



Thursday 13th March 2025

TERM 1 WEEK 7

KEY DATES 2025

March

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

MPS Easter Raffle Tickets

Coming soon!!

**Easter Hat Parade information
inside...**

**Donations for the hamper prizes may
be left in the box located at the office.**

Harmony Day

**Next Friday 21st March
Further information inside...**

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 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 2 nd Bell - Roll Marked
Recess	11.00 - 11.30am
Lunch	1.40 - 2.30pm
School Finishes	3.30pm

Message From The Principal

Hopefully families enjoyed the long weekend and were able to have some down time. As we head towards the later stages of Term 1, it is great to see the students so settled into their classrooms. Can I take this opportunity to remind all families that nightly reading is a crucial part of homework and student achievement. Reading daily gives a student an enormous advantage through the significantly increased vocabulary and brain development. A child that reads for 67 minutes every day will, on average, be in the 98th percentile for student achievement. We take care of a large chunk of that 67 minutes, but if your child can read for 15-30 minutes every day, including weekends, then they can be high achievers too.

NAPLAN

Yesterday our Year 3 and 5 students commenced NAPLAN. These assessments are always a snapshot in time and the new online format allows schools to access the information much sooner, allowing us to use this to tailor our instruction to meet each child's point of need.

I would remind parents of students undertaking the tests that there are two very simple things that your child can do to ensure their best results.

1. Get a good night's sleep before each testing day.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast.

I would also like to make it clear that no employer has ever asked for an applicant's NAPLAN scores. This is not the be all and end all, just a means to measure a student's progress at that point in time and to give the school some data so that we can continue to improve our practice to serve our community.

Annual General Meeting

The Mulgrave Primary School Council Annual General Meeting will be held next **Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30pm**. All families are able to attend. If you wish to attend, please contact me via the office to confirm. At the AGM we will elect office bearers for our 2025/26 School Council and we will present the Annual Report. The Annual Report will be made available to the broader school community online once ratified by council and the Department of Education.

Policy Update

The school will be sending out new consent forms for Photographing, Filming and Recording, as well as Local Excursions. These are new consent forms following a recent Department update. The new Photographing, Filming and Recording policy only needs to be completed once and now lasts for the duration of each child's schooling.

Building Update – including Rear Carpark News

Ground works are coming along well and we will soon see the slab poured over two separate days. Once the slab has had time to cure, we will see the steel and pre-cast concrete walls take shape.

In some welcome news, the Victorian School Building Authority and Monash Council have come to an agreement regarding the land where the new crossover for the rear car park will be sited.

This, in conjunction with the straightforward groundworks, has meant that we can now allocate some of our contingency budget to the carpark, meaning we will be able to construct a full carpark, as opposed to the smaller option under the contract.

All going according to plan, we will see these works commence relatively soon.

Harmony Day

A reminder that Harmony Day will be held on **Friday March 21st**. Students are encouraged to dress up in outfits that reflect their culture, or in orange if they do not have any traditional costumes. Harmony Day is a wonderful opportunity to learn from and celebrate the different heritages that come together in multi-cultural Australia.

Charles Spicer

Principal

Donations for the Easter Hampers

We are once again relying on the kindness of our MPS community to donate as many Easter themed gifts for the hamper prizes for our Easter Raffle. These can include:

Easter Eggs, Easter themed toys, games, colouring books etc.

All donations can be placed in the basket in the office foyer.

Donations will be accepted until **Friday 28th March**.

We thank you for your support.



MPS

EASTER HAT PARADE

Friday 4th April 2025 | 9am | At the school basketball court

Make your easter hat design at home and wear it on the day

The **Easter raffle prizes will be drawn at the parade** so return your purchased tickets to school to have a chance to win some awesome prizes and support our school!



HELP US
CELEBRATE!

Wear orange colours or
wear a traditional outfit
that celebrates your
cultural background

MPS HARMONY DAY 21ST MARCH 2025



Celebrating Mulgrave's Cultural Diversity





PFA Fundraiser Hot Cross Buns

Hop on these Easter preorders! The PFA will be selling
a 6 pack of Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns for \$10

****PRE-ORDER NOW ON QKR! ONLY****

AVAILABLE FLAVOURS:

Traditional
Apple and Cinnamon
Choc Chip

Orders close Thursday 20th March at 5pm
(Orders will be delivered to classrooms on the week of March 31st)

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



13/03/2025

Mulgrave Primary School

Your
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Holi in After School Care



14 March

Book now

I hope everyone had a wonderful long weekend and enjoyed the sunshine! Happy Holi to our Indian community! On Friday, we will celebrate the Colour Festival with Indian sand art, rangoli art, and music; come join us to enjoy this very special event!

Rocketeers holiday program is once again jam-packed with extraordinary experiences, and it's open for bookings. We have planned a range of projects, adventures and incursions in the Autumn holiday program to keep everyone entertained. Swing into action with our Superhero Academy or step into the discovery world and learn the science behind the fireworks. For more program details check the attached flyer or go to the Camp Australia website. Hurry places are limited!

Highlights of the program are our beauty and hair saloon conducted by April, Ava, Stacey, Lizzy and Anabella was an incredible dramatic play experience that provided customers with world-class hair and beauty treatment while transferring their knowledge from one context to another. Last week we celebrated Wild Life Week with a range of experiences, the children had an opportunity to learn about their favourite animals and will be continuing their learning journey over the term as they showed huge interest. Another favourite activity was we learnt to design and produce animal stickers; it looked fabulous, some children donned them as tattoos as it's quite fashionable. Flying Kookaburra craft, magic clay animals and Lego animals also went well, the children creatively designed their animals with features. Our prep children Theo, Johann, and Adith were fascinated by volcano science and they learnt the behind it!

Some other favourite activities were dino handcraft, felt taco, soccer, basketball, memory tag, and archery. Our master chef made scrumptious pasta salad, rice paper rolls, veg noodles, healthy milkshakes, cookies and pancakes for breakfast.



Super star of the Week:

Johann P: For always engaging in experiences with great enthusiasm! Well done, Johann!

Daniel C: For his enthusiasm to learn to make pancakes! Well done, Daniel, keep up the good work!

Activities coming up

- Shamrock water colour art
- St. Patrick slime
- Chinese pick up race

Make a booking

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

Book now

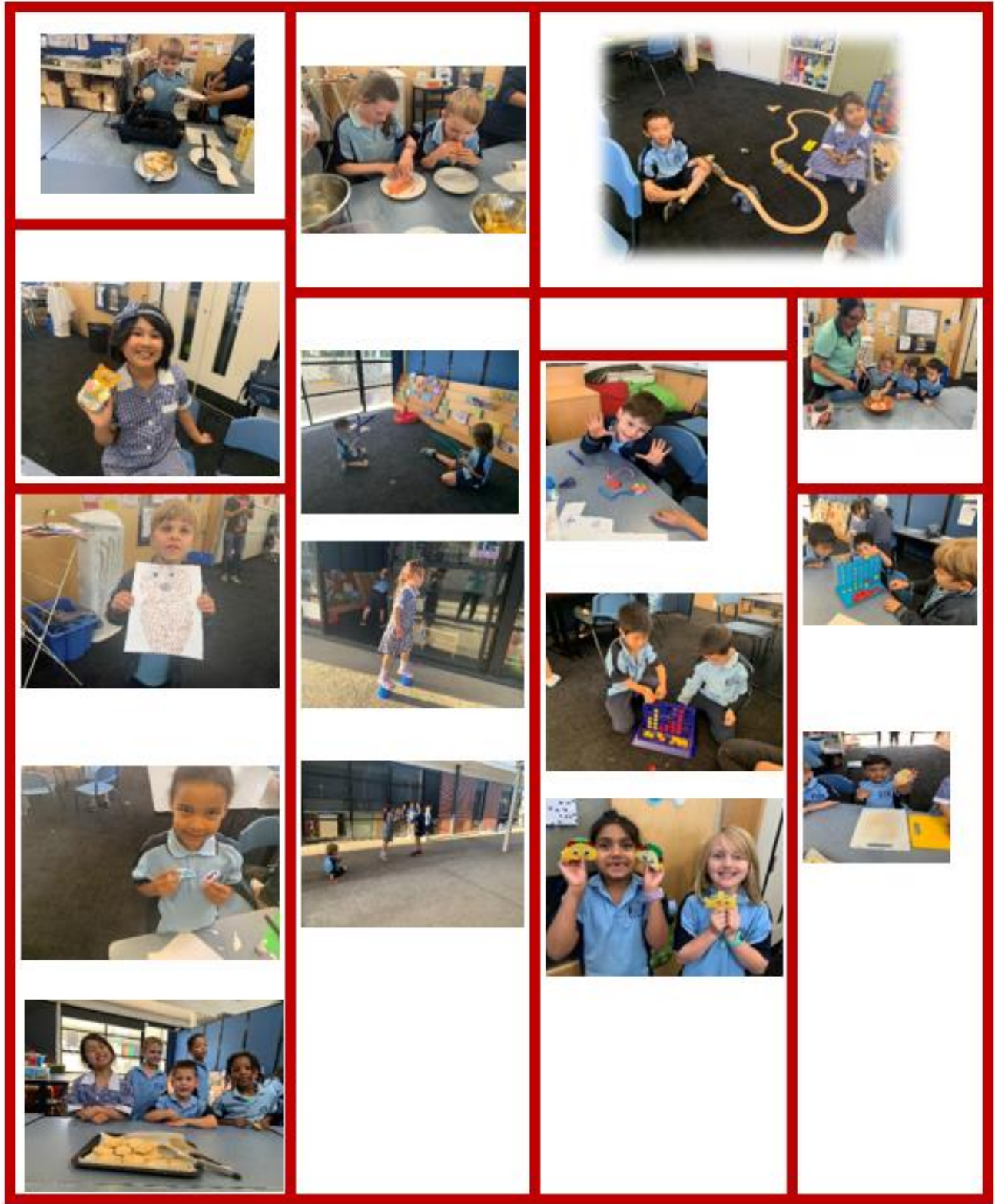
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To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



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FUN AWAITS!

YOUR AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Mulgrave Primary School

Address: 23-31 Gladeswood Dr MULGRAVE VIC 3170

Phone: 0404 397 389 Program Times: 07:00 am - 06:00 pm

Mon 07 Apr Special Event: LEGO® Masters Training Day

This is it - your ticket to LEGO masterdom starts here! With special video guidance from Brickman, sharpen your building skills and tackle an epic build challenge.

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



Project Incursion

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

Put on your glow-in-the-dark headphones and get ready for the ultimate silent disco at Party Higher! Dance to your own beat, switch between music channels, and join in on super fun activities for an epic party experience like no other!

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



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.

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



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!

Full Fee \$123.27 | After Max. CCS* \$12.33



Project Incursion

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Wantirna 3152 (carpark entry via Stud Rd)

Rowville: 102, 1090 Wellington Rd

Rowville 3178 (above Butlers Pantry)

Emerald: 333 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd

Emerald 3782 (parking at rear)

MORE CONTACT INFO:

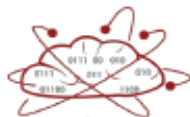
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Programming for young Makers

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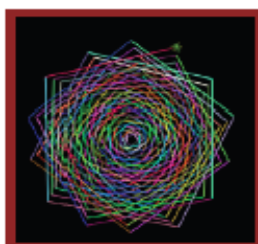


COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CLUB!

@ Mulgrave Primary School

DEVELOP SKILLS

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving

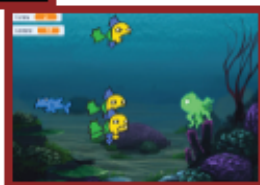


LEARN

- Computer Science Concepts
- Fundamentals of programming
- Loops, 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.

9 WEEK TERM PROGRAM

Program for **Term 2 2025** is as follows:

Year levels: 3 to 6

Term Fee: \$252 incl GST

LUNCH TIME

1:40pm – 2:25pm

BATCH 1

Wednesdays 23rd Apr to 18th Jun 2025

LUNCH TIME

1:40pm – 2:25pm

BATCH 2

Thursdays 24th Apr to 19th Jun 2025

To enrol, fill out the form online:

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Ringwood Family Relationship Centre



Webinar Event – Tuesday 8th April, 2025 at 12:30pm

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: Tuesday, 8th April, 2025

Time: 12:30-2:00pm

Location: Via Teams registration

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

Registration: Via link in email

ADVERTISING

2025 EASTER EGG HUNT



What: Easter Egg Hunt for local kids and their families!

Where: Dandenong Park, Dandenong

When: Saturday, April 5, 10:00am-12:00pm

REGISTRATION
ESSENTIAL



Scan here to book your child's (free) ticket



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