



Thursday 10th September 2026

TERM 3 WEEK 9

KEY DATES 2026

September

Fri 15th - Aust Girls Choir Tryouts
Fri 18th - Final School Assembly for Term 3 - 9.10am
Fri 18th - Footy Dress Up Day - Team colours!
(Parade to follow assembly - Parents welcome)
Fri 18th - LAST DAY OF TERM 3 - 2.30pm Dismissal

October

Mon 5th - TERM 4 COMMENCES

Thurs 8th - World of Maths Incursion - Grades P-4
Fri 9th - World of Maths Incursion - Grades 5 & 6
Tues 13th - Division Softball - Select 5/6 Students
Wed 14th - Step Into Prep (Session 1) - 9.15-10am
Wed 14th - Division Volleyball - Select 5/6 Students
Wed 14th - MPS ART SHOW!! - 5-7.30pm
Wed 21st - Step Into Prep (Session 2) - 9.15-10am
Wed 28th - Step Into Prep (Session 3) - 9.15-10am
Thurs 29th - Chesterfield Farm Excursion - Preps

November

Mon 2nd - CURRICULUM DAY - Pupil Free Day
Tues 3rd - MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wed 4th - Step Into Prep (Session 4) - 9.15-10.50am
Wed 18th-Fri 20th - Grade 3/4 Camp

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

Can you believe there is just over a week to go in Term 3! For those that follow sport, T3 is similar to "moving day" in golf or "the premiership quarter" in the AFL. It's often where you see big learning gains and students stepping up. One of the best parts of my role and a fantastic indicator of this is when students visit me with a green ticket for great work or doing a thoughtful act. Mrs. Weerakoon, Mr. Hattwell and I have been inundated with green tickets this term. So many students have proudly showed us their excellent work or made a great choice around the school. So much so that if you attend assembly, you would note we have doubled the prizes for the fortnightly Superstar Award. I congratulate our students for putting in the work this term and encourage them all to keep giving their best.

Kids in Space

Speaking of giving our best, last week our Kids in Space finalists represented the school at the state finals in North Melbourne. After months of researching, testing, evaluating and redesigning, our teams did an outstanding job of presenting, with our Year 5 team claiming the Peer Award for the best concept. Both of our Year 6 teams also did exceptionally well, with one of our teams coming oh so close to taking out the overall win. Regardless of the final result, our teams did the school proud and have undoubtedly learned a lot along the way. This opportunity has opened the door to STEM pathways for so many of our students and I would like to thank Mr. McIlwraith, Ms. Matthews and all of the 5/6 team for their support of our students in this incredibly rich and valuable program.



Footy Colours Day and Assembly

Whilst we usually don't run assemblies on the last day of a school term, we are mindful of the fact that last week's curriculum day coincided with an assembly week. As such, we will run the footy colours day and an assembly on the morning of Friday September 18th. We will commence the assembly at 9:10am (or earlier if we all get across quickly) and will roll straight into the footy colours parade. There are a number of things to celebrate and we didn't want to leave it until next term. Hopefully we will get a good turn out!

Memorial Garden

Tomorrow marks the one-year anniversary of the passing of Mr. John Stokes. In memory of our friend and colleague, a memorial garden will be constructed over these coming school holidays. The garden will be located in the courtyard, where the former gum tree stood. Funds raised yesterday by students during our Green Day will be put towards the centrepiece native tree. The area will consist of a mud rock perimeter, the centrepiece native tree and ground cover. A memorial plaque will be installed commemorating Mr. Stokes and his service to MPS. This fitting tribute will blend in with the new building and our Australiana theme and will further enhance our school environment.

Art Show

A reminder to save the date for the 2026 Art Show, which will be held on **Wednesday, October 14, 2026, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.**



Father's Day Breaky & Stall

My thanks to the parents and friends who ran these fantastic events. I understand that the breakfast was enjoyed by all and that there was lots of excitement around the stall. My apologies for not being able to attend, as I was at a principal network meeting in the morning.

Parent Opinion Survey

The survey is open until September 18th and we are hoping for significantly more respondents. Last year, we only received 7 responses and in a school this size, that is within the margin of error and therefore does not give us much to go on. You can access the survey via the link <https://research.orima.com/parent>

VPA Conference: Leading with Connection & Purpose

It is almost two weeks since I attended this year's VPA conference, where a diverse group of presenters challenged principals to reflect on the role of connection, trust and purpose in effective leadership. Across a range of keynote presentations, common themes emerged around fostering collaborative cultures, building psychological safety, communicating with influence, and creating environments where both staff and students can thrive.

Speakers explored the importance of empathy, adaptability and continuous learning, highlighting how human-centred leadership can strengthen wellbeing, engagement and organisational performance. Attendees also gained practical insights into developing trust, cultivating discipline and resilience, understanding motivation, and leading through change with confidence.

A recurring message throughout the event was that leadership is not just about achieving outcomes, but about empowering others, nurturing meaningful relationships and creating the conditions for sustainable growth. Principals left with fresh perspectives and practical strategies to strengthen connection and purpose within their school communities.

Wellbeing Curriculum Day

Last week's curriculum day focused on the VPA conference themes above, with staff coming together to improve their practice through trust, connection and purpose. Our team is already a strong and connected group, but we were also able to remind ourselves of the importance of building connections with our students. Finding these connections and building on them is an increasingly challenging part of our work, with the many issues that our students face in a modern world. It is an area that we must continually look to improve in, as strong relationships underpin a great school community.

Progress Reports

The Term 3 Progress Reports will be available via Xuno next Wednesday afternoon.

New Automated Gate

The new automated gate is working well, ensuring that your children are safe as they arrive and depart from school. I would however ask that parents do not tailgate staff into the carpark, as the gates do not automatically open from the inside and it means that your car could be trapped in the carpark until 9:30am. I would also ask that parents do not try to cut through the car park by foot if the gate opens for a vehicle. The purpose of the gate is to separate children from traffic, and this is not the example we wish to set.

Toilet Etiquette (from previous newsletter)

Parents, we still need your help. Despite our best efforts, our toilets are not being used appropriately. Time and time again, students are deliberately placing items in toilets that don't belong there. Students are also not using the toilets properly or are not managing to clean themselves properly. It is essential that primary school children are toilet trained. This includes knowing how to sit on a toilet and keeping the facilities tidy for the comfort of others. Another important factor is the waste of toilet paper and the cleaner's time in having to sort out the additional mess. I would ask parents to have a chat with their child/ren to make sure they are doing the right thing at school. We understand that from time to time, accidents happen, but unfortunately what we are seeing is disrespect for the school. Hopefully we can see an improvement in the coming days and weeks.

Early Dismissal – Friday September 18th at 2:30pm

A reminder to families that school will be dismissed at 2:30pm on Friday September 18th. We would ask that arrangements are made to collect your child/ren by 2:45pm at the latest. If you are not able to do this, please contact Camp Australia to make a booking for Out of School Hours Care.

Go Hawks!

Charles Spicer

Principal

State Schools Spectacular!

Saturday 29th August was a huge day for 41 of our students and 4 staff. After six months of rehearsals before school, as well as at external venues such as the Melbourne Town Hall, the students who were participating in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular Mass Choir and Mass Dance finally had the chance to perform at John Cain Arena in front of 12,000 people. We performed in two shows and the production truly lived up to its name. It was SPECTACULAR! Our students did Mulgrave Primary School proud, showcasing their talent, commitment and enthusiasm.

The Victorian State Schools Spectacular will be broadcast on channel 7 and 7 Plus on Friday 18th December, 2026. It will also be available for streaming on 7 Plus for 60 days after the broadcast. Congratulations to all who were involved!



KIDS IN SPACE



The Kids in Space Challenge is a STEM education program that challenges students to investigate real-world problems associated with space exploration and develop innovative solutions. The challenge aims to inspire young people to explore STEM and imagine themselves as the scientists, engineers and innovators of the future.

Last week, three teams of MPS students proudly represented our school at the Victorian Kids in Space Showcase, following the Year 5 and 6 MPS school showcase earlier in the term.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 students presented three innovative projects:

- Year 6: The development of a star tram track and rocket.
- Year 6: Space botany and developing improved methods for growing fresh food in space.
- Year 5: Developing a solution to keep dust out of Mars rovers to prolong their lifespan and effectiveness.

We are thrilled to announce that our Year 5 team won the Peer Vote, sharing the award in a tie with another school. Our Space Botany team was also highly regarded by the industry judges and was in strong contention for the Industry Award.

All three teams represented MPS exceptionally well and demonstrated the creativity, determination and STEM knowledge they developed throughout the challenge. We are incredibly proud of our students and would like to thank everyone who supported them throughout the Kids in Space Challenge, particularly the industry experts who generously shared their knowledge and inspired our students to think about the possibilities of a future in STEM and space.

Well done to all of our MPS students – you have certainly reached for the stars!

Mr Stuart McIlwariath and Ms Lenore Matthews





Footy colours DAY

Friday

18th September

Students can dress up in jerseys and favourite
footy colours on this day.

There will be an **assembly at 9.10am** with the **parade
to follow afterwards.**

Parents are welcome to attend!

● **NO DONATIONS REQUIRED.**



MPS Art Show

Save the Date!

Dear Parents and Carers,

The excitement is building as preparations for our MPS Art Show get well underway! Our students have been busy creating amazing artwork and our class canvas designs are almost finished — we can't wait for you to see them!

We're also very excited to be showcasing our first-ever outdoor art installation, created especially for our art show.

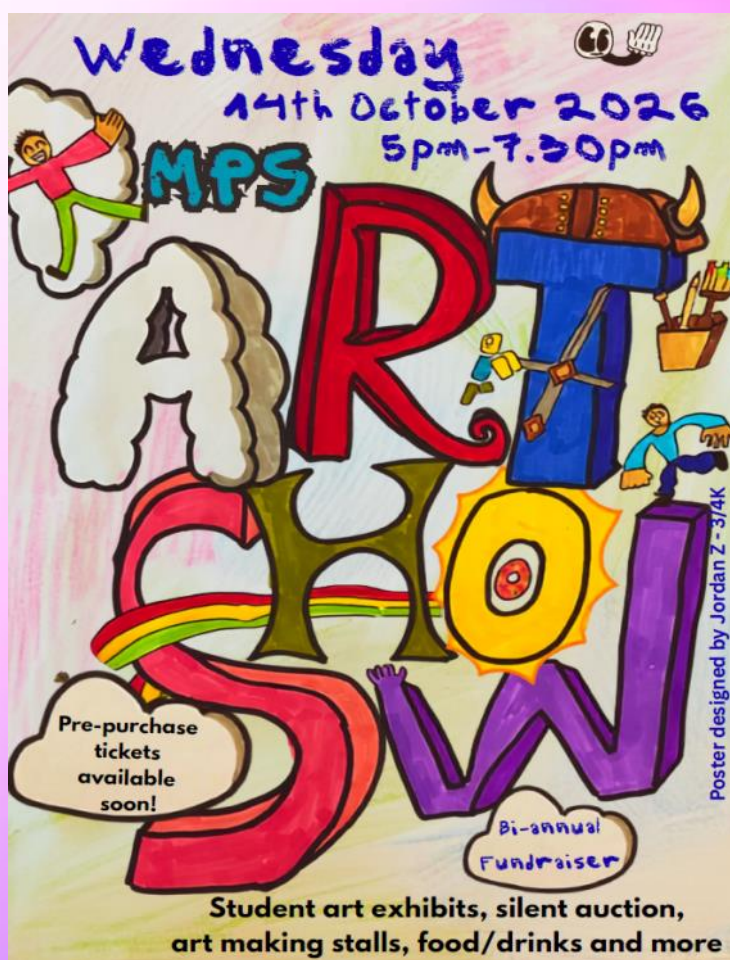
There's lots happening behind the scenes to get everything ready for what promises to be a wonderful celebration of our students and our school community.

We are still looking for raffle donations, so if you can contribute a new item, voucher, experience or service, we would be incredibly grateful. And keep your eyes peeled! Raffle tickets and pre-purchase tickets for the Art Show will be available soon, with more information to follow.

Thank you to everyone who has already supported the Art Show. We're looking forward to bringing our whole community together to celebrate the creativity and talents of our students!

Kind regards,

Dani Pejic
& the MPS Staff Art Show Committee



**Pre-purchase
Tickets Available
Soon!!**

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



10/09/2026

Mulgrave Primary School

Your
OSHC.



Dear Families

We hope dads had a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday and liked the special gifts made with love by the children as a gesture of appreciation and gratitude.

Our Spring rocketeers holiday an exciting program is packed with fun, creativity, and adventure! Experience the excitement of AFL Grand Final Fever, take on fast-paced Ninja challenges and take a race against the clock, and embark on a magical adventure during our special movie session. Unleash your creativity by becoming a Cake Master, discover your green thumb through gardening activities, build a powerful spinner and battle it out with friends, or design and create your very own hobby horse. With a wide range of engaging activities, there is something for everyone! Our Rocketeers Spring Holiday Program is now ready for bookings! For detailed program please check attached flyer or go to campaustralia.com.au for more information and bookings.

Over the past two weeks, the children have been actively engaged in a wide range of enjoyable and enriching experiences. Alongside creating their special Father's Day crafts, they participated in a variety of cooking activities, including making dumplings, chocolate chip cookies, chocolate cake, macaroni and cheese, rice and vegetable noodles, pizzas, and pancakes. These hands-on experiences provided wonderful opportunities for the children to develop their independence, creativity, confidence, and practical life skills while enjoying the process of preparing and sharing food.

Our MiniRoos soccer incursion was an absolute highlight! The children had so much fun getting active, learning new soccer skills, and taking part in a range of fun and engaging activities. The children also had lots of fun participating in a variety of exciting group games, including Line Tag, Fruit Salad, Octopus, Rock Paper Scissors, Silent Ball, Boom Clap, and the Snatch Game.

Have a happy safe happy term break, hope to see you in rocketeers or term 4!

Activities coming up

- Puzzle race
- Salt art flower
- Card tower challenge

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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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FUN AWAITS!

YOUR SPRING 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 21 Sep Big Art Day: Bloom and Discover

Step into a world where ideas grow! Paint, build and design as creativity blossoms all around you. What will you bring to life today?

Full Fee \$85.62 | After Max. CCS* \$8.56



Base Camp Day

Tue 22 Sep Experience Takeover: Cake Masters

Ready to become a Cake Master? A special guest is coming to help you decorate cake, get creative with fun designs and package your masterpiece to take home!

Full Fee \$123.62 | After Max. CCS* \$12.36



Experience Takeover

Wed 23 Sep Special Event: Grand Final Fever with Coles Healthy Kicks

Compete, cheer and level up your game in the ultimate AFL Max showdown! From fast-paced challenges to interactive activity zones, every moment is packed with movement, fun and excitement.

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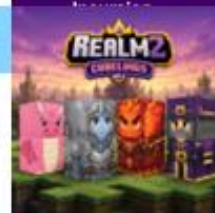


Excursion

Thu 24 Sep Project: Realmz Kingdom Builders

Build your own kingdom with our exclusive Realmz Cubelings magnetic building system. Then unbox a special surprise to discover which character will join your Castlelands adventure!

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Project

Mon 28 Sep Operation: Green Thumbs

Plant the seed of an idea and watch it grow! Explore, create, and discover what happens when imagination and nature work together.

Full Fee \$85.62 | After Max. CCS* \$8.56



Base Camp Day

Tue 29 Sep Special Event: Ultimate Ninja Challenge by Proactivity

Race against the clock and tackle giant challenges in the ultimate Grand Final showdown packed with action, teamwork and high-energy fun!

Full Fee \$147.62 | After Max. CCS* \$14.76



Excursion

Wed 30 Sep Project: Spinstorm Showdown

Build three powerful spinning tops, battle it out in your own Spinstorm Arena, and discover which creation can spin its way to victory!

Full Fee \$122.62 | After Max. CCS* \$12.26



Project

Thu 01 Oct Adventure: Dreamworks Animation Forgotten Island

Get ready for a magical cinema adventure! Step through a mysterious portal and into a magical world filled with unforgettable creatures, hidden secrets and an incredible friendship put to the ultimate test in Forgotten Island.

Full Fee \$144.59 | After Max. CCS* \$14.46



Excursion

Fri 02 Oct Big Art Day: Wild Wild West

Saddle up for creativity! Design your own hobby horse with colorful manes and expressive eyes. Your imagination, your ride!

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Project

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