



Thursday 12th March 2026

TERM 1 WEEK 7

**KEY DATES 2026**

**March**

- 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
- Thurs 26th - Carwatha Cup - Select Students only
- Tues 31st - Tennis - PB, PL, 6HD

**April**

- Wed 1st - Tennis - 6G, 6M, 5CD, 5K
- Thurs 2nd - End of Term 1
- Students dismissed at 2.30pm



Next Friday 20th March 2026

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

**Message From The Principal**

We are now well and truly into the new school year and our students are working extremely well. Last week our school was visited by regional leadership to observe how our students and teachers were progressing with the new curriculum that is being implemented across this year and next. I am pleased to say that the feedback we received was extremely positive, with special mention to our prep teachers, with the calmness and routines within their classrooms receiving high praise given we are so early in the year. I would like to acknowledge the work of Nicola Weerakoon and Stuart Hattwell in driving these changes across the school, along with our "working party" of teachers who are helping all staff learn the new structures.

Last year we undertook our school review and much of the new strategic plan is around the new Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0 (VTLM 2.0). The new model and our review have prompted us to look into what we call our Instructional Model. Over the next 6 months the school will be reworking our current model, the basis of which remains current, to ensure we are in line with the VTLM 2.0. This includes our curriculum day on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Later in the year, we will share the updated model with families and explain the differences.

**Notice of the Mulgrave PS Annual General Meeting**

Next Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm the school will be holding it's Annual General Meeting in the staff room where the annual report will be presented and we will elect our office bearers for 2026/27. All members of the school community are invited to attend if they wish. Once ratified, the annual report will be published via our website. In our next newsletter, we will publish the outcome of the office bearer elections.

**Harmony Week 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> March**

Next week is Harmony Week and MPS will be celebrating on **Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>** where all students are encouraged to come to school in their cultural clothes or wearing orange. Stay tuned for more information on the activities and Harmony Day.

**Prep Welcome Afternoon**

Also on **Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>** from **4-5pm**, the school invites our prep families to mingle as we welcome new and existing families to the school. Light refreshments will be provided and the afternoon is a wonderful opportunity to build connections and learn a little more about the school.

Welcome



Prep Families

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> March – NAPLAN Testing Window**

NAPLAN is a national assessment completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia, providing a snapshot of student progress in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy in line with the Australian Curriculum. It is just one part of a school's overall assessment program and students are not expected to study—only to do their best. The 2026 testing window runs from 11<sup>th</sup>–23<sup>rd</sup> March, with schools scheduling tests within this period.

At MPS the NAPLAN Test will be held on the following days:

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Writing  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Reading  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Grammar and Punctuation  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Numeracy

Could I again remind families to ensure their children have a good breakfast and be at school by 8:57am, ready to start the school day in a positive manner. I would also ask that parents and carers move on from the school grounds as quickly as possible so that students can undertake the testing with minimal distractions.

### Emergency Evacuation Drill

Next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March the school will be undertaking an off-site emergency evacuation drill. We will be moving the students next door to Gladeswood Reserve for a short time before returning to school. We are required to undertake 4 drills per year, 2 off site, 1 to our oval and 1 lock down.



### Pending Strike Action – March 24<sup>th</sup>

As parents and carers may be aware, staff at our school who are Australian Education Union (AEU) members have been negotiating, alongside teachers, education support staff, assistant principals, and principals from public schools around Victoria, with the state government and Department of Education for improvements to pay and employment conditions. Negotiations have been occurring over the last seven months, and the state government has not made any offer at all to this point in time.

Currently, Victorian public schools are the lowest funded in Australia and there are significant staffing shortages across Victoria. Victorian public school teachers are also the lowest paid teachers in Australia, with many education support employees and school leaders paid less than their colleagues in other state and territories who do the same role.

AEU members are seeking pay increases and reductions to excessive workloads, with the aim of ensuring the retention of existing employees and the attraction of the next generation to enable the ongoing provision of a high-quality education to students. Because there has not been any offer, AEU members are undertaking a vote to endorse industrial action, with the union calling a statewide 24-hour stopwork for Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, should the government not respond properly to key claims.

The AEU has written to our school council outlining some of the issues that school staff need resolved, including school funding and staffing shortages, as well as pay and conditions. The union acknowledges that a decision to stop work is not one to be taken lightly and regrets the impact it has on students and their families, with the state government able to avoid such action if a fair and decent offer is made to employees. If the industrial action goes ahead, we will provide our school community with all the information needed to manage the situation.

It goes without saying that as a school we support all of our staff and expect them to be paid reasonably and have fair conditions of work.

### End of Term

The end of term will be on us before we know it. The final day of term one is Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on the day.

*Charles Spicer,*

Principal



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# SUSHI DAY THURSDAY 19TH MARCH

## Sushi Hand Rolls

- Teriyaki Chicken
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- Cucumber



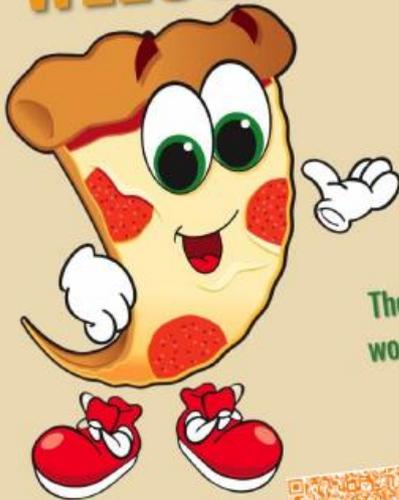
\$4.00 per Sushi Roll

\$2.00 per Juice Box  
(Apple or Tropical)

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Orders Close 5pm  
Sunday 15th March

## WELCOMING OUR 2026 PREP FAMILIES WITH OUR 'PIZZA AFTERNOON'



The Mulgrave Primary School Parents and Families Association (PFA) would like to welcome all our 2026 Preps and their families to attend our pizza afternoon kindly organised by the PFA.

Please join us in the school courtyard on:  
Friday 20th March  
4:00pm - 5:30pm

To assist with catering  
please RSVP via the  
QR code by 4pm  
Monday 16th March



A wonderful way to get to know classmates and families.  
We hope to see you all there!

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ON FRIDAY 20TH MARCH, WEAR  
ORANGE COLOURS OR WEAR A  
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BACKGROUND

# MPS HARMONY DAY

## FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

# 2026



CELEBRATING MULGRAVE'S CULTURAL DIVERSITY

# BE SAFE AROUND SCHOOL CROSSINGS



- Ensure you use a designated school crossing when dropping off or picking up children
- 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.



# Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



12/03/2026

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Dear families

We hope everyone had a relaxing long weekend and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine!

One of the highlights of the week was celebrating World Wildlife Day, where children explored wildlife through creative art and craft. They designed their favourite animals and participated in a fun quiz to learn interesting facts about different animals. We also celebrated the colourful Indian festival of Holi by making delicious, colourful cookies and creating vibrant mandala art inspired by the festival. Other highlight of the week was our Tie-dye paper towel art, allowed them to experiment with colours and patterns. We turned handprint art in wonderful Nemo fish and dinosaur creations looked amazing! Our science experiences encouraged curiosity and exploration. Children investigated colour density and created a "pen cap submarine," observing how weight affects movement in water. In another experiment, they made a rubber band helicopter and discovered how the force of a stretched rubber band can create motion.

In the kitchen corner, our little master chefs prepared tasty treats including fortune cookies, pasta salad, and mini pizzas. These cooking activities helped children develop practical life skills such as following instructions, measuring ingredients, and working cooperatively. Outdoor play was also a big part of the week. Children stayed active and engaged through basketball, soccer, Bridge Riverbank, tag games, races, and other team activities that supported physical development, teamwork, and social interaction.

Next week we are excited to celebrate Superhero Week. As part of the celebration, we will have a special visit from a doctor on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of March at 4:00 pm, who will talk with the children about the importance of healthy habits and looking after our bodies. Families are warmly invited to join us for this informative and engaging session.

Our Big Art Competition will be concluding on 20th March. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to showcase their creativity and artistic talents. We encourage everyone to participate and join us on Friday to take part in the competition and celebrate the children's amazing artwork.

Bookings for our Autumn Holiday Program are now open. We have planned a range of exciting experiences including excursions, incursions, and creative projects. Some of the highlights this season include visits to the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Mega Bounce, and a special movie outing. To avoid disappointment, we encourage families to secure their spots early by visiting our website to view the full program and complete bookings.

## Activities coming up

- Rescue mission game
- Superhero scavenger hunt game
- Cooking mini buns
- Superhero Quiz

## Make a booking

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

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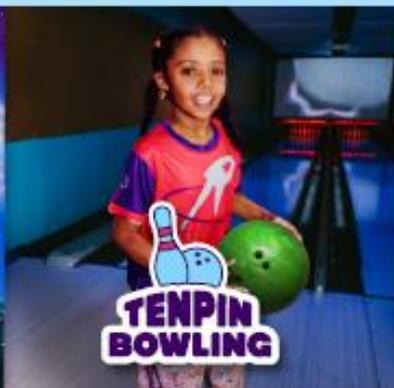
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# WHAT'S ON THESE HOLIDAYS! ↗

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# FUN AWAITS!

## YOUR AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM



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

**Tue 07 Apr** Project: Into the Wild

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



Project

**Wed 08 Apr** Operation: Enchanted Explorers

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Base Camp Day

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

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Excursion

**Fri 10 Apr** Big Art Day: Deck Designer

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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!

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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.

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Excursion

**Thu 16 Apr** Project: Plus Plus Creations

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

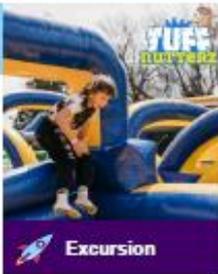


Project

**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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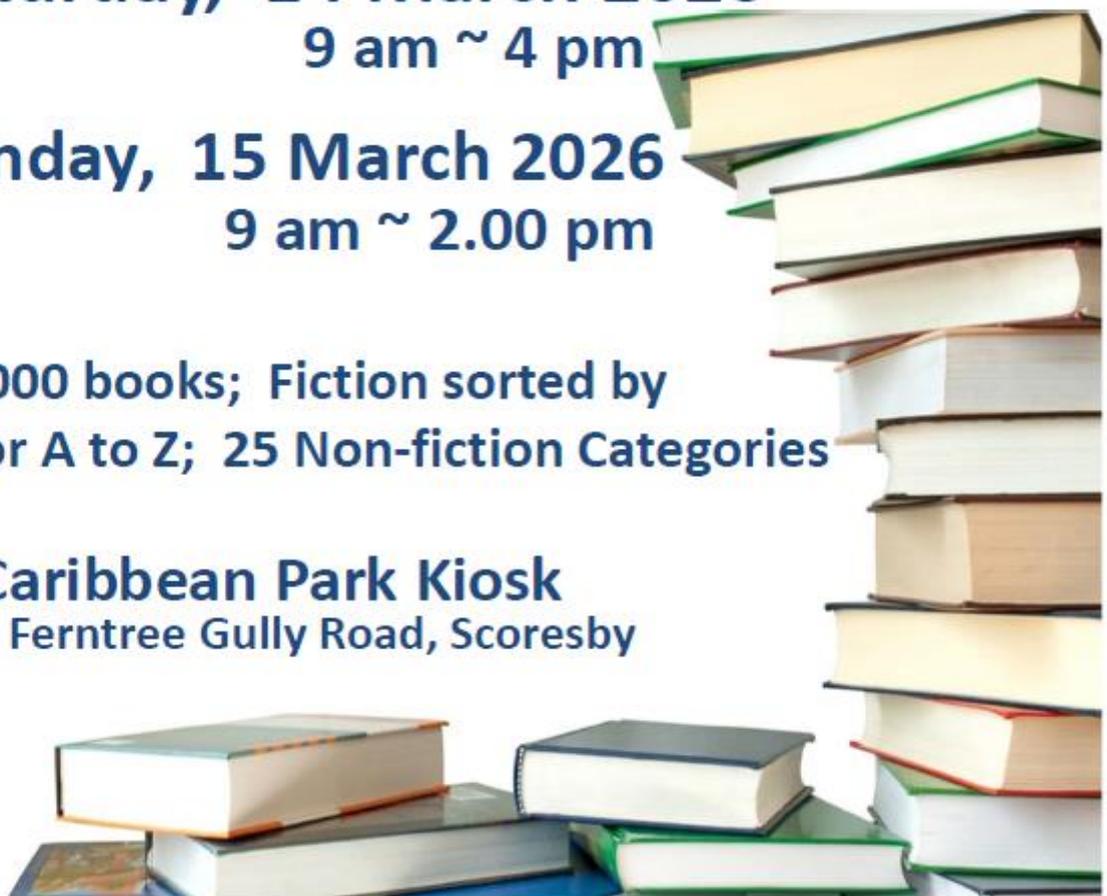
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