Mulgrave Primary School NEWSLETTER

Thursday 8th October 2026 **TERM 4 WEEK 1**

KEY DATES 2026

October

Fri 9th - World of Maths Incursion - Grades 5 & 6
Mon 12th - Kids Helpline Wellbeing Session - Gr 5
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
Mon 19th - Kids Helpline Wellbeing Session - Gr 5
Wed 21st - Step Into Prep (Session 2) - 9.15-10am
Mon 26th - Kids Helpline Wellbeing Session - Gr 5
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
Fri 6th - House Sports - Whole School
Thurs 12th - Grade 6 Market Day - Students only
Fri 13th - Colour Fun Run - Whole School
Wed 18th-Fri 20th - Grade 3/4 Camp
Wed 25th - Prep 2027 Parent Information Evening
Mon 30th-Fri 11th Dec - Swimming P-4

December

Tues 1st - Transition Session 1 - Prep-Gr5

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 school for the final term of 2026. I trust our families enjoyed a restful break and that our students are ready and raring to go for what promises to be an exciting term. This term we look forward to our amazing Art Show, the World of Maths incursions, Step Into Prep, Market Day, the swimming program, the House Sports carnival, the Colour Fun Run, the transition program, carols evening and of course, the Year 6 Graduation to name just some of the activities planned for Term 4.

Art Show

Next Wednesday evening we will be celebrating the artwork of our students at the Art Show. The evening commences at 5:00pm and will run through to 7:30pm. Families are welcome to come and check out the amazing work in our new space and enjoy one of the great social evenings on our school calendar. From 7pm we will formally welcome families, enjoy a performance by the choir and draw our raffle prizes. There will be food available on the evening, along with a variety of activities and artwork for all to enjoy. Food will be available from the courtyard and a reminder; no food or drink is to be taken into the new building. I look forward to catching up with as many families as possible during what always proves to be a great night for our community.

Step Into Prep

Next week we welcome our 2027 prep students for their first official visit. During our Step into Prep program, we will provide opportunities for future Prep students to become familiar with the school environment, meet new friends, and get to know our teachers. Throughout the sessions, children will participate in engaging Literacy, Numeracy and Integrated Studies activities designed to support a positive and confident start to school.

Step into Prep Transition Sessions

- **Wednesday, 14 October** | 9:15am – 10:00am
- **Wednesday, 21 October** | 9:15am – 10:00am
- **Wednesday, 28 October** | 9:15am – 10:00am
- **Wednesday, 4 November** | 9:15am – 10:50am (extended session)

Parent Information Session

- **Wednesday, 25 November** | 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Are you leaving MPS in 2027?

As we plan for our 2027 classes, we would appreciate it if families who are moving on from MPS advise the school as soon as possible. This assists the school to budget for the next school year and benefits all families in the process. Of course we would love to retain all of our students, but we recognise that family circumstances change and sometimes a move is unavoidable. Either I, Mr. Hattwell, Mrs. Weerakoon or Mrs. Shaw are always willing to discuss your family's needs should there be any issues that may require our attention. If your child is currently in Prep to Year 5, and will not be at Mulgrave in 2026, please notify the school office in writing as soon as possible.

Reading



There's lots to do in Term 4, but it is important to remember that every child is expected to complete their home reading every day. There is no excuse for a student to claim they don't have any homework, as the minimum expectation is that they will be reading as part of their overall requirements. I cannot emphasise enough how important this is for the development of every child's learning. We would also appreciate it if parents or older siblings could hear their children reading as often as possible, with a little modelled reading thrown in for good measure.

Toys at School

A reminder that students are not to bring toys to school. The school does not have the insurance to cover loss or breakage and invariably, toys lead to arguments. There are two exceptions to this rule. The first is students who may require a fidget toy for regulation purposes. If this is the case, a discussion should be had with your child's classroom teacher to approve the use of the item. The second exception is sporting equipment such as basketballs, footballs or soccer balls. Whilst the school does have items for students to use, we recognise that this is not always practical. Any item brought to school is done at the risk of the individual. Items such as squishes, planes, soft toys and puzzles should be kept at home. Digital devices are absolutely banned, including phones and smart watches. Should a child bring a phone to school, it must be handed in to the teacher at the start of each day and can be collected at the end of the day. Should a parent need to get a message to their child, please contact the office.

Hats



As students return to school this week, I would like to remind all families that hats are required for all students when playing outside. With classes likely to be spending a considerable amount of time in the open air over the remainder of the year, hats will be essential.

Memorial Garden – Mr. Stokes



By now most will have seen the new memorial garden in the courtyard honouring Mr. Stokes. Ground Level Landscaping did an excellent job over the holiday break and this beautiful garden is a wonderful tribute to a man who gave so much to our school. Aside from the memorial stone, the rest of the border is designed for the community to sit and enjoy. The planting was funded by last term's Green Day fundraiser led by our students and I'm sure our Environment Captains can look after the watering of the garden as it settles in. The new garden undoubtedly gives the courtyard a lift, much as Mr. Stokes did for us all.

Curriculum Days

A reminder that this term there are two dates for parents to place in their diaries. The school will be running curriculum and professional practice days on **Monday November 2nd** and **Tuesday December 15th**. Classes will not be running on these days and staff will be working off site on Nov 2nd. Please make alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of your children on these dates.

Charles Spicer

Principal

MPS Art Show

MPS ART SHOW Final Reminders



Dear MPS families,

Wednesday 14th October, 5.00 -7.30pm

The Art Show is only a few sleeps away with many free and ticketed stalls and activities on offer. The following are some reminders:

Art Show Brochure & Map with QR Code
The Art Show brochure and map are available by scanning the QR code below. It has all the information families need about the evening, including where the stalls will be located. **Look out for the QR code around the school and scan it to access the brochure.**

Art Show Pre-Purchase Tickets
Avoid the queues and pre-purchase tickets for the Art Show stalls via the Qkr! app. Tickets are priced at **$1 each** and will only be **available until 5.00pm, Sunday 11th October 2026**. The tickets will be sent home to families via students in the two days leading up to the event, along with a printed copy of the Art Show Brochure.

Art Show Raffle
All Art Show raffle tickets are to be returned to school by **Tuesday 13th October.** The raffle will be **drawn at the Art Show on Wednesday 14th October.** There are some great prizes to be won!

MPS Student Art Exhibition
All the wonderful artworks made by our students this year will be on display within the new building. Don't forget to look at our first ever 'outdoor art' display.

We can't wait to see you there!

Kind regards,
Staff Art Show Committee

Coming Soon!



COLOUR MONTY THE MONSTAR FUN RUN

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

More information to follow soon.
Stay tuned...!

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

08/10/2026

Mulgrave Primary School

Camp Australia
Guiding Children's Growth

Your OSHC.

ROCKETEERS



It's hard to believe we have already reached the final term of the year. Time certainly seems to be flying by! We hope you all had a relaxing and rejuvenating term break and ready for an exciting and busy Term 4.

We have planned a wonderful variety of experiences and special events for the children this term, including our Big Art Competition, Wild Animal Week and National Recycling Week. We are also pleased to share the opportunity for families to participate in the free webinar, Parental Mental Health with Dr Billy Garvey.

I would also love to share some highlights from our Rocketeers Holiday Program. The children had an absolute ball participating in a fantastic range of experiences! Our AFL, Movie and Ultimate Ninja Challenge incursions were filled with excitement, laughter and plenty of opportunities for the children to challenge themselves. The children also followed step-by-step instructions to create their own spinners and had lots of fun challenging their friends to see whose spinner could spin the longest. During our Wild Wild West experience, the children used their creativity and imagination to design their very own hobby horses before putting them to the test in some fun and energetic races. Our budding Cake Masters had the opportunity to develop their culinary and creative skills as they learnt techniques to decorate cakes. The children also enjoyed a wonderful hands-on experience making their own chia pets, combining creativity with an opportunity to learn about caring for and growing plants.

It was fantastic to see the children so engaged throughout the holiday program, developing new skills, building friendships, expressing their creativity and, most importantly, having lots of fun.

We are looking forward to another wonderful term filled with learning, laughter, creativity and memorable experiences. Welcome to Term 4!

Regards
Meena

Activities coming up

- Flower Picnic Party
- Orienteering
- Frozen feet

Make a booking

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

Book now

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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- Simple booking calendar overview
- Track your spend
- Detailed account history

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Camp Australia

Book in to
After School Care for

Picnic Party

Monday, 12 October

Speak to your Service Leader to find out what we'll be doing!



Child Care Subsidy available for eligible families.

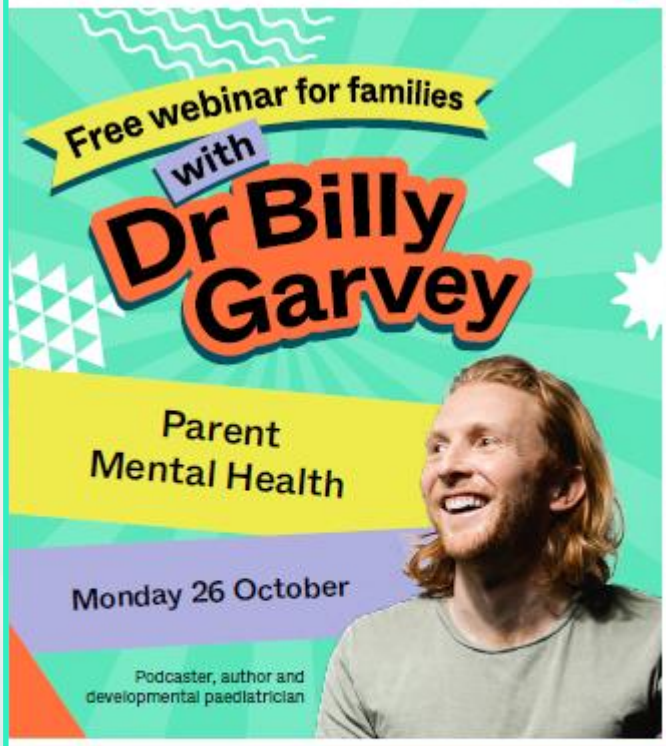
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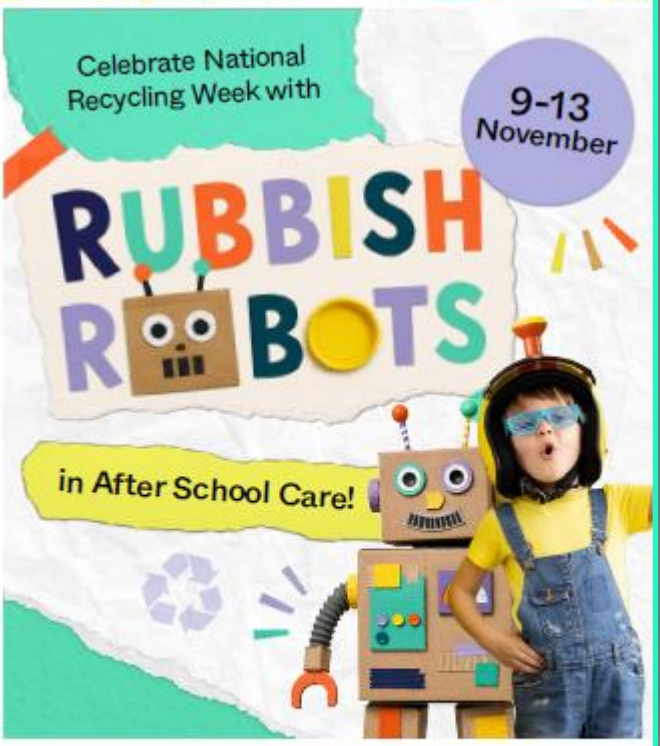
What's on in Term 4

Camp Australia









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NETBALL
TENNIS

DAY&TIME	AGE	PRICE
Mon & Wed 5:30-6:30pm	5-11 Years old	$15/ session

Springvale Indoor Sports

REGISTER

PARTIES

- SPACE JUMP PARTY — $268/10 KIDS
- SPORTS PARTY — $318/10 KIDS
- DODGEMCAR PARTY — $328/10 KIDS
- BUBBLE SOCCER PARTY — $338/10 KIDS
- NERF PARTY — $338/10 KIDS
- LASER TAG PARTY — $378/10 KIDS



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LIONS CLUB OF WHEELERS HILL

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

CNR SPRINGVALE & WAVERLEY ROADS
GLEN WAVERLEY

9AM TO 3PM

25 OCTOBER 2026

SPECIAL GUEST CELEBRITY GARDENER
VASILI KANIDIADIS 9AM -12 NOON



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Glen Waverley Uniting Church

ANNUAL FETE

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Saturday 17 October
8.30am to 2.00pm

Corner Bogong Avenue & Kingsway, GW

Food Stalls, Cakes & Jams, Craft, Jewellery, Books, Plants, Kids Activities, Animal Farm, Toys, Popcorn, Face-painting, Silent Auction, Treasures & Collectables, Music and MORE...

DONATIONS WELCOME

Books, Plants, Household Items, Toys, Treasures or Small Electrical Items (in working order) may be delivered on Friday 16 October 9am-7pm.

We are unable to accept mattresses, furniture, pre-loved clothing or unsaleable items.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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