



Thursday 19th May 2022

TERM 2 WEEK 4

KEY DATES 2022

MAY

Thur 19 & Fri 20 - World of Maths
Tues 24 - Open Morning 9.15-10.30
Tue 31 - Sporty Dress Up Day - Gold coin donation

Saturday 21st May

Election Day BBQ - 8.30am-1pm

JUNE

Wed 1 - Division Cross Country
Fri 3 - Winter Interschool Sport
Thur 9 - Vic State School Spectacular
Mass Dance Rehearsal (Select Students) - 10am-230pm

Fri 10 - Winter Interschool Sport

Mon 13 - Queen's Birthday

Wed 22 - Celebrity Dress Up Day

Thur 23 - Last Day of Term 2

Early Dismissal 1.30pm

Interviews - 2.30pm

Fri 24 - Student Free Day

JULY

Mon 11 - FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

School Commences 9am sharp

DATES AND TIMES TO REMEMBER:

TERM DATES 2022

Term 1: 31 January – 8 April
Term 2: 26 April – 24 June
Term 3: 11 July – 16 September
Term 4: 3 October – 20 December

CURRICULUM DAYS 2022

Mon Aug 22nd

Mon Oct 31st

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2022

Mon, 13 June 2022 Queen's Birthday
Tue, 1 Nov 2022 Melbourne Cup

TIMETABLE

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

Message From The Principal

Election Day BBQ

My thanks to those volunteers who answered the call last week. As a result, we will be running a sausage sizzle between **8:30am and 1pm**. We would love it if you could spread the word to your neighbours and hopefully we can sell some snags and some egg and bacon rolls as well.



COVIDsafety

Whilst there is no longer the requirement to quarantine for household contacts, it is essential that **children showing any symptoms of illness are kept home until symptoms are fully resolved**. Our best chance of keeping the school functioning as close to normal as possible, and protecting MPS community members, is to keep illness out of the school.

This week the government announced changes to the provision of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for the remainder of Term 2.

RATs will continue to be distributed to students for the remainder of this term (with the next delivery to homes to take place on Monday), however from the start of next week, students will no longer be required to undertake twice-weekly RATs. The ongoing supply of RATs to families will ensure that parents will have them should they need them if their child is a household contact or has symptoms.

Families must continue to notify the [Department of Health](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/) and the school (mulgrave.ps@education.vic.gov.au) if their child returns a positive RAT result. Thank you again for your ongoing cooperation and support during this time.

Open Morning

On Tuesday May 24th we look forward to welcoming families back into the classroom with our first Open Day event since 2019. All families are welcome between 9:15 and 10:30am and can scan in via the QR codes placed around the school, so that we can avoid large queues at the office for signing in. Whilst masks are optional, we would appreciate it if parents could consider wearing one on the day, to reduce the spread of any possible illness. The open morning will be an opportunity to observe what we are doing in the classroom on a regular basis, as we take a business as usual approach this year (which in itself, is fairly unique given the last couple of years).

PFA News

Last week the PFA held their AGM. Every two years the school's PFA must hold elections for the positions of President and Secretary. Unfortunately we did not see a great turnout and of those that did attend, there were no takers for these roles.

As such, the PFA is seeking volunteers to fill these positions. If you are interested or would just like to know a little more, please feel free to contact me via the office. In the meantime, I would like to sincerely thank Melinda Collard, our outgoing President and Lucy Meszaros, our outgoing Secretary. Both have made an enormous contribution to our school over the last 5 years and I whilst I am sure we will still see them rolling up their sleeves, the time has come to pass the baton. Over the last 4-5 years, the once dormant PFA sprang back to life and we saw a huge range of events supported including Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls, a parents only trivia night, book fairs, student discos, BBQ fundraisers for all manner of events and much more. Last week I sent out a survey to gauge interest in the PFA and it is fair to say that we are at a low point, as we emerge from the effects of Covid-19 lockdowns. As a formal structure is not currently operating, if you are interested, either as a helper or a potential PFA leader, please feel free to contact me and let me know if you would like to know more (many hands make light work). Rest assured we are taking on the feedback from the survey and the school would love the support of parents in ensuring that our students can have the full experience that we enjoyed as children and hopefully, we can start to rebuild this vital part of our community. Again, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Parent Helpers

This brings me to parent helpers, who are once again welcomed back into the classroom after the hiatus of lockdowns. Teachers will be sending home requests for parent helpers on a case by case basis. The junior years are likely to need help with reading sessions, but I'm sure all year levels will have needs from excursions to graduations and everything in between. Please be on the lookout for these forms and consider giving us a helping hand.

NAPLAN

By the time the newsletter is published, the majority of students in Years 3 and 5 will have completed their 1st NAPLAN tests (our Year 5's did not do NAPLAN in 2022 due to Covid-19). Our students are to be commended on how they focused on these snapshots of student learning. Whilst we have been proud of our ever improving results over the years, as I mentioned at the pre-NAPLAN assembly, we are more focussed on ensuring that we are meeting each child's point of need through ongoing assessment. Our goal is to identify what each child needs to work on next and focus on that skill, so that we are constantly helping them move forward. In the coming months, families will receive their NAPLAN results. Some students will have done well, others may not have achieved their normal standards and some may have surprised even themselves. The results are less important than what we do with them and rest assured, our teachers will use the information to keep helping every child achieve their personal best.

Student Free Day & PTS Conferences – June 23rd & 24th

The Department of Education have decided that all Victorian schools will hold a whole school professional practice day in Term 2 and have decreed that this will be an additional student free day at school, as a result of current teacher shortages. As mentioned in the last newsletter, a plan has now been approved by school council whereby this day will take place on Friday June 24th, the final day of the term. We have advised Camp Australia of the date and they will provide care on the day should families require it.

As such, **the end of Term 2 for students will now be Thursday June 23rd at 1:30pm.** The earlier finishing time will allow staff to conduct our **parent-teacher-student conferences on the Thursday night, commencing at 2:30pm and running through until 7pm.** Parents will be able to make conference appointments closer to the time. Conferences will be via Zoom to allow for the different needs of parents and their busy schedules.

Reminder: Mulgrave Basketball Club

As mentioned recently, Nunawading Basketball are seeking to establish a new club that trains out of Mulgrave PS. The new club will seek to entice locals through a variety of supports including free uniforms and other discounts to get the ball rolling. Nunawading Basketball will be seeking to hold a start up meeting with interested parents later this term at MPS (date to be advised). Our School Council President Mr. Ed Meszaros will be the initial conduit between families and Nunawading. If you are interested in being part of the new club, please contact me Charles.spicer@education.vic.gov.au and I will collate the details before passing them on to Ed and Nunawading. This is an exciting opportunity and there has not been a club operating out of Mulgrave since the early 90's, so we can start something that can help young people for years to come.

Reminder: Mulgrave Basketball Club 2

As part of establishing the new club, Nunawading would like the students of MPS to come up with a new nickname and logo for the team. The Mulgrave ???? is the question that needs to be answered and there will be an Adidas backpack awaiting the winning name (in the event of multiple people choosing the winning name, their names will be entered into a raffle draw). Students can enter by submitting their choice of name and a sketch of the proposed logo to me via the office. **Entries will remain open until Friday May 20th**. We have had some outstanding nominations so far, there's still time to get an entry in. The winning name will be selected by the General Manager of Nunawading Basketball (I remind families that "Magic" is already taken).

Charles Spicer

Principal



**LOCATED AT MULGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
GROUNDS EVERY SUNDAY 8.00AM to 1.00PM**

<https://www.facebook.com/mulgravefarmersmarket/>

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!

On Tuesday, our amazing Cross Country Runners participated at District Cross Country.

In what was one of the best results in the history of our school, we finished 2nd, just getting pipped by 27 points, we were so close to taking home the title.

An AMAZING result one they should all be very proud of!

Well done to all our runners!

Bring on next year. We have perennial winners Good Shepperd firmly in our sights

Congratulations to the following students who achieved outstanding results and will be moving onto Division Cross Country on the 1st of June at Jells Park.

12-year-old Girls

Alyssa 1st
Heidi 2nd
Vicky 5th
Bianca 11th

12-Year-old Boys

Kobie 12th

11-year-old Girls

Stella 2nd
Jerzy 4th
Cienna 5th
Amelia 12th

11-Year-old Boys

Zac 2nd
Pano 5th

10-year-old Girls

Daniella 1st
Soniya 2nd
Lily 6th
Brooke 7th
Milla 13th

10-Year-old Boys

Daniel 5th
Josh Mc 7th
Emmett 8th

The whole school will be behind you as you race for individual success! All the best at division



TERM 2 WEEK 4 STUDENT AWARDS 2022

Class	Name	Reason
6G	Jaidah K	For her tremendous growth in all operations when completing Automatic Response tasks in Maths. Incredible job Jaidah!
	George F	For creating an engaging and detailed opening paragraph when describing the arrival of the First Fleet. Well done George!
6J	Constance K	For her amazing growth in the automatic response for maths.
	Chloe K	For always completing her homework at an outstanding level.
6T	Heidi F	For working hard to learn two-digit multiplication then supporting others who were having difficulty.
5H	Ayla O	For consistently surprising your teachers with your many academic and creative talents. Keep up the great work Ayla!
5N	Noor Z	For always using lovely manners and trying hard to complete all her work to the best of her ability!
	Amelia S	For an outstanding written piece reflecting important events in Australian history.
3/4C	Hamza E	For always volunteering to help others in and around the classroom.
	Mylah K	For really thinking about her word choices when writing opening sentences.
3/4K	Jack C	For consistently demonstrating a willingness to listen and apply feedback with great diligence.
	Jessie C	For always doing her best and taking great pride in her work through neatness and excellent presentations.
3/4L	Ruby M	For her excellent opening paragraph in her narrative that included a relevant setting, detailed characters, and introduced the problem. Also, for being gracious in sharing her work with others so they can learn from it. Thank you Ruby!
	Lachlan A	For following the story mountain when planning and writing his narrative to produce a well written story that flowed well and had a sensible ending. Great job Lachy! Keep up the good work.
3/4M	Luci C	For going above and beyond to practice her multiplication facts and always showing persistence when faced with challenging maths tasks. Well done!
3/4S	Nicola H	For doing such a great job with her NAPLAN tests so far, keep it up superstar!
2B	Rubin S	For showing great initiative by reading his M100 words each morning during independent reading. Well done!
	Jaxon T	For showing amazing teamwork by helping others upload their work onto Seesaw. Keep up the amazing work!
2E	Jun H	For using excellent verbs and adjectives in his senses poem. Well done Jun
2L	Leon A	For using some awesome adjectives in his poem on mangoes. Well done!
2M	Seif M	For displaying his best work in producing his animal cinquain poem. Keep up the great work!
1E	Sammi K	For always being ready to work and taking pride in everything she does
1M	Alexandra P	For going out of her way to help her classmates. Thank you for spreading kindness in 1M!
1P	Ariel T	For displaying the school values and being a kind and caring member of our class!
Prep C	Stacey P	For always trying her best and being so kind to others. Thank you Stacey!
Prep H	Denith R	For working so hard on his reading, especially his magic words!
Prep K	Melanie C	For being a kind and caring class member and always trying her best!

A Guide To Self-Care and Wellbeing During Times of Uncertainty.

In times of uncertainty, it is normal and natural for children and adults to respond in unique ways. It can be helpful to focus on the aspects of our lives that we can control like caring for our physical health, safety and emotional wellbeing.

*"The only thing in life that is permanent is change.
Change is the one constant in life"*

(Fallin, 2013)



Steps for Self-care

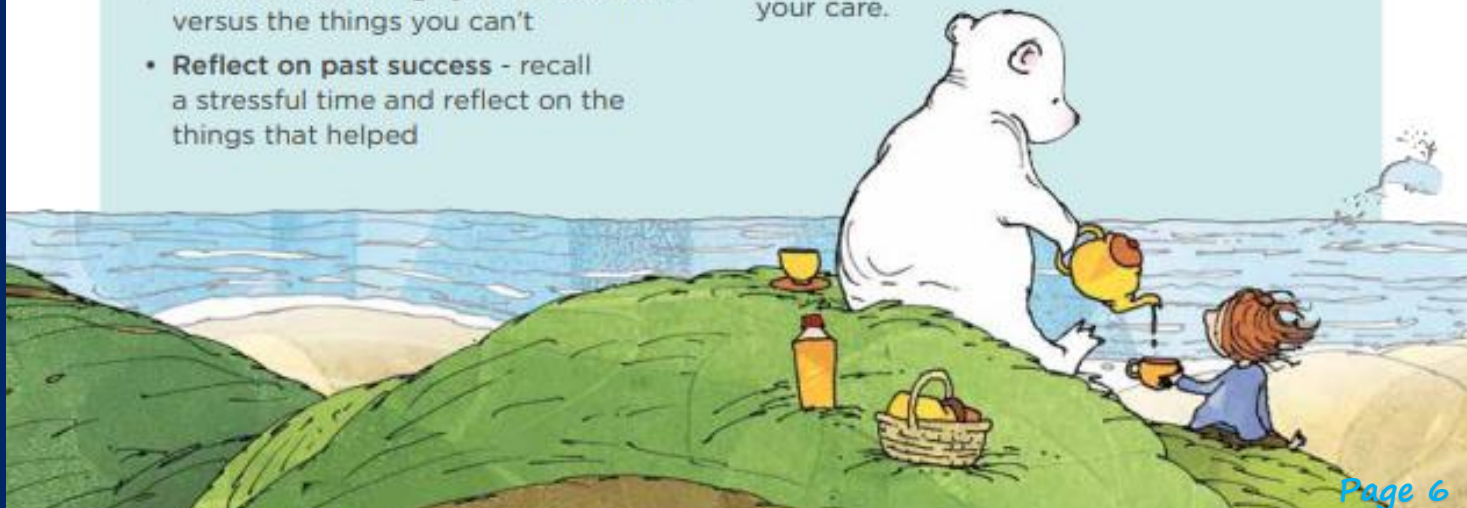
There are things you can do to support yourself, your friends and your family:

- **Listen** - to your needs and your own advice
- **Offer kindness** - for yourself and others
- **Stay connected** - with others by phone and online
- **Keep informed** - just enough information from reliable sources
- **Maintain a healthy routine** - diet, activity and sleep
- **Focus on the things you can control** - versus the things you can't
- **Reflect on past success** - recall a stressful time and reflect on the things that helped
- **Learn a new skill** and make plans for the future
- **Help others** - if and when you can
- **Seek support** - It's okay to ask for help and advice
- **Build hope** - Focus on 3 things you are grateful for.



You can't pour from an empty cup.

Look after yourself so you are better able to help the children and young people in your care.



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Newsletter

Whether you call it Handball, Downball or 4-Square, it's the game your children love!

The Handball Championships are back for round 2!



A message from your Coordinator

Dear Families

I hope OSHC mothers liked the painted flowerpot and a pop-up card with heart-warming messages that the children made to show their gratitude and appreciation for mum's hard work!

Highlights of last week's program were our Autumn art and craft leaf experience: Leaf suncatchers that everyone participated in, which looked fantastic with aesthetic colours. We made creepy crawlies out of leaves in other activities, which looked outstanding. Our master chef made delicious fruit and chocolate cupcakes and loved it for afternoon tea. We also made scrumptious cinnamon banana pancakes and chocolate scones for breakfast. Besides these activities, Kinetic sand art and drawing were also a favourite with of all.

Apart from these activities we practiced for hand ball championship, which is happening this week and cruising well. The service winner will participate in the regional championship in June 2022! All the best to all our contesters



It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustalia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on



Activities coming up

- Art and Craft: Family tree
- Minute to win it challenge
- Dodge ball



What's on the menu

- Nacho
- Assorted Pizzas
- Dumplings



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)

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Your OSHC.

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ROCKETEERS

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 while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a 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 CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year 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 this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



**Must be submitted
by
June 24th**

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Thursday May 26, 5.30pm - 7.30pm
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Mulgrave Park Preschool

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OAKLEIGH TEENS

Autism Peer Support Social Event

COST

\$15pp - food & drinks
at own cost

TIME

6pm - 8:30pm

WHEN

First Wednesday of
the Month

WHERE: Oakleigh Carnegie RSL, 95-97 Drummond St, Oakleigh, VIC 3166

CONTACT

differentjourneys@gmail.com
0490 774 068

BOOKING

Trybooking - which is released
monthly a week before each event

NEW EVENT

Different Journeys provides peer support and social connections in a safe and supported environment for Autistic teens and their families. Our teen events cater to ages 13 - 18 years. Families welcome.

Our events are created for, by and with the Autistic community.

Parents/carers must be in attendance to support and supervise your teen at all times. We don't provide 1:1 support.



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We Support Celebrations

We Provide Connections

We Create Communities

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To a child a book is not just a book; it's a journey to wherever their imagination wants to take them.

The Lions Club of Wheelers Hill invites you, as parents, to take your children on a journey of excitement to their Book Sale at **Caribbean Park, off Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby** on **21st and 22nd of May.**

There will be 100's & 100's of books for children of all ages, from infants through to teenagers.

All of our books are in excellent condition with many being new or near new

Prices for these books range from \$0.50 to \$2.50 and the doors will open at 8.00am on Saturday and at 9.00am on Sunday.

Oh yes, we also have 1000's & 1000's of books for adults as well.



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The Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia proudly hosts International Entertainment Australia's...

2022 MELBOURNE **RAZZAMATAZZ** FAMILY VARIETY SHOW

FREE School Holiday Event @ The Thornbury Theatre

Thanks to the generous sponsorship from businesses across Greater Melbourne, this incredible spectacle provides children of all abilities and backgrounds with an opportunity to experience world-class acts of astonishing magic and illusions, hilarious comedy and mind blowing balancing and juggling acts.

Enjoy an inclusive, accessible and flexible environment with a relaxed attitude to audience noise and movement. Theatre doors will remain open, lights dimmed, and a designated quiet area will be available.

If you can't attend the live show, watch a professionally filmed version of the show direct from the stage to your screen, with unlimited streaming and on-demand viewing available!

SHOW DATES & TIMES...

SUNDAY 26th JUNE 2022 @ 11.00am / 1.30pm / 4.30pm

MONDAY 27th JUNE 2022 @ 10.30am / 1.00pm / 6.00pm

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