



Thursday 27th April 2023

TERM 2 WEEK 1

### KEY DATES 2023

#### APRIL

Fri 28th - Tree Planting Day (Gr 5&6)  
Fri 28th - House Cross Country (Gr 3-6)

#### MAY

Wed 3rd - Police Incursion - Preps  
Sat 6th - King Charles' Coronation  
Mon 8th - Prep Fire Ed - 10am  
Thur 11th - Mother's Day Stall  
Mon 15th - Prep Fire Ed - 10am  
Mon 15th - District Cross Country  
Wed 24th - Ricketts Point Excursion (Gr 3)  
Fri 26th - Ricketts Point Excursion (Gr 4)  
Wed 31st - Division Cross Country

#### JUNE

Fri 9th - Winter School Sports  
**Mon 12th - King's Birthday (Public Holiday)**  
**Tues 13th - Professional Practice Day**  
**(Student Free Day)**  
Fri 16th - School Disco  
**Fri 23rd - Last Day of Term 2**  
**(Students dismissed: 2.30pm)**

### DATES AND TIMES TO REMEMBER:

#### TERM DATES 2023

Term 1: 30 January – 6 April  
Term 2: 24 April – 23 June  
Term 3: 10 July – 15 September  
Term 4: 2 October – 20 December

#### CURRICULUM DAYS 2023

Fri 27th Jan, Fri 17th Feb, Wed 26th April, Mon 6th Nov

#### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE. DAYS 2023

Tues 13th June & Thurs 14th December

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2023 - Term 1

Mon 13 March - Labour Day  
Fri 7th April - Good Friday

#### TIMETABLE

Commence	8.58 Line-up Bell-Music 9am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bell - Roll Marked
Recess	11.00 - 11.30am
Lunch	1.40 - 2.30pm
School Finishes	3.30pm

## Message From The Principal

### Welcome Back

I trust families enjoyed the school holiday break and made the most of the Easter long weekend at least. Whilst the students were away, we undertook some jobs around the school and it is looking great, ready for the start of a new term. Term 2 is quite a short term at only 9 weeks. Nevertheless, we will pack in plenty of learning opportunities for the students of MPS and some community activities as well.

### ANZAC Day

"ANZAC" was the name given to a combined force of First Australian Imperial Force and New Zealand Army troops who landed on Turkey's Gallipoli Peninsula around dawn on Sunday, the 25th day of April, 1915, barely nine months after the outbreak of World War I.

Galvanised by the example of courage and sacrifice demonstrated on that battlefield, ANZAC Day was established as a solemn day of public remembrance on the first anniversary of the landings in 1916.

On every 25th day of April for over 100 years, "ANZAC Day" has been observed in Australia and New Zealand, becoming an honoured and sacred institution along the way.

We are so privileged to live in a country where sacrifice and a commitment to help a mate is the backbone of the community. I therefore acknowledge all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect the rights we enjoy today and to those that have served and continue to serve.



*They shall grow not old, as we that are  
left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years  
condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the  
morning  
We will remember them.*

### Queen's Jubilee Tree Planting

This Friday our senior students will be involved in planting over 40 trees around the school grounds as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne. The reason for the late planting is simply due to the timing of the seasons. Planting the trees this week will allow us to plant in still warm soil, whilst giving us a full winter of rain that will hopefully allow the trees to establish their roots ahead of summer. My thanks to Carly Martin and Bjorn Grams for their significant contributions to bringing this project to life.

## MPS Remains at Capacity

Currently MPS remains at our capacity of 450 students which means that we must continue to limit our future enrolments. Of course, we will continue to lobby the Department for additional facilities, but by the same token, we do not want to be bigger than 500 and ideally would settle in the 470-80 area in the next few years. Currently we are in a master planning phase, which means that we are in line to complete the remaining stages of the master plan over the coming years (there is no set timeline). Stage 2 is the full refurbishment of the old hall into a Library/STEM centre, along with a proposed northern carpark, drop off zone and turning circle that enters via the tennis club car parking area. The funding for this stage was an election commitment from both major parties and we now await confirmation of when we can commence these works. Whilst we work with the appropriate authorities, there is no confirmed funding for Stage 2 just yet, meaning we have a squeeze on classroom space. Schools are entitled to 1 class per 25 students. This means we are entitled to 18 classrooms and we currently run 20. Finding that 21st space is the challenge, so we are required by the Department to restrict our enrolments at this time.

## Enrolment Applications Now Open

Over the last 4 years we have averaged over 100 applications for enrolment per prep cohort. Already we are well on our way to 100+ applications for 2024 and we will again be maintaining three classes at prep level. Given this, I would remind parents that the new enrolment process for prep 2024 is now open and it would be extremely helpful for all families with siblings looking to attend next year to contact the office as soon as possible. In zone families will receive confirmation of their placement as soon as we can process them, however out of zone families will receive confirmation on August 11<sup>th</sup> in accordance with the new statewide policy:

Eligible children have the right to be admitted to their designated neighbourhood government school, regardless of capacity. In circumstances when a school (Mulgrave) may not be able to accept all applications due to existing or future capacity concerns, schools must manage enrolment applications in accordance with the following priority order of placement:

1. students with a sibling at the same permanent address who are attending the school at the same time
2. all other students in order of closeness of their home to the school. The Mulgrave Primary School zone is available at [www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au).

If all of our existing families can either provide an enrolment form (in zone) or an application form (out of zone), this will enable us to better plan for any remaining families who may wish to enrol at MPS in 2024. Late in zone enrolments lead to larger class sizes than we would prefer and late out of zone applications cannot be guaranteed a place. Your assistance in helping us to navigate this new process would be greatly appreciated. **Applications must be submitted by Friday July 28th**; however we would ask all current families to have their applications in by the end of May if possible.

*Charles Spicer*

Principal



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

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



## About the School Breakfast Club Program

The Victorian Government launched the School Breakfast Clubs Program in 2016, partnering with Foodbank Victoria to deliver the program.

Foodbank Victoria's role is to source and deliver a range of fresh food to schools, so students have access to nutritious food.

Research has shown that a child's ability to concentrate in class is negatively impacted if they are hungry. The Breakfast Club Program allows students to access nutritious food so they can learn with a full stomach and get the most out of their education.

## Mulgrave Primary School - The Breakfast Club Program

Where: Old Canteen

When: Monday to Friday, 8:45am to 9:00am

Schedule: Monday - cereal and toast

Tuesday - grab and go with fruit options

Wednesday - cereal and toast

Thursday - grab and go with fruit options

Friday - cereal and toast

**\*\*\*This food is available to all students for FREE.**

Parent volunteers help run the Breakfast Club and are required to have a current Working with Children Check. If you are interested in helping, please see Anna at the front office.



## Hello and welcome back to Term 2.

*I hope you and your families had a lovely break and settle into the new term routines quickly and without too much fuss. Here is an article written by a friend Roselyn Owen that may help the transition of being back at school....*

### Why is it kids come home from school and it's all guns blazing...

well not literally, but if you are a parent, you know what I mean. It seems like we parents get the "worst" of the behavior and fighting, tantrums, backchat, throwing school bags anywhere they like, etc. My three kids came home like that one day.

We had a half-hour drive home and as we talked it seemed to me it was a "bad" day at school, they were all stressed. I decided to do crazy fun, tactical activity to "de-stress". I grabbed cans of shaving cream and they squirted it all over our dining table and complete free range, playing, drawing, and smearing it all over. It really helped the transition and release and I learned something as a mum, again.

Here are some things that might be happening for your child:

They are always being told what to do and when to do it with few choices in the matter. They **don't feel in control** but are controlled by a schedule, teachers, timetables etc.

Having always to work out the social dynamics of a playground or classroom. Trying to figure out what is going on and how they fit in. What is expected of me?

Keep it together when all their emotions are being pulled and pushed all over the place. For example, when a classmate doesn't want them to join in a game? Teachers don't pick them to answer a question, **it can seem like rejection**, unwanted, or not fitting in.

Kids face challenges in getting their brains to work. They do stacks of stuff they don't like or find challenging. **Some kids need to verbally process!** They don't often get to process their learnings, discoveries, or difficulties at school.

No wonder they are tired, they need an outlet, a safe place to go "BLAHHHH" and let out what they have had to hold together all day long. YOU are the safe place! They trust you with their worst moments, hard feelings, failures, and more.

### Tips! Have you thought about being prepared for when they come home?

**Food** on hand to replace their energy.

**Be present** with them and hear what they have to share. Ask fun questions too, like what made you smile, what was hard about today? What was the best joke you hear?

Don't be distracted with getting dinner ready, - make it an easy dinner or prepare it in advance.

Allow them some **winding down time** before they have to do any homework or tasks at home. (Something I found hard to do!)

Remind them they are loved and safe.

**Congratulate them on restarting the term**, even if it was hard, fun, and scary, they did it

A loving caring parent showing up for a child is enough to make a wonderful difference in their world! Even if we aren't perfect, you are enough for your child/children!

*Live well and laugh often!*

**Ali**

Wellbeing Officer



# Newsletter

## A message from your Coordinator

Dear Families

I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break with lots of Easter goodies and catching up with friends and families!

I like to share some of the highlights of the Rocketeers IX holiday program where the children had an absolute blast during the program, exploring various missions. We started the Mission Take-off with the Grand Prix spirit and learnt to build our racing cars. Project hoop and Bounce was so much fun and we designed our own colourful bouncy balls and basketball hoops, and our incursion, Reptile Rebels, was educational and gave children an opportunity to get close to the wildlife. Project Sandwich Master was delicious, healthy and full of creativity. The children also made their own chef hats and echo-friendly sandwich keeper. If you have yet to experience our program, please join us for the upcoming winter Rocketeers for fun adventures!

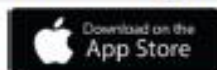
Creative artists, get ready for our big art week in term 2, showcase your talent on a big scale, and win prizes. Another big event, the handball championship, will occur on Sunday the 7th of May. Good luck to our Service champion, Spencer D, for the Regional Handball championship. This term we will also celebrate reconciliation week and connect children to Aboriginal culture through experiences.

This week's program theme is ANZAC Day. We pay a tribute and commemorate war veterans through several experiences, including ANZAC cookies and poppy flower art.



### 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](http://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.



Blog

### 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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[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

  
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# ADVERTISING

A photograph of a woman with long brown hair, smiling broadly while holding two young children. The child on the left is a girl with blonde hair, wearing a green polka-dot dress, and the child on the right is a boy with brown hair, wearing a grey t-shirt. They are all laughing and appear to be outdoors in a sunny setting.

## BECOME A FOSTER CARER

Every child deserves a happy, healthy home.  
Begin your fostering journey with Anglicare Victoria.

### INFORMATION SESSIONS

Tues 2 May OR Thur 1 June @ 7.30pm  
Online via Zoom. Register online.



[www.anglicarevic.org.au/fostering](http://www.anglicarevic.org.au/fostering)

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Hiring now!

## School Crossing Supervisors\*

Location: Monash Council



## Help look after our kids' safety on the roads!

If your family and friends say you're reliable, have a friendly personality and great communication skills, our students need you!

This is your opportunity to give back to the community, look after children in a unique way and earn money on the side too!

- Contract positions with attractive hourly rates available
- Part time Contract with Annual and Sick/Carers Leave
- Flexibility on morning and afternoon shifts & areas
- Working with Children Check (WWCC) required

## APPLY TODAY

Please email resume to:

[mulgrave-recruiters@chandlermacleod.com](mailto:mulgrave-recruiters@chandlermacleod.com)

Contact Cheryl on 8561 8888 for more information

\*Application terms and conditions apply



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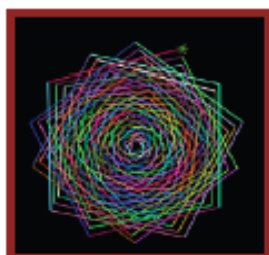
@ Mulgrave Primary School

In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting coding club running at the school.



### **DEVELOP SKILLS**

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving



### **LEARN**

- Computer Science Concepts
- Fundamentals of programming  
Loops, Events, Randomness and more

### **PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES**

- Scratch
- Python
- Javascript
- ... and many more



### **MAKE**

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

Digimaker structured program runs each term and is charged on a per-term basis. Students will use school computer during the lesson.

### **8 WEEK TERM PROGRAM**

Program for **Term 2 2023** is as follows:

**Year levels:** 3 to 6

**Term Fee:** \$150 excl GST

#### **LUNCH TIME**

1:40pm – 2:25pm

#### **BATCH 1**

Wednesdays 26<sup>th</sup> Apr to 14<sup>th</sup> Jun 2023

#### **LUNCH TIME**

2:00pm – 2:40pm

#### **BATCH 2**

Thursdays 27<sup>th</sup> Apr to 15<sup>th</sup> Jun 2023

Fill out the form online by  
**Thursday 6th Apr 2023**



[www.digimaker.com.au/enrol](http://www.digimaker.com.au/enrol)

Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email\*\*

\*\* All important emails from Digimaker will be sent from [info@digimaker.com.au](mailto:info@digimaker.com.au). Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk Email filters or added as a Trusted contact.

### **HOLIDAY E-LEARNING PROGRAM**

2 HOURS OF FUN FILLED CODING  
FULLY SUPERVISED OVER ZOOM  
(5 DAYS A WEEK!)

<https://www.digimaker.com.au/events/school-holiday-coding-program/>

# ADVERTISING

## MULGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# SCHOOL

# TERM

# 2

Starting in Term 2, Sports X will be running an 8 week **Soccer program** at Mulgrave Primary School every Friday from **3.40pm - 4.40pm** beginning **May 5th (week 2)**.

The program is available to students from **Prep - Year 6**.  
On arrival children will be split into groups according to age.  
All sessions will be run by **qualified coaches** who hold WWCC.  
The sessions will be **fully inclusive & fun-based**, catering for all abilities.

Cost: \$135 / 8-weeks.

For more information and online registrations please visit [www.soccer-x.com](http://www.soccer-x.com) - **School programs - Melbourne**  
Please contact us via email for further enquiries: [semel@soccer-x.com](mailto:semel@soccer-x.com)



# ADVERTISING



## BREAKING THE CYCLE



### DO YOU FEEL

Threatened, frightened or even controlled by your son or daughter?

Are family members and younger siblings feeling scared?

Feeling anxious, isolated, ashamed, resentful...?

Breaking The Cycle is a six-week program developed by Anglicare Victoria that supports mothers, fathers, stepparents and carers of adolescents aged 10-17 that are abusive or violent in the home.

**When** 13 July – 31 August  
10am-12pm

**Where** Wellington Child & Family Hub  
55 Shaftsbury Drive  
Mulgrave

### **Cost**

Free (Bookings Essential)

### **For enquiries or to book:**

Monash Family Services

0427 208 367

[FamilyServices@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:FamilyServices@monash.vic.gov.au)

### **Feedback from participants**

They report the violence stopped or significantly reduced and the group has provided them with ideas for change or ways of handling their situation differently.

The program is open to families that reside in or are connected to the Inner East (Monash, Boroondara, Whitehorse and Manningham).