



Thursday 16th July 2026

TERM 3 WEEK 1

KEY DATES 2026

July

Wed 22nd - VSSS Mass Choir Rehearsal

Thurs 23rd - First Aid in School Incursion - Gr 1 & 2

Thurs 30th - 100 Days of Prep - Preps

Fri 31st - School Disco - PFA (See inside for details)

August

Mon 3rd - Cosmodome Incursion - Gr 1 & 2

Fri 7th - VSSS Mass Dance Rehearsal

Sat 8th - Trivia Night - PFA

Wed 12th - VSSS Mass Choir Rehearsal

Thurs 13th - Flying Book Worm Incursion - Preps

Thurs 13th - Space Expo - Gr 5 & 6

Mon 17th - Hoop Time - Select Students

22nd-28th - Book Week Commences - see inside

Fri 21st - Book Fair Student Preview

Mon 24th-Tues 25th - Book Fair Sales - 3.15pm-4.15pm

Mon 24th - Book Character Dress Up Day

Mon 24th - Book Week Parade - 9.15am

Tues 25th - Author Visit - Whole School

Thurs 27th - VSSS Mass Choir & Dance Rehearsal

Thurs 27th - District Athletics - Gr 5 & 6

Fri 28th - VSSS Mass Choir & Dance Dress Rehearsal

29th - VSSS Mass Choir & Dance Show at Rod Laver

September

Tues 1st - Kids in Space Showcase - see inside

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

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

Welcome back to Term 3!

I trust families enjoyed the break and were able to find time for some relaxation, adventure, or a little of both.

As you may recall, I spent the end of last term on long service leave, travelling mainly through Greece and Croatia, with a few brief stops elsewhere along the way. Mrs Vujmilovic suggested I visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Plitvice Lakes, and I am pleased to have followed her advice. Plitvice is one of the world's most spectacular lake systems, renowned for its crystal-clear waters, cascading waterfalls, and breathtaking natural beauty. I would highly recommend a visit to anyone fortunate enough to travel to that part of the world. Closer to home, I also visited Bruny Island, south of Hobart, last summer. Once again, I was struck by the extraordinary beauty of the natural landscape. One of the great gifts of travel, whether within Australia or overseas, is the opportunity to experience different cultures, perspectives, and ways of life. It broadens our understanding of the world and deepens our appreciation for the places we call home.

No matter where I travel, I am always drawn back to the many treasures we enjoy here in Victoria and across Australia. From our beautiful beaches and the nearby Dandenong Ranges to the Great Ocean Road, the Mornington Peninsula, and our remarkable regional towns and bush landscapes, we are surrounded by places of great natural beauty and character. We are indeed very fortunate to call Australia home.

Thank You Mrs. Weerakoon

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Weerakoon for acting in my absence. From all reports there were some challenges along the way, but all handled professionally and expertly.

Vale Sandra Gunther

Just prior to the school holidays, we lost a long-time servant of the Mulgrave PS community. Sandra Gunther, mother of Kate Hattwell, mother-in-law of Stuart and grandmother to Milla and Fletcher, passed away. Sandra served as School Council President from 1984-1986 and has regularly visited as a classroom helper over many years. Our thoughts are with the Hattwell family at this time.

Final Call for Enrolments

Enrolments for prep 2027 close on Friday July 31st. Families will be notified of an offer on Monday August 3rd (all of our families will receive an official offer). If you know of anyone who is still considering their options for 2027 or is not aware that enrolments close across Victoria, please let them know they can contact the office to arrange a tour over the next couple of weeks.

New Instructional Model

Staff are beginning to implement the school's new instructional model, which was unveiled during our curriculum day last term. The new model is how we at MPS see as the best lesson we can deliver. The structure reflects the new Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0 and provides flexibility to meet the needs of every student, with a strong focus on explicit teaching of content and ample opportunities for small group teacher support and individual practise. A copy of the new instructional model is attached to this newsletter.

New Gates and Fences

On the school front, we had a fairly quiet holiday break, with just the new gates and fences being installed and a final push on the air conditioning in the new building. The new electronic gate will soon be fully operational and will be open for families using Out of School Hours Care between 7am and 8:30am and 3:50pm and 6pm. From there, we will program the gate to be closed during recess and lunch times for students safety, with the gate opening out of hours for facility hirers.

Industrial Action

At the time of writing, I am hopeful of a new offer being put to school staff. If all goes according to plan, by the time you read this newsletter there will be a resolution on the table. If so, it may mean that next Thursday's strike action would be called off. We will inform families as soon as we have the information, however the media is often the first to know and official communications slowly follow.

AusAlert



A national alert system will be tested on Monday 27th July at 2pm. AusAlert is a new national emergency warning system. It sends warning messages to compatible mobile devices during emergencies. You can minimise disruption by turning off mobile devices or switching them to aeroplane mode before 2 pm on Monday 27th July. You should leave these off for one hour, as operationally appropriate. Whilst students will be out on a lunch break at that time, we are attempting to forward plan to minimise disruption and not cause any anxiety for students at that time. You can learn more about AusAlert via the [Australian Government website here](#).

What's Ahead

We have plenty on the go again in Term 3, with activities across the school. Some of the notable items are:

VSSS – Mass Choir Rehearsal on July 22nd, Aug 12th, Aug 27th & Aug 28th

The Year 1 & 2 First Aid Incursion on July 23rd

100 Days of Prep on July 30th

The School Disco on July 31st (pending industrial action)

VSSS – Mass dance Rehearsal on August 7th, Aug 27th & Aug 28th

The PFA Trivia Night on Saturday August 8th

The Prep- Flying Bookworm Incursion on August 13th

Hoop Time on August 17th

The Book Fair from August 21st to 25th

Book Week from August 24th to 28th

The VSSS on Saturday August 29th

Kids in Space Showcase Sep 1st

Fathers' Day Stall & PFA Morning Tea Thursday Sep 3rd

Curriculum Day Friday Sep 5th

Footy Dress Up Day & Last Day of Term 3 Friday Sep 18th.

Enjoy the term ahead and as always, please feel free to contact myself, Mrs. Weerakoon, Mr. Hattwell or your child's teacher should the need arise.

Charles Spicer

Principal

Kids in Space STEM Project

Parents Invited to Showcase!



Our school is excited to be one of **120 schools across Australia** selected to participate in the **Kids in Space Program**. After completing specialised training, our teachers have introduced this exciting STEM initiative to our Year 5 and 6 students.

Throughout the program, students have explored the **design thinking process**, learning how engineers identify problems, develop creative solutions, build prototypes and refine their ideas. Inspired by the challenges of living in space, students have designed their own inventions and brought them to life using **3D design and 3D printing**. They have discovered that great inventions often come from asking thoughtful questions, embracing challenges and learning from mistakes.

This project has encouraged students to think creatively, solve problems and develop the curiosity and resilience needed to become the innovators of tomorrow.

Parents and Families are Invited!

Join us to celebrate our students' incredible work at the **Kids in Space STEM Showcase**.



Thursday, 13 August



2:00 pm – 3:00 pm



School Stadium

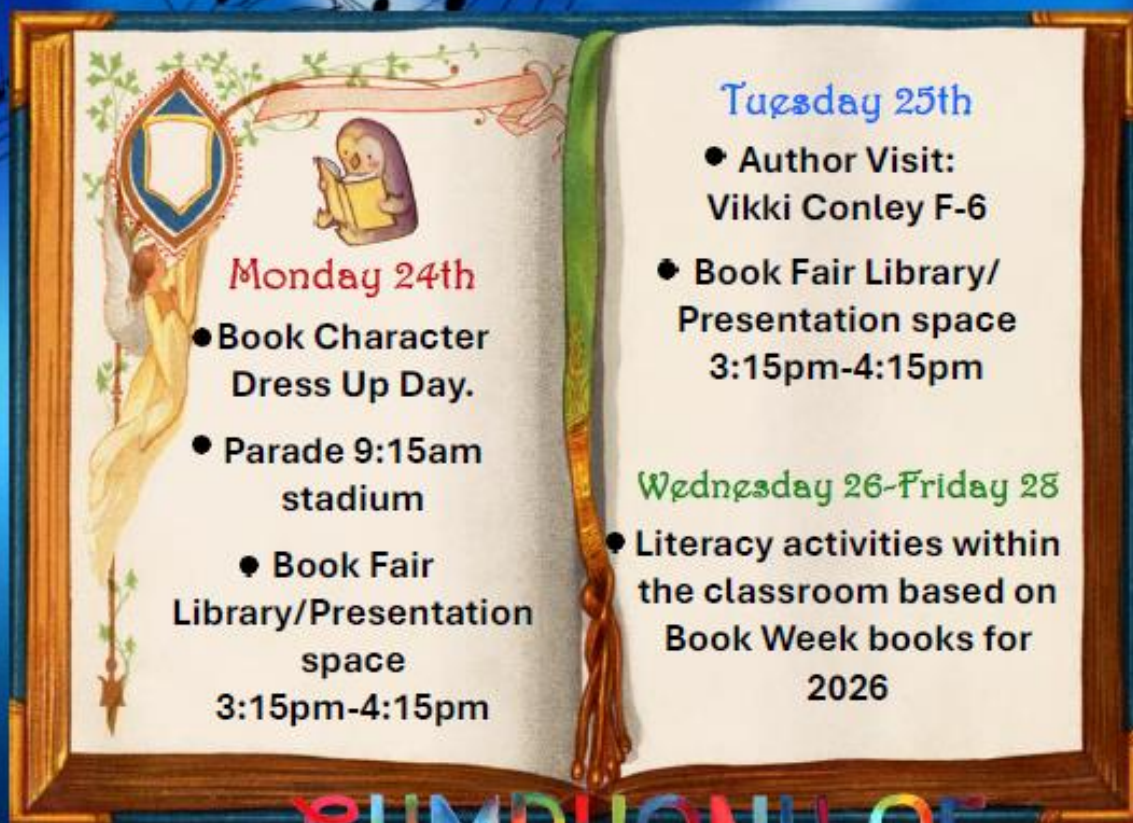
Come and explore our students' innovative 3D-printed inventions, hear about their design journey and celebrate their achievements in STEM. We look forward to seeing you there!



The winning team/s from our school will progress to a Victorian showcase event at **North Melbourne Primary School (Week 8)**, where they will compete against the best teams from schools across Victoria.

Book Week

24th–28th August 2026



Monday 24th

- Book Character Dress Up Day.
- Parade 9:15am stadium
- Book Fair Library/Presentation space 3:15pm-4:15pm

Tuesday 25th

- Author Visit: Vikki Conley F-6
- Book Fair Library/Presentation space 3:15pm-4:15pm

Wednesday 26–Friday 28

- Literacy activities within the classroom based on Book Week books for 2026

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STORIES



Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

16/07/2026

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Cartoon Comic Day in After School Care!



17 July

Book now

Hello Families

We hope you all had a relaxing and refreshing break and are excited for another wonderful term ahead!

What a fantastic and fun-filled holiday program we had! The children were actively engaged in a wide variety of play-based learning experiences and enthusiastically participated in all the activities throughout the program. One of the highlights was our four exciting excursions, where the children explored new environments, strengthened friendships, and created lasting memories together. They demonstrated curiosity, confidence, and excellent behaviour while participating in these community experiences, enjoying activities such as pickleball, dodgeball, the Nerf Challenge and watching movies Toy story 5 and Minions & Monsters. Another favourite experience was our LEGO Soccer Boot Construction activity. The children also enjoyed designing their own soccer players and exploring the science behind soccer by investigating different kicking techniques. These hands-on experiences encouraged creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork in a fun and engaging way. We would love to welcome you to our upcoming Spring Holiday Program, where we have another exciting range of engaging activities and excursions planned for children to enjoy.

This term, we have prepared an exciting, theme-based program designed to enhance children's learning, creativity, and confidence. Throughout the term, we will be celebrating National Science Week, Book Week, and Father's Day with a variety of engaging experiences and special activities. We are also excited to continue our Big Art Competition this term. The winner will receive both the Service Winner Medal Award and the opportunity to be recognised with a National Award. We encourage all children to participate and showcase their creativity.

We look forward to another exciting term filled with learning, exploration, creativity, and fun. Thank you for your continued support, and we can't wait to share many more memorable experiences with your children throughout Term 3!

Activities coming up

- Felt donut art
- Plus-plus Beyblade battle
- Parachute Quest

Make a booking

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

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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.

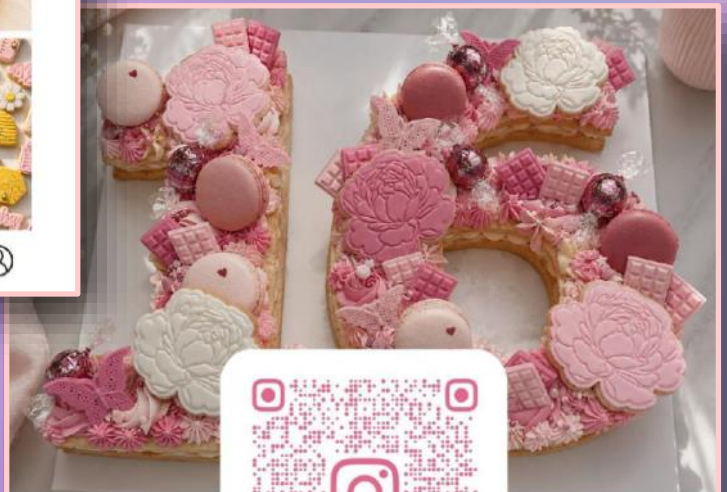
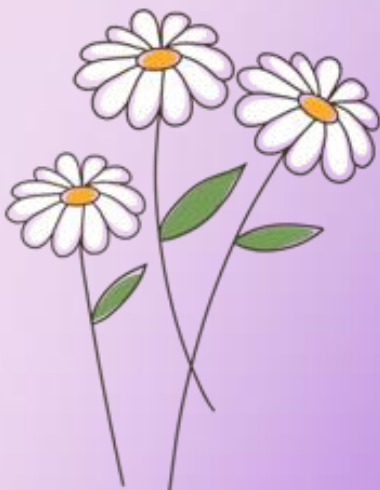
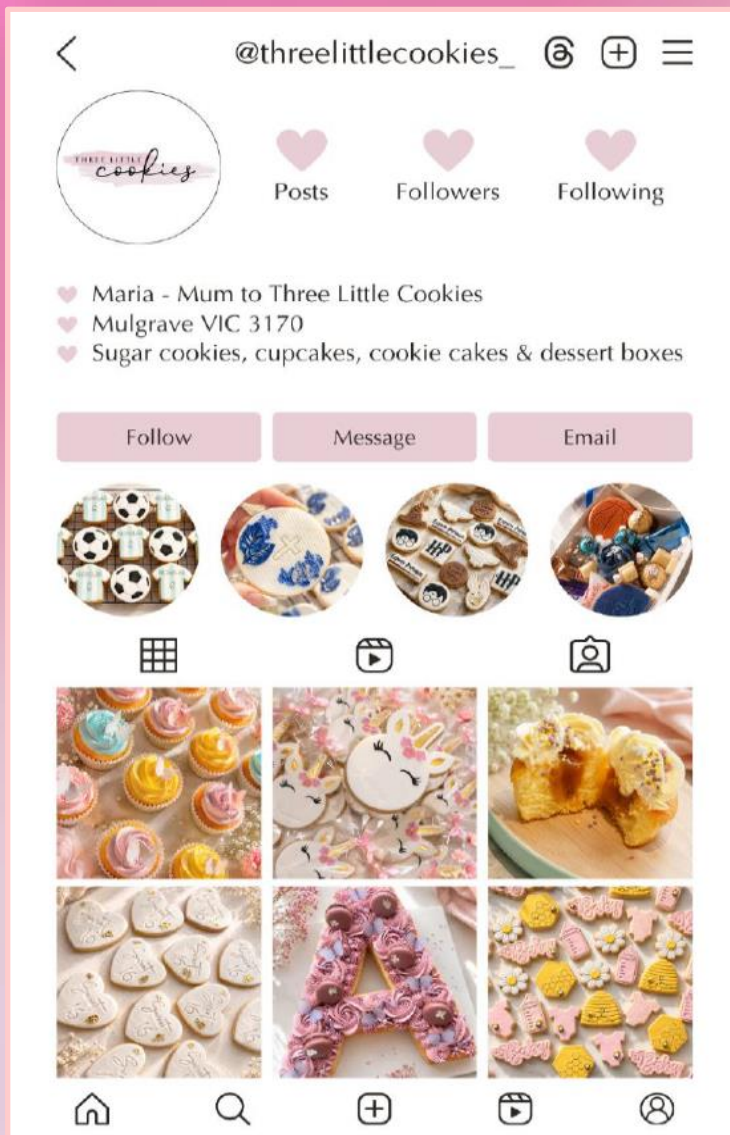


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SPRING SEASON 2026



SPRING DATES

TUESDAY PROGRAM

Week 1: 21st July
Week 2: 28th July
Week 3: 4th August
Week 4: 11th August
Week 5: 18th August
Week 6: 25th August
Week 7: 1st September
Week 8: 8th September
Week 9: 15th September
Week 10: 6th October
Week 11: 13th October
Week 12: 20th October
Week 13: 27th October
Week 14: 10th November
Week 15: 17th November
Week 16: 24th November

FRIDAY PROGRAM

Week 1: 17th July
Week 2: 24th July
Week 3: 31st July
Week 4: 7th August
Week 5: 14th August
Week 6: 21st August
Week 7: 28th August
Week 8: 4th September
Week 9: 11th September
Week 10: 9th October
Week 11: 16th October
Week 12: 23rd October
Week 13: 6th November
Week 14: 13th November
Week 15: 20th November
Week 16: 27th November

Woolworths NetSetGo is Australia's leading grassroots netball program, designed for children aged 5-10 to experience the joy of netball in a fun, safe, and welcoming community



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