



KEY DATES 2025

February

27th & 28th - Nurse Visit - Preps

March

Mon 3rd - Nurse Visit - Preps

Tues 4th - Lead It Incurion - 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 starts - Gr 3 & 5

Fri 21st - HARMONY DAY - See inside for details...

Fri 21st - Prep Parent Welcome Afternoon 4-5.30pm

Fri 28th - House Cross Country - Whole School

April

Thurs 3rd - School Photos

Fri 4th - Easter Hat Parade

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 required

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

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

Another busy fortnight is coming to an end, with students across the school working hard in the classroom and currently enjoying our tennis clinics. Now that we are approaching the halfway point of the term, we hope that your child has settled into their routines and that they are all reading daily as part of their homework tasks.

Welcome Greg Paine

MPS is lucky to have Mr. Greg Paine working with us for Term 1. Mr. Paine is a former principal and mentor of mine. He has spent several years abroad and whilst he is back for a short term visit, we have been lucky enough to arrange for him to provide a range of supports across the school. Mr. Paine is primarily working as a leadership coach for our middle leaders, but he is also providing support to all teaching staff and particularly the preps as they settle into their new routines. We welcome Mr. Paine to the team for Term 1 and we will no doubt benefit from his extensive knowledge and system wide leadership.

NAPLAN - 12th-24th March

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) involves students in Years 3 and 5 from all states and territories in Australia. NAPLAN testing will take place from Wednesday 12th March, through to Monday 24th March. Students' skills in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and numeracy will be assessed. These national test results provide information on how your child is progressing and performing in the key areas of literacy and numeracy and also help to support improvements in teaching to benefit your child. Parents can support their children to be ready to participate in these assessment tasks by facilitating a smooth, calm start to each day. Please ensure that your child/ren have breakfast before coming to school and that they arrive to school on time.

Individual student NAPLAN reports will be forwarded to families later in the year. These reports will provide parents and staff with a snapshot of students' achievements but should not be seen as a definitive or comprehensive assessment. Thanks to Ms Emma Harrison for her organisation and coordination of the NAPLAN assessment and thank you to all staff involved in supervising.

Wednesday	12 th Mar	Lvl 3 & 5 – Writing
Thursday	13 th Mar	Lvl 5 – Reading
Friday	14 th Mar	Lvl 3 – Reading.
Monday	17 th Mar	Lvl 3 - Language Conventions
Tuesday	18 th Mar	Lvl 5 – Language Conventions
Wednesday	19 th Mar	Lvl 3– Numeracy
Thursday	20 th Mar	Lvl 5 – Numeracy
Fri & Mon	21 st & 24th	Final catch-up sessions.

2025 School Council

Following the completion of the council elections, the following parents and staff will form the 2025 council, with leadership positions to be determined at the AGM on **March 18th**.

Parent Representatives

Edmond Meszaros
Jonathan Heyde
Alison Battaglia
Michelle Verrusio
Saden Zahiri
Caitlin Casson
Matthew Hender

Staff Representatives

Stuart Hattwell
Nicola Weerakoon
Amanda Hickleton
Charles Spicer (Executive Officer)

I would also like to take the time to thank Amanda Diakomanolis and Lenore Matthews for their service to council over the last two years. Both have given their time freely to help guide the ongoing improvement of Mulgrave Primary School.

Building Site Fencing

Attached to the newsletter is an image of the new fencing plan for the building site. The new plan is to ensure the safety of all students. We would ask families seeking to access the courtyard or senior portables to do so via Gladeswood Drive or Maygrove Way for the time being.

Space Elaine

Former Mulgrave Primary student Elaine Chia Hyde became the first Australian in woman in space this week as part of a six-person crew aboard the Blue Origin rocket. Elaine spent her prep year at MPS and has acknowledged the positive impact her time here had on her life. We are hopeful of setting up a Zoom session with Elaine so that some of our students can meet her and listen to her incredible story, not just in terms of her low earth orbit, but her success as a business leader around the world. If only our new STEM centre and presentation space was already up and running, but perhaps Elaine's chat with our students will inspire them to pursue the STEM fields later in life.

Front Garden

My thanks to the Lawson family for planting out the area in front of the office. The Lawson's have generously given a significant amount of their time to assist with the tidying and replanting of existing garden beds around the school. I look forward to watching the new plants mature over time and I would ask all families to be mindful on the new plantings as they move around the office area.

Lateness

Unfortunately, we are seeing far too many students arriving late. On a daily basis we are seeing 20 or more students arriving after 8:57am. This leads to a significant disruption across virtually every classroom. The morning learning block is the most important of the day, as research tells us that children learn best in those first 2 hours. Having every class interrupted daily means that we cannot maximise learning outcomes when teachers are required to stop the class to redirect a late arrival. Please, we ask all families to ensure that students are at school by 8:57am when the music starts. This way they are ready for line up, the grade can enter the classroom on time and learning can begin immediately.

Student Attendance - Every Day Counts

The following extract comes from the DET website: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/studentattendance.asp>.

'We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – **a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.** There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are steps you can take to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher or year level coordinator and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your school and ensure your child completes the plan. Remember, everyday counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher or year level coordinator as early as possible.'

Kiss and Go Parking

The Kiss and Go parking zone is for short term use only. Parents and carers are not to leave their vehicle unattended at any time or they can incur a fine. Leaving a vehicle unattended also leads to the Kiss and Go parking zone becoming congested, reducing its effectiveness and negatively impacting other families trying to drop their children off at school. Please, **do not leave your car unattended and please keep to the 5 minute time limit.**

Curriculum Day March 7th

A reminder that the school will be running a **curriculum day on Friday March 7th** to prepare for our 4 yearly review in May. This is a student free day and we ask that families make alternative arrangements on the day. Camp Australia is unable to provide care, as demand has been low.

Labour Day Public Holiday March 10th

Following the curriculum day is the **Labour Day public holiday on Monday March 10th**. The school will be closed on this day.

School Photos April 3rd

As mentioned recently, the new date for school photos will be **Thursday April 3rd**. We would ask that all students attend in full school uniform on the day.

End of Term April 4th

Friday April 4th is the last day of Term 1. School will **finish at 2:30pm** on this day. Term 2 commences on **Tuesday April 22nd**.

Charles Spicer

Principal

Super Talent!!

Our first Super Talent for the year, playing at assembly last Friday was Elsa T.

Elsa played a beautiful rendition of Beauty and the Beast on the piano.

Congratulations on your super talented performance, Elsa!



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MPS HARMONY DAY 2025

21ST MARCH



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TERM 1 WEEK 4 STUDENT AWARDS 2025

Class	Name	Category	Reason
6JH	Yihan Z	Literacy	For taking the time to carefully edit and make improvements to paragraphs in her narrative biography. It is coming together really well.
6G	Adinath A	Wellbeing	For always offering others help and being such a considerate and upstanding member of 6G.
5K	Alicia W	Motivation	For writing and presenting a strong speech for Student Voice.
5G	Venice W	Numeracy	For her positive attitude towards all activities in Maths. Your creativity and ability to make connections has been wonderful to see. Keep up the great work!
5M	Ondria F	Literacy	For her detailed and well-constructed persuasive text that showcased her use of rhetorical questions, alliteration, emotive words as well as her ability to research and paraphrase. What a superstar effort! Congratulations Ondria on an excellent piece of writing. You are truly an author!
4SW	Annabelle K	Motivation	For taking ownership of her learning and making outstanding contributions to our class discussions.
4M	Cleo M	Numeracy	For demonstrating persistence and resilience when working through challenges during our Maths lessons. You should be extremely proud of your efforts!
	Jasper T	Wellbeing	For always going out of his way to help others in the classroom and in the playground. Your kindness is your super power!
3A	Thomas G	Literacy	For his brilliant efforts in his persuasive writing, taking on feedback and working hard to improve his work. Keep it up superstar!
3HD	Sarah Z	Motivation	For showing greater confidence in sharing your work and opinions with the class. We absolutely love seeing your confidence growing each week! You are a superstar!!
3H	Cleo F	Numeracy	For her fantastic efforts in Maths this week, especially during assessment. Keep it up Cleo!
2L	Jake L	Wellbeing	For helping others learning and experiences within the school. Keep being a great role model!
2P	Harrison B	Numeracy	For being so excited and engaged with all our Maths tasks this week. You've done amazing skip counting. Well done!
2E	Harlow N	Numeracy	For her excellent problem solving skills during our Maths sessions, well done Harlow!
1CD	Jimmy M	Motivation	For always participating in lessons and sharing his great ideas with the class.
1L	Safija H	Wellbeing	For showing resilience and actively engaging in all class activities and contributing in class discussions.
1B	Ari C	Motivation	For his motivation and enthusiasm to learn and join in on our class discussions. Keep it up Ari!
Prep K	Theodore D	Motivation	For always showing great enthusiasm to learn and engaging with all tasks to the best of your abilities. Keep it up!
Prep N	Jackson K	Numeracy	For solving some really challenging maths problems this week. Amazing work Jackson!
Prep B	Linkin W	Motivation	For working to his best on all learning tasks. You are a wonderful role model. Keep it up!

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:

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Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



27/02/2025

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3 March

Book now

I can't believe we are already halfway through Term 1 and Autumn holidays are just around the corner. Rocketeers holiday program has been launched with extraordinary experiences and it's open for bookings. We have planned two exciting excursions in the upcoming holiday program to keep everyone entertained. We have also planned incursions, Lego Master training day and day dreamers full of fun. For more program details check the attached flyer or go to Camp Australia website. Hurry places are limited!

The highlight of the program is Stacey, Ava, Ariel, and Anabella's origami craft shop with specially made items such as flowers, love hearts, bunnies and other amazing pieces that they learnt with Leanne (Cecilia's mum). Thank you once again to Leanne for mentoring the Origami art as part of QA 8 collaborative partnership with families. Last week we celebrated Kindness Week incorporating various experiences into the program such as; kindness kites, do good jar and rock painting, children showed huge interest in the experiences and learnt to be mindful of others feelings. We also celebrated Valentine's Day with origami love hearts, and kitty cat Valentine crafts. In other activities, we made paper plates, apple bags and wool art all were pretty popular, children creatively designed their masterpieces with great details enhancing their social and creative skills. Besides all these experiences our Kindness disco went really well on last week Friday, we played party games and had loads of fun. We also celebrated Cecilia's 6th birthday with a chocolate cake that Lizzy, Eva and Ian made with passion.

Big Art is back again this term! Once again it's a golden opportunity to showcase talent - last term we had 8 winners from our school. Please join us on Fridays to be part of this big event.

Super star of the Week

Damian M: For Being a great Listener! Well, done Damian!

Cecilia P: For being a super helper! Well, done Cecilia, Keep up the good work!

Activities coming up

- Aussie world life
- Teddy bear LCM Bar
- Flying Kookaburra craft

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What's on in Term 1



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Kindness Week

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February 21

Kindness Week disco



February 28 - March 28

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Project Incursion

Tue 08 Apr Adventure: Silent Disco Showdown at Party Higher Entertainment Complex

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Excursion

Wed 09 Apr Operation: Hop, Skip, Play!

Get ready to jump into a day of fun and games! From bouncing challenges to creative activities, it's all about movement, laughter, and creativity—no bunny business, just pure fun!

Full Fee \$77.67 | After Max. CCS* \$7.77



Base Camp Day

Thu 10 Apr Project: Day Dreamers

Grab your PJs and join us for the ultimate feel-good day! Build a teddy with a recorded message, make yummy banana sushi and take part in wellness activities. It's a cosy, happy adventure to remember!

Full Fee \$99.67 | After Max. CCS* \$9.97



Project Incursion

Fri 11 Apr Big Art Day: Eco Masterpieces

Everyone's favourite day is back - and it's time to think BIG! Transform recycled materials into spectacular sculptures. Robots, animals, or wild inventions—the only limit is your imagination.

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Base Camp Day

Mon 14 Apr Experience Takeover: Light It Up!

Step into the dazzling world of light! Discover how fireworks explode with colour, create secret messages, explore reflection and refraction, and make a UV-reactive bracelet that changes in the sun!

Full Fee \$103.03 | After Max. CCS* \$10.30



Experience Takeover Incursion

Tue 15 Apr Operation: Explore your Values

Today, we'll be exploring the values that connect us. Your Base Camp will have meaningful and creative activities that will help us discover how our values help shape our understanding of history, community, and the world around us.

Full Fee \$77.67 | After Max. CCS* \$7.77



Base Camp Day

Wed 16 Apr Special Event: Hawthorn Hawks FC

Go beyond the sidelines and experience the inner world of the Hawthorn Hawks! Tour elite training facilities, meet a Hawks player or mascot, and more. This is your chance to see where champions are made!

Full Fee \$131.17 | After Max. CCS* \$13.12



Excursion

Thu 17 Apr Project: Super Hero Academy

Swing into action! Build your own Bolt Blaster, craft Spider-Man masks, and join an epic Super Hero treasure hunt to help the masked heroes save the world from a powerful villain!

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