



Thursday 12th February 2026

TERM 1 WEEK 3

KEY DATES 2026

February

Wed 18th - Prep Testing - No Preps at School
Mon 23rd - Tennis - 3/4JH, 3/4W, 3/4M, 1BL
Tues 24th - School Photos - Whole School
Wed 25th - Prep Testing - No Preps at School
Wed 25th - Tennis - 3/4K, 3/4G, 1E
Thurs 26th - Tennis - 1K, 2TR, 2H, 2NP
Fri 27th - Summer Interschool Sports - Gr 5/6

March

Mon 2nd - Wed 4th - Grade 5/6 Camp
Mon 2nd - Tennis - 3/4JH, 3/4W, 3/4M, 1BL
Tues 3rd - Tennis - 3/4K, 3/4G, 1E
Wed 4th - Prep Testing - No Preps at School
Thurs 5th - Tennis - 1K, 2TR, 2H, 2NP
Fri 6th - Summer Interschool Sports - Gr 5/6
Mon 9th - LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 10th - Tennis - 3/4K, 3/4G, 1E
Wed 11th - Preps commence full week schedule
Wed 11th - NAPLAN Commences
Thurs 12th - Tennis - 1K, 2TR, 2H, 2NP
Tues 17th - Tennis - PB, PL, 6HD
Wed 18th - Tennis - 6G, 6M, 5CD, 5K
Fri 20th - HARMONY DAY! - Wear Orange
Fri 20th - Welcome Prep Afternoon - Prep Families
Thurs 26th - VSSS Mass Dance Rehearsal

DATES AND TIMES TO REMEMBER:

TERM DATES 2026

Term 1 - Tues 27th Jan - Thur 2nd April
Term 2 - Mon 20th April - Fri 26th June
Term 3 - Mon 13th July - Fri 18th Sept
Term 4 - Mon 5th Oct - Fri 18th Dec

CURRICULUM DAYS 2026

Tuesday 27th January
Friday 5th June
Friday 4th September (TBC)
Monday 2nd November

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAYS 2026

Tuesday 15th December (TBC)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2026

Monday 9th March - Labour Day
Friday 3rd April - Good Friday
Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday
Saturday 25th April - Anzac Day
Monday 8th June - King's Birthday
Friday 25th September - AFL Grand Final
Tuesday 3rd 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

The first few weeks have seen our classes get off to a great start in 2026. Students are now enjoying the brand new art room, STEM lab and library and on Tuesday we held our annual Getting To Know You interviews where parents could outline their child's needs for 2026 and help their new teachers to gain a better understanding of what makes each child tick. This is an incredibly important aspect of what we do, and as I've said before, building strong relationships with our students is paramount to helping them achieve success in their learning.

The other critical component is attendance. Students who miss more than 20 days a year are statistically more likely to fall behind their peers in their learning. These 4 weeks, over 13 years of education, equate to more than a year's worth of lost learning. I strongly urge all parents to ensure their children attend as often as possible to help them get ahead. This includes being on time. We are in week 3 and already, the number of students starting the day late is staggering. It makes our jobs harder, but more importantly, it has an impact on your child's education. Not only that, but it impacts the learning of every other child when the teacher has to stop the class to catch up the student coming into the room late. Again, we seek your support in ensuring that students are at school by 8:57am, ready for a 9am start.

Parking and Road Safety

On Tuesday morning I gave one of our students a fright as I drove into the car park and they were cutting through. Fortunately for the student, I'm always wary of these transgressions, so I was driving very slowly. The problem is we have people coming in and out of the carpark who may not be so aware. Not to cast aspersions on anyone, but we have a range of trades, deliveries and other visitors entering the car park, not to mention non-staff drivers who continue to ignore the rules and park there anyway. We want to avoid any incidents, and we implore all families to respect the rules around the car park. Please do not walk your children through this space and please do not park there. Alternative parking can be found at the rear of the school in the new car park which is designed for parents. This space, along with the Gladeswood Tennis Club parking, the Kinder parking on the other side of the reserve, Maygrove Way and the Kiss and Go drop off and pick up zone on Gladeswood Drive should mean that families do not need to enter the staff car park, thus reducing the potential for accidents.

Whilst I am on the Kiss and Go area, a reminder that you must not leave your car to enter the school. The area is designed as a farewell point, where you can help your children grab their bags and then let them walk into the school independently. Leaving your car for "just a few minutes" can result in a fine, but more annoyingly, it stops the flow of other traffic and holds up all other parents in using the space. Please be mindful of your fellow drivers and if you have to stop and leave your vehicle, please find another space away from the Kiss and Go zone. If you are using the Kiss and Go zone, please be sure to check for other drivers and children, as many children will collect their bags from the rear of their car before moving to the footpath. In the end, all we are asking for is prioritising the safety of all, slowing down and driving in a cautious manner around children.

Communications

Communications will predominantly flow through **XUNO** as the first port of call, so I encourage families to make sure they have this app. Families will be set up with **Seesaw** for any other communication between home and the teacher.

Xuno

We use Xuno learning management system as our Parent Portal. All parents/caregivers are required to have Xuno, particularly in the case of an emergency.



Using our Parent Portal you will be able to:

- ◆ Receive messaging during an Emergency Management procedure
- ◆ Access information regarding upcoming events and news
- ◆ Access your child's Semester Reports
- ◆ Approve or enter upcoming or past absence for your child/children
- ◆ View up-to-date class and school attendance information
- ◆ Book your Parent/Student/Teacher conferences

Seesaw

All classes are connected to Seesaw. Seesaw provides a private classroom communication tool which connects teachers with parents to build collaborative classroom communities.



One excellent function is messaging which is highly important as it supports effective two-way communication. Staff will endeavour to respond as soon as possible, usually within 24-48hrs. As you are aware, our school day gets quite busy and we hope you understand, if and when, it takes us longer to respond.

PLEASE NOTE: Student absences should not be reported using Seesaw because of the potential for a delayed response. As such, for any absences or more timely information, please call the office directly on 97952477.

2026 Parent Payments Reminder

Parent payments help the school to operate effectively. MPS provides a significant range of programs that cannot be delivered without the optional support of families. We would like to thank the parents that have already made these payments.

School Council Elections

Nominations have now closed for the 2026/27 MPS Council. As it stands, Mr. Ed Meszaros and Mrs. Nicola Weerakoon were re-elected unopposed in the parents and staff categories respectively. This still leaves us with 2 vacancies in the parent category. If any parent is interested in joining the council, please contact me via the office for more information.

Working with Children Checks (WWC)

We encourage and value parental and community support at MPS. There are many ways that parents, grandparents and friends can assist at our school. We encourage all parents to obtain a Working with Children's Check (WWCC) that will allow you to be very involved in your child's education. These checks are free for volunteers. Applications are completed online at <https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>. Once you have your WWCC please contact our school office so we can record your details and provide you with our volunteer induction information.

Hats

A reminder that hats must be worn in terms one and four. Sunscreen and sunglasses are also highly recommended.



Charles Spicer,

Principal

LIBRARY - NOW OPEN!!

It's wonderful to see the students enthusiastically enjoying the chance to borrow books from our brand new library.

Students will have the opportunity to borrow books on a weekly basis at scheduled times.

Students must have a **library bag to place their books in.**

Borrowed books must be **looked after** and **returned on time.**

Students can reborrow a book as long as another student is not on the waiting list to borrow it. If a book is overdue, your child will receive an overdue notice which will be distributed by the classroom teacher.

Lost/Damaged Library Books

If the library book has been lost/misplaced for less than three weeks, we will verbally encourage your child to keep looking for it.

After 3 weeks of attempting to recover the overdue lost or damaged book, a notice will be sent home and the family will be asked to make a contribution to replace the lost or damaged book.

We thank you for your support!



SUPER TALENT

At assembly, we had a special performance by Jun in grade 6. Jun has been our assembly pianist for a number of years, playing the school song to conclude our assemblies, as well as being a regular Super Talent performer. Sadly, Jun will be leaving our school later this month. Jun gave us another beautiful and skillful piano performance, playing Nocturne by Chopin.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jun for his regular contributions to our school assembly. It's been lovely watching his piano skills develop over the years and we hope to hear of his progress down the track.

Mrs Sally Bush
Performing Arts



HELP US
CELEBRATE!

ON FRIDAY 20TH MARCH, WEAR
ORANGE COLOURS OR WEAR A
TRADITIONAL OUTFIT TO SCHOOL THAT
CELEBRATES YOUR CULTURAL
BACKGROUND

MPS HARMONY DAY FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026



CELEBRATING MULGRAVE'S CULTURAL DIVERSITY

TERM 1 WEEK 1 STUDENT AWARDS 2026

Class	Name	Category	Reason
6M	Alexis K	Motivation	For getting off to a wonderful start to Year 6. Lexie, your attitude to your learning is inspiring. You are focused, determined and willing to give everything a go. I am excited to see how much further you will improve over the year! Keep up the great work Lexie. I am proud of your efforts!
6HD	Mayra M	Motivation	For setting an amazing standard in the first few weeks. The effort and attitude you have shown has been fantastic. Keep up the great work Mayra!
6G	Rubin S	Motivation	For working hard across all areas of your learning. You have made a fantastic start to year 6. Keep it up!
5CD	Zarish A	Literacy	For great participation in our Vocabulary lesson and adding interesting new adjectives for the whole class to learn.
5K	Anna M	Motivation	For demonstrating leadership qualities from the beginning of her senior primary school years.
3/4 JH	Ester G	Numeracy	For sharing her fantastic mathematical thinking and strategies with her classmates. Well done!
3/4 W	Sarrinah K	Motivation	For setting a fantastic standard of the class expectations by always being ready and motivated to learn.
3/4K	Aagna S	Literacy	For modelling a high standard of work when making entries into your Reader's Notebook. Keep up the great work!
3/4 M	Jana M	Motivation	For going out of her way to be helpful to her new classmates and teacher. Keep it up Jana!
3/4 G	Iris S	Motivation	For making a tremendous start to your time at Mulgrave. Your kindness, creativity and contributions in all areas of learning has been amazing to see. I'm looking forward to a great year! Keep up the wonderful work!
	Emmerson W	Motivation	For always being organised and prepared for learning. Your effort and desire to do your best have been a delight to see. I'm excited for your success this year. Well done!
2TR	Ann N	Motivation	For settling back into school so well and showing great participation during the first two weeks. Keep it up, Ann!
2NP	Regan B	Numeracy	For using excellent strategies to guess his partners number. Keep up the amazing work!
2H	Natalija G	Literacy	For doing a fantastic job at brainstorming for your holiday recount. Keep up the great work!
1BL	Harrison S	Motivation	For coming back incredibly focussed with a passion for learning and working with his peers extremely well!
1K	Andrew N	Motivation	For showing incredible bravery at the start of the school year, even if coming to school felt challenging. I am so proud of your wonderful resilience.
1E	Ollie W	Motivation	For his excellent effort when writing a simple sentence, well done Ollie!
Prep L	David W	Motivation	For settling into school by showing beautiful manners, listening to others and showing respect. You're awesome!
Prep B	Zekir H	Motivation	For settling so beautifully into school, making good choices, and doing your best every day. Keep shining!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

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 financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and 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 excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly 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 \$400 for all 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>



Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



12/02/2026

Mulgrave Primary School

Your
OSHC.



Lunar New Year in After School Care



17 February

Book now

Dear Families

We had a wonderful start of the term filled with exciting, engaging, and meaningful experiences for the children. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and creativity shine across a variety of activities.

The children showed a strong interest in designing colourful beaded bracelets, building bug hotels and bird houses, and participating in the fun "Find a Friend" hunt. Summer water painting, creating back-to-school gnomes, and building with recycled materials were also very popular throughout the week. These engaging experiences supported the children's imagination, problem-solving skills, and self-expression, while also encouraging creativity and collaboration with peers. Cooking was also a one of the highlight of the week! Based on the children's choices, we prepared delicious dishes such as mac and cheese, banana bread, rice paper rolls, and banana cinnamon pancakes. The children demonstrated great enthusiasm, collaboration, and confidence. Outdoor activities were also highly enjoyed, with many children taking part in soccer and basketball. These experiences supported physical development, teamwork, coordination, and active play while providing opportunities for social interaction and fun.

Next week we will be celebrating Lunar New year through various art and craft, cooking and physical activities. Please join us to celebrate this very special occasion! For Booking, please go to campaustralia.com.au

Please notify us by SMS or phone call on 0404397 389 if your child will not be attending after school care for the day. This helps us ensure all children are accounted for and saves time checking their attendance. Thank you for your support!

Activities coming up

- Fortune cookies art
- Lunar New year art
- DIY bubble wand
- Stick 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

Register and book via the app

To attend our program, you must register your child. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



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- Simple booking calendar overview
- Track your spend
- Detailed account history

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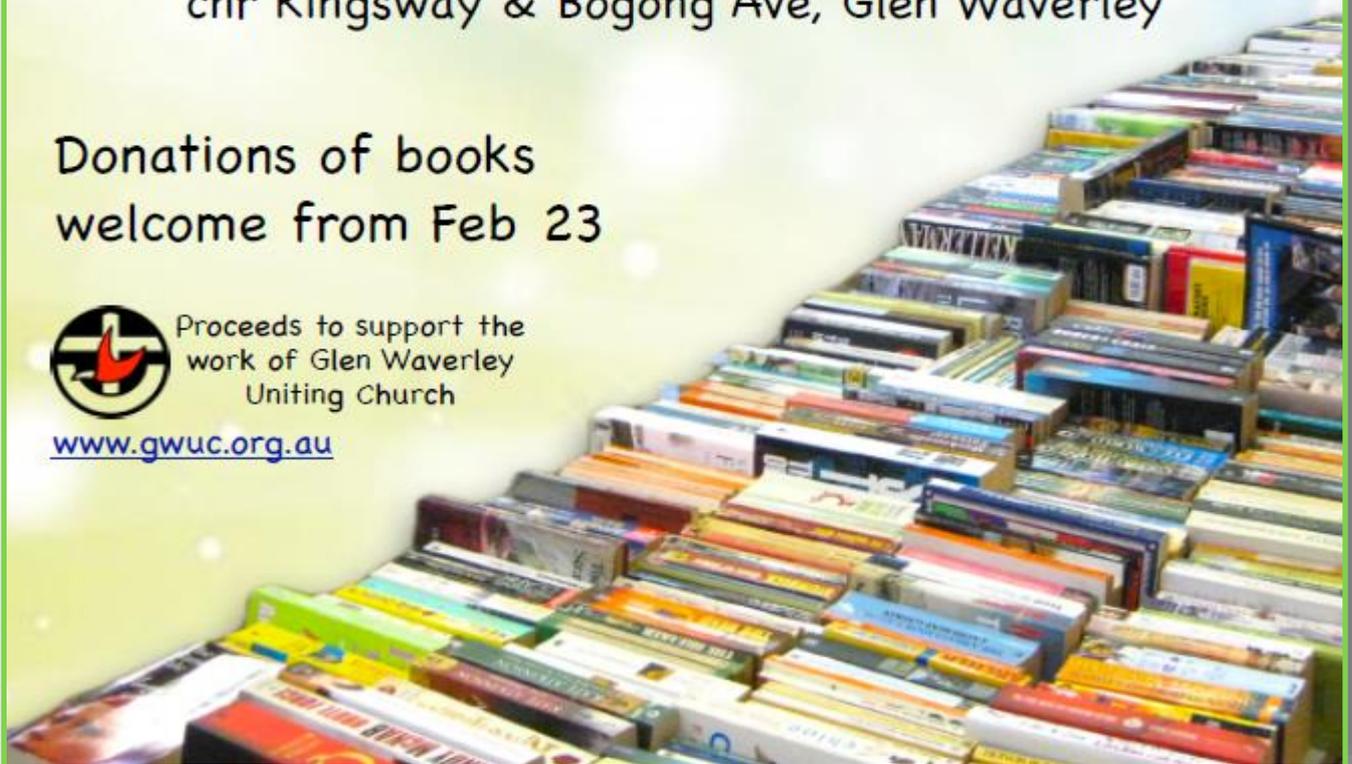
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Energised Students for Term 1 Free Incursion Karate Session

free session for all students

Give your students a burst of energy, confidence, and focus with a free in-school karate session in Term 4. Our fun and engaging program gets students moving, builds resilience, and teaches the basics of karate in a safe, structured way.

What's In It For Your School

- No cost to the school
- Links to student wellbeing and engagement outcomes
- Suitable for all year levels (Prep - Year 6)
- Fits within normal PE lesson times
- Working With Children Checks provided

What Students Will Experience

- Fun, active drills using soft clappers and focus pads
- Key skills in confidence, respect, and listening
- A safe, inclusive environment for every student

How It Works

We visit your school during normal PE blocks and rotate through classes (30-40 minutes each) or depending on your time requirements. You simply provide a hall, court, or grass area & we bring all equipment and handle set-up and pack-up.

Contact James from Meka Karate today to book your free session: Ph: 0447 089 403 or mekakarate@gmail.com

ADVERTISING



School Tours are available fortnightly on Wednesdays from 9:15 am at the College. Going on a school tour is a great way for parents and future students to get a glimpse of how the school operates and the school environment. We welcome anyone interested in attending a school tour.



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