



Thursday, 28 March 2019

TERM 1 WEEK 9

**KEY DATES**

**April**

- Fri 5 Easter Hat Parade - 9.15
- Fri 5 Easter Raffle - No Assembly
- Fri 5 Last day of Term-2.30pm finish**

**School Holidays**

- Mon 22 Easter Monday
- Tue 23 First Day of Term 2**
- Thu 25 Anzac Day

**MAY**

- Thu 9 Mother's Day Stall
- Sun 12 Mother's Day
- Mon 20 Curriculum Day
- Mon 20-24 Education Week

**JUNE**

- Thu 13 School Tour 9.15 - 10.00am
- Tue 25 Student-Parent-Teacher Conference 12pm - 8pm.

**CURRICULUM DAYS**

- Term 2: Mon 20<sup>th</sup> May
- Term 2: Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June
- Term 4: Mon 4<sup>th</sup> November

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

- April 19 - Fri Good Friday
- April 21 - Sun Easter Sunday
- April 22 - Mon Easter Monday
- April 25 - Thu Anzac Day
- June 10 - Mon Queens Birthday

**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**

**Harmony Day**

It was wonderful to see our students embracing Harmony Day last Thursday. The vibrancy from both staff and students was there for all to see and the activities made sure we had plenty of happy kids. I did note that the lunchtime break seemed to be a very happy affair, with students focused on positive play on a deeper level. Whilst there was your usual array of sports and games, the general atmosphere was incredibly positive. MPS is a wonderful illustration of multiculturalism at its finest. Our students lead the way in valuing our accepting community through their actions and words. Their leadership, whether they know it or not, provides a valuable lesson for us all.

**2019 School Council**

Last week's Annual General Meeting saw the election of school councillors to leadership roles. The executive team of Ed Meszaros, Petra Tonkin, Don Corcoran and Stuart Hattwell were all re-elected unopposed. I look forward to continuing to work closely with the executive and the school council as we plan for the future of MPS, including the exciting gymnasium development and the inclusive playground, which we hope to see under construction later this year. School Councillors are elected to serve the interests of students first and foremost. Every decision is made with students at the centre and the council always seek to maximise benefits for all of our students. I would like to thank the councillors for volunteering their time and look forward to working with them all.

- President Mr. Ed Meszaros
- Vice President Mrs Petra Tonkin
- Treasurer Mr. Don Corcoran
- Secretary Mr. Stuart Hattwell
- Councillors Mrs Jess Mann
- Mrs Anne McNee
- Mrs Mel Collard
- Mrs Stephanie Perri-Kelsall
- Mr Andrew Long
- Mrs Suzy Shaw
- Mr Tom Boyle
- Executive Officer Mr. Charles Spicer

**School Council Sub Committees**

The MPS sub-committees of school council are open to all parents. The work of the sub-committees inform the decisions of council and recommendations are put forward for final consideration. Descriptions of the sub-committee roles are below and I would strongly encourage any parent to get involved.

**Education:** Tom Boyle (Convenor), Ed Meszaros, Deeta Rua, Jess Mann, Charles Spicer.

**Education cont:** The Education sub-committee is responsible for overseeing school policy. The main focus of policy is education, but as is the way of the world, there are compliance issues to be overseen as well. After decades of lobbying, the Department of Education and Training are now rolling out a consistent state wide suite of policies that schools can adopt. This has reduced the load for the school and the main priority is to identify if a local clause or clauses are needed to supplement each policy. Usually policies are shared via email for consultation, before a final draft is presented to council for ratification.

**Facilities:** Stuart Hattwell (Convenor), Ed Mezsaros, Don Corcoran, Charles Spicer

Again, recent changes have made the facilities role more streamlined. Our facilities are reviewed under a 5 year program and a priority list is provided to the school to complete over the subsequent 5 years. MPS undertook the evaluation in 2018 and we are now working through the list. In addition, the sub-committee identifies other works priorities and plans and organises suitable trades, or if a larger scale project, outsources this to the Victorian School Building Authority (as per the new stadium). In 2017, the facilities sub-committee recommended a repaint of the entire school and over the last two summers, this has taken place. Future recommendations can also be put to the PFA as a possible fundraising goal.

**Finance:** Don Corcoran (Convenor), Ed Mezsaros, Suzy Shaw, Stuart Hattwell, Andrew Long, Tom Boyle, Charles Spicer

The Finance sub-committee oversees the whole school cash budget, operating statements, the use of school purchasing cards and the distribution of funds raised locally, through grants and quarterly payments from the DET. The sub-committee meets for half an hour prior to school council 8 times per year.

**PFA:** Mel Collard (President), Petra Tonkin, Anne McNee, Stephanie Perri-Kelsall, Lucy Mezsaros

The Parents and families Association has quickly become an important part of our school community. Established only last year, the work of the PFA has provided support for many whole school events and helped raise funds to support the teaching and learning within our school. Significantly, the PFA's main goal in 2019/20 is to raise funds for air conditioning for the new stadium (we are not entitled under DET regulations, so must raise the funds locally if we want it). The PFA meets twice per term, once in the afternoon and once in the evening to allow as many different people to contribute as possible. Representatives from the PFA meet with me regularly to ensure the views of the parent community are considered.

### **Staffing Update**

As parents would no doubt be aware, Mrs Kerry Batt and Mrs Ella Friend are finishing up at the end of Term 1 to take family leave. We wish both Kerry and Ella a safe arrival and look forward to meeting the newest additions to the MPS community. As such, the school has concluded the recruitment process for their replacements. Ms Evelyn Balaban will be stepping into 4B and will work closely with Mr. Boyle and Mrs Weerakoon over the coming weeks to make sure we hit the ground running. Ms Balaban comes to us with considerable experience in the primary school setting and brings a strong background in the world game that will fit in well at MPS. Mrs Friend's role will be filled by Mr. Tim O'Neill in the short term, before Tim resumes his role in PE and Mrs Hay returns to MPS in early Term 3. In the meantime Miss Amanda Hickleton will take on the PE role and will work closely with Mr. O'Neill to ensure the program does not miss a beat. On another note, Ms Teghil will be taking long service leave from the beginning of Term 2 until the end of the school year. We wish her an enjoyable and relaxing time away from school. We are currently working through the recruitment process to find a suitable replacement, however we have had to go back to the drawing board, as we will not settle and are seeking a teacher of the highest calibre to take on the role. We expect to be able to appoint an Art teacher during the holidays and will inform the community as soon as possible.

### **Every Day Counts!**

It has come to my attention that some students have already missed several days of school. Given that we have only been at school for less than a term, this pattern of absence can become a real concern. Regular school attendance is vital and missing school days can have a big impact on your child's future – missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. From Prep to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school! The table below covers how much might be missed over 13 years. Going to school every day is the one of the most important parts of your child's education. Students learn new things every day and missing school puts them behind.

*Principals Message Continued:*

### **Every Day Counts! - continued:**

*Why regular attendance is so important*

- Teachers often present new concepts in a sequential way, so missing out a day of school can mean missing out on the fundamentals. It's hard to make up this learning so keeping student absences to a minimum is essential.
- Friendships and socialising can also be interrupted when children are frequently absent, which can be distressing for children.
- Every day that a student misses is associated with lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

What we do know is that attendance patterns are established early in life and will often continue unless non-attendance is addressed.

*What you can do to support regular attendance.*

- First, there are always times when a student becomes ill, and in this instance they should stay home to recover. It's vital however that they are only away when genuinely sick.
- To assist with good health and minimise illness children need to have a good sleeping pattern, eat well and exercise regularly.
- Families are encouraged to think twice before giving children a 'day off' unless they are genuinely sick.
- If your child is experiencing any issues such as not wanting to come to school then please alert your classroom teacher. Working together on such matters is most helpful.

*What to do if your child has been absent*

Talk to your child's teacher and find out what work needs to be done to keep up with learning.

Remember, that every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher especially if the absence is longer than a couple of days.

5 days off per year is approximately a day off every 8 weeks Just 5 days off per year adds up to 7 weeks of missed schooling throughout your child's time at Primary School.
10 days off per year is approximately a day off every 4 weeks 10 days off per year adds up to 14 weeks of missed schooling throughout your child's time at Primary School which is about a term and a half of school.
15 days off per year is approximately a day off every 2 1/2 weeks  15 days off per year adds up to 21 weeks of missed schooling throughout your child's time at Primary School which is about two terms of school.
20 days off per year is approximately a day off every 2 weeks 20 days off per year adds up to 28 weeks of missed schooling throughout your child's time at Primary School which is nearly ¾ of a year missed of school over the 7 Primary School years.

Similarly being late to school can have a considerable impact over the whole school year. The table shows you just how much time can be missed through a year by being just a little bit late every day. Just as important as regular attendance is punctuality. Our music plays at 8:57am with the aim that students will be in class, organised and ready for their school day to start at 9:00am. If you are finding that you are regularly late, please take the time to look at the morning routines and see if there is something which can be changed to help you get your child to school on time each day. As well as the missed learning time, your child being late also impacts the other students in the class as teachers time is taken up re-introducing the learning tasks and means that your child is playing catch up from the time they enter the room. If the school can be of any assistance please feel free to make a time to see me to discuss the issue.

5 minutes late every day = 3 days of school lost a year

10 minutes late every day = 6.5 days of school lost a year

15 minutes late every day = 10 days of school lost a year

20 minutes late every day = 13 days of school lost a year

### Bike Helmets & Safety in the School Grounds

A reminder that helmets are required to be worn at all times when riding to and from school. I would also remind students to be careful when riding immediately after school, as the large volume of people means that accidents can happen. I would suggest walking your bike past the building area before riding off, just to make sure that the area is clear.

### End of term

**There will not be an assembly on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>. Instead students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2:30pm. A special timetable will run on the day:**

9.00am – 11.00am	Students in class, 9.15 - Easter hat Parade and Easter Raffle Draw
11.00am – 11.30am	Recess
11.30am – 1.00pm	Students in class
1.00pm – 1.10pm	Students eat lunch in class
1.10pm – 2.00pm	Lunch play
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Students in class
<b>2.30pm</b>	Students dismissed from their classrooms.

The OSH Club, Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) program commences at 2.30pm on the last day of term.

*Charles Spicer* - Principal

## House News

### - Longest 5 Cent Line 2019 -

## Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

We are beginning our house competition to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. All students are invited to donate 5 cent coins, starting tomorrow and we will create the line Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>.

The 2019 house captains would like you all to collect as many 5 cent coins as possible for this donation. We would like everyone to donate them on behalf of their house team. Look under the couch, in the car, the bottom of mum's handbag and anywhere these little coins like to hide!!!!

The house with the most coins, therefore the longest line, will win a special prize early in term 2. It would be great if everyone participates. Even if your house doesn't win all the money that is raised will go to a great cause. This donation will go towards helping the Royal Children's Hospital and will help a lot of kids in need. We hope to raise as much money as possible and make a difference in people's lives.

- The winners will be announced at the Easter hat parade.
- There will be boxes in house colours at the office for students to drop their coins into.

Kind Regards - Gabbi Tambakakis 6S  
Green House Captain

## School News

### Icy Poles

There will be no more icy poles this term. We will be selling a small selection of freddo frogs until next term.

### School Photo's

We expect to receive photographs early in term 2. If anyone has any queries regarding the school photo's, please contact Elite school photography directly on:

Email: [info@eliteschoolphotography.com.au](mailto:info@eliteschoolphotography.com.au)

Tel: (03) 9570 9311

Website: [www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au](http://www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au)

# Easter Raffle

We are once again holding our Easter Raffle to raise funds for our school. Tickets are **50cents each** and a set of **10 tickets (total of \$5.00)** has been sent home to each family. We would ask all families to help support the school and sell as many tickets as possible. **A name, class and contact number should be clearly written on each ticket sold.** Please return all tickets (sold and unsold) together with payment to the school office **by Thursday 4th April.**

The raffle will be drawn on **Friday 5th April** at our Easter Hat Parade and winners will be notified.

This year our **Easter Hat Parade** will be held at **9.15am**, there will be no assembly on this day.

## Easter Hampers to be won

We would also like to ask for as many donations for the hampers as possible. Please leave donations in the baskets in the office foyer before Wednesday 3rd April.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



The traditional **Easter Hat Parade** will go ahead on **Friday April 5th at 9:15am**. At the conclusion of the parade, we will draw the Easter raffle. There will be no assembly to conclude the term however, with students being dismissed from their classrooms at 2:30pm.

Students will be making Easter themed hats in class at school, however students are also welcome to work on their own special creations at home and bring them along to wear on the day. If you have any questions please contact your classroom teacher.

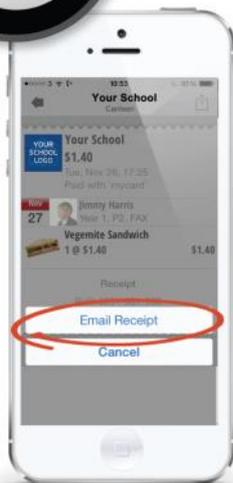


# MULTICULTURAL DAY



Grades  
3 & 4's

## TIP OF THE WEEK



### Keep track of your Qkr! payments with handy itemized eReceipts

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

To view your eReceipts simply sign into your Qkr! account and scroll down to 'My Receipts' section.

Never lose a receipt: email select receipts to your preferred email account:

- 1 Select eReceipt which you wish to email to yourself
- 2 Tap the icon on the top right of your screen and you will see the option: 'Email Receipt'
- 3 Tap 'Email Receipt' and enter your email address

Use eReceipts to cancel a food order which you have already paid for:

- 1 Select eReceipt for order you wish to cancel
- 2 You will see the 'minus' symbol in a red circle beside your child's photo. Tap this. A pop-up box will appear asking if you wish to proceed. Tap 'Yes'
- 3 A 'Refunded' stamp will appear on your eReceipt confirming that the order has been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any outstanding food order credits will automatically be deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

## Mulgrave Primary School Phone App's

We use FlexiBuzz to keep you updated with all the latest news, newsletters, updates and reminders. Qkr! Is our preferred payment method. Please Download the App's now!



## 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 is 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

### MORE INFORMATION

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

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should 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)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

Applications must be submitted by June 21st



# Performing Arts News

Wow, what an fantastic start we've had to our Performing Arts program this year! All year levels have been working very well in class this term with the grade fives and sixes working on their drama skills, the grade ones, twos, threes and fours focusing on Australian music and the preps revisiting nursery rhymes and basic musical concepts.

Some of the members of the Mulgrave Primary School choir have been invited to join our grade six student leaders and sing at the special ANZAC Ceremony for Students next Wednesday which is very exciting. We have had a huge turn-out for choir this year and hope to provide many other performance opportunities for them.

Theatre Club has recently started back with a fantastic, feel-good song from the musical Madagascar Jr. The students will also be working in small groups on short scripts and skits which they will be performing throughout the year at school assemblies. We will also participate in an excursion towards the end of the year.

I am very excited to announce that all students will be performing in our whole-school production this year. Every class from prep to grade four will be performing a song, with the senior students taking on the acting roles. The musical is called, 'Down the Pipe' and rehearsals with our grade five and six actors have been going extremely well. We have such a talented bunch of students and I can't wait to see the finished product. There will be two performances this year which will be held on the 16th and 17th September (the last week of third term). More information will follow closer to the date.

We will also be calling for parents to help with any skills they may have, particularly sewing and set making. So if you think you might be able to help, please keep your eyes peeled for more information next term.

**Sally Bush**

## TERM 1- WEEK 6 STUDENT AWARDS

Class	Name	Reason
PK	Charlie B	For putting 100% effort into a difficult open-ended math activity.
PL	Cleo M	For her beautiful manners and her confidence at the Prep induction.
PS	Nadja S	For being a helpful and friendly class member.
PT	Ava B	For amazing singing during our Prep Induction practice, and an outstanding performance at Prep Induction
1B	Shannon M	For making a wonderful effort to learn the names of his new classmates.
1F	Simon D	For using amazing WOW words when describing the setting for his narrative
1T	Erin	For her outstanding effort in class and for writing an amazing, detailed recount about the treasure hunt. Well done Erin!
2G	Mia T	For being a wonderful role model, applying her learning and contributing to class discussions
2L	Emma O	For being a super helper and teaching the class about Measurement
2T	Zac V	For applying his learning and helping others to gain understanding in literacy
3B	Grace L	For using advanced vocabulary and challenging her predictions this week in reading groups.
3C	Cynthia T	For always being an attentive listener
4B	Thomas D	For persisting with his maths fractions challenges.
4W	Jiniya K	For working hard on her open ended math design brief
5R	Marcus L	For his excellent job during "Gardening Club"
5T	Holly G	For consistently bringing in her Reading Trek and completing all of her homework. Well done!
6K	Manny M	For his thoughtful contributions to our CyberSafety incursion
6S	Charlotte P	For showing personal responsibility by bringing her homework and reading trek



## TERM 1 - WEEK 6 STUDENT AWARDS

### WELLBEING AWARD

- ♣ For being a very caring member of our class. He showed patience, respect and empathy when he helped guide another student that needed some extra support - Sean D in Prep T
- ♣ For being a very caring member of our class. She showed patience, respect and empathy when she helped guide another student that needed some extra support - Lucinda C in Prep T

### GREEN AWARD

For a fantastic effort participating in Target Tuesday, picking up lots of rubbish, well done - Renee C in 6K

## TERM 1 - WEEK 7 STUDENT AWARDS

### WELLBEING AWARD

- ♣ Marko M - For demonstrating leadership in our wellbeing session this week

### GREEN AWARD

Evan K - Prep T - For being an excellent eco-monitor and keeping the classroom green at all times



## TERM 1- WEEK 7 STUDENT AWARDS



Class	Name	Reason
PK	Max V	For doing his best to improve in all his work this week!
PL	Kiara P	For her enthusiasm for learning and for giving everything a go.
PS	Zach G	For always trying his best in everything he does!
PT	Kiaash M	For using finger spaces when writing.
1B	Ella M	For consistently being a cheerful and hard-working member of our class!
1F	Eliza M	For her contribution to class discussion and sharing her knowledge with others.
1T	Soniya	For her outstanding work ethic and for always helping others. Well done Soniya!
2G	Oliver G	For showing resilience and being persistent when writing creative character sentences
2L	Cilicia O-A	For being creative and descriptive when creating her character.
2T	Ella V	For always being a caring, collaborative class member.
3B	Ali. S	For always showing enthusiasm towards reading.
3C	Max C	For continuously trying his best in all aspects of his learning
3M	Eishan S	For being a kind and considerate friend and always showing good teamwork and sportsmanship.
4B	Boric I	For consistently working hard in class and displaying fantastic listening skills.
4W	Ellena D	For working hard at school and at home to improve her knowledge and skills
5R	Aaya E	For putting herself out there more this week and answering questions!
5T	Dylan M	For working incredibly hard to solve problems during maths this week. Well done!
6K	Katarina B	For her resilience when pushing through the productive struggle in maths this week!
6S	Sarah P	For working hard in our maths sessions and completing all the challenges.



## TERM 1- WEEK 8 STUDENT AWARDS

Class	Name	Reason
PK	Senuri m	For participating with enthusiasm during the cultural dances on harmony day.
PL	James B	For his enthusiastic participation in Multicultural Day.
PS	Adwikaa S	For participating with enthusiasm in Harmony Day!
PT	Pavlos T	For being a model student in Prep T, well done!
1B	Jordan G	For putting fantastic thought and effort into his narrative planning
1T	Daniel	For his outstanding efforts in class and showing great problem solving skills during harmony day.
2G	Joshua M	For being open-minded and dedicated to his work in literacy and numeracy
2L	Widd A	For working hard on her capital letters, putting her hand up and making friends outside the classroom.
3B	Nenad M	For embracing Multicultural Week and teaching the class Serbian.
3C	Cienna U	For always trying her best and challenging herself in literacy and numeracy.
3M	Fouad El-J	For always showing enthusiasm for learning and putting in his best effort into his work.
4B	Samantha M	For always displaying wonderful manners and completing top quality work.
4W	Brian T	For making a fantastic effort to clarify unknown words
5R	Dean B	For his excellent behaviour and effort in inter school sport
5T	Marko M	For his excellent help and enthusiasm in inter school sport
6K	Isabella	For her superior help during our tennis Interschool sports session.
6S	Alex K	For working hard in our literacy lessons this week

### WELLBEING AWARD

- ♣ Mia D - Prep T - For always giving her class mates big hugs and sharing the love! Thank you Mia for brightening up the classroom everyday.
- ♣ Owen M- For being a superstar participant in Harmony Day!

### GREEN AWARD

James R, Jimmy P and Aaya E for volunteering to help Mr. Spicer prune and tidy up the garden bed near his office.





## PARENTING IDEAS HOLIDAY SURVIVAL GUIDE



**H**olidays are about kicking your feet up, relaxing and getting away from the usual routines. That's how kids see holidays. Holiday time can be stressful for many parents. Keeping kids busy, avoiding arguments and getting time for yourself can be hard parenting work during holidays. But school holidays don't have to be stressful. It's a great opportunity to get your family back on track, build strong relationships and set the tone for a positive future. These ideas will help:

### Establish a holiday routine

Some kids feel comfortable with the routines of school-life and can feel lost until the new holiday routine kicks in. Be patient with these routine-junkies! Also make sure you begin adjusting the routine as a return to school comes closer, so that the kids are prepared for going to bed and getting up at earlier times.

### Resist being an entertainment officer

While we want our kids to be occupied, it's worthwhile remembering that kids also need some downtime. The opportunity to relax and unwind is a prerequisite for good mental health, so make sure the kids have an opportunity to take a break from the usual grind, and become bored. "I'm bored" is an invitation for kids to keep themselves occupied rather than for you to keep them amused.

### Arrange plenty of green-time, less screen-time

It's well documented that today's children spend more time in front of screens, and less time outdoors. It's no coincidence that this increase in the use of digital devices by kids has been accompanied by a spike in anxiety. [Recent research](#) shows how time spent in natural environments is refreshing, relaxing and rejuvenating. Science now supports what we've intuitively known. These holidays ensure both you and your family have less [screen-time](#) and more green-time.

### Create one-on-one time

At Parenting Ideas we believe that individual relationships are built through one-on-one interactions. If you've a child who is struggling or even annoying you a little, consider increasing the number of times you spend in each other's company these holidays – doing something pleasant together. Just the two of you. It's like money in the relationship bank account.

### Embrace festivities

Regardless of your individual circumstances and your religious beliefs the holiday period is a great time to bring family and friends together. Creating rituals around key events is a great way to build strong family bonds and create a strong sense of family belonging for kids. Keep festivities simple. Be flexible enough in timing to include as many people as possible. Keep calm and include kids in some aspects of the organisation of festivities if possible.

### Team up with other families

Team up with other families and share the holiday load. You don't have to holiday together to gain these benefits. Share the child minding with a friend or swap sleepovers where "you look after my kids and I'll look after yours" for a night or two. This will give you a break while giving children a different family experience.

### Prioritise parent education

Holidays and slow times provide a great chance for learning and making a fresh start in any part of your life, including parenting. If most of your recent parenting education has consisted of the learn-on-the-run kind, consider using the coming down time to gain some new skills and knowledge that will positively impact your future parenting. Watch a [webinar](#) recording, read a [book](#), take a [course](#). There are plenty of learning opportunities available for you. Just as big hinges swing big doors,

By: Michael Grose

# School News



## MPS-PFA

Mulgrave Primary School Parents and Families



## SAVE THE DATE!!

The PFA have some amazing things planned for the coming year. Be sure to put these dates in your diary and come along for loads of fun, while supporting your school at the same time. Win win

### EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets have been sent home for our annual Easter Raffle. This raffle is a bargain at 50c per ticket. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term at our Easter Hat Parade on April 5<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to return your tickets and money as soon as possible. If you'd like more tickets, these are available at the office, and we would appreciate any donations towards our Easter Raffle Hampers – any donations can be dropped off at the office.

### MOTHER'S DAY THERMOMIX RAFFLE

Tickets are selling fast for the PFA Thermomix raffle. We have just been advised that the lucky winner will also be receiving a second bowl and cook key. That's about \$500 in extra value to the lucky winner. Tickets are on sale NOW via QKR for \$25 each and will be drawn on May 10<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Mother's Day. There is only 200 tickets, which means you have a huge chance of winning. Get in quick so you don't miss out!



### DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR KIDS ON CURRICULUM DAY??

Bring them along to the Mulgrave Primary Movie Day. On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May The PFA have booked a private cinema at Village Century City for families to come along and see 'Pokemon: Detective Pikachu'. Tickets are \$20 per child and \$25 for adult (includes drink and popcorn).

Arrive at 9:30 for a 10am start. Tickets on sale via QKR from 1 April.

### TRIVIA NIGHT FRIDAY 31 MAY

Organisation for the trivia night is now in full swing, and we would greatly welcome donations from local businesses or families for silent auction items and raffles. If you have business contacts or are friendly with a local business owner or could help by sourcing donations, we would LOVE to hear from you at: [mulgravepsfa@gmail.com](mailto:mulgravepsfa@gmail.com)

This will be an adult only event tickets for the evening will be \$15 per person available via QKR from 1 May. It's set to be a great night – we'd love to see you all there



### PFA MEETINGS – our upcoming meetings are on:

PFA meeting - 7pm Wednesday 3 April in the BER building

PFA meeting - 1.45pm Tuesday 30 April

PFA meeting - 7pm Wednesday 29 May in the BER building

There is no pressure at all to attend all the meetings. Keep an eye out for our section of the newsletter or on Flexibuzz for ways you can get involved or lend a hand.

Regards Lucy & Mel

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

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## Extend OSHC at Mulgrave Primary School

### EXTEND UPDATE.

<b>Monday</b> 1/04/19	<b>Tuesday</b> 2/04/19	<b>Wednesday</b> 3/04/19	<b>Thursday</b> 4/04/19	<b>Friday</b> 5/04/19
Easter Craft	Easter cookies	Tie Die eggs	Easter egg hunt	Movie and popcorn

#### The Extend Superstar is...

Victoria T for being a great support and a helper. Well done Victoria, keep up the good work!

#### What's Been Happening?

I believe all our extend families are going well and looking forward to the Easter Holiday Break!

The Highlight of our program was our community link program. We celebrated Harmony day with our Senior citizens from Blue Cross Community & Residential Services. We had such an awesome time decorating cup cakes and making Greek Salad with them. Later, we all had afternoon tea together and loved having friendly conversation.

Apart from our lovely community link program, we enjoyed several other interesting activities over the past couple of weeks. Our Rubber band art and Wax Painting looked fantastic with multi colours. During science, we explored why the leaves change their colour and magic milk science gave them an opportunity to watch the chemical reaction with milk and dishwashing liquid.

Our master chef baked cup cakes, made rainbow pasta salad, berry pancakes, Berry smoothies and egg and muffins for breakfast.

Our enrichment program has come to the end for this term and our Freebies is looking really cool.

Besides all these interesting activities, we loved our team games such as: line tiggly, 40-40, Knot and Cross Challenge, Egg Drop Challenge, Skipping Challenge, Fruit Salad, Octopus and Rock Paper Scissor Rely.

Our Holiday program booking is now open. Please book your child in as soon as possible for the early bird rate. We have range of exciting activities planned for this Autumn holidays.

Have safe and happy Easter everyone!

*Kind regards*  
*Meena*



## Extend OSHC at Mulgrave Primary School

### Open Afternoon

Extend MGPS before and after school care program will be holding an open night.

On Thursday 28th of March 2019.

Please come and join us for this exciting event to glimpse our educational fun filled program.



**When: 28th of March 2019**

**Where: BER Building**

**Time: 5pm - 6:30pm**

# Open Nights



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**BRENTWOOD**  
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**OPEN NIGHT 2019**  
Tuesday 30 April, 7-8 pm  
Brentwood College Hall  
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**Accelerated & Enhanced Learning Program**  
**Year 7 2020**



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Applications close Wednesday 24th April 2019

For detailed information regarding our Accelerated & Enhanced Learning Program please contact the school on 9792 0561 or visit our Dandenong High School website  
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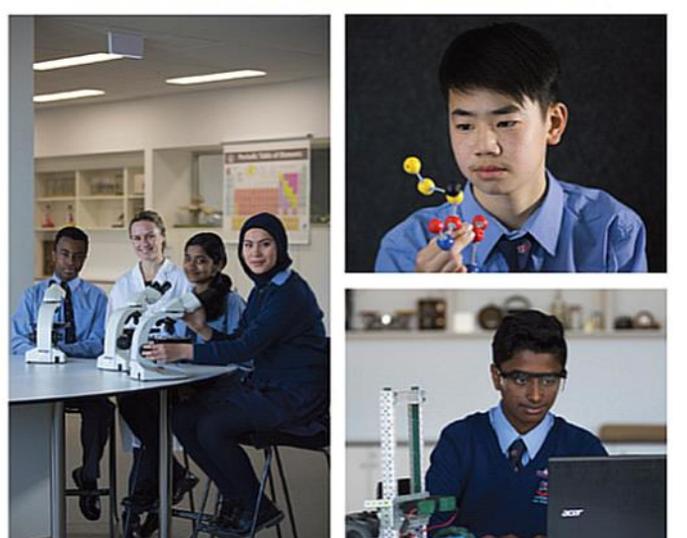
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**OPEN INFORMATION EVENING FOR 2020 YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS**  
TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 2019  
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**SCHOOL TOURS**  
THURSDAY 28TH AND FRIDAY 29TH MARCH 2019

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4pm Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2019

Test Date Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019

(No cost involved for sitting the test)

Apply online via Carwatha College P-12 Website:  
High Achiever Program online application

Or email interest to College Principal Pat Mulcahy [mulcahy.patrick.n@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mulcahy.patrick.n@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## Selection Process

SEE@Carwatha APPLICATIONS CLOSE 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	
TEST Date / Time	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May, 2019 9.30am – 12:00 pm Candidates are asked to arrive by 9:15am
Location	Carwatha College P-12 – please report to the Main Office
Tests	1. Abstract Reasoning 2. Mathematic Reasoning 3. Reading Comprehension 4. Responding in Writing
What to bring	Pen, pencil, ruler and eraser There will be a short break – students are encouraged to bring a water bottle and snack.
Cost	There is no cost to apply for SEE@Carwatha
Registration	Online at <a href="http://www.carwatha.vic.edu.au">www.carwatha.vic.edu.au</a> (online form or pdf download) or on form provided

- All students will receive a letter after the Selection Test with their results.
- Successful students will be contacted and, if required, invited to present a portfolio at an interview.

## Tours

School Tours and Information Session will be held during OPEN NIGHT

For a tour outside of these time please contact Mr Pat Mulcahy (Principal)  
[mulcahy.patrick.n@carwatha.vic.gov.au](mailto:mulcahy.patrick.n@carwatha.vic.gov.au) 9795 5848



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## APPLICATION FOR HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM SELECTION TEST

I wish for my child to be considered as an applicant and tested for the SEE Program at Carwatha College P-12.

CHILD'S SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CHILD'S GIVEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MALE  FEMALE

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT PRIMARY SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please attach:  A copy of latest NAPLAN results  
 School report (most recent written report)  
 Letter written by student on why they would like to be considered for this program

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2019

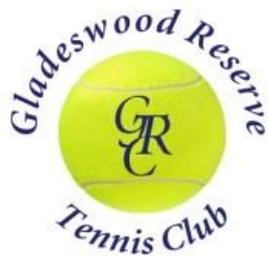
Applications due by 4pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Main testing will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2010 starting promptly at 9:30am.

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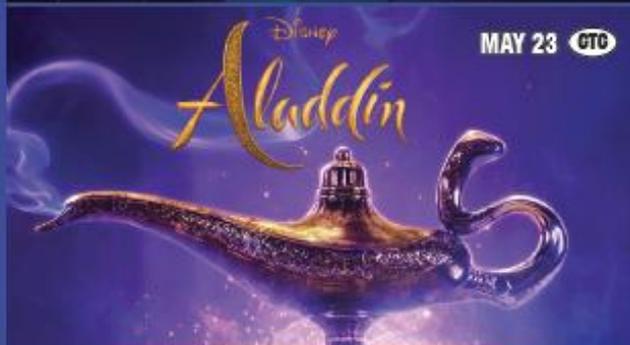
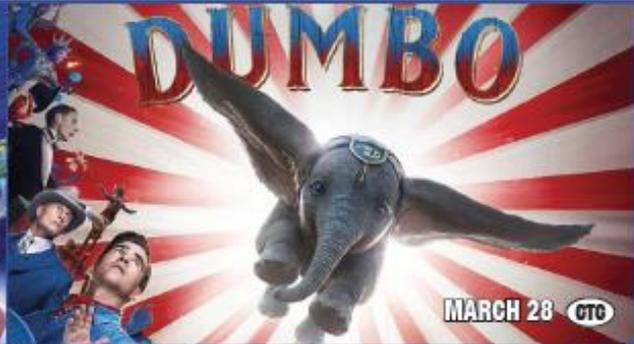
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