



## Monday 5th November - Curriculum Day - Student free Day

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018

TERM 4 WEEK 3

### KEY DATES

#### OCTOBER

Thu 25 School Tour 9.15-10am

#### NOVEMBER

Mon 5 Curriculum Day – Student Free  
Tue 6 Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Wed 7 Step into prep - 9.15-10.15am  
Wed 7 Parent Information Session  
2019 Prep Students - 6.30pm  
Wed 7 Gr 3&4 Camp Oasis Mt Evelyn  
Thu 8 Gr 3&4 Camp Oasis Mt Evelyn  
Fri 9 Gr&4 Camp Oasis Mt Evelyn  
Tue 13 School House Sports  
Thu 15 School Tour 9.15 - 10am  
Sat 24 Election MPS Hall  
Fri 30 Pizza Day

#### DECEMBER

Mon 3-14 Swimming Program  
Tue 11 Gd 6 Orientation Day for  
Transitioning into High School  
Mon 17 Gd 6 Graduation  
Wed 19 Mini Fete & Carols  
Fri 21 End of Term 4 - 1.30pm Dismissal

### CURRICULUM DAYS

Term 4: November - Monday 5th

### TERM DATES 2018

Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

### TERM DATES 2019

Term 1: 30 January - 5 April, 2019  
Term 2: 23 April - 28 June 2019  
Term 3: 15 July - 20 September 2019  
Term 4: 7 October - 20 December 2019

### TIMETABLE

Commences	9.00am
Recess	11.00 - 11.30pm
Lunch	1.40 - 2.30pm
School Finishes	3.30pm

### From The Principal

#### **Inclusive Schools Grant**

I would like to begin this week's edition by passing on my thanks to Mr. Hattwell, who late last week was successful in securing \$200,000 for Mulgrave Primary School under the Inclusive Schools Fund. This funding will enable us to create a large sensory garden in the space where the Year 6 portable used to sit. To be able to reclaim this space with such a massive project is a wonderful result and Mr. Hattwell's efforts in developing the grant application ensured a quality bid. The process has been a long one, stretching back to Term 1 and the competition was enormous with far more schools applying than grants awarded. In addition, MPS has received the highest funding possible under the Inclusive Schools Fund and I look forward to the positive impact the new play environment will have on our students' educational outcomes. In the meantime, we will now work with the Victorian School Building Authority on not one, but two projects to ensure that we can provide the best learning spaces possible for the students of MPS.

#### **Colour Fun Run**

Another great day, albeit a little on the cool side. The Colour fun Run has quickly become one of the most popular days on our school calendar and you can certainly see why. Again, Mr. Hattwell is to be thanked for a tremendous effort in putting the day together. The fun and excitement can only happen if dedicated staff put in the hard yards behind the scenes and no one does it better, although, I am starting to think it's just an excuse for the staff to blast me with water pistols and various colours. Of course, the fundraiser is about helping us to put resources into the classrooms where students need them. This year we have been able to increase our technology resources significantly and as mentioned during the assembly, we will be able to use the funds raised to fast track the installation of upgraded TV's which will replace the old whiteboards. As we continue to get closer to the end of the year, we will also be finalising quotes and the appointment a contractor to create a Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) for the Year 5/6 classes. As we enter 2019, fundraising will focus on the new stadium, as we will need to fund specific wish list items such as air conditioning ourselves.

#### **Art Show**

What a brilliant night. Let me start by thanking all of our families for attending and making it a special evening. The original idea was to showcase the hard work of the students in a way that celebrates their achievements and brings the school together and it certainly was that and so much more. The number of parents that told me how impressed they were with the art work was phenomenal and a reflection of the talents of our students. I willingly admit that art is not my strong suit, which is why I appreciate those that can produce some magic. Looking through the exhibits, there is no doubt that we have a very talented student cohort. The silent auction items were also amazing works, not to mention hotly contested. Our students should feel incredibly proud of their work.

### Art Show continued:

I would like to thank the PFA for their hard work in helping to make the night a success. With dedicated parent involvement, the school will only grow from strength to strength. Finally, I would like to thank Miss Peel for her amazing work in nurturing and guiding the talent of our students. Through her wonderful teaching and inspiration we were all treated to an amazing show.

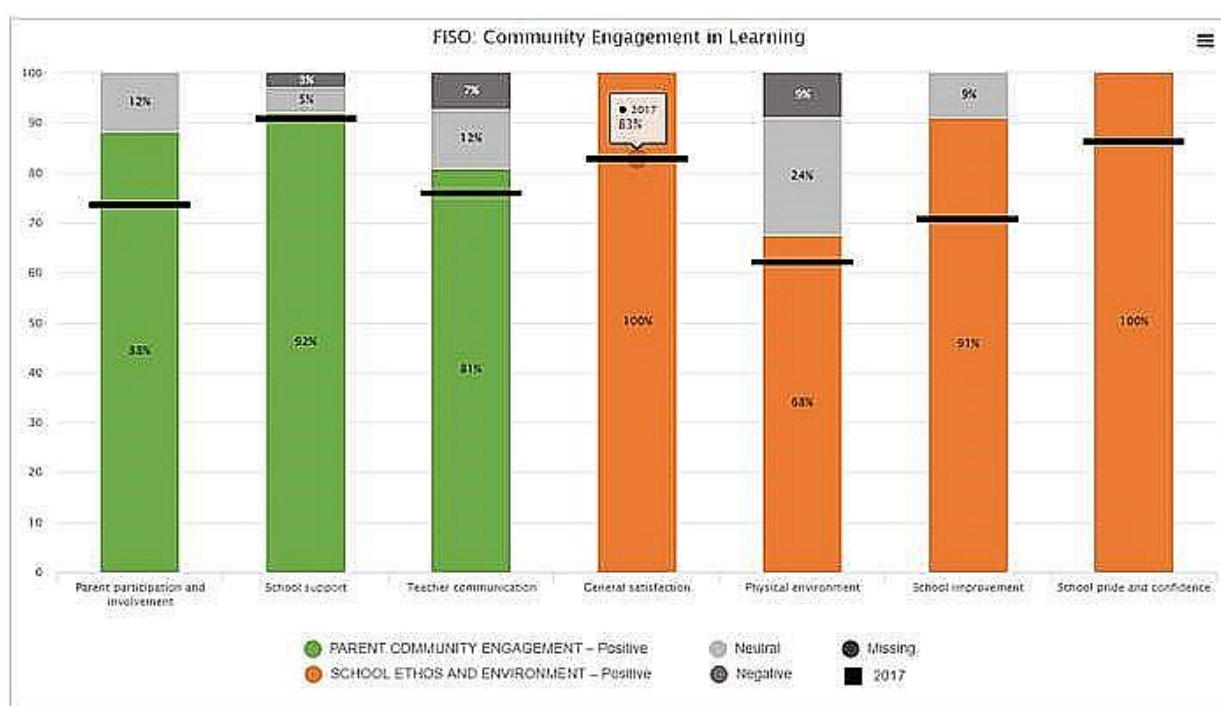
### World Teachers' Day

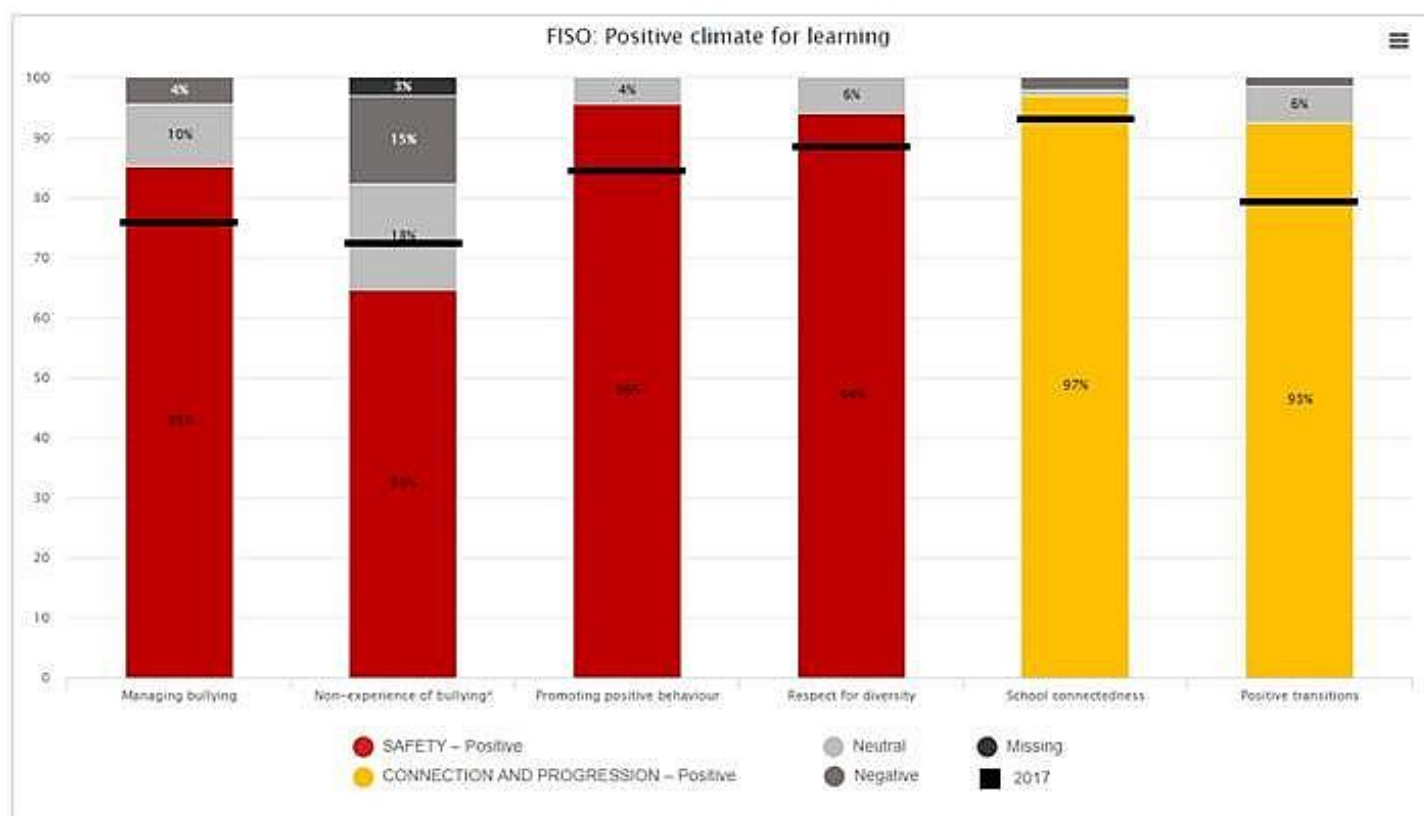
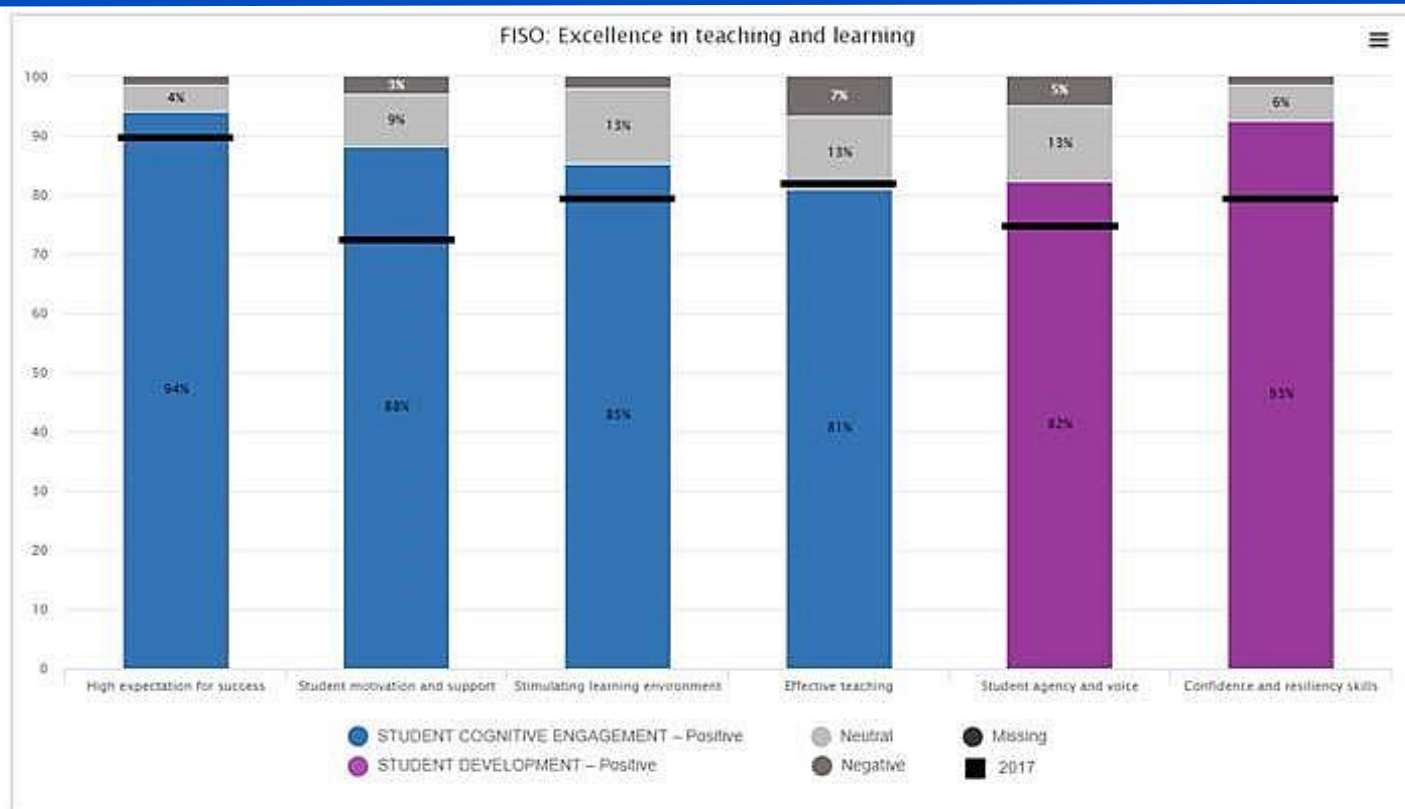
This Friday is World Teachers' Day and I would like to acknowledge the amazing work of the MPS team. Having worked at many schools, I can say with great confidence that the MPS team is as dedicated and passionate as they come. We have an amazing group of teachers who continually hone their skills with a focus on continuous improvement. They go the extra mile to ensure that our students can enjoy a wide variety of activities and an engaging curriculum. The work they have put in this year alone has been hugely significant for the future learning outcomes of all students, as they have overhauled our entire curriculum mapping and developed new term units for the future, along with consistent planning documents so that even if they are away, the show will go on as planned. I simply can't thank them enough.

### Parent Opinion Survey

The graphs below represent the percentage of parents who responded in a positive, neutral or negative manner in this year's survey. The horizontal black lines represent where we were this time last year and the coloured bars where we are now. All in all, the results are excellent and I would like to thank the parents who completed the survey for their support. Of course, there are a few areas that need our attention. The first is bullying, where 15% of families responded in the negative. Bullying is a challenge for every school and has been at the forefront of conversation throughout MPS this year. Often highlighting an area leads to a lower result come survey time, but we don't want to sweep issues under the carpet. In fact, parents recognise that the school is working to address any bullying issues and we will continue to do so. A lot of time and effort goes into a whole school response, but I would also like to remind families that my door is always open should there be a need. The second area to work on is the physical spaces we operate in. Obviously the school concurs with this assessment and is working towards rectifying these issues, not only in terms of the new building and play space, but also in terms of improving how we look after the school, which is currently being well led by our students as they work to reduce litter and might I say, the school is looking significantly better as a result.

Onto the positives and the average positive response rate was 88% across the board, with 9% neutral and 3% negative. Whilst we may have missed the mark on one or two areas, in terms of general satisfaction the school received a perfect 100% response, as we also did in School Pride and Confidence. You can certainly see the pride the students and community has in our school through the events mentioned above and we hope to keep building on this area. I was also pleased to see strong outcomes in Promoting Positive Behaviour and Diversity, which supports the school's strong intent to support all students and families and goes some way to acknowledging that our school wide behavioural messages are being heard. Finally, another area of significant improvement is the perception of student motivation. This outcome has increased significantly over the last 12 months and it is evident in everything our students do. In 2019, one of the challenges of our next Annual Implementation Plan will be to capitalise on this and further develop student voice and agency.





### Cup Weekend

A reminder that the school will be closed on Monday November 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> due to our curriculum day and the Melbourne Cup public holiday.

### Reduced Office Operations Oct 29<sup>th</sup> – Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>

Both Suzy Shaw and Stuart Hattwell will be away on much deserved Long Service Leave next week and as a result, the office will be operating on reduced capacity. Christine will be on hand for most enquiries, but we will be one out for most of the week, so I would ask that any non-essential requests be held over until after the long weekend. During the week, at least one of myself and Mr. Boyle will be on hand to assist should you have any pressing issues. Mr. Boyle will be acting Principal this Friday and the following Friday as I attend DET meetings.

*Charles Spicer* - Principal



# From the Office

**FREDDO FROGS** - Freddo frogs will now be sold on **Mondays only** at the beginning of lunchtime. The cost is \$1.00.

**GLUTEN FREE CHOCOLATE CUSTARD/CHOCOLATE MOUSSE / BANANA, STRAWBERRY AND BANANA YOGHURTS & CHOCOLATE WAFERS** - All \$1, selling at the start of lunch-time on **Thursdays only** \$1.00 each and 2 wafers for 0.50¢.

**ASTHMA** - With Spring here, please check your child has an updated asthma plan and asthma medication/spacer, to be kept at the school office in case of an asthma flare-up.

**SCHOOL HATS** - A reminder that hats must be worn in term four. Sunscreen is also highly recommended.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM** - Summer is here so it's time to get back into shorts, skirts and school dresses, (hats). Please note that our school uniform does not include bike shorts, black leggings or hoodies.

## Ali's Corner - Parents Spot



## Why Family Meal times are so Important

**Mealtimes** have become harder to arrange and there are lots of other pressures competing for your time and focus. However, there really isn't much else that can compete in terms of value and benefits. Research from both nutritionists and family life professionals shows families who eat together more than four times a week, reap these benefits –

- More nutritious meals and knowledge of basic cooking skills
- Opportunities to practice social skills and table manners
- Improved family communication
- A greater sense of community and family values
- Stronger family traditions

A University of Michigan study showed family mealtime was the single strongest predictor of better achievement scores and fewer behaviour problems.

### Children who eat regularly at home:-

- ♦ are less likely to smoke, use drugs or alcohol
- ♦ perform better in school
- ♦ have a lower rate of teen pregnancy
- ♦ are less likely to develop weight problems



Food tastes better when you eat it with your family.

Some families would argue that having a meal together is not a lot of fun, but there are certain ingredients that foster fun and closeness. Create an atmosphere that is warm and friendly. More tips coming next week!



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### **RAFFLE WINNERS**

- 1st - Ellena PM
- 2nd - Chris D 6L
- 3rd - Siena G 1W
- 4th - Daniel PM
- 5th - Abigail S 4D





# MPS CHEERLEADERS

This year Miss Shaw and I started a cheerleading team. We both come from a gymnastics, cheerleading, and/or dancing background and thought we would give the students something new to try.

Little did we know that our athletes would do such a fabulous job at their first competition! The girls train once a week at lunch time and after school at Outlaws Gym in Bayswater. They have achieved so much in the little time that we have had to train after starting late in the year. We are so proud of them and are amazed at how far they've come.

Our team is called MPS ALL STARS and the girls had their first competition over the holidays. They competed against Carrington Primary School, who have been competing for 6 years, and came second which is such an amazing achievement. The beautiful trophy we won can be seen in the school office. These girls had never competed in a cheer competition before and the sportsmanship between the two primary schools was fantastic.

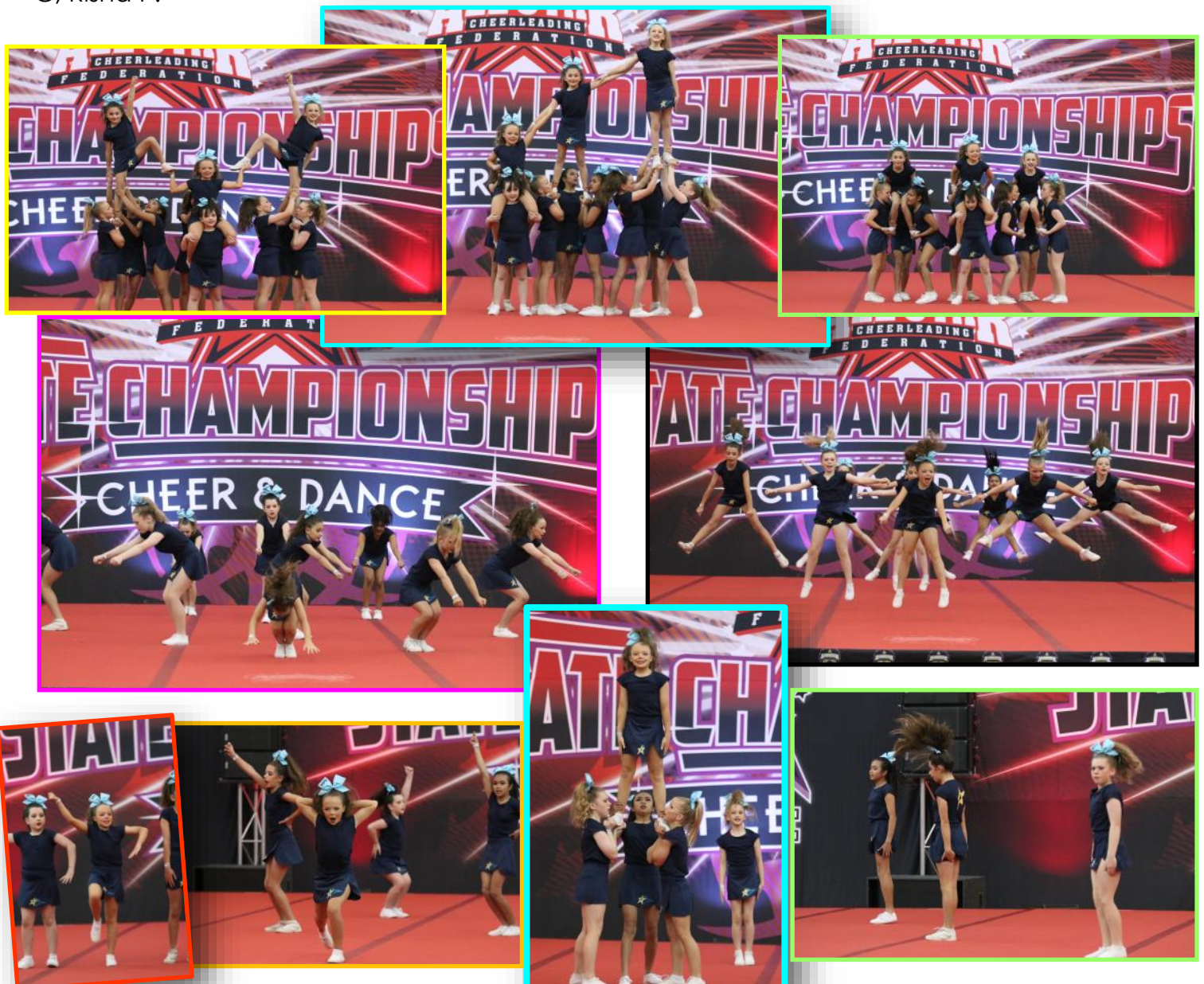
Our little athletes are at it again, training hard for their next competition this weekend.

Wish them luck and stay tuned for our results!

*Ms Marija Kusturic, Miss Erica Shaw, & Miss Brianna Batey*

## **MPS Cheerleading Coaches**

Teagan O, Audrey N, Shelby H, Isabella Z, Natasha W, Milla G, April G, Charlie-Jo B, Tiana C, Risha P.





# MPS CHEERLEADERS





## TERM 4- WEEK 1 - AWARDS

### Student of the Week Awards

Class	Name	Reason
PB	Erin L	For a wonderful improvement in her writing.
PL	Rafael R	For working hard to complete his writing tasks and improvement on his handwriting.
PM	Ioanni P	For writing a very detailed holiday recount.
PS	Nathaniel M	For working hard during our maths lessons about division.
1B	Brooke A	For making thoughtful predictions during our reading lessons, and working hard on all learning tasks this week.
1T	Archer M	For taking pride in his presentation or work.
1W	Aadam N	For bringing a positive attitude to all of his schoolwork.
2L	Bernice A	For being an enthusiastic and bubbly member of 2L.
2S	Shanzae K	For writing a great booklet about her holiday.
3B	Medina F	For bringing a positive and upbeat attitude to the class.
3T	Ben D	For working hard on his Reader's Theatre script and always wanting to expand his vocabulary. Well done.
4F	Mark K	For his valuable input in class discussions.
5P	Isabella Z	For always being a helping hand in the mornings.
5R	Renee C	For her input and effort in Maths this week.
6J	Theo E	For being a caring member of 6J.

### Term 4 - Linen Roster 2018

Week	Date	Name
Week 3	26th October	Jenny Moolenaar PL & 2H
Week 4	2nd November	Leeanne Boyson 3T & 6L
Week 5	10th November	Jackie Hajj 1B & 4D
Week 6	16th November	Giao Kruschina Nicolas 3T
Week 7	23th November	Laura Cain 1W
Week 8	30th November	Holly Oaks - 1B & 3B
Week 9	7th December	Joanna Tartaglia - 6J
Week 10	14th December	Lucy Meszaros - 3T & 1T

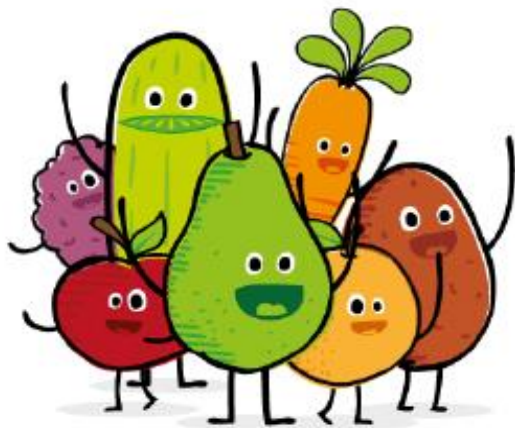


## Be an ENVIRO HERO!



1. Fill a bucket
2. Collect a token

## NUDE FOOD TUESDAY



Mulgrave Primary School is  
joining the *war on waste*!

Every Tuesday will be a  
**NUDE FOOD DAY**

We encourage you to bring a snack  
and lunch with **no packaging**.

### PACK

- ✓ A reusable lunchbox
- ✓ Snacks in reusable containers
- ✓ Drinks in reusable bottles
- ✓ Reusable utensils when needed

### AVOID

- ✗ Lunches packed in plastic bags, cling wrap or foil
- ✗ Disposable drinks boxes, cartons, bottles & cans
- ✗ Pre-packaged lunches or single serve items
- ✗ Disposable utensils



## **TARGET TUESDAY!**



**Every fortnight, at the end of lunch,  
we will collect rubbish around the  
school to put onto a target.**

**The aim is to reduce the amount of  
rubbish each time until  
there is none at all!**



## WOW WHAT AN ART SHOW!

Congratulations to all involved in producing such a fabulous celebration of the kids art.

It was great to see everyone there on the evening, sharing a tasty snag!

Thank you for all the parents who came to help with the BBQ and also those who purchased a sausage!! It was great to see everyone having a wonderful time.

We have an awesome raffle opening next week on 1 November. We have awesome prizes and a great chance of winning! Keep an eye out for more details coming out soon and remember, you've got to be in it to win it!!!

Good Luck!!

## Mulgrave PFA will be hosting a second-hand uniform sale on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 8.45 am-9.30am.

Lowes girls summer dress	\$15	Girls summer dress	\$5
S/Sleeve Polo	\$10	Culottes	\$15
L/Sleeve Polo	\$12	School Bag	\$20
Windcheater	\$15	Shorts	\$10
Zip Fleece	\$18	Sports top	\$18

All uniform will be sold at below set prices, with two sale options for families with uniform to pass on.

Option 1 – Donate your uniform to the sale, all proceeds will go to buying new school readers.

Option 2 – Send uniform with name and class securely safety pinned to EACH item. If item is sold the money will be returned to you via student. If item is not sold item will be returned.

**All uniform for the sale can be dropped off to the uniform box in the office foyer with name secured to each item.**

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE CLEAN AND IN REASONABLE CONDITION.**

\*\*This morning is the last Step into Prep day so small sizes are welcome for new families

## INFORMATION EVENING WITH MR SPICER 15 November 7:30pm

Want to know more about the curriculum direction that the school is taking? Want to know more about the homework Vs reading debate? Or Do you have a question for Mr Spicer?

Come along to our information evening on 15<sup>th</sup> November to share information ask your questions and meet other parents for an informal chat.

## Craft-er-noon Session 3 – Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup> in BER

Our last crafternoon for the year will be held on Sunday 18 November and we'd love you to come and join us. Enjoy a few hours with some great people who also have a love craft. It's the perfect time to get those last minute Christmas craft projects completed. Bring along your craft projects, your lunch and be set for a great day. Sign up today! <http://signup.com/go/hsRkBWt>



## Scholastic book club DUE 26<sup>th</sup> October!

If you missed the first round get on board for this time and grab some great titles The book club is a great opportunity to purchase books at some great prices that will not only get kids excited to read but will also provide extra reading resources in the classrooms and



library for our kids. Download the Scholastic LOOP app from google play or app store and get your order in.

**Get in touch....If you have any questions or ideas you'd like to share, please feel free to email us at:**  
[mulgravepspfa@gmail.com](mailto:mulgravepspfa@gmail.com)

## Term 4- Dates for your calendar

7 November 8.45am – 9.30 Second hand uniform sale  
11 November – Working Bee  
15 November – Info & Chat with Mr Spicer  
16 November – Mum's Movie Night  
18 November - Craft-er-noon Session #3  
24 November – Election Day  
30 November – School Pizza Lunch



## Extend OSHC at Mulgrave Primary School



Hi Everyone,

Everyone seems to be settling back into a routine and engaged in the program activities with great interest!

Our "Extend a hand" community link program was launched last week. This year our focus is on our hard working farmers who are going through tremendous hardship due to drought. We are coming together as a community to support them. Since last week, extend children were involved in many different activities which encouraged them to learn the importance of our farmers and farming. We watched video clips on farmer's life and learnt how drought is affecting their lives and how they have very limited natural resources to live off. Through our water drop collage and raindrops sun catchers, children learnt how to be water efficient. We also encouraged children to show their gratitude through making cards and writing letters to them.

Our Pick a Stick gratitude team game was a fun way to learn to show appreciation to others.

Our sedimentary layers science experiment has given the children an opportunity to learn how sedimentary layers form.

In another experiment, children made a winch machine using recycle materials.

In our specialist cooking activities, we made yummy strawberry tart and fruit Popsicle.

In our other specialist activity Auslan, children are growing their interest in further learning.

Apart from these activities, the children also loved several physical games such as: Knockout, Survivor tag, bean bag challenge, windows ball game, vortex challenge, dodge ball, flag challenge, one touch and many more.

### Next weeks activities are:

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October:** Science - Erupting Lemons/ Guards and Soldiers

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October:** Art and Craft - Glass magnet/ Number soccer

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October:** Halloween Ghost bowling/ Spider webs

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November:** Specialist Cooking - Coconut Fudge/ Hoop games

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Specialist - Auslan / Gardening

School is having Curriculum Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. We will be offering full day program from 8am till 6pm. To book your children please go to [Lookedafter.com](http://lookedafter.com). ASAP.

	<u>Our Extend Superstar is:</u>
Nicholas P	For putting effort and dedication to his work, we have loved getting to know you!

Kind regards  
*Meena*



## Learn | Aid | Appreciate

Each year Extend launches Extend-a-Hand, a major social initiative that educates primary school children on the benefits to contributing to the wider community. This year, we are extending a hand to our hard working farmers who have been suffering through one of the worst droughts in living memory.

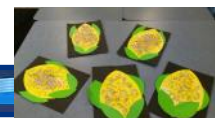
**Learn |** Children will learn about weather systems and cycles, the impact of drought and who really provides our food.

**Aid |** Extend has partnered with GIVIT.org.au to raise funds for farmers and their families

**Appreciate |** Children will create handwritten letters and drawings expressing sentiments of gratitude and encouragement to the farmers and their families.

**Visit Extend's donation page via GIVIT and participate in this fantastic cause!**

<http://givit.org.au/Extend-a-Hand>





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