



Thursday 21st May 2026

TERM 2 WEEK 5

KEY DATES 2026

May

Fri 22nd - Walk to School Day - Whole School
Fri 22nd - Winter Interschool Sports - Gr 5 & 6
Tues 26th - Police in Schools Program - Preps
Thurs 28th - VSSS Mass Dance Rehearsal
Fri 29th - Winter Interschool Sports - Gr 5 & 6

June

Thur 4th - Puberty Education - Gr 4 & 5
Fri 5th - CURRICULUM DAY - No School
Mon 8th - King's Birthday - Public Holiday
Thurs 11th - Puberty Education - Gr 4 & 5
Tues 16th - Fire Education - Preps
Thurs 18th - Puberty Education - Gr 5
Thur 18th - VSSS Choir Hub Rehearsal
Fri 26th - Last Day of Term 2 - 2.30pm Dismissal



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

As we pass the half way mark of the term, it has been great to see how settled and focused our students have been in their classrooms. This term I have been visiting each classroom to get an understanding of how well we are moving towards the Department's new Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0 (VTLM), which is being rolled out from 2025 to 2027. There is no doubt that we are well and truly on track and our curriculum day on June 5th will only speed up this process. On that day, we will be introducing a new instructional model, that reflects the new practice and will bring more consistency to our work. As it stands, our staff are already well versed in the components on the VTLM and we can see that in every visit. The new instructional model will specify the order in which we deliver student learning and have a strong focus on explicit teaching and checking for understanding.

Industrial Action Update

Last Friday the Australian Education Union reached an in-principle agreement with the Department of Education. As a result, the current industrial action will be suspended whilst members go through the ratification process, with some caveats. This means that:

- The half day strike scheduled for Wednesday June 10th will not go ahead at this stage. Students will be required at school on this day.
- Staff will not be providing personalised student comments (please see below regarding our new reporting process) or areas for improvement.

Whilst there is still much water to go under the bridge before the EBA is resolved, I would like to thank the MPS community for their support of our staff and public schools more broadly.

Schools Resource Standard Funding

In 2026, the Schooling Resource Standard for Australian primary schools is \$14,509 per student. This is the per student amount that a public school needs to meet its educational needs based on recommendations made by David Gonski in his 2011 report. As it currently stands, MPS is receiving \$11,027 per student, according to our most recent budget report. Of course, the formula is a little more complicated than that, but this provides a ballpark figure. I would note that as of 2023, private schools have been fully funded by both the state and federal governments, albeit at a lower per student rate based on their capacity to contribute.

Whilst I have been at the helm, Mulgrave PS has always been able to run a small budget surplus, until this year. We are not alone and all public schools are feeling the effects of this funding shortfall. It will not cause any short term drop in services, as a result of prudent financial management by School Council, but nor will we see the increased services that David Gonski envisioned 15 years ago.

Last year, the state and federal governments did a deal to push full funding for public schools back from 2028 to 2034 in Victoria. It meant a slight reduction in the anticipated funding this year and next, plus a significant reduction from 2028 to 2031 before it starts to move up. Mulgrave has been more fortunate than most schools in so far as we have been able to actively lobby and secure funding for capital works, outside of the SRS. Whilst we are very proud of our recent buildings, they can never replace recurrent funding for student education.

This is the funding that employs teachers and Education Support staff. As part of the AEU campaign for an improved EBA, an increase to school funding was part of the discussions. Teacher wage increases aside, it would appear that there has been no movement in this area. What the actual dollars of full funding looks like is open for interpretation, but even a small increase would be beneficial to government school students.

The MPS Council will continue to lobby state and federal MPs to bring forward funding. Should you wish to know more, please go to: <https://www.education.gov.au/recurrent-funding-schools/schooling-resource-standard>

Midyear Reports

The Department of Education is working on a restructured student report model for 2027. In light of the industrial action this year and with the new reporting method in mind, MPS has moved towards the new model early, and has developed a modified report for this year which we hope still provides parents with a clear picture of their child's learning. The new model will contain areas that have been taught and how your child has progressed against these. Comments will be contained to social – emotional updates from non-union members. All others will only contain progression points and student progress points in a table format. The format will not be far removed from the Department's new model, and we anticipate that the content will provide an insight into each child's needs without a written comment.

Principal Learning Walks

Yesterday we had the first of three principal learning walks for 2026, where principals from other schools tour our classrooms and observe our teaching and learning practices. Yesterday's visit was extremely well received, with all principals noting the work we have done in reducing distractions in the classroom (a.k.a. reducing cognitive load) and how well our students followed our routines. Our students were noted to be engaged in their learning and the principals were particularly impressed by 6HD's ability to articulate the work they were doing. The learning walk also provided the opportunity to show off our new learning spaces and our visitors were most certainly impressed with the facilities that MPS has been able to deliver. Future learning walks will focus on specific areas of instruction and the feedback will allow our staff to further refine our practice in order to deliver the best possible teaching and learning environment for your children.

Kiss & Go Drop Off & Pick Up Zone

Unfortunately this needs to be a regular fixture in the newsletter. Parents cannot leave their vehicles when using the Kiss & Go Zone. You can get fined by the Monash Council for doing so and the first you'll know about it is when you receive the fine in the mail. The school has no knowledge of when the Council chooses to visit, but they simply take a photo and keep moving.

Just popping into the office is not a legitimate reason to park and leave your car in this area. Aside from the potential for a fine, it hinders other parents by impacting on the flow of vehicles in and out of the parking zone. If everyone simply followed the rules, more people could safely park here, but unfortunately we have multiple cars every morning that ignore these simple rules and block the flow of cars moving in and out of these spaces. Can I please ask that all drivers show respect for the road rules and model positive behaviours when dropping off and picking up their children.

New Gates and Fencing

From June 2nd, new fencing will be installed at the portable classroom end of the staff carpark. The fencing will allow for vehicle and pedestrian access along the running track, but will increase student safety. In addition, School Council has approved the installation of a new gate to the main carpark entrance. The new gate will be controlled electronically and will remain closed between 8:30am and 4:00pm, unless accessed by a staff member or designated contractor. This will separate pedestrian and vehicle access before, during and after school in a significant safety upgrade. Families accessing before and after school care will still be able to use the car park outside of these hours. Stadium hires and the Mulgrave Farmer's Market will also be provided with access for their designated sessions. This will mean that the gate will remain open for basketball until 9-9:30pm during the week and for weekend use as needed.

Curriculum Day

A reminder that we have a curriculum day on Friday June 5th. This is a student free day.

Camp Australia will not be operating here at MPS due to low numbers, though if you require care for your child, please book with Mount Waverley Primary School via the Camp Australia website <https://campaustalia.com.au/>

Long Service Leave

I will be taking some leave towards the end of the term and am looking forward to visiting Greece and Croatia, with a little stop in Istanbul. My last day of this term will be the curriculum day on Friday June 5th and I will return for the start of Term 3. In my absence, Mr. Hattwell and Mrs. Weerakoon will undoubtedly keep the school running smoothly.

Charles Spicer,
Principal

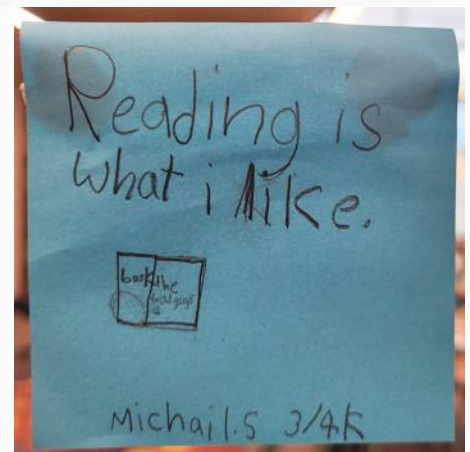
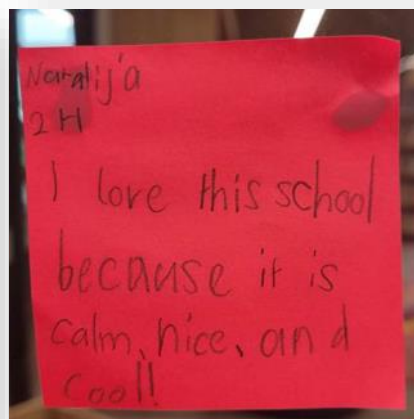
MPS OPEN AFTERNOON

Thank you to everyone who attended the Open Afternoon yesterday.

The students were very excited to showcase their work in their classrooms.

Hopefully, families had time to visit the Education Week display in the corridor of the new building which were created by each student in the school as well as the Education Week video which was on display and was also made by the students.

From Mrs Pejic and the specialist teachers



HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM

The Victorian High-Ability Program (VHAP) is an online learning program for selected Year 5 and Year 6 students who have been chosen all over Victoria to undertake weekly online extension lessons in either Maths or English. The tasks are designed to stimulate students' critical thinking, problem solving and creativity. It is a great honour to be chosen, and we are very proud that in Term One we had two students from Mulgrave Primary School who were selected to participate in the program.



Congratulation to the following students for successfully completing the VHAP course.

Alexander J, Year 5, for Mathematics

Elsie H, Year 6, for English

Ms Lenore Matthews



TERM 2 WEEK 4 STUDENT AWARDS 2026

Class	Name	Category	Reason
6M	Trent N	Literacy	For his very detailed Information Report about Sustainable Food and Farming. Trent, you have researched your topic well, followed the structure of an Information Report appropriately and have included many Tier Two words and a detailed glossary. Congratulations on a wonderful piece of non-fiction writing!
	Zayn L	Motivation	For the extra effort you have put into you learning these past few weeks. Zayn, I can already see that you are showing improvement in your reading, writing and maths. It is so exciting to see you believing in yourself and working so hard. You are reaching your true potential - Yeah!!
6HD	Amelia W	Motivation	For doing her best to ensure her information report and presentation cue cards were completed to the best of her ability. We love how motivated you are to always do your best! Well done Amelia :)
	Jaxon T	Motivation	For showing responsibility as the Spanish captain and being an excellent role model to other students in 6HD and across the school. Well done Jaxon.
6G	Lisandi W	Motivation	For being a motivated learner who consistently tries her best. Keep it up!
	Erik K	Literacy	For working hard on his information report and producing a fantastic piece of work!
5CD	Mimi A	Motivation	For being an all-round great student and always putting in effort into her work.
	Abbey F	Literacy	For putting in a lot of effort in her information report.
5K	Eli T	Literacy	For sharing deep inferences about the mentor texts.
3/4 JH	Leia H	Numeracy	For carefully selecting suitable strategies and showing her mathematical thinking clearly. Well done.
	Takdir G	Literacy	For an amazing effort during our note taking sessions. You paraphrased what you learnt so well. Amazing!
3/4 W	Luca U	Literacy	For his incredible word choices in his written notes for his Information Report.
	Lily N	Numeracy	For persisting with her Maths worded problems, even when she finds them challenging.
3/4K	Nikhil D	Literacy	For showing good consistency in applying learning within our literacy blocks. Well done!
3/4 M	Presley W	Motivation	For working hard in all subjects and always participating in class discussions. Well done!
	Attikos H	Literacy	For trying your best to identify important information and giving your all during difficult tasks. Great work!
3/4 G	Arthur D	Persistence	For having a positive attitude and growth mindset when approaching challenges. It has been great to see you work hard to persevere to do your best. You are strong and resilient! Keep it up!!
2TR	Ruben S	Motivation	For actively participating in all lessons and helping others to gain understanding.
	Harper G	Numeracy	For persisting to improve her understanding during maths work.
2NP	Ava E	Literacy	For using creative ideas and descriptive language in her narrative. Great work Ava!
2H	Alex T	Literacy	For his incredible use of interesting vocab in his narrative. Keep up the excellent work!
1BL	Edith H	Numeracy	For showing great focus and improvement during her recent numeracy assessments. Well done Edith!
1K	Shakya P	Motivation	For trying so hard to follow all instructions and completing his work to the best of his ability. Well done!
1E	Demi S	Motivation	For her outstanding effort across all areas of learning. Keep up the amazing work Demi!
	Jayden I	Numeracy	For his excellent thinking skills when solving maths problems, well done Jayden!
Prep L	Luca C	Wellbeing	For showing kindness by always being the first to offer help and supporting his classmates. You're awesome!
Prep B	Billie M	Motivation	For always trying his best in all learning areas and kindly helping others to do their best too. Keep shining!

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

21/05/2000

Mulgrave Primary School



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National Reconciliation Week in After School Care



27 May - 3 June

Book now

Firstly, thank you to all the lovely mums who joined us for our Mother's Day breakfast. We hope you all had a beautiful Mother's Day and were thoroughly spoiled on Sunday!

Last week, we celebrated Family Week, providing meaningful opportunities for children to explore family values, relationships, and creativity through a range of engaging experiences. Children enthusiastically participated in hands-on activities such as creating playdough families, "Recreate My Family" artwork, stick families, and family trees. Our cooking experiences also brought great excitement and encouraged collaboration. Children worked together to make sushi, learning about teamwork, sharing, and enjoying a meal as part of their OSHC family. The Italian-style scones were another highlight and provided a delicious afternoon tea enjoyed by all. Through group games such as "This or That", Silent Ball, Bottle Flip Challenge, eleventh math game, ball games, ping pong and soccer, children were encouraged to play collaboratively, make thoughtful choices, and respect others' perspectives.

Our big art projects have now begun, and children are participating with great enthusiasm and creativity. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to showcase their talents and win exciting prizes. We encourage everyone to join us on Fridays to take part in the competition. Entries close on 29 May, so don't miss out!

Next month, as part of our Community Engagement Program, we will be hosting a police officer visit on 9 June at 4:00 pm. This session will focus on promoting children's safety and wellbeing. Children are warmly invited to attend and take opportunity to be part of the learning program.

Bookings are now open for our Rocketeers Winter Holiday Program, which features a wide range of engaging experiences including excursions, incursions, and creative projects designed to appeal to all children. Highlights this season include an adventure to Melbourne City FC, a screening of Toy Story 5, an excursion to Eastern Indoor Sports Centre, and much more. For more detailed program please see the attached flyer. We encourage families to secure their places early by visiting campaustralia.com.au for bookings. Places are limited!

Activities coming up

- Painted gum leaves
- Aboriginal seed cake
- Yarn turtle
- Reconciliation lantern

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*Please note the fees on the following pages are only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. To find out your eligibility, log into MyGov.

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YOUR WINTER 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 29 Jun Operation: Opening Ceremony

The adventure begins now! Step into a day full of colour, music, and celebration as we kick off something amazing together. Let the excitement begin!

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



Base Camp Day

Tue 30 Jun Special Event: City in the Community with Melbourne City FC

Step onto the pitch for a high-energy soccer session, meet lively team mascots and take home your own Melbourne City water bottle. Plus, exciting match offers to look forward to!

Full Fee \$136.13 | After Max. CCS* \$13.61



Excursion

Wed 01 Jul Project: Festival of Flavour

Score big with global flavours! Cook pancakes from the USA, tacos from Mexico, and sweet Beaver Tails from Canada, then decorate your table. Eat, celebrate, and taste your way through the World Cup host nations!

Full Fee \$119.43 | After Max. CCS* \$11.94



Project

Thu 02 Jul Adventure: Toy Story 5

Join Woody, Buzz and Jessie for a brand-new Toy Story adventure! When a new toy takes over, the gang must work together to save playtime.

Full Fee \$136.13 | After Max. CCS* \$13.61



Excursion

Fri 03 Jul Big Art Day: Monster Mash

Grab your boldest ideas! A special guest from Star Time is coming to help you draw, craft and build a giant monster mural, then show it off with a fun monster dance. Let's mash it up!

Full Fee \$116.75 | After Max. CCS* \$11.68



Experience Takeover

Mon 06 Jul Project: Stop, Play, Rewind

Dive into a full day of play inspired by the world's biggest sport – with creative LEGO® builds, high-energy outdoor games, and plenty of fun. Plus, build and take home your very own LEGO soccer boots!

Full Fee \$109.43 | After Max. CCS* \$10.94



Project

Tue 07 Jul Project: Striker Showdown

Kick off the holiday with your awesome soccer skills! Build your own Soccer Striker Kit, design your player, test epic kicks, and learn about motion while scoring goals. And the best part, you can take home your kit for more action-packed fun!

Full Fee \$119.43 | After Max. CCS* \$11.94



Project

Wed 08 Jul Adventure: Blaster Zone at Eastern Indoor Sports Centre

Serve, rally and race into action! Switch from fast-paced pickleball to high-energy Nerf battles for a session packed with movement, teamwork and fun!

Full Fee \$133.43 | After Max. CCS* \$13.34



Excursion

Thu 09 Jul Adventure: Minions & Monsters

Join the Minions on a monster-hunting adventure! Travel back in time for laughs, chaos and a wild search for the spookiest stars ever.

Full Fee \$136.13 | After Max. CCS* \$13.61



Excursion

Fri 10 Jul Operation: European Explorer

Pack your imagination and explore Europe! From castles to cafés, today is all about discovering new places, stories, and cultures from across the continent.

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



Base Camp Day

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World
Play
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Ultimate Week of Play

11 June

12-19 June



NEVER STOP PLAYING



It's time to stop watching and start playing!
Join the fun on 11 June for World Play Day and keep
the excitement going from 12-19 June during
The Ultimate Week of Play! Play, connect and be part
of a global challenge to Never Stop Playing!



YOUR PLAYBOOK

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own play-packed
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STOP & PLAY

Join the national
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moment at 4pm on
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JOIN THE CHALLENGE

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COACHING REPORT

Individualised report from our coaches, for Senior Program Attendees

SPORT/LOCATIONS

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BASKETBALL

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Canterbury (TWO DAY)
Cheltenham
North Balwyn
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