



Thursday 26th March 2026

TERM 1 WEEK 9

KEY DATES 2026

March

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

April

Wed 1st - Tennis - 6G, 6M, 5CD, 5K

Thurs 2nd - Easter Hat Parade, Raffle & Book Sale

Thurs 2nd - End of Term 1

Students dismissed at 2.30pm

Mon 20th - Term 2 Commences

Thurs 30th - VSSS Mass Choir Rehearsal

Thurs 30th - VSSS Mass Dance Rehearsal

May

Fri 8th - Mother's Day Stall (PFA)

Mon 18th-Fri 22nd - Education Week!

Fri 22nd - Winter Interschool Sports - Gr 5 & 6

Thurs 28th - VSSS Mass Dance Rehearsal

Fri 29th - Winter Interschool Sports - Gr 5 & 6



Easter Hat Parade,
Raffle &
2nd Hand Book Sale
Thursday 2nd April 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

With the first term almost complete, now is a great time to discuss the importance of reading daily. I regularly highlight the fact that if your child comes home and says they don't have any homework, they will still be expected to read. This is a non-negotiable, for we know that when students read at home on a regular basis, it helps improve their learning outcomes. My favourite stat comes from a study that showed that if a child reads for 67 minutes a day, they will achieve, on average, in the 98th percentile. It simply means that reading works. It underpins everything that we study at school and it's a great pastime. We want our students to love reading and actively choose to read for enjoyment. Over the holidays, it is important that students don't fall out of good habits. Under the new social media laws, reading is also a great way to fill the gaps that the removal of social media has created, so when your child tells you that they're bored, hand them a book!



Industrial Action

My thanks to the families of MPS for their overwhelming support for staff during last Tuesday's stop work. Should there be any further action, the school will communicate as early as possible.

School Council

Following our AGM last week, the new school council has now ratified our 2025 Annual Report. This will now be submitted to the department and once we have the all clear, the report will be posted to our website. In addition, elections were held for council leadership positions and the full council for 2026 is:

President: Ed Meszaros

Vice President: Jocelin Gawne

Treasurer: Alison Battaglia

Secretary: Stuart Hattwell

PFA President: Margaret Perdreau

Parent Members: Matthew Hender, Caitlin Casson, Sharmin Wojcik-Mirski, Brittany Wood

Department Members: Nicola Weerakoon, Stuart McIlwraith

Executive Officer: Charles Spicer

My thanks to all councillors for volunteering their time to ensure the proper governance of the school and to help drive school improvement.

Prep Welcome Afternoon (last week)

Thanks to all families who turned out for the Prep Parent Welcome Afternoon. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet with other families and staff. Lots of pizza was enjoyed and I would like to thank the PFA for their work in putting on the afternoon, as well as our Prep teachers for being available after hours. If any parents would like to join the PFA, please contact Anna Long via the school office.

No Smoking

A reminder to all parents that the school is a **no smoking zone**. This includes an area 4m each side of the footpaths outside all of our entry gates. Whilst the aforementioned areas are covered by legislation, we would ask parents who choose to smoke to not do so around the school grounds at all, including during events held at Gladeswood Reserve.

Staff Car Park Works

We are hopeful to be able to lock in the installation of a new fence separating the car park from the playground area between the BER building and Gladeswood Reserve, as well as a new secure car park entry gate. We will confirm as soon as the contractor confirms the dates for us. The new fence will run south of the pedestrian footpath from the BER to Gladeswood Reserve and will include a pedestrian access gate along the running track and a wider vehicle access gate for trades and the Farmers' Market. The new main car park entry gate will be set back from the street, with digital access required during peak hours. These safety improvements will provide greater security for our students. In the future, we will also be seeking to replace the fencing between the stadium and the Gladeswood pedestrian gate with taller fencing, similar to that used at the other end of the stadium. This additional fencing is dependent on there being remaining contingency funds from the STEM Centre grant, once the defects liability period is finalised later in the year.

Other Holiday Works

Sandpits and playgrounds will be topped up and we are hopeful that the VSBA will rectify the plumbing issues in Room 4, allowing 2TR to move into their classroom soon after. Once the plumbing is finalised, the school will immediately arrange for the vinyl entry to be laid.

End of Term

The last day of Term 1 is **next Thursday, April 2nd**. Students will be **dismissed at 2:30pm** that day. If parents require supervision for their children, Camp Australia will be offering the Out of School Hours Care program from 2:30pm. Term 2 commences on Monday April 20th.

Charles Spicer,

Principal



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GOLD COIN ENTRY GOES TO MULGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 1 WEEK 9 STUDENT AWARDS 2026

Class	Name	Category	Reason
6M	Ally H Andrew P	Numeracy Motivation	For her focus and persistence in maths all year. Keep challenging yourself Ally and believing in your ability—you are achieving great success! For having a growth mindset whilst on camp and really challenging himself to try new experiences. Andrew, it was wonderful to see your bravery when stepping outside your comfort zone. I am very proud of you!
6HD	Sophie M	Motivated	For always showing the MPS values and class expectations. Sophie is a fantastic role model and always tries to help others. Keep up the amazing work Sophie!
6G	Elsie P Indigo T	Motivated Motivated	For being a wonderful Environmental Captain and role model for her peers! For showing tremendous Leadership and Teamwork skills at The Ranch!
5CD	Jasper T Tyler W Cleo M	Literacy Motivation Motivation	For sharing great ideas and asking thoughtful questions during our mentor text. For putting in a lot of effort into his NAPLAN tests. For being an absolute legend on camp and taking on great challenges.
5K	Annabelle K Ariel T	Literacy Numeracy	For sharing her insightful thoughts about the mentor text. For independently exploring long division.
3/4 JH	Shwam M Grace M Casper S	Persistent Motivation Literacy	For great focus during our maths sessions this week. Thank you for sharing your mathematical thinking with us. For being actively involved in our class discussions of 'The Water Horse'. It was fantastic to hear you sharing your thoughts and reflections with the class. For putting lots of effort and detail into the character you created during our writing sessions this week. It was great to see you share your work with the class.
3/4 W	Sarah Z Aayuthan P	Literacy Motivation	For her care in her organisation and detail of her reading tasks. For always being willing to help his peers and keeping our classroom environment friendly and tidy.
3/4K	Monica S Tilly L	Literacy Literacy	For working diligently to recall and apply the learning when writing a persuasive and narrative text. Well done! For consistently applying thinking Stems from Reading lessons to record thinking at home. Well done!
3/4 M	Hugo T Mia S	Motivation Motivation	For the effort and resilience he displayed completing all of his NAPLAN tests. It was wonderful to see you face your challenges with a great attitude! For her outstanding organisation and attentiveness in each and every lesson. I admire the way you take initiative with your learning!
3/4 G	Mia A Mikey K Zeemal A	Literacy Motivated Numeracy	For sharing her insightful thoughts and ideas during class discussions. Your analysis and inferring about our mentor text has been amazing! Keep up the great work! For always being prepared and organised for his learning. You have a great desire to learn new things, are willing to take on challenges and consistently try your best. Well done! For outstanding effort, enthusiasm and creativity during Numeracy lessons. It has been wonderful to see you challenge yourself and demonstrate a range of strategies when solving problems. Keep up the great work!
2TR	Eleni P	Motivation	For consistently trying your best in all subjects and showing persistence when you find something challenging. Keep up the great effort!
2NP	Airtie M Eva M	Motivation Literacy	For working hard in all subject areas to complete amazing learning. Keep up the great work! For putting so much effort into your writing and producing an amazing biography. You're a star!
2H	Vuk Z Maleya B	Numeracy Motivation	For challenging himself during our Maths lessons on partitioning. Keep up the great work! For always demonstrating MPS values and class expectations. She is a fantastic role model and motivates others to follow her lead. Well done!
1BL	Austin M	Literacy	For working really hard on his handwriting. Keep up the great work!
1K	Isla S	Literacy	For trying so hard in your autobiography writing piece. You should be very proud of your efforts!
1E	Abigail D	Literacy	For adding extra details in her autobiography, keep up the amazing work!
Prep L	Avyza L Leon S	Numeracy Literacy	For showing her wonderful knowledge of part-part-whole. You worked so hard to show all the different ways to make 8. Well done! For trying his very best during writing this week! You worked so hard to trace, unjumble, and write your words, and you drew a fantastic 5-star picture to match. Great effort!
Prep B	Austin W Yash S	Motivated Motivated	For always trying your best in your learning and having a go before asking for help. You are doing a great job, keep it up! For being a wonderful role model to your classmates. You always try your best, make good choices, and help others when they need it. Keep shining!

TERM 1 SPECIALIST AWARDS 2026

	Junior	Middle	Senior
Art	<p>Airlie M - 2NP</p> <p>For showing wonderful growth in concentration and perseverance in Visual Art, resulting in thoughtful and carefully developed artwork.</p>	<p>James P - 3/4M</p> <p>For trying his very best in his self-portrait drawing and demonstrating pride in his artistic work.</p>	<p>Maddie D - 6M</p> <p>For showing wonderful enthusiasm in creating her self-portrait and demonstrating strong focus and commitment to her learning in Visual Art.</p>
PE	<p>Ari C - 2TR</p> <p>For genuinely caring about his learning and putting in effort to get better. All while being a kind and helpful classmate.</p>	<p>Grace M - 3/4JH</p> <p>For exploring all the different volleyball skills and always trying to understand how and when to use them.</p>	<p>Shanmukha S - 6HD</p> <p>For consistently engaging in each lesson and giving new skills a go with enthusiasm and an inquisitive mindset.</p>
Performing Arts	<p>Theo D - 1K</p> <p>For his interest in learning about the instrument families and for being able to explain how the different instruments make their sound, using words such as vibrations and pitch.</p>	<p>Bridie D - 3/4J</p> <p>For her enthusiasm when learning about the musical elements through the music of Queen. Keep up the wonderful work.</p>	<p>Mayra M - 6HD</p> <p>For her interest, enthusiasm and thoughtful contributions to discussions when learning about music in movies.</p>
Science	<p>Louis O - 1BL</p> <p>For his focus and efforts in STEM, always working hard and being an active participant in lessons. Well done Louis.</p>	<p>Tessa M - 3/4K</p> <p>For her work and efforts in STEM while learning how to use her computer and G-Suite.</p>	<p>Hayden S - 5K</p> <p>For his work while researching a famous Australian STEM person and the digital skills so far shown.</p>



Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



26/03/2026

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2 April

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Hello Families

We hope everyone is enjoying the final days of the warm weather and is looking forward to the upcoming Easter break.

Over the past few weeks, the children have been happily engaged in a wide range of enriching experiences. In Art and Craft, our city skyline looked detailed and imaginative masterpieces. In another art experience "Me on the Map" given an opportunity for children to design their homes and surroundings while building an understanding of basic geography. In the kitchen corner our little master chefs made delicious brownies, rock buns, fried rice and rice noodles with vegetables strengthening independence, confidence and taking on a leadership role. Well, done Stacey and Elizebth for finger knitting scarf and helping others to learn.

We extend our sincere thanks to the doctor Angana Bhajracharya who visited us on last Monday for our superhero week. This special incursion provided children with hands-on experiences to explore health and safety concepts and meet real-life community hero. The children also enthusiastically participated in a variety of group activities, including a bean bag toss, East and west, river, bank and bridge and a superhero quiz, reinforcing their knowledge and encouraging discussion about real-life community hero.

Our Rocketeers Autumn holiday program with the diverse range of engaging experiences, including excursions, incursions, and creative projects designed to appeal to all children, is open for booking now. 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 places early by visiting campaustralia.com.au for more detailed program and bookings.

Good luck to all our participants who show case their talent in our big art comp.! Have a happy and safe Easter break! See you in Rocketeers or term 2!

Activities coming up

- Easter craft
- Easter cookies
- Easter Lego challenge

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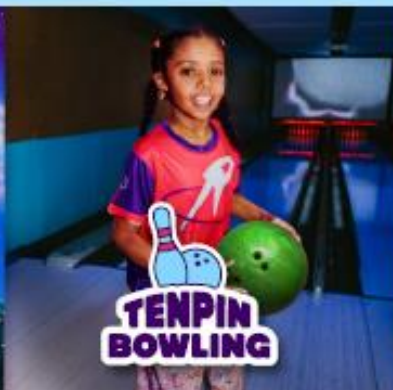
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FUN AWAITS!

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

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!

Full Fee \$142.43 | After Max. CCS* \$14.24



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.

Full Fee \$114.08 | After Max. CCS* \$11.41



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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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.

