

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 9th December 2021

TERM 4 WEEK 10

KEY DATES 2021

DECEMBER

Tue 7 - Grade 7 Orientation Day Mon 13 - Grade 6 Graduation Tue 14 - Grade 6 Long Lunch

Tue 14 - Carols Night

Wed 16 - Transition program 11:30-1:30pm

Fri 17 - Final Assembly 12:45-1:30pm

Fri 17 - Last Day of Term 4- 2021! Dismissal 1.30pm

DATES AND TIMES TO REMEMBER:

TERM DATES 2021

Term 4: 4 October – 17th December 2021

CURRICULUM DAYS 2022

Fri - Jan 31st Thu - Nov 1st

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2022

Mon, 14 Mar 2022 Fri, 15 Apr 2022 Sun, 17 Apr 2022 Mon, 18 Apr 2022 Mon, 25 Apr 2022 Mon, 13 June 2022 Fri, 30 Sept 2022 Grand Final Likely Tue, 1 Nov 2022

Wed, 26 Jan 2022

Australia Day Labour Day Good Friday Easter Sunday Easter Monday Anzac Day Queen's Birthday Friday before the AFL

Melbourne Cup

TIMETABLE

Commence 8.58 Line-up Bell-Music, 2nd Bell 9am Recess 11.00 - 11.30am Lunch 1.40 - 2.30pm School Finishes 3.30pm



From The Principal

The Year That Was

If you're anything like me, in equal measure you can't believe the year is almost over and thankful that we can hopefully put lockdowns and restrictions behind us. 2021 has been a big year for us all and not always for the best of reasons. That said, the school has undertaken our four yearly review throughout this time and will send a draft version of our 2022 Annual Implementation Plan home next week. We have again tackled remote learning and our students and families were enormous throughout, with their overall positive attitude to schooling and their understanding of the fact that every school's circumstances are different and ultimate trust in the way in which we delivered teaching and learning to your children.

Unfortunately we missed out on some big events, but the critical elements were catered to and as I finalise the proof reading of reports, it would appear that our students are generally tracking well with their learning. This is an enormous credit to our students, their families and their teachers.

Looking Ahead

Over the last 5 years, MPS has undertaken significant change and the next 4 years will hopefully allow us to embed these changes and work towards making sure that all of our students finish their time at MPS at least 12 months ahead of the expected level. This is always our goal and we want to ensure that our students enter high school knowing they are capable and confident in their abilities to create a successful future for themselves. In the coming years, we will build upon our curriculum platforms with a view to enhancing the way we teach and how our students learn. The key focus will be around a consistent approach to literacy, numeracy and student agency.

As a school we will continue to improve and further develop our reporting processes to harness what we learned through remote learning, and providing parents and students with more regular feedback throughout the term, as we have begun to do in 2021. Hopefully this timely feedback will help parents to support their child's learning at home and we can continue to build the homeschool partnership.

Our goal remains to ensure that all of our students are achieving their best possible outcomes and we have already started working towards 2022, with your children's new teachers already briefed on each child's point of need for the start of next year. Early in the new school year, we will offer our Getting to Know You Interviews, where parents and students can discuss their goals for the year ahead. Given the success of Zoom interviews, we will continue to offer both an online and an in person option next year.

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Principals Message Continued:

In early 2022, we will construct a new shade structure outside the portables nearest Gladeswood Reserve, we hope to air condition the performing arts area of the new stadium and we will continue to lobby our local MP and the Department to refurbish the old hall into a new library and STEM centre. We are also hopeful of working on some other improvements around the school, but more on that in 2022.

Staffing Profile

Our team for 2022

Prep: Amanda Hickleton (PH), Kat Clarke (PK) and Caiti Hayes (PC)

Year 1: Beth Pope (1P), Sarah Murray (1M), Jessica Eden (1E)

Year 2: Nicola Weerakoon & Stuart McIlwraith (2W) Marika Evans (2M) Le-Buu Ly (2L) and Lauri Brogden (2B)

Year 3 & 4: Janet Melnyk & Sally Bush (3/4M), John Stokes (3/4S), Hayley Cutting (3/4C), Lenore Matthews (3/4L) and Jay Khoo (3/4K)

Year 5: Lauren Hay & Evana Durack (5H), and Erica Newnham (5N)

Year 6: Tracy Turner & Tim O'Neill (6T), Nathan Giles (6G) and Jordan Geer (6J)

STEM: Stuart McIlwraith Spanish: Pilar Caivano Visual Arts: Dani Pejic Performing Arts: Sally Bush Physical Education: Tim O'Neill

Tutoring Program (Response to Individual Needs): Franca Elliott, Evana Durack, Tim O'Neill & Stuart

McIlwraith

Education Support: Viki Ali, Marina Vujmilovic, Tien Sumarni, You Meng Hooi, Lisa Laski & Rebecca Wright

Chaplain: Ali Hardaker

Admin Officer: Christine Miller **Business Manager**: Suzy Shaw

Assistant Principals: Stuart Hattwell & TBA

Principal: Charles Spicer

Acknowledgements:

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank Ben Rosewall & Hannah Brown for their contributions to MPS. Ben & Hannah have picked up a new roles at schools much closer to home and we wish them all the best for the future. In addition, we welcome Jordan Geer and Pilar Caivano to the team for 2022. Jordan is already well known around MPS, after having completed his training under Mr. Rosewall. Jordan has already dived straight in, joining the Year 6's on their recent excursion and working with 6J over the transition program. Pilar is also looking forward to her new role and has visited a couple of times in preparation. I'm sure the Spanish program will be in good hands.

School Council - Thank You

I would like to express my sincere thanks to our School Council members for their commitment to our school. The time and effort dedicated to this role often goes unrecognised and whilst rewarding, can also be challenging. At MPS, we are fortunate to have an outstanding group of people led superbly by our School Council President, Mr Ed Meszaros.

Each of our councillors have performed a very important role to support our school purpose and in doing so has made an extremely valuable contribution to the educational outcomes of each of our students. The broad scope of work by School Council this year has included:

- Participating and contributing to the 4 yearly school review.
- communicating the broad direction and vision of the school within our community
- approving the annual budget and monitoring expenditure
- acquiring feedback from the school community to inform decision making
- developing, reviewing and updating school policies
- overseeing the maintenance of the school's grounds and facilities
- reporting annually to the school community and to the DET
- creating interest in our school in the wider community
- enhancing communication within our school community
- outsourcing the Out of School Hours Care Program to Camp Australia
- working through policies and ensuring we are strictly adhering to its principles

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Thank you to our 2020 School Councillors

Parent members:

Mel Collard (Vice President), Don Corcoran (Treasurer), Jonathan Heyde, Ed Meszaros (President), Anne McNee, Margaret Perdreau, Saden Zahiri and Jim Zelener

Staff representatives: Tom Boyle, Stuart Hattwell, Suzy Shaw

Staff Thank You

We have a wonderful staff team who are united in our approach to planning, teaching and learning. This consistency of practice ensures that all students are being catered to at their individual point of need. The MPS team are a brilliant group of teachers who consistently put the needs of our students at the centre of what we do. Their efforts over the last two years have been enormous and they are certainly due for a well-earned break.

Farewell to the Class of 2021!

Our 2021 Year 6 students have just over a week of primary school to go. It is an exciting time for any young person to move from the sanctuary of their primary school and take the challenge of entering secondary school. We would like to wish them all a very fond farewell from Mulgrave PS. These last two years, have created challenges that most of us have never experienced in our lifetimes. It has meant that they have missed out on far too many milestones, but we are so proud of their resilience and independence. We know our school community has provided these students with the skills and confidence to take on any challenge they face in the coming years. I would also like to farewell all of the families that are departing MPS for a variety of reasons. We hope that wherever you go you will remain Motivated, Persistent and ultimately Successful.

Final 2021 Assembly

Our final assembly will be held on Friday, 17th December from 12:30pm when we say farewell to our Year 6 students and other staff and students who will not be returning to Mulgrave PS in 2021. We will also be announcing our student leaders for 2021, who will then lead the final assembly.

The assembly will be held inside the stadium, with Year 6 parents and parents of the 2022 student leaders invited to attend. It is absolutely essential that families respect the need to keep our numbers within maximum limits and prioritise these families for whom this is a significant moment in their lives. All parents attending the assembly will be required to scan I via the QR codes and be fully vaccinated.

At this assembly the Year 6 students will sing their graduation song and we will re-present all of the Year 6 end of year awards that will be awarded at Graduation next Monday night. We look forward to this very special assembly. At the end of the assembly, the Year 6 students will be dismissed first and from the stadium, with all other students returning to their classrooms for dismissal.

As per Covid protocols, students must be collected by parents and guardians between 1:25 and 1:45pm, with parents on site for no longer than 15 minutes. Teachers will be on Yard Duty until 1.45pm. The Camp Australia Out of School Hours Care Program will commence from 1.30pm on this day.



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Dates for 2021

Please note the following dates for your diary for the start of 2021.

Curriculum Days (Students are NOT required at school these days)

Friday January 28th

Students return on Monday January 31st

Monday 1st November

* We will advise the dates of our other curriculum days early next year.

Holiday Works

Over the holidays you will note some painting maintenance, cleaning and gardening. When we come back in late January, we hope that you will see the benefits of these works.

Have a wonderful holiday!

We would like to wish all students, parents and staff a wonderful Christmas and holiday season with their families. We would like to thank everyone who works so hard to make Mulgrave Primary School the community hub that it is. Through a shared partnership between home and school, we are seeing continual improvement in not only the learning outcomes of our students, but the overall resources of MPS. I look forward to continuing these partnerships in 2022, as we work hard to ensure Mulgrave Primary School provides every child with the best possible learning outcomes in the future.

If you and your family use our school grounds during the holidays and see any suspicious activity, please call DET Emergency Management (9589 6266 or Glen Waverley Police 9566 1555 or 000).



Principal





4 Ways to Make Holidays Better for Kids

It's easy for children to be smitten with the magic of the holidays. Fun presents. Extra sweets. A vacation from school—there's a lot to like. But with the freedom and excess of the season, sometimes kids can get a <u>little carried away</u>. For most families, there will be a point when the kids get overtired and cranky, or greedy about presents, or would <u>rather play a video game</u> than talk to Grandma. Here are some tips to keep kids happy and ready to enjoy whatever the season brings.

- 1. Gifts, gifts: Getting presents is a high point of the holidays for any kid, but they shouldn't be the only focus. As adults we know that giving presents can be just as rewarding as getting them, and we shouldn't wait to teach that lesson to our children.

 Even when kids are too young to buy a present, they can still make one, or help you pick out something. Some of my best holiday memories are of helping my father look for the perfect gift for Mom, or combing the mall to look for presents with my siblings as we got older.

 Volunteering, participating in a local toy drive, or giving each of your kids a little money to give to a charity of their choice are all great ideas for getting children in a more generous mood. Also, remember that the best gifts that you give your children probably won't be the material ones. Taking time for the whole family to get together to play a game, watch a movie, or decorate sugar cookies—these are the things that kids remember as they get older.
- **2. Let them help out:** There's a lot of extra work to do around the holidays putting up decorations, cooking big dinners, throwing parties. The Martha Stewart in all of us can take over, but it's important to take a step back and make sure our kids are included, too. Children can help set the table, decorate the house, and wrap presents. If they're too young to wrap, they can help by holding down the paper or getting the tape ready there's always something kids can do. And at holiday time, the preparations are often as fun and as meaningful as the end product. Plus, this way kids won't feel left out or be glued to the iPad for hours.
- **3. Keep routines:** We love the holidays because they give us a break from the everyday, but that can also make them stressful, especially for kids who find routine comforting. Try to keep some things constant. Kids still need snack time, they still need special attention from you, and they still need a chance to unwind before <u>bedtime</u>.

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At <u>family gatherings</u> when they notice the kids are "getting antsy," psychologist Rachel Busman says she and her sister give them their baths, get them into pyjamas, and turn on a movie. "We know when they need to wind down, and no one judges us for excusing ourselves from the table to do these things," she says. "In fact, my sister and I enjoy some great conversations during this time."

4. Remember they're kids: Some holiday traditions depend on kids being on their best behaviour: <u>lengthy services</u>, <u>parties with lots of strangers</u>, <u>elaborate meals</u> that may not appeal to <u>picky eaters</u>. Try to keep those to a minimum and customize festivities for your kids' frustration level. Don't schedule more than one demanding event in a day, and make sure to include physical activity and plenty of downtime. Your kids will be grateful — and so will you. **https://childmind.org/**

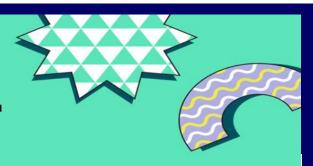
Some other links with recourses for parents to read, from Ali -

https://raisingchildren.net.au/grown-ups/services-support/services-families/parent-family-services

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Newsletter





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A message from your Coordinator

Dear families,

Firstly, huge congratulations to all Year 6 students graduating next week. We are proud to have been part of your primary years and watched you grow and learn skills that you will have through life. We appreciate the time and trust you have shared with us. We will treasure every memory and lesson we learned and shared. We wish you all the very best for the future!

Just a friendly reminder to book your child for upcoming summer rocketeers holiday program. Rocketeers IV has been launched, jam -packed with exciting missions, excursions and incursions. We will be starting the program from the 20th till 24th of December and after the Christmas break back on the 4th of January. For the more information, please visit campaustralia.com.au.

We wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year 2022. We hope to see you all in the New year!

Meena

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.







Activities coming up

- Christmas Craft
- Party games
- Movie and popcorns

What's on the menu

- Assorted pizza platter
- Banana bread
- Ginger bread cookies

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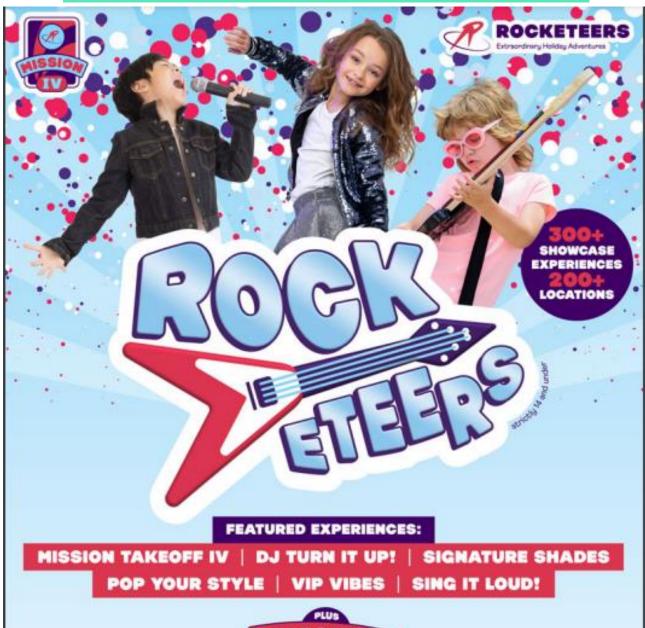


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MISSION IV **PROGRAM**

Mulgrave Primary School

Address: 23-31 Gladeswood Dr MULGRAVE VIC 3170

Phone: 0404 397 389 Program Times: 07:00 am - 06:00 pm

20 Dec

Rock-eteers: Mission Takeoff IV

Welcome to our official opening ceremony of Mission IV. Talk like a rockstar, walk like a rockstar and dress like a rockstar by designing your own Rock-eeters Bandana.

Full Fee \$65.95 | After Max. CCS* \$9.89



21 Dec

Project: H2-GO!

Let's keep it cool today and play our all-time favorite beach game - volleyball, and create personalised summer towels that are simply, to

Full Fee \$79.45 | After Max. CCS* \$11.92



Incursion

Extreordinary Holday Adventures

Wed 22 Dec Rock-eteers: Pop Your Style

Get into the spirit of Rock-eleers and rock your very own friendship bracelet. Keep hold of it as ifflibe your VIP pass in January!

Full Fee \$65.95 | After Max. CCS* \$9.89



Thu 23 Dec

Project: Slumber Party

IT'S A PAJAMA PARTY! Wear your favourite PJs and get comfy because our day is about to become extra fluffy. We'll make our own pillows and wooden bug massagers to take home too!

Full Fee \$80.45 | After Max. CCS* \$12.07

24 Dec

Operation: Colourful Summer

Let's celebrate the warm weather together and enjoy all the vibrant colours of Summer (being SunSmart of course!)

Full Fee \$60.95 | After Max. CCS* \$9.14



04 Jan

Operation: Safari Trails

Let's go on a Wildlife Expedition at our Base Camp Safari day! Weather permitting, we'll venture into the outdoors and explore the flora and fauna that adorn nature.

Full Fee \$60.95 | After Max. CCS* \$9.14



Wed 05 Jan Rock-eteers: Signature Shades

Complete your musical look with DIY Rocketeers Sunnies. You'll get a brand new pair and then personalise them to celebrate your individuality and give you your own signature style!

Full Fee \$77.45 | After Max. CCS* \$11.62



06 Jan

Operation: When I Grow Up!

What do you want to be when you grow up? Let's unlock our imagination and explore the endless possibilities of the future, as well as playing some fun games together!

Full Fee \$60.95 | After Max. CCS* \$9.14



07 Jan

Project: Pop and Splash

Make a splash this summer and enjoy a day of fun water games and activities. Featuring bubbles, twisty balloons, magic balloon paste and lots more! Make sure you bring a change of clothes and a towel today - you'll be getting wet!

Full Fee \$78.45 | After Max. CCS* \$11.77



10 Jan

Experience Takeover: Pop, Lock, Rock and Roll

Dance, groove, and express yourself as we celebrate your favourite rock stars in the ultimat rock and roll experience!

Full Fee \$78.95 | After Max. CCS* \$11.84



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11 Jan

Adventure: TenPins at Strike Bowling

Roll on in as we head to tenpin bowling. Leave nothing to spare, as you aim for 12 strikes!

Full Fee \$97.95 | After Max. CCS* \$14.69



12 Jan

Rock-eteers: DJ Turn it Up

The ultimate Rock-eleers interactive workshop will see you learn how to create tracks, jam to the songs once we've created them plus a fun build-a-beat active exercise to kick us off!

Full Fee \$82.45 | After Max. CCS* \$12.37



Thu 13 Jan

Operation: Upcycle

One person's trash is definitely our treasure. Let's learn the value of upcycling and turn something old into something new!

Full Fee \$60.95 | After Max. CCS* \$9.14



14 Jan

Rock-eteers: VIP Vibes

Rock your way to the summer holidays with Rocketeers! Today you'll get your very own exclusive VIP Rock-eteers bag with lots of musical goodles.



Incursion

Mon 17 Jan

Operation: Brainchild

Today, we're celebrating child inventors from across the globe. Bring your greatest ideas along and let's get problem solving!

Full Fee \$60.95 | After Max. CCS* \$9.14



18 Jan

Adventure: Blade Buddies at Skateworld

Strap on your skates, bump on your. blades...today we're going roller skaling!





Full Fee \$96.95 | After Max. CCS* \$14.54



19 Jan

Operation: Scientific Curiosity

Today is all about science! Children are born with a playful curiosity about their environment and the natural world around them. Let's explore this beautiful world and learn through science activities.

Full Fee \$60.95 | After Max. CCS* \$9.14



20 Jan

Experience Takeover: Splashtastic Fun

Beat the heat with our Splashtastic water activities. Dive into exciting water games and activities that are loads of fun. Remember to bring a change of clothes and a towelf



Full Fee \$81.45 | After Max. CCS* \$12.22



21 Jan

Adventure: Bowls and **Battles at GAMR**

Get ready for some friendly bowling and laser tag competition and it's time to put your skills to the test!

Full Fee \$102.95 | After Max. CCS+ \$15.44



Mon 24 Jan

Rock-eteers: Sing it Loud!

Bring along your favourite song, turn up the volume and SING IT LOUD! Put on a show at Rock-eteers.

Full Fee \$60.95 | After Max. CCS* \$9.14



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Tue 25 Jan Adventure: Addams Family 2 at Village Cinemas

Everyone's favorite spooky family is back and they're hitting the road for one last miserable family vacation. What could possibly go wrong?



Thu 27 Jan

Project: Stargazers

Decorate a tepee, build a constellation light box and lay back and enjoy the show! We'll continue the camping fun with a DIY mini archery kit too!



Full Fee \$79.45 | After Max. CCS* \$11.92



Full Fee \$89.95 | After Max. CCS* \$13.49

Fri 28 Jan Operation: You're Awesome!

The kindest Base Camp Day yet! Let's brighten someone's day when we celebrate National Compliment Day!





Thank You!



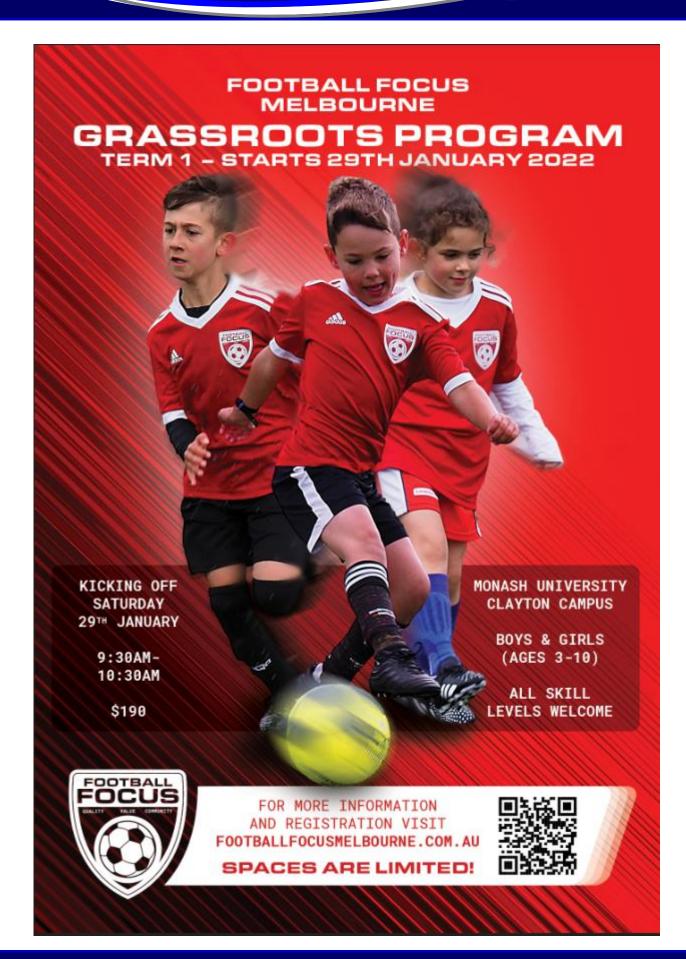
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IENUE: Paul Sadler Swimland Rowville

DATES: Week commencing Tuesday 4 – Friday 7 January, 2022 COST: \$80 for 4 days (1 x 30 minute class per day over 4 days) BOOK: Call (03) 9764 5759

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