undone every time.

They are also a way of kids saying that I will acquiesce to you but on my terms, which is about power.

Four alternatives to picking up the rope:

1. Stop, smile, ignore and walk away.
2. If the issue was important, choose the right time and place to talk to your child about their behaviour.
3. If it's not important, let it pass. Some kids just value the fight so don't fight.
4. Use humour to diffuse the situation. Self-deprecating humour works well; sarcasm doesn't work.

Next time a child 'throws the rope' by having the last word or using a quick throw-away line, realise what is happening. Look at the imaginary rope, smile and refuse to pick it up. That is the adult thing to do.

Hard work, but essential if we are going to be successful at bringing out the best in kids' behaviour.

For more ideas to manage last-wordedness and make other improvements to children's behaviour check out my book [One Step Ahead](#), my behaviour management tome.

BY **MICHAEL GROSE**



Extend OSHC at Mulgrave Primary School

Hi Everyone,

Here we are at the end of the first busy term of the year 2018 time seems to be flying!

Over the past couple of weeks, the children enjoyed several programs and their chosen activities, which helped them to enhance their skills in all the developmental areas.

In art and craft we made awesome Aboriginal art hand print trees, make your own city and friendship bands. Our Easter celebration has begun with beautiful sock bunnies and Easter baskets. Our young scientists enjoyed experimenting with volcanos and creating their own straw rockets. In cooking, we made yummy pancakes for breakfast. We celebrated Faiza's 11th, Amelia's 8th, Stanley's 10th, Nicolas 8th birthday's with yummy cakes!

Apart from these activities, the children loved creating their own word search, , paper plane golf, tower making, celebrity heads, yoga, board games, drawing, Bollywood and Greek dancing. We also played many physical games such as: Guards and Soldier, Cricket, long jump, Rabbit in the corners, skipping challenge, Cops and Robbers and outdoor play.

A friendly reminder to parents for the upcoming Autumn holiday program. Please book your child for the program, as soon as possible to avoid any disappointments, because places are filling up really fast! We have lots of exciting activities including incursions and excursions. Please take a look...

Autumn School Holiday Activities are:

Week 1

Monday 2nd April: Easter Monday Public holiday

Tuesday 3rd April: Incursion - Commonwealth Games Bonanza/ Healthy Coconut Fudge

Wednesday 4th April: Excursion - Enchanted Adventure Garden

Thursday 5th April: Sculptures by the beach, Mini Athletics, Science: water refraction

Friday 6th April: Hot Air Balloons, Ball Tournament, Party afternoon with Scavenger Hunt

Week 2

Monday 9th April: Making Butter, Battleships, Musical master piece, target practice

Tuesday 10th April: Excursion: Melbourne Zoo

Wednesday 11th April: Incursion: Forensic Science Day, Bird's Nest Challenge

Thursday 12th April: Garden Gnomes, Crab soccer, Party Afternoon- Wacky Games

Friday 13th April: Fruit spring rolls, Seasons Mosaics, Rob the Nest

We wish all the families a very Happy, Safe, and enjoyable Easter break, and hope to see you in next term!

Kind regards

Meena





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- Future Stars Camp **Wed 4 and Thurs 5 April**
- Shooting Camp **Friday 6 April**
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OPEN DAY

Monday 23 April 2018
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Morning Session

10:30am - Information Session, Hall
Principal
Head of Junior School
Year 7 Captains

10:50am - College Tours
Hosted by Student Ambassadors

11:30am - Informal Q&A Session, Hall
Hosted by Senior Staff

Afternoon Session

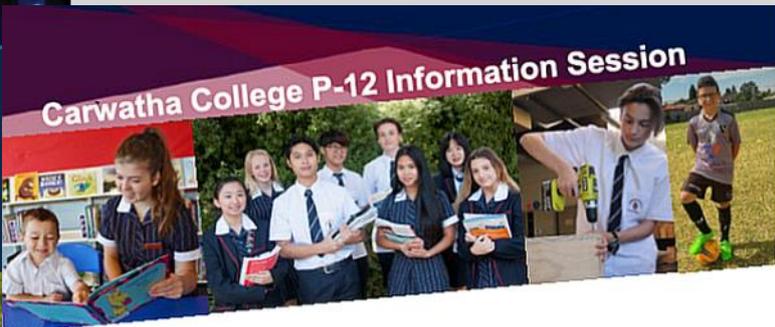
2:00pm - Information Session, Hall
Principal
Head of Junior School
Year 7 Captains

2:20pm - College Tours
Hosted by Student Ambassadors

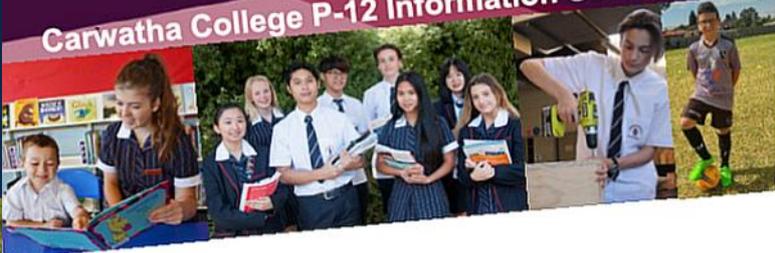
3:00pm - Informal Q&A Session, Hall
Hosted by Senior Staff

* The afternoon session is a repeat of the morning session.

Additional College Tours running throughout Term 1 and 2 can be booked via our website



Carwatha College P-12 Information Session



Come find out about Carwatha College P 12.

Tuesday the 20th of March.

- 3.00pm to 3.30pm Principal and students to speak to grade's 5 and 6 students.
- 3.30pm to 4.30pm Free Soccer clinic provided by Football Technique Australia. Football Technique Australia run the Football Academy at Carwatha College. If you are interested in attending the soccer clinic can you please let your classroom teacher know by Friday the 16th of March so that we can organise coaches.
- 3.30pm to 4.00pm Parent information session.

Learn about our special programs including:

- The SEE program, a dedicated program for High Achieving Students.
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OPEN NIGHT

Thursday 3 May 2018

Commencing at 6pm
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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

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



Parent Applications Close 29th June 2018