#### **NEWSLETTER**

#### Thursday 13th February 2025

TERM 1 WEEK 3

#### **KEY DATES 2025**

#### **February**

Wed 12th - Prep Testing - No Preps at School Mon 17th - Tennis Clinics Commence Wed 19th - Prep Testing - No Preps at School Wed 26th - Prep Testing - No Preps at School 27th & 28th - Nurse Visit - Preps

#### March

Mon 3rd - Nurse Visit - Preps
Tues 4th - Lead It Incursion - Gr 6
Wed 5th - Prep Testing - No Preps at School
Fri 7th - Curriculum Day - Students not required
Mon 10th - Labour Day - Public Holiday
Tues 11th - Preps commence full week schedule
Wed 12th to Mon 24th - NAPLAN - Gr 3 & 5
Fri 21st - Prep Parent Welcome Afternoon 4-5.30pm

#### April

Fri 4th - End of Term 1 (Students dismissed at 2.30pm)

#### Term 2

Tues 22nd - Term 2 Commences Fri - 25th - ANZAC Day - Public Holiday Mon 28th - Curriculum Day - Students not reauired

#### DATES AND TIMES TO REMEMBER:

#### TERM DATES 2025

Term 1 - Tues 29th Jan - Fri 4th April Term 2 - Tues 22nd April - Fri 4th July Term 3 - Mon 21st July - Fri 19th Sept Term 4 - Mon 6th Oct - Fri 19th Dec

#### **CURRICULUM DAYS 2025**

Mon 28th January (Admin & Curric Overview)
Fri 7th March (School Review)
Mon 28th April (Literacy)
Mon 3rd November (Reporting)

#### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE. DAYS 2025

Tuesday 16th December

#### **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2025**

Monday 10th March - Labour Day Friday 18th April - Good Friday Monday 21 April - Easter Monday Friday 25th April - ANZAC Day Monday 9th June - King's Birthday Friday 26th September - AFL Grand Final Tuesday 4th November Melbourne Cup

#### <u>TIMETABLE</u>

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**

#### **Getting to Know You Interviews**

Last Tuesday's interviews were great to put some faces to names as our students settle into their new grades and parents get to know new teachers. The staff will now incorporate the information provided by families into their planning to ensure a tailored approach for every student. My thanks to both staff and parents for ensuring the interviews ran smoothly.

#### **PFA AGM**

Last Monday our PFA AGM was conducted. I would like to thank all those who attended and particularly Margaret Perdreau who was elected as the new PFA president and Simone Kish who was elected as the new PFA secretary.

I would also like to thank our outgoing president Laura Cain and our outgoing secretary Amanda Diakomanolis for their dedication and hard work over the previous two years. Without the efforts of dedicated volunteers, schools simply don't function as well as they could. If you would like to join the PFA or even simply volunteer for an event that you may be interested in, please contact Anna Long via the office.

#### **School Photos**

Stay tuned on an update on the 2025 school photos. We are working through a clash on our school calendar and will update families when we have locked in times for all year levels. The school apologises for any inconvenience caused.

#### Prep Bags Presented by Eden Foster MP

Our prep students were visited by the Honourable Eden Foster MP, Member for Mulgrave earlier this week. Ms Foster was on hand to distribute the prep book bags provided by the state government. The bags contain a range of titles to encourage every child entering school to read. As I have said on many occasions, reading is the key to unlocking a successful future and we expect that all of our students are reading every night as part of their ongoing homework. This includes weekends and



school holidays!!! The more we read, the more we learn and that can only be a good thing!

#### **Child Safe Standards**

The Victorian Government has announced new <u>Child Safe Standards</u> to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Mulgrave Primary School has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on our school website or at the main office. We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact me via the office.

#### Curriculum Day & Public Holiday

A reminder that the school will not be open to students on **Friday March** 7<sup>th</sup> for our pre-review curriculum day and on the following **Monday March** 10<sup>th</sup> for the Labour Day public holiday.





#### **School Council Election Voting**

Our recent call for nominations for the parent category on School Council resulted in more nominations than positions available. We therefore are required to conduct a ballot to elect four School Council parent members.

Envelopes have been sent home today to all parents/carers. The envelope contains the following:-

- 1. A summary of the envelope contents and instructions
- 2. Ballot Paper for voting
- 3. Candidate statements
- 4. A small envelope for the completed ballot paper
- 5. A larger envelope for securely sending the envelope containing the completed ballot paper to the school.

Please ensure you read through the information carefully and follow the directions on how to vote.

Completed ballot papers must be returned to the school office by 4.00pm on Thursday 20th February 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the process please call the school office on 9795 2477.

Thank you





#### 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:

- \$154 for primary school students
- · \$256 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.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund



#### **TERM 1 WEEK 2 STUDENT AWARDS 2025**

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Class	Name	Category	Reason
6JH	Star B	Persistent	For making an amazing start to year 6. Your smile and enthusiasm have been a stand out! Welcome to MPS.
6G	Sean D	Motivation	For making a wonderful start to year 6 and contributing valuable insights to our class discussions.
	Bryce S	Wellbeing	For being a kind, thoughtful and inclusive member of 6G .
5K	Riley D	Wellbeing	For volunteering to look after two buddies.
	Indigo T	Motivation	For making improvements in her writing so early in the year. GREAT START!
5G	Sam L	Persistent	For making a tremendous start to Year 5. Your effort and hard work in all learning has been awesome. Looking forward to a great year! Keep up the amazing work!!
	Layla-Rose I	Motivation	For showing great motivation to research emotive language in Writing. Your effort to complete work and then support others has been outstanding. Keep it up!
5M	Harry G	Literacy	For working hard to include sophisticated high modal and emotive words in his persuasive text. You have created a piece with a strong author's voice which is awesome. Well done Harry! I can't wait to see how you continue to improve over the year!
4SW	Alexander J	Motivated	For showing an eagerness to learn that is infectious and inspiring. You are a great role model for your classmates.
4M	Ria A	Motivation	For approaching her first week of Grade 4 with a fantastic attitude, putting in exceptional effort with her learning tasks and being a helpful member of our class. Outstanding work Ria!
3A	Harley S	Motivation	For working so diligently in every subject and offering a helping hand to everyone in our class. What an amazing start to the year!
3HD	Lucas C	Motivation	For a great start at MPS. Lucas has settled into Mulgrave PS beautifully. Well done Lucas.
	Alex K	Responsibility	For showing the Mulgrave way and professionally answering the class phone several times and having a great start to the term. Well done Alex!
3H	Massie H	Persistence	For demonstrating persistence during all learning tasks and being a model student. Well Done!
2L	Eli C	Persistence	For a great start to Year 2 and for demonstrating excellent focus and persistence. Keep up the great work!
2P	Alec R	Motivation	For trying his best at all his learning tasks, having a positive attitude and demonstrating respect to all peers and teachers. A great start to Year 2, Alec!
2E	Zach E	Wellbeing	For his positive start to Year 2 and demonstrating good resilience, well done Zach!
1CD	Harper G	Numeracy	For her thoughtful comments and contributions to class discussions.
1L	Maleya B	Motivation	For consistently being responsible and staying focused throughout the week.
1B	Nefeli H	Wellbeing	For a fantastic start to Year 1 and for always being the first to help out with anything that needs doings in the classroom. You're amazing and Happy Birthday!
Prep K	Grace P	Wellbeing	For always being the first to help out in the classroom. You do so in a quiet and respectful manner. Well done!
Prep N	Aiden R	Wellbeing	For always showing wonderful manners, listening carefully and trying his best. Keep up the amazing work Aiden!
Prep B	Sofia M	Wellbeing	For settling well into school by showing beautiful manners, always listening to others and working to her best. Well done!

#### **Outside School Hours Care**

#### Newsletter





Your OSHC.



13/02/2025

**Mulgrave Primary School** 

#### Kindness Disco

in After School Care





Book now

We extend a warm welcome to Rishon, Johann, Aathrey, Leon, Sophie, Theo, Abigail, and Aiden, who have recently joined our OSHC programme. They have adapted quite well, forming new friendships and trying new things.

As the term goes on, OSHC students may look forward to a number of fun activities, including the kindness disco next week, World Life Day, Special Olympics World Game Day, Indian Festival Holi, St. Patrick's Day, and World Recycle Day. Another highlight of the term is our Big Art competition, which was a huge hit last year and will be repeated in term one beginning at the end of February. We will also be discovering a variety of mediums of creative art to let our imaginations go wild with an opportunity to showcase your talent on the national stage.

Next week, dance, laugh, and spread joy at our Kindness Week Disco! Join in the fun, dance to the beat, and celebrate Kindness Week with your best moves! This week children are celebrating Valentine's Day with a variety of experiences such as Kitty Cat Valentine Day craft, Blot painting heart art, Origami love heart, Valentine's Day smoothie and much more.





#### Activities coming up

- Disco fun on Friday
- Cooking: Fruit jelly
- Kindness Rock

#### Make a booking

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

Book now

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To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at <a href="mailto:pp.campaustralia.com.au">pp.campaustralia.com.au</a> 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.







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#### Ringwood Family Relationship Centre



#### Webinar Event – Wednesday 26th February, 2025 at 1:00pm

Want to learn about what the EACH Ringwood Family Relationship Centre can offer your clients?

#### At this webinar you will:

- Learn about what services the Ringwood Family Relationship can offer
- · Find out how your clients can access our services
- · Get practical information about the process for each program

#### **Event Date**

Date: Wednesday, 26th February, 2025

Time: 1:00-2:30pm

Location: Via Teams registration

Any questions contact Karen Barton on 9871 6300 or cso@each.com.au

To register please click on the link:

https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/47d9906e-ee86-4746-975f-acfbdc64d7fe@abd12378-691b-4518-9e57-f732ab1923ad



#### **19 FEBRUARY - 19 MARCH 2025**

WEDNESDAYS (10am - 12pm)

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- Always use the school crossing when flags are displayed
- Some children's crossings have a supervisor always follow their instructions
- If there is no supervisor, look and listen for traffic before crossing
- Only cross the road when safe to do so, and keep looking and listening while crossing.

#### IF YOU'RE A DRIVER/RIDER:

- Always watch out for children near schools
- Do not overtake a vehicle stopping/stopped at a crossing
- Stop if someone is about to cross or is crossing even if there is no supervisor
- Stop if a hand-held 'Stop' sign is displayed
- Only proceed when all pedestrians, including the supervisor, are clear of the crossing
- Approach the crossing at a speed slow enough to stop safely if needed
- Always be aware of all parking signage and park legally.



