



Thursday 26th February 2026

TERM 1 WEEK 5

KEY DATES 2026

February

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 - Writing

Thurs 12th - Tennis - 1K, 2TR, 2H, 2NP

Fri 13th - NAPLAN - Reading

Tues 17th - NAPLAN - Language Conventions

Tues 17th - Tennis - PB, PL, 6HD

Wed 18th - Tennis - 6G, 6M, 5CD, 5K

Thurs 19th - NAPLAN - Numeracy

Thurs 19th - Sushi Day (PFA)

Fri 20th - HARMONY DAY! - Wear Orange

Fri 20th - Welcome Prep Afternoon - Prep Families

Mon 23rd - Tennis- 3/4JH, 3/4W, 3/4M, 1BL

Tues 24th - Tennis - PB, PL, 6HD

Wed 25th - Tennis - 6G, 6M, 5CD, 5K

Thurs 26th - VSSS Mass Dance Rehearsal

Tues 31st - Tennis - PB, PL, 6HD

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

As we settle into the school year it is great to see the majority of our students attending school on time and ready to learn. Unfortunately, we are seeing a significant number of students arriving late and as mentioned in previous newsletters, this has a negative impact on the entire class. As we approach NAPLAN, we would ask that families of Year 3 & 5 students are here before the 9am bell to ensure they are not stressed prior to the tests. Our NAPLAN dates can be found later in the newsletter. Back to arriving on time, this can be as simple as packing school bags the night before or going to bed 30 minutes earlier so that every child is well rested for the next day. Having a routine adds a sense of connectedness to school and we certainly want to help every student feel that way.

Part of being connected to school is also being able to identify one or more trusted adults. That is often the student's classroom teacher, but some students may have a strong affinity with the arts or sciences, and therefore connect with our specialist teachers. Hopefully by now, every student knows they can pop into my office if there is a problem and I will do my best to support them, as will Mrs. Weerakoon and Mr. Hattwell. For some students, an Education Support staff member may be the person they feel safest around or it may even be our amazing office team. Whomever the person, it is essential that students can identify that safe adult and know that they will be supported.

School Council

We are still looking for one more parent representative on Council for 2026. If this is something you would be interested in, please give me a call and I can walk you through it. In short though, there are 7 meetings for the remainder of 2026 and one in Feb 2027.

NAPLAN

As mentioned, NAPLAN is not far away and our Year 3 & 5 students will soon be undertaking these assessments. This year in the lead up, students have been provided with NAPLAN styled homework tasks to help familiarise students with the tests. It has long been our policy to not "teach to the test", but ensuring students are familiar with the platform is an important aspect and we hope that the homework will help students feel more confident and better understand the process in the coming weeks.

NAPLAN testing will take place on:

Wednesday March 11th - Writing

Friday March 13th - Reading

Tuesday March 17th - Language Conventions

Thursday March 19th - Numeracy

We would also ask all families to be mindful of students undertaking testing on each of those mornings and respectfully ask that parents move away from the Year 5 & 3/4 classroom areas to ensure that distractions are limited.

Year 5 & 6 Camp

Next Monday our Year 5 & 6 students are off to camp and it is getting exciting. This year we will be heading to a new venue in Mornington, whose proximity allows us to pack in more over a shorter number of days due to less travel time. I look forward to visiting the campers at some point during the three days and catching up on all the action. Camps are a great opportunity for students to move outside of their comfort zones and the hope is that for many students, they will learn something about themselves and their classmates. Camps often bring out the best in students in areas they didn't know they were interested in. As such, I encourage all of our campers to give everything a go and enjoy being together with their friends in a less formal and more relaxed environment.

Labour Day Public Holiday

A reminder that the school will be closed on Monday March 9th for the Labour Day public holiday.

Charles Spicer,

Principal

Easing into adolescence: resources for families

Free resources for families of adolescents aged 10 to 14 years.

The Department of Education has launched an [Easing into adolescence](#) webpage for families of students aged 10 to 14 (Grade 5 to Year 8).

The webpage has information and strategies you can use to help ease your child into adolescence and secondary school. These include:

- A guide to emotion coaching. Staff from The University of Melbourne's Tuning in to Teens Kids program developed the guidance.
- how to support your adolescent with their studies and other general topics. Parenting expert and clinical psychologist Andrew Fuller helped develop this resource.

SUPER TALENT

Congratulations to Anna M who sang a beautiful version of "Ghost Town" by Benson Boone. Not only did she wow us with her amazing voice, but she had to sing half of it in acapella when there was a little mix-up with the music. Anna demonstrated that the show must go on and gave us an incredible performance.

Well done, Anna!

Mrs Sally Bush
Performing Arts



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MPS HARMONY DAY

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

2026



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TERM 1 WEEK 4 STUDENT AWARDS 2026

Class	Name	Category	Reason
6M	Pearl B	Motivation	For getting off to a wonderful start to the year in her learning! Pearl, you are working really hard in all your subjects, asking questions when you need to, taking pride in your work and really wanting to do your best and improve. I am so proud of your efforts. Keep up the great work!
6HD	Sheridan N Shanmukha S	Numeracy Motivation	For working through positive struggle to understand how to multiply vertically. We were so proud of how hard you worked to understand the concept. Showing amazing confidence in sharing inciteful and interesting facts during class discussions. We really love hearing your thoughts. Keep up the great work!
6G	Jun H	Motivation	For being such a great and lively member of MPS! We will miss your cleverness, kindness and sense of humour!
5CD	Taze A	Literacy	For putting in more effort in his work this week and developing ideas further.
5K	Iris Z	Motivation	For being a determined and engaging student in 5K throughout all aspects of class!
3/4 JH	Lexi N Katya K	Literacy Literacy	For applying many of the persuasive techniques we explored during writing sessions to your own work. You were very persuasive indeed! For making sure that your writer's voice shone in your persuasive text. Your writing was engaging and definitely persuasive! Well done.
3/4 W	Bowen S	Literacy	For extraordinary effort in the organisation and content of her reading journals and tasks.
3/4K	Cadence J Anika G	Literacy Literacy	For consistently completing all extension tasks in reading and writing to a high standard. Keep it up! For consistently completing each reading and writing task to a high standard whilst helping those around you. Well done!
3/4 M	Alex A Nyah J	Numeracy Literacy	For achieving an impressive result on his multiplication and division automatic response tests. Well done! For contributing thoughtful insights when discussing different shared texts. Amazing work Nyah!
3/4 G	Swara P	Literacy	For her outstanding persuasive writing. Your combination of persuasive techniques, clear writing voice and detailed reasons created a wonderful written text. Well done!
2TR	Athena K	Literacy	For making a great effort to read more fluently, sounding out words independently, and becoming more confident each day. Keep up the fantastic work!
2NP	Damian M	Motivation	For working hard in all areas of learning to complete a high standard of work and always using amazing manners. You are a superstar Damian!
2H	Harley G	Numeracy	For doing a fantastic job collecting, counting and representing numbers on think boards. Well Done Harley!
1BL	Ethan L	Literacy	For being focused and producing great work, especially with his recount! Keep up the awesome work!
1K	Lisa H	Motivation	For always being such a hard worker and for listening well to feedback, using it to improve your work. Keep it up!
1E	Lola S	Motivation	For her enthusiastic approach in all subject areas, keep up the amazing effort Lola!
Prep L	Milo H	Motivation	For his thoughtful comments and contributions to our class discussions. Welcome to MPS, we are so glad you are part of Prep L!
Prep B	Mitchell C	Motivation	For being a thoughtful and helpful friend by making sure the friends standing near him in line are in the correct spot and ready to go. Keep it up!

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



26/02/2026

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Holi Festival in After School Care



4 March

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Dear Families

Firstly, Happy Lunar New Year to all our Asian families! One of the highlights of our program was celebrating Lunar New Year through a range of engaging and meaningful experiences. Children participated in activities such as designing paper lanterns, paper cutting art, learning about Chinese Zodiac signs, making fortune cookies with positive and encouraging messages, and taking part in a fun chopstick race. These experiences supported children in connecting with the rich culture and traditions of the Asian community while developing respect for diversity and inclusion.

Another highlight of the program was our Pizza Day. The children absolutely loved creating their own delicious pizzas, choosing their favourite toppings, and working collaboratively with their peers. It was a wonderful social experience that encouraged communication, teamwork, independence, and confidence. The children also expressed their creativity through designing humorous joke posters, which brought lots of laughter and joy to the group.

Our fizzy art experience was another great success, providing children with the opportunity to explore simple science concepts in an engaging and hands-on way. They showed great interest in observing chemical reactions using a variety of safe substances and learning how to create beautiful and colourful patterns. Children have also shown strong interest in construction experiences, including Lego, stick connectors, and Mobilo, demonstrating creativity, problem-solving, persistence, and critical thinking skills. In addition, the children enjoyed a variety of active group games such as Octopus, Line Tag, Fruit Salad, and races, which supported their physical development, confidence, cooperation, and teamwork.

Our Big Art project has now begun and will take place every Friday. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to showcase their artistic talents and creativity. We warmly encourage families to support and participate in this exciting initiative, as it provides a valuable opportunity for children to shine, build confidence, and potentially participate in a national-level competition platform with the chance to win wonderful prizes.

Our Autumn Rocketeers Holiday Program is now live and bigger than ever, featuring breathtaking excursions, engaging incursions, and exciting project-based experiences. Please see the attached flyer for more information. To secure your child's place, kindly visit campaustralia.com.au to for more information and bookings.

Activities coming up

- Pen cap submarine
- Tie die paper towel art
- Wild world life day craft
- Holi swirl cookies
- Crispy potatoes bite
- Big art: Ginger Munduwalawala

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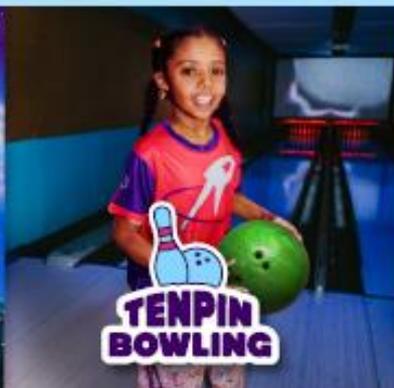
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FUN AWAITS!

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

Tue 07 Apr Project: Into the Wild

Step into the wild to create your very own magical world! Become an honorary forest sprite and create your own beautiful dome terrarium filled with wonder. And best of all, your magical world will come home with you!

Full Fee \$114.09 | After Max. CCS* \$11.41



Project

Wed 08 Apr Operation: Enchanted Explorers

Calling all magical fairies! We are in need of your skills as the Rocketeers magical forest is filled with magical secrets waiting to be discovered. Adventure awaits!

Full Fee \$80.93 | After Max. CCS* \$8.09



Base Camp Day

Thu 09 Apr Adventure: Mojo and Jimmy at Melbourne Comedy Festival

Join Mojo the Magical Monkey and Jimmy the Tomato as they race to save the Totally Awesome Magic Show with tricks, laughs, illusions and big surprises!

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Excursion

Fri 10 Apr Big Art Day: Deck Designer

Today is gonna be GNARLY!! It's time to turn your skateboard deck into a masterpiece. Forget the wheels! Let's switch things up and design, draw, and paint your own deck that will show off your personal style.

Full Fee \$118.01 | After Max. CCS* \$11.80



Project

Mon 13 Apr Big Art Day: Jungle Jamboree

Welcome to Rocketeers Zoo! What will we discover in the wild today? You can create your own animal habitat or go on a wild scavenger hunt. So join our journey into the wild!

Full Fee \$93.93 | After Max. CCS* \$9.39



Base Camp Day

Tue 14 Apr Project: Pranksters Paradise

It's time to get your funny on! Get ready for a prank showdown that will leave you in stitches - all with the help of your very own prankster kit.

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Project

Wed 15 Apr Adventure: The Super Mario Galaxy Movie

Lights down, snacks ready and screens glowing! Head to the cinema for a big-screen Mario experience filled with laughter, colour and galaxy-sized fun.

Full Fee \$134.83 | After Max. CCS* \$13.48



Excursion

Thu 16 Apr Project: Plus Plus Creations

Build, stack, and create with Plus Plus! Use blocks and booklets for inspiration, then take home your own 100-piece Plus Plus tube to keep the fun going!

Full Fee \$117.95 | After Max. CCS* \$11.80



Project

Fri 17 Apr Adventure: Mega Bounce Day at Tuff Nutterz

Bounce, climb, slide and race your way across giant outdoor inflatables! Jump into a world of squishy obstacles, big laughs and non-stop inflatable fun.

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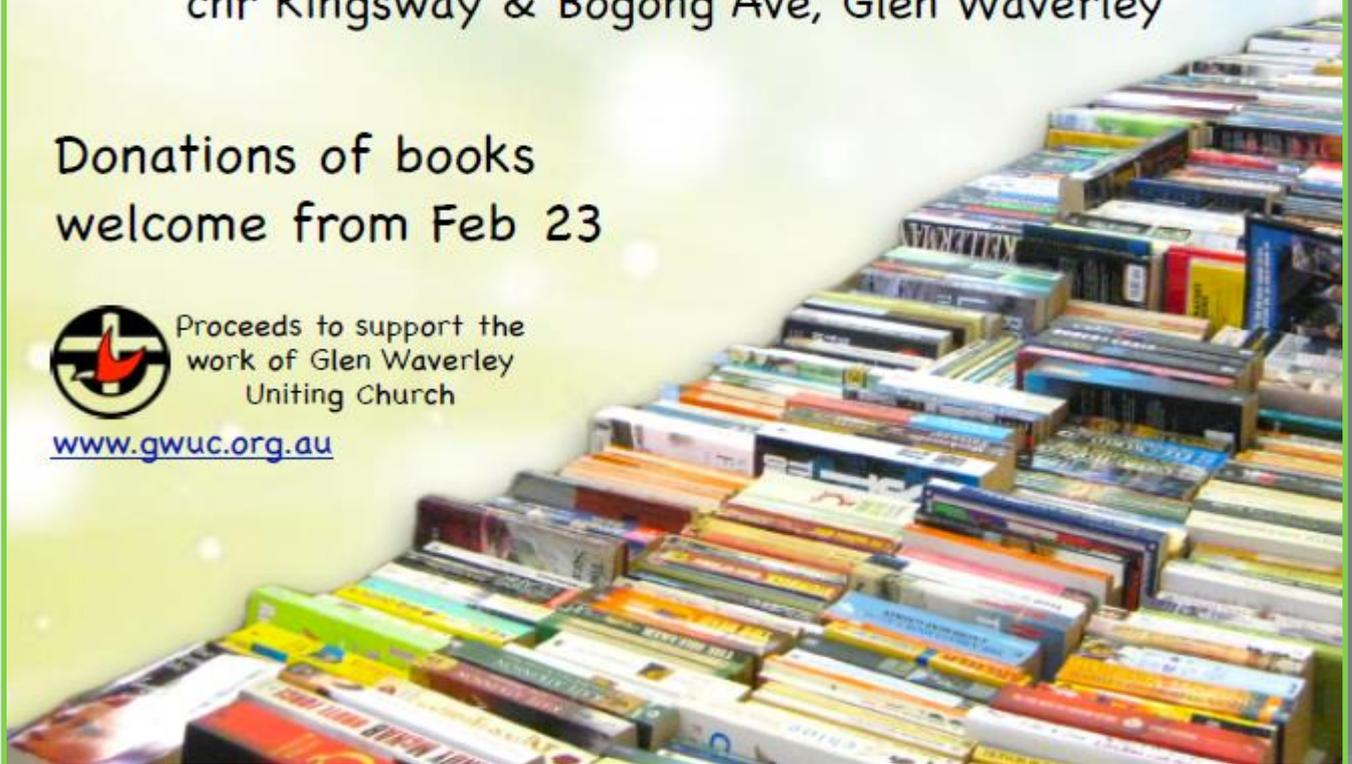
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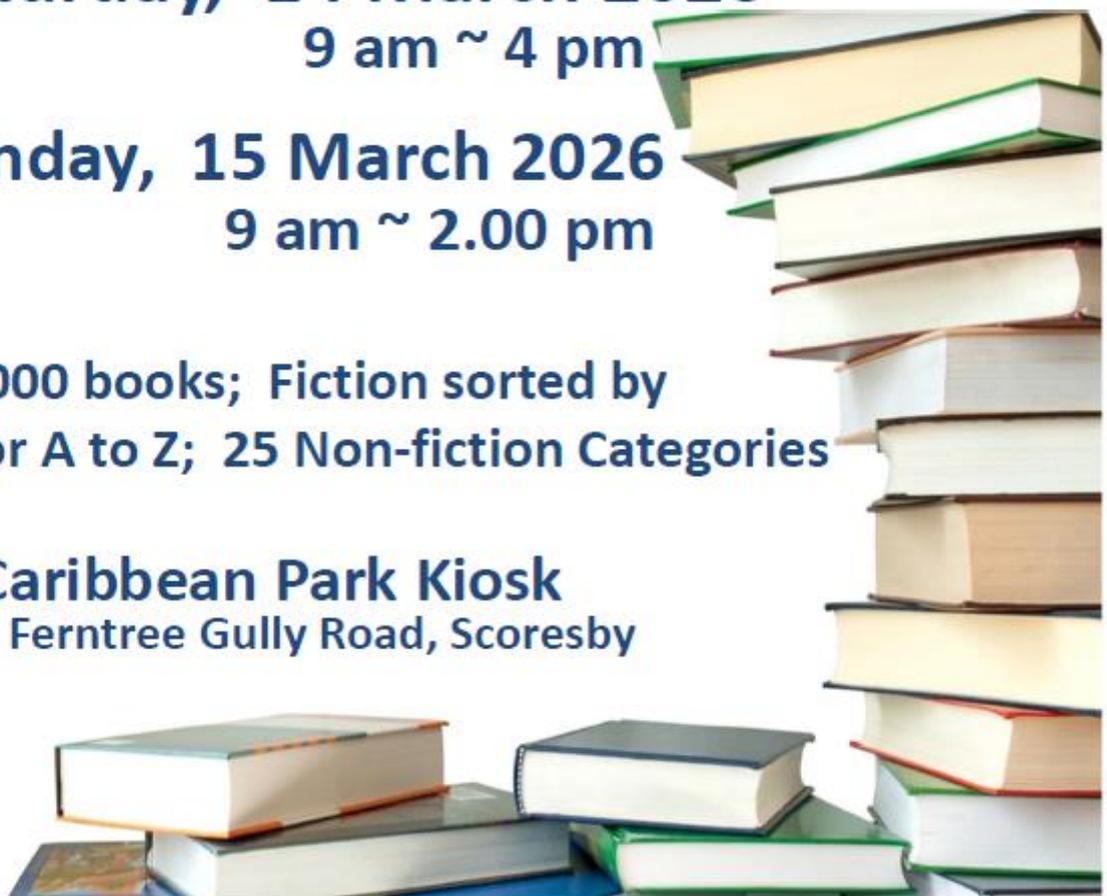
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