Mulgrave Primary School NEWSLETTER

Thursday 22nd October 2026 **Term 4 Week 3**

KEY DATES 2026

October
Mon 26th - Kids Helpline Wellbeing Session - Gr 5
Wed 28th - Step Into Prep (Session 3) - 9.15-10am
Thurs 29th - Chesterfield Farm Excursion - Preps
Thurs 29th - Hooptime Regionals - Select Gr 6 Girls
Fri 30th - Teachers Day!

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
Fri 27th - Parent Helper Thank you Morning Tea
Mon 30th-Fri 11th Dec - Swimming P-4

December
Tues 1st - Transition Session 1 - Prep-Gr 5
Tues 1st - eSmart Schools Story time - Gr 2
Tues 8th - Yr 7 Transition for Gr 6 Students only
Tues 8th - Transition Session 2 - Prep-Gr 5
Tues 8th - Prep Meet the Teacher Session
Wed 9th - Carols Evening (more information soon)

DATES AND TIMES TO REMEMBER:

TERM DATES 2026
Term 1 - Tues 27th Jan - Thurs 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
Monday 2nd November

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAYS 2026
Tuesday 15th December (TBC)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2026
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

Local Survey
Thank you to the families that completed the recent Parent Opinion Survey. We had a total of 28 families compete the survey from almost 300 MPS families. Whilst this is usually an indicator that families are generally satisfied with how the school is operating, there were a handful of questions that came out of the survey responses that we would like to follow up on. As such, we have created a short 4 question survey on those items. The survey is in short paragraph answer form, so families can provide specific responses.

Survey Link: https://forms.gle/mqra4vBGz7GBTTAN9

Government Ban on Electronic Devices

From the start of the 2027 school year, students at all schools will be required to have personal electronic devices, including smart glasses, switched off and stored during school hours and during school activities. For government schools, the ban will extend to adults such as teachers, parents and volunteers, who will be banned from wearing smart glasses and other covert filming devices on school grounds and during off site school organised activities, including on camps and excursions at all times - not just during school hours. This will also apply to government school students.
Currently, all students are required to hand in mobile phones at the beginning of each school day and collect them at 3:30pm. Smart Watches are not to be connected to wi-fi and the functionality for sending and receiving text messages or making and receiving phone calls must be switched off.
Should a student need to contact home or a family need to contact a student, this can be done via the school office.

Happy Families


I was fortunate to hear Dr. Justin Coulson speak at the recent VPA Conference. Dr. Coulson offers great insights not only to parenting, but understanding what motivates people, which is one of the trickier things to achieve in this world, be that as a parent, a teacher or a principal. The school will be using Happy Families and Dr. Coulson's work within our wellbeing program and we are pleased to be able to invite you to the first of an ongoing series of live online events. Please see the information attached and remember to select "Mulgrave Primary School" when registering.

Cup Weekend
A reminder that on Monday November 2nd, the school will be closed as staff undertake a curriculum day on assessment and reporting. Tuesday November 3rd is the Melbourne Cup public holiday. School will resume on Wednesday November 4th.

School Funding Deal

You may have seen reports of a new school funding deal between the state and the federal government yesterday. The new deal appears to be very similar to the deal signed last year that pushed full funding back from 2028 to 2034. It will leave public schools struggling to make ends meet. We have also seen a cut to funding for students with English as an Additional Language in 2027.

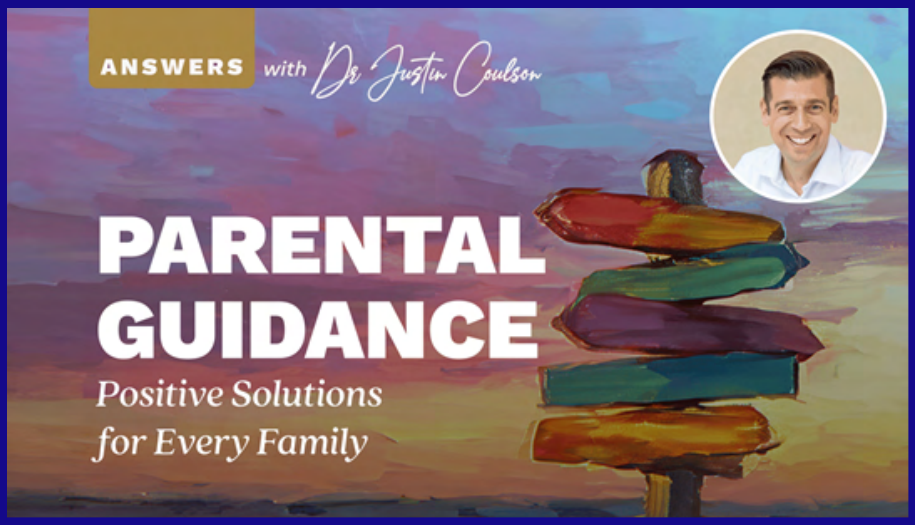
What does this mean? It means our resources are under significant pressure and the extras that the school delivers are under threat.
As it stands, we put out a very modest request for parent payments each year which also covers books and stationery. Exercise books, textas, pens, paint, clay, science materials, craft materials, laptops, iPads and much, much more are above and beyond the minimum standard.

Of course, the school wants to provide every child with the best we possibly can. At MPS, we have been incredibly fortunate to receive infrastructure funding, but this is not the same as the recurrent funding that pays for teachers, education support staff and so on. Last year, it was noted that the cuts to education totalled $2.4b in revenue. The difference is profound and has been reinforced by this new agreement.

In the meantime, school council will soon provide parents with the voluntary parent contributions for 2027, which goes to supplying the extra items that help our students get the most out of their school experience. At this point, no changes to the contributions are expected for 2027, however in the future we may need to ask that parents supply stationery and other items, separate from the voluntary contributions.

Charles Spicer

Principal



Parental Guidance: Positive Solutions for Every Family

Wednesday 28 October 2026 | 7pm AEST // 8pm AEDT

We've thankfully moved beyond the era of authoritarian parenting, where fear and obedience were the primary tools of discipline. But in the wake of this shift, many parents find themselves adrift in a sea of uncertainty. If not strict control and punishment, then what? How do we guide our children effectively while fostering their independence, resilience, and emotional wellbeing? This is the question at the heart of modern parenting.

Join renowned parenting expert Dr Justin Coulson for Parental Guidance, a refreshing presentation that will challenge conventional parenting wisdom and equip you with effective, science-backed strategies.

This presentation will empower you to move beyond outdated parenting paradigms and embrace a fresh perspective on child development. You'll gain a deeper understanding of your child's needs and learn how to create an environment that supports their growth, fostering a more positive family dynamic. Don't miss this opportunity to revolutionise your parenting approach and create a thriving family life!

Sign up here:
https://happyfamiliesfamilyeducation.ac-page.com/awj-parental-guidance-register

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Art Show

Thank you

A huge thank you to all our wonderful families for supporting our 2026 Art Show! It was fantastic to see so many families come along to celebrate our students' creativity and hard work.

A special thank you to our amazing Staff Art Show Committee and the many other staff members who helped in so many different ways to bring the event together. Your time, enthusiasm and teamwork were greatly appreciated and helped make the event such a success!

Thank you again for making our Art Show such a special celebration of the arts at MPS!

Warm Regards
Daniela Pejic









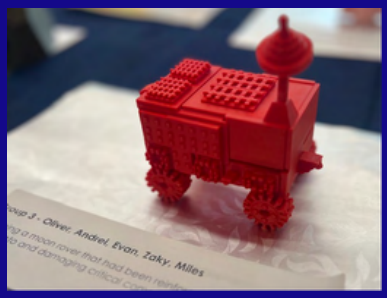












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Students of the Week Term 4 Week 2

Class	Name	Category	Reason
6M	Seif M	Literacy	For your in-depth research and highly detailed information report on the career of a scientist. You have demonstrated strong report-writing skills through your careful organisation of information, use of relevant facts and commitment to refining your work. Keep up the great effort!
6HD	Emma S Emmanuel O	Motivation Motivation	For showing wonderful motivation and enthusiasm for learning. Emma, you have been sharing your ideas, eagerly answering questions and working hard on your schoolwork. It has been lovely to see your confidence and happiness shine. Keep up the fantastic effort! For showing fantastic motivation and focus in your learning. Emmanuel, you are making positive choices, producing work you can be proud of and asking for assistance when needed. Keep up the wonderful effort!
6G	Adeeb R Emilia B	Motivation Numeracy	For being a motivated and hard worker! Keep up this work ethic! For demonstrating great growth in all areas of her Automatic Response. Keep working hard!
5CD	Chamashi B Miles V	Numeracy Literacy	For working hard on her decimal place values. For working really hard on his research project.
5K	Kasim U Audrey T Melody J	Motivation Motivation Motivation	For contributing thoughtfully to class discussions in all subjects For demonstrating excellence throughout all facets of school life For demonstrating excellence throughout all facets of school life
3/4 JH	Rose S Julian G	Numeracy Literacy	For showing great determination during maths sessions. It's great to see you working through tasks with focus and determination. Well done! For being a regular contributor to our class discussions during literacy tasks. Your thoughts, ideas and suggestions are very valuable. Well done!
3/4 W	Sienna C	Literacy	For her overall effort brainstorming striking adjectives and verbs and visualising based on author's descriptions.
3/4K	Michail S Massie H	Literacy Literacy	For consistently engaging enthusiastically in our reading group discussions. Keep up the reading at home too. Well done! For consistently reading and making a variety of reading entries weekly. Keep up the great effort!
3/4 M	Reece W Aria M	Literacy Numeracy	For brainstorming excellent vivid adjectives for his poetry writing. Fantastic work Reece! For clearly explaining the addition and subtraction strategies she used when solving problems. Keep up the amazing work!
3/4 G	Lucas C Hayden S	Numeracy Literacy	For his excellent attitude and outstanding knowledge when solving problems using vertical algorithm. Keep up the great work, Lucas! For excellent word choice and understanding of synonyms and antonyms when creating poems. It's been great to see you expand your vocabulary. Well done, Hayden!
2TR	Everly I	Motivation	For always trying her best to actively participate in learning, working from her strengths and aiming to improve in all areas.
2NP	Jack T	Motivation	For working so well in his group to research, write a script, rehearse, perform and record an informative video about levers. Awesome effort Jack!
2H	Natalie T Taym Z	Literacy Literacy	For working so well in her group project about simple machines. Fantastic work! For working hard with his group to inform us about simple machines. Great job, Taym!
1BL	Paige S	Numeracy	For showing increased confidence and participation with her mathematics. Awesome work Paige!
1K	Sebastian O Mila W	Literacy Numeracy	For trying so hard with your rhyming words in this week's Reading tasks. Keep it up! For trying so hard with your expanded notation in our Maths lessons. Keep up the great work!
1E	Luca M	Literacy	For using interesting adjectives in your rhyming sentences to make your writing more engaging. Well done, Luca!
Prep L	Harvey R Zoe P	Literacy Motivation	For enthusiastically sharing amazing animal facts and writing about them. I love hearing your facts and learning from you! For always being kind, respectful and ready to learn. You listen carefully, pay attention and give everything a go!
Prep B	Leo R	Motivation	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!

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

22/10/2026

Mulgrave Primary School

Camp Australia
Guiding Children's Growth

Your OSHC.

ROCKETEERS



Dear Families,

The lovely weather has certainly lifted everyone's spirits, creating a positive and energetic atmosphere throughout the program. The children have settled in beautifully and continue to engage enthusiastically in the wide variety of experiences offered each day.

A particular highlight has been our creative arts experiences. The children have enjoyed exploring a range of inspiring projects, including *The Hungry Caterpillar* art inspired by Kerry Evett, paper plate animals, newspaper elephants, and Japanese blossom paintings. The creativity, attention to detail, and unique ideas have resulted in some truly impressive artwork that we are very proud to display on our service board. Our budding chefs have also thoroughly enjoyed participating in a range of cooking experiences. From preparing sushi, vegetable rice noodles, vegetable lemon rice, Mac and cheese to baking delicious orange cupcakes, the children have developed important life skills while working collaboratively and taking pride in creating meals to share with peers.

Another highlight of the program has been our Minecraft and Mobilio construction experiences, which have been incredibly popular with the children. They have shown a great deal of creativity, imagination, and persistence while designing impressive Minecraft dimensions, castles, and structures, as well as constructing innovative Mobilio transformers and other engineering-inspired creations. It has been wonderful to see children collaborating with their peers, sharing ideas, and developing their problem-solving skills through construction play. Our team games also have continued to be a favourite part of the program. Children have demonstrated excellent teamwork, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm while participating in activities such as Giant Treasure Hunt, basketball, ping pong challenges, Poison Ball, and many other exciting games. It has been wonderful to see the children building friendships, growing in confidence, and embracing new experiences each day.

Upcoming pupil free day:

Please note that School is having a pupil free day on the 2nd of November and we will not be offering a program on due to construction works at the service. If you require care on this day, Glendal PS, Camelot Rise PS, Oakleigh South PS, Mount Waverley PS will be operating a program for the day. We appreciate your understanding and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Activities coming up

- Halloween Sensory bag
- Popsicle Stick Handprint Ghost Window
- Super moist orange cake

Make a booking

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

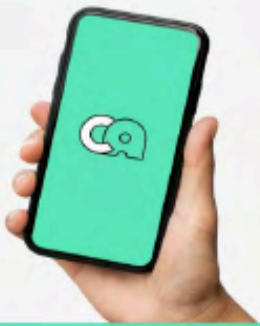
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After School Care to celebrate
Grandparent's Day
Friday, 23 October
Speak to your Service Leader to find out what we'll be doing!
Child Care Subsidy available for eligible families.
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Camp Australia
Book in to
After School Care for
Diwali Celebration
Friday, 6 November
Speak to your Service Leader to find out what we'll be doing!
Child Care Subsidy available for eligible families.
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Camp Australia
Book in to
After School Care for the
Halloween Spooktacular
Friday, 30 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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THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

This year, MPS had 41 students participate in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular in the mass dance and mass choir groups. The show will be broadcast on Channel 7 and 7 Plus on Friday 18th December at 7pm (time to be confirmed).

Although MPS will not be participating in next year's spectacular, auditions are now open for students who would like to be involved more directly in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular. This is for students who are interested in the following areas:

- Vocalist (principal vocalist, backing vocalist, VSSS Choir)
- Dancer (principal dancer)
- Speciality Acts (gymnastics, rollerskating, circus performers etc.)
- Backstage Crew

Students are usually chosen for these roles from grade 5 upwards. To sign up, please click on this link and follow the prompts: https://web.cvent.com/event/3dc89f35-75ee-43ce-8897-c95b8d1ead0c/summary

Please note, all of these roles are through the Victorian State Schools Spectacular and the Department of Education. Auditions and rehearsals take place at their headquarters in Collingwood. Mulgrave Primary School is not associated with these roles, so all communication will be through the Victorian State Schools Spectacular - Performing Arts Unit.

Thank you,

Mrs. Bush
Performing Arts



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Parenting strategies for sibling rivalry

FREE session for families with kids 4-11

Stop the squabbles! Learn how to move from referee to calm coach, helping siblings work through conflict and build problem-solving and social skills.

Tues 17 Nov, 12pm – 1:30pm

Wed 18 Nov, 7pm – 8:30pm

Choose the time that best suits you. Both sessions are online and cover the same content.

Book online monash.vic.gov.au/siblings
Bookings close 12pm, Mon 16 Nov 2026

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- **Saturday, 31 October 2026**

  9 am - 4 pm

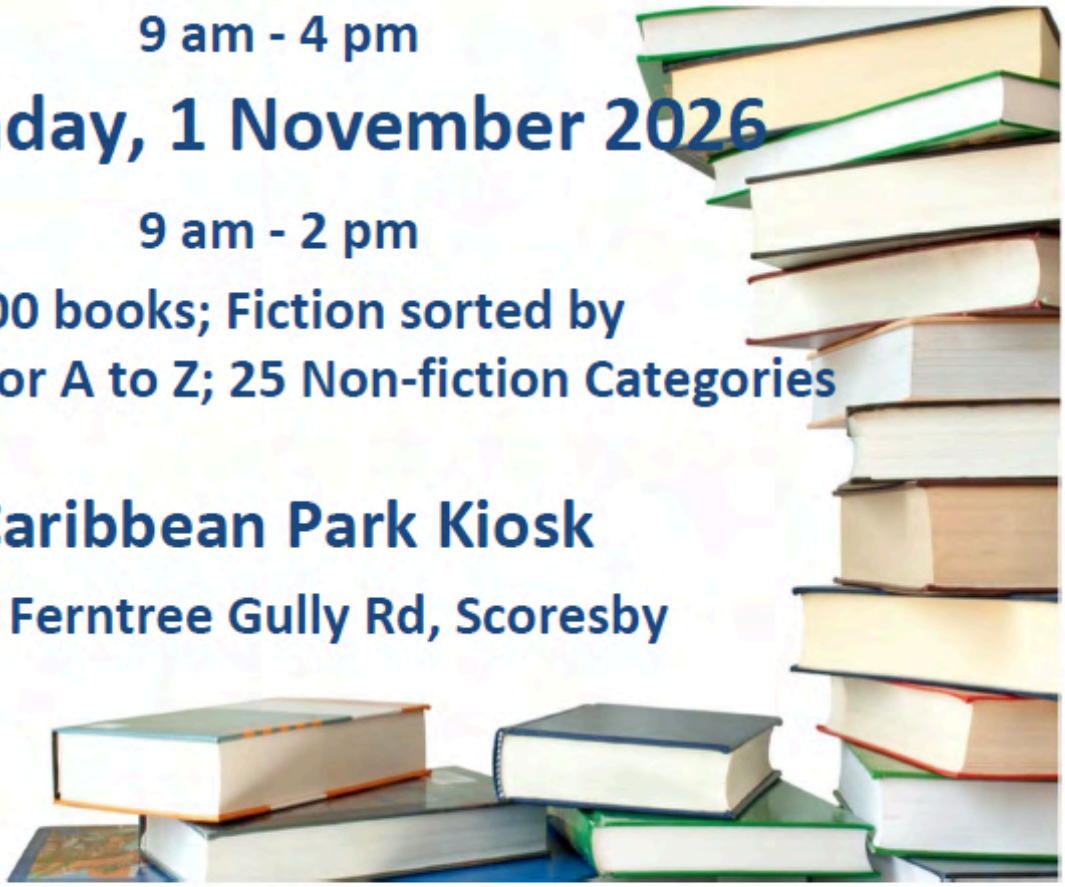
- **Sunday, 1 November 2026**

  9 am - 2 pm

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