



Thursday 15th February 2024

TERM 1 WEEK 3

KEY DATES 2024

FEBRUARY

Mon 19th - Fri 23 - Camp Weekaway - Gr 5/6
Thurs 29th - Summer Interschool Sport - Gr 5/6

MARCH

Fri 1st - PFA Welcome Prep BBQ - Prep Families
Wed 6th - Scienceworks Excursion - Gr 1/2
Thurs 7th - Carwatha Cup - Select Gr 5/6 students
Fri 8th - Curriculum Day - No students Required
Mon 11th - Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 13th - School Photos
Wed 13th - Mon 25th - NAPLAN
Wed 20th - Tennis Clinics Finish
Thurs 21st - Harmony Day!! (Whole School)
Thurs 28th - Easter Hat Parade
Thurs 28th - Last Day of Term 1
(2.30pm - students dismissed)

DATES AND TIMES TO REMEMBER:

TERM DATES 2024

Term 1 - Tues 30th Jan - Thurs 28th March
Term 2 - Mon 15th April - Fri 28th June
Term 3 - Mon 15th July - Fri 20th September
Term 4 - Mon 7th Oct - Fri 20th December

CURRICULUM DAYS 2024

Monday 29th January - Admin/Curriculum
Friday 8th March - Literacy
Friday 26th April - Numeracy
Monday 4th Nov - Assessment and Reporting

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE. DAYS 2024

Thursday 12th December 2024

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2024

Monday 11th March - Labour Day
Friday 29th March - Good Friday
Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday
Monday 1st April - Easter Monday
Thursday 25th April - Anzac Day
Monday 10th June - King's Birthday
Friday 27th Sept - AFL Grand Final Holiday
Tuesday 5th November Melbourne Cup

TIMETABLE

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

Message From The Principal

Late Arrivals and Attendance

It's becoming increasingly noticeable that quite a few students are arriving after 9am, when school has already started. We are now well into the term and routines should have been established by now and it is reasonable to expect everyone is here on time, ready to learn by 8.57am. Students arriving late have a massive impact on other students who may have already started their first lesson for the day. Disruptions to the class affect everyone and I would like to avoid the significant numbers of late comers we saw at times last year. We understand that sometimes, being late is unavoidable due to appointments. If this is the case, please let your child's teacher or the office know.

School Council Update

Close of Nominations

Following the close of nominations, the school received three nominations for three parent positions and one staff nomination for one staff position. As such there is no need for an election in 2024 and the following parents and staff are elected unopposed to council for 2024-2026:

Jonathan Heyde
Ed Meszaros
Monita Santos
Nicola Weerakoon

My thanks to each of them for agreeing to fill the vacancies on the 2024 School Council. We now look towards the Annual General Meeting where office bearers will be elected. The AGM meeting will be held on Tuesday March 12th at 6:30pm in the staff room. All families are welcome to attend the AGM should they wish to do so.

Finally, the school is also looking to fill a casual vacancy for 12 months. If you are interested in joining council, please contact myself or Ed Meszaros (President) by Monday February 26th to discuss this further. For your reference, I have included some additional answers to frequently asked questions below.

Why Is Parent Membership So Important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I Need Special Experience To Be On School Council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Curriculum Contributions

Thank you to all the families who have paid the 2024 Curriculum Contributions or are paying through instalments. Your support is greatly appreciated. These contributions pay for your child's stationary items, classroom stationery and equipment, classroom and library books, your child's digital learning subscriptions, provision of ICT devices and classroom photocopying. If you have not yet paid your child's 2024 Curriculum Contribution, we would appreciate payment by Monday 4th March. Also, thank you to the many families who have generously contributed to the 'Other Contributions' listed to support the school. These payments assist us with our student wellbeing programme, first aid supplies, online communication systems, and building and grounds improvements. If you have any questions regarding the contributions, please do not hesitate to contact our Business Manager, Mrs. Suzy Shaw.

Parking

A reminder that the areas in front of the school on Gladeswood Drive are 5 minute Kiss and Go parking. Parents are required to stay with their cars at all times or risk a fine in the mail. The school is currently working to deliver a new car park at the rear of the school that will alleviate some of the congestion. As of late last year, state government funding has been approved, but the carpark will not be ready until late 2025. In the meantime, I encourage parents to make the most of the car park on the other side of Gladeswood Reserve. There are plenty of spaces and it reduces congestion around the front of the school.

Even though the school year is still young, I cannot help but notice the amount of times parents ignore the signage at the front of the school, particularly parking in no-standing areas close to the crossing. The signs are there to ensure the safety of the students in our care and it's not good enough to simply ignore them by thinking you'll only be stopped for a minute. It obscures the sight lines of the crossing supervisor and puts other children at risk. This behaviour sets an incredibly poor example to our students by saying that the rules don't apply to their parents. We all have a role to play, by following the speed limit, not doing U-turns across the unbroken line and following the parking signs.

The school has no control over parking fines, but we do know that council officers patrol from time to time in unmarked cars. The first you'll know about it is the fine in the mail.

School Photos

An early heads-up that school photos will be taken on **Wednesday March 13th**. Hopefully this allows enough time to ensure that those school uniforms are looking their best on the day. If families are in need of a new uniform, they can be purchased via PSW either online or in-store at their Glen Waverley outlet.

Year 5 & 6 Camp

We wish all of our students, teachers and parent helpers an enjoyable and fun-filled week as they head off for their camp at Camp Weekaway. School camps are always a wonderful opportunity to discover new interests and personal strengths, not to mention the bonding that can occur over the course of the week. For plenty of students, this will be an opportunity to broaden their social and lived experiences and I'm sure the memories will last a life time.

Charles Spicer

Principal

Change of Details

Important

Dear Families

To ensure the smooth running of the office/school, it is important for the school to have the most up-to-date information in case of an emergency.

If you have recently changed your address, telephone number, email or any other information, update the information via the XUNO app or contact the office either via email or call 9795 2477.

Thank you!!

Art room Donations

Donations of newspapers (not magazines) and 2 Litre ice cream tubs and ice-cream container lids are needed from our MPS families. They are very important items that are used regularly by our students in the art room.

Donations can be placed in the orange tub that will be in front of the art room door.

Thank you in advance for supporting the Visual Art program at MPS.

Warm regards,

Daniela Pejic

Visual Arts Teacher



EASTER RAFFLE 2024

Dear MPS Families

We will be once again holding out MPS Easter Raffle this year!

We will be asking families to kindly donate items for the hampers which will be raffled off during the Easter Hat Parade which will be held on the last day of term.

All donations can be left at the office. There will be a labelled box in the foyer.

More information to follow soon.



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:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

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.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>



Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



15/02/2024

Mulgrave Primary School

Your
OSHC.



A message from your Coordinator

Firstly, we would like to warmly welcome prep children Aiden, Ari, Eden, Eva, Alex, Elliott, Daniel, Ann, Cecilia, Jimmy, Issac, Leila, to the OSHC program and they have settled in very well!

We had a great start to the Big Art Friday comp! Ava, Stacy, Leila, Tessa, and Maddie did a fantastic job with geometric water painting art which is now displayed on the service board. Every Friday the children will be able to explore various mediums of creative art and there are prizes to be won. For more information, please visit campaustalia.com.au

During the Chinese New Year celebration last week, Ella, Ethan, Ava, and Spencer learned how to read the Zodiac sign wheel to determine their animal sign. Stacy and Helena created lovely lanterns. Zyra and Ella's fireworks painting looked fantastic. Fortune cookies with messages definitely made everyone smile. When Taze, Ava, Zyra, Maddie Luca, Ella, Ansh, and Aashi compared vinegar, lemon juice, and yeast during the science experiment with the blow-up balloons, they found the ideal material for a chemical reaction. Ava declared, "the best way to blow up balloon is vinegar and bi-carb soda"!

Our master chefs made delicious blueberry muffins, banana pancakes, bliss balls, banana bread and mini pizzas, healthy snacks with less sugar and oil. The children also participated in many team games such as balloon races, relay races, dragon egg, lost on the moon and sponge toss. The children were settled and followed the instructions.

Activities coming up

- Abstract painting art
- Paper plate pom-pom
- Native bush cookies

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now



Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

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 Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at www.campaustalia.com.au

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Be Brave.
Be You.**



The ultimate social space for your child to unleash their creativity, grow through art, and make colourful memories.

Why Big Art?



Boosted creativity and imagination



Critical thinking and problem solving



Social connection



Affordable and convenient



Find out more





On Fridays, we pARTy!

From painting to creative writing and everything in between - every Friday in After School Care is your child's chance to get together with friends and showcase their individuality.

Join us on **Big Art Fridays** and unleash your creative wild side!

**Your
OSHC.**

Adventures in Creativity

Exclusive to Rocketeers, immerse your child in a full day of diverse art activities to spark their imagination. It's the perfect blend of excitement and exploration to ensure your child has a memorable holiday!

Look out for **Big Art Day** in your upcoming holiday program!



Show the world your true colours

It's time to showcase your child's artistic talents on a national stage. Transform their imaginative ideas into artwork that can be shared and celebrated, with awesome prizes up for grabs!

Enter your child's artwork in the **Big Art Comp** to win BIG prizes!



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Australia**



**Find out
more**

ADVERTISING

Kids Activities

Term 1, 2024



Limited spaces still available in:

Junior Artists: Mondays 4-5pm

Mondays 5-6pm

Wednesdays 4-5pm

Art for Tweens: Wednesdays 5-6.30pm

Playgroup: Fridays 9.30am-11.30am

KinderDance: Fridays 9.15am-9.45am

Contemporary Dance: Thursdays 4-4.45pm

HipHop Dance: Thursdays 5-5.45pm

Mackie Road Neighbourhood House

Phone: 9548 3311

36-42 Mackie Road, Mulgrave 3170

www.mackierdnh.org.au

ADVERTISING

Kids Self Defence & Fitness Classes

Mulgrave PS

Ages 6—12

Boys & Girls

Tuesdays

6:00—7:00 pm

Register now for a
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Contact : Cliff Wilson

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ADVERTISING



**WANT TO PLAY
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- Matches played on Sundays Commencing April 14
- Discounts available for families with multiple players
- Saturday morning Auskick centre for children aged 5-12

**FREE
REGISTRATION
FOR U8/U9/U10
AGE GROUPS***

*SMJFL fees apply

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