Mulgrave Primary School NEWSLETTER

Thursday 5th November 2026 **Term 4 Week 5**

KEY DATES 2026

November

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
Mon 14th – Grade 6 Graduation
Tues 15th – Professional Practice Day – No School
Wed 16th – Big Day Out – Gr 6 only
Wed 16th -Reports available for Parents on XUNO
Thurs 17th – Grade 6 Long Lunch
Thurs 17th – Final Transition Session – Prep-Gr 5
Fri 18th – Final Day of School! – 1.30pm Finish

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

Tuesday 27th January
Friday 5th June
Friday 4th September
Monday 2nd November

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAYS 2026

Tuesday 15th December

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

Term 4 is approaching the halfway mark, and we still have lots more on the agenda. We start with the House Sports tomorrow and continue the fun with Market Day next Thursday, followed by the Colour Fun Run on Friday 13th. The excitement doesn't stop there, with Year 3 & 4 Camp the following week, before we head into December with the swimming and transition programs, Carols night and of course, Year 6 Graduation to name just some of the activities that are still to come in 2026.

Foundation Transition Program & Prep Parent Information Night

We have enjoyed welcoming our 2027 Foundation students and their parents and carers to our transition sessions this term. Thank you to all the families who have attended. It was wonderful to bring our newest students together in a school setting to provide them with the opportunity to get a taste of what school will be like in 2027.

Our future Foundation students have participated in engaging activities in their classrooms, helping them become more familiar with their new learning environment. The Foundation team will now look at finalising classes based on feedback and student interactions. We look forward to welcoming our families to the Prep Parent Information Night on Wednesday November 25th commencing at 6:30pm, where students will learn their classes for 2027 and get an overview of the school year ahead.

Year 3 & 4 Camp – Nov 18th - 20th

The camp is coming up quickly now, with final preparations being undertaken for what will be a wonderful few days for our Year 3 & 4 students. Camp Oasis has provided excellent facilities and activities for our students for many years and I'm sure this year will be no different. Students are challenged in a different setting than that of school. There will be lots of fun, but there will also be those students who inevitably find a new gear whilst on camp and will come home full of excitement and memories.

Parent Contributions 2027

The 2027 Parent Contributions letter will be sent home very soon. The letter makes it abundantly clear that contributions are voluntary. MPS has one of the lowest contribution rates in the state. A recent Herald Sun article showed that other schools are asking up to three times what MPS seeks. The school has always done our absolute best to provide an outstanding level of extra-curricular activities for the lowest possible cost, but these activities are under threat. Whilst the state government has announced a plan to fully fund the schooling resource standard by 2034, the reality is that schools such as Mulgrave are facing funding cuts in 2027. What this will mean going forward is fewer student devices, fewer art, PE, STEM, music and classroom supplies and tightening our budgets across the board. We respectfully seek your support in ensuring that the school can provide excellent resources and ask that you consider contributing to the school.

Happy Families Webinar

I hope our school community enjoyed the live webinar, Parental Guidance: Positive Solutions for Every Family, with Dr. Justin Coulson last week. MPS has registered for additional webinars, so stay tuned for the 2027 program. For those who missed it and for those who wish to re-watch, you can watch via the link below.

Link: Watch now
Passcode: +x5h#TCf

BER Upgrade

Last week the BER building upgrade commenced, with builders framing out the new small group spaces at the Gladeswood Reserve end of the building. The bulk of the work will be completed this week, with cosmetic finishes completed in the next week or so. The school was able to work with Camp Australia to deliver this project as part of a 5 year extension to the Camp Australia Out of School Hours Care contract. The works will allow the school to provide dedicated spaces for visiting specialists and other educational providers, not to mention areas that the OSHC program can utilise before and after school, as well as during the holiday program.

Visiting Specialists

Further to the previous item, at MPS, we welcome visiting specialists so that our students can obtain the individualised support they need. If parents would like a specialist to work with their child on site, please contact either myself or Mr. Hattwell to make the arrangements.

Election Day

Mulgrave Primary School will be a polling centre for the Victorian State Election on Saturday November 28th.

Charles Spicer

Principal



COLOUR FUN RUN!

We are excited about our annual School **Colour Fun Run** *which will be held next*

Friday 13th November.

Students have all received their sponsorship booklets. Parents can use the online fundraising by following this link: www.myprofilepage.com.au.

You can then create your child's profile/page which is linked to our Colour Fun Run. This page can then be shared via social media and is where you select your child's prizes.

Get in quick and create your profiles this week to help your class win the icy pole party!

Tickets on sale NOW!!

Market Day Tickets are **$1 each** and can be purchased in bundles **via the Qkr! app. (Events & Fundraising) until 10th November.** Bundles start at $5 for 5 tickets. Tickets will be held by the classroom teacher to hand out on the day of the market.

Students can also purchase any amount of tickets before and after school **from Monday 9th November to Thursday 12th November.**

Market Day will be held on **Thursday 12th November**. This event has been organised by the grade 5 & 6 students to showcase their creativity, financial literacy, and experience in advertising and running a small business. It is strictly for students only and families will not be allowed to attend.

We thank you for supporting our students' hard work. We look forward to a fun-filled Market Day!



Students of the Week Term 4 Week 4

Class	Name	Category	Reason
6M	Leon A Rohail K	Persistence Mathematics	For your outstanding effort and determination in completing your assessment tasks this past fortnight You have worked diligently, remained highly motivated and consistently tried your very best. Well done Leon on your outstanding results! For his outstanding improvement across all areas of Mathematics as demonstrated through his Essential Assessment results, with exceptional growth of 18 months in algebra!! Keep up the great work Rohail I am so proud of how much you have persevered to be able to achieve this wonderful result.
6HD	Sophie M Angelo G	Mathematics Persistence	For her outstanding improvement across all areas of Mathematics as demonstrated through Essential Assessment results. We are so proud of how much you developed over this year. For his persistence to complete his EA tests, showing improvement. We value your efforts, Angelo. Keep up the good work.
6G	Loretta T	Motivation	For being a motivated and independent learner who always tries her best. You have made wonderful growth and should be proud of your achievements!
5CD	April M Aadhya P	Literacy Motivation	For presenting her career project with a clear loud voice. For working hard on her market day project.
5K	Vigas M Hayden S	Literacy Motivation	For passionately writing an information report about Meteorologists. For being determined throughout all aspects of school
3/4 JH	Celine Z	Literacy	For doing a great job with your persuasive writing. You declared your opinion and backed it up with several suitable arguments. Fantastic work!
3/4 W	Orlando F & Denith R Bailey H & Frankie G	Literacy Numeracy	For their persistence when writing and revising their persuasive piece. For their efforts in maths, continuously extending themselves and sharing their reasoning with their classmates
3/4K	Darcy G Heath M	Literacy Literacy	For consistently engaging in our reading group discussions by contributing good ideas. Keep up the great effort! For working hard to read aloud with phrasing and tone each week in our reading lesson. Keep up the great effort!
3/4 M	Harley S Sienna S	Literacy Persistence	For reading aloud with excellent phrasing and expression. Keep up the great work Harley! For consistently working to the best of your ability and persisting through difficult assessment tasks. You should be very proud of yourself!
3/4 G	Zyra C Anvayi M	Numeracy Literacy	For her wonderful knowledge and problem solving skills when using multiplication and division. Your understanding of strategies and ability to make connections is terrific. Well done! For using a range of persuasive skills and techniques in her persuasive writing. Your use of emotive language and evidence to support your arguments was fantastic. Keep up the great work!
2TR	Martin P	Motivation	For consistently completing his Take-Home Reading, trying his best to improve his reading skills.
2NP	Benson L	Motivation	For working hard in all learning activities and trying his best. Keep up the great work Benson!
2H	Safija H	Motivation	For consistently displaying the MPS values, being a positive class member and always working well with others. You're amazing!
1BL	Rishon N	Motivation	For having greater focus and showing a greater eagerness to learn. Well done Rishon!
1K	Jacob P Aariv S	Literacy Motivation	For trying so hard with your rhyming, alliteration and acrostic poems. Well done! For always trying so hard with your work by asking questions to clarify information. Well done!
1E	Sophie J	Literacy	For writing creative alliteration sentences, well done on your fantastic writing!
Prep L	Aarna B	Literacy	For using her knowledge of letters and sounds to sound out unfamiliar words in her writing.
Prep B	Vance C	Motivation	For being so kind and respectful to the animals and for listening carefully throughout our wonderful day at Chesterfield Farm.

Specialist Awards - Term 4

Focus:	Junior	Middle	Senior
Art	**Aidan K - 1E** For showing growing focus in the art room and taking greater care and pride in his artwork.	**Mikey K - 3/4G** For demonstrating excellent clay modelling skills and creating a wonderful fish sculpture with impressive detail and creativity.	**Tayla N - 6G & Viyaan D 6M** For being an enormous help in preparing for the Art Show and demonstrating outstanding leadership, initiative and responsibility.
PE	**Bom L - PB** For demonstrating great enthusiasm in P.E., approaching activities with eagerness, and showing a positive attitude when developing new skills.	**Alice W & Natalie L - 3/4M** For demonstrating outstanding ability in P.E., applying skills with accuracy and control, and approaching challenges with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.	**Sam L - 6M** For demonstrating growing engagement in P.E., responding positively to feedback, and showing a willingness to make improvements and develop new skills.
Performing Arts	**Sophia H - 2TR** For her terrific attitude in every single performing arts class. She demonstrates the courage to give every activity her best shot and does it with a sense of fun.	**Levi Wa - 3/4G** For his huge efforts when playing the recorder and learning to read music. What a brilliant effort!	**Pearl B, Michelle C & Layla I -6M** For the thought and care you applied to your stop motion animation. Not only showing great animation skills, but also for the environmental message it portrayed.
Science	**Jack T - 2NP** For his hard work and effort in STEM. Jack has done a great job showing his understanding and skills when it comes to materials and their properties. Well done Jack.	**Baxter M - 3/4 W** For always being an engaged and eager learner in STEM, and your active participation in our learning about the States of Matter. Excellent work Baxter.	**Elsie P - 6G** For always being an active learner, happy to show off your knowledge and understanding about topics, especially with our current work on the States of Matter. Awesome work Elsie.
Spanish	**Maleya B - 2H** For always participating with great enthusiasm and remembering so many Spanish words! You always join in, give it your best and do such a great job. Amazing work!	**Aagna S - 3/4K** For always participating with great enthusiasm, giving it your best and remembering so much of the Spanish vocabulary and phrases. Amazing work!	**Giada R - 6M** For participating and sharing your thinking during our sessions. You work hard and apply your newly learnt knowledge during activities and when learning about different cultures. Well done!

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

05/11/2026

Mulgrave Primary School

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Dear Families

I hope everyone enjoyed the Melbourne Cup weekend and had a relaxing break with family and friends.

Over the past two weeks, the highlight of our program has been the Big Art Competition. The children have shown tremendous enthusiasm and creativity, putting great effort into their artwork and proudly showcasing their talents. It has been wonderful to see their imagination, persistence, and sense of accomplishment as they work towards creating their unique masterpieces. Another popular experience has been our slime creations. The children have thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with different ingredients, exploring how changes affect the slime's texture, and challenging themselves to create giant bubbles. These experiences have encouraged curiosity, problem-solving, collaboration, and scientific thinking.

Last week, we celebrated Halloween with a variety of engaging art and craft experiences. The children enthusiastically participated in creating Witch Houses, Handprint Window Art, Paper Plate Ghosts, and most exciting Halloween sensory challenges. These activities provided opportunities for creative expression, fine motor development, and imaginative play. Our Junior Master Chef prepared delicious OSHC Pasta, Orange Cake, Mac N Cheese, Vegetable Rice Noodles, and Yummy Cookies. The cooking experiences supported teamwork, confidence, practical life skills, and an understanding of healthy food preparation. The children also enjoyed a range of active play experiences, including Frozen Feet, Skipping, Stilt tag, basketball, poison ball, and silent Ball Games. These activities encouraged teamwork, coordination, resilience, and physical wellbeing while ensuring plenty of fun and laughter throughout the program.

Happy Diwali to our Indian community and families celebrating this special occasion. We wish you a wonderful celebration filled with love, laughter, and treasured memories!

Summer Rocketeers holiday Program is now Open for Bookings! We are excited to announce that bookings are now open for our Summer Holiday Program. The program will commence on **4 January 2027,** and variety of engaging activities, excursion, incursions, and projects are planned to have fun filled day! We look forward to welcoming your children for a fantastic summer program and adventure! For bookings, please visit CampAustralia.com.au

Activities coming up

- Scribble artwork
- Handprint belonging tree
- Cooking Mochi

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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SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Programs vary by location and are subject to change. Jump on our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers.

*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, simply log into MyGov and complete your CCS Assessment.

FUN AWAITS!

YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ROCKETEERS
Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

Mulgrave Primary School

Address: 23-31 Gladeswood Dr MULGRAVE VIC 3170

Phone: 0404 397 389 **Program Times:** 07:00 am - 06:00 pm

Mon 04 Jan — **Operation: Summer Spectacular**

Sunshine, smiles, and summer fun are here! Celebrate the start of an amazing season with games, creativity, laughter, and plenty of unforgettable moments.

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



Base Camp Day

Tue 05 Jan — **Experience Takeover: K-Pop Power Crew Challenge**

Form your crew and own the ring! A special guest from Star Time is coming with K-pop-inspired moves, power challenges and team missions as you prepare for an epic Crew Battle.

Full Fee $119.57 | After Max. CCS* $11.96



Experience Takeover

Wed 06 Jan — **Adventure: Disney's Hexed**

Unlock a world of magic in Disney's Hexed, where an impulsive and unconventional teenager named Billie discovers secret magical abilities which, once unleashed, hurtle her from suburbia into Hexe, a vast and spectacular witch realm.

Full Fee $144.92 | After Max. CCS* $14.49



Excursion

Thu 07 Jan — **Project: Rocketeers Space Academy**

Report for Space Academy training! Build, create, play and explore through astronaut challenges, cosmic games, drama missions and a space-themed immersive art board. Train like a cadet and discover a universe of fun and imagination!

Full Fee $119.62 | After Max. CCS* $11.96



Project

Fri 08 Jan — **Operation: Holiday Hijinks**

Sunshine, laughter, and a little mischief are on the agenda! Join the fun as holiday cheer, silly surprises, and unforgettable moments come together.

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



Base Camp Day

Mon 11 Jan — **Experience Takeover: Pop Art Legends**

Shine like an artist! A special guest from Sossy & Canvas is coming to help you create a bold pop art masterpiece using colourful designs and dazzling foil effects.

Full Fee $118.62 | After Max. CCS* $11.86



Experience Takeover

Tue 12 Jan — **Adventure: Treasure Tide Quest at Mini Boss**

Set sail for an ocean-sized challenge! Explore the Beach Bonanza, tackle the Island Shipwreck and crack the Pirate's Treasure Mystery through teamwork, puzzles and adventure.

Full Fee $149.22 | After Max. CCS* $14.92



Experience Takeover

Wed 13 Jan — **Project: Table Tennis Titans**

Serve, spin, and smash your way through exciting table tennis matches, then take home your very own table tennis set to keep the rallies going!

Full Fee $119.90 | After Max. CCS* $11.99



Project

Thu 14 Jan — **Special Event: Scrumptious Summer at Grill'd**

Step behind the counter, unleash your inner chef and craft your very own delicious burger from bun to bite in this hands-on food experience packed with flavour and fun!

Full Fee $140.62 | After Max. CCS* $14.06



Excursion

Fri 15 Jan — **Project: Tastes of Summer**

Adventure awaits! Choose your own path through fun games, outdoor adventures, and creative activities. Then settle in for a relaxed picnic day, complete with delicious food made right here in your Base Camp.

Full Fee $113.62 | After Max. CCS* $11.36



Project

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Mon 18 Jan — **Experience Takeover: Heroes & Legends**

Choose your destiny! A special guest from Party Higher is bringing wireless headphones, music, dancing, puzzles and epic team missions in an immersive fairy tale adventure.

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



Experience Takeover

Tue 19 Jan — **Project: Disc Dash**

Aim, throw, and score! Test your disc golf skills, then design your own awesome frisbee to take home and keep the fun flying.

Full Fee $115.62 | After Max. CCS* $11.56



Project

Wed 20 Jan — **Adventure: Defy Gravity! at Flip Out**

Jump into action at Flip Out and defy gravity as you flip, jump and bounce on their huge range of trampolines!

Full Fee $147.12 | After Max. CCS* $14.71



Excursion

Thu 21 Jan — **Adventure: The Angry Birds 3**

Get ready for feathers flying, laughter soaring and plenty of pig-powered chaos as your favourite flock returns for another hilarious mission packed with action, surprises and fun in The Angry Birds Movie 3.

Full Fee $144.92 | After Max. CCS* $14.49



Excursion

Fri 22 Jan — **Operation: Beat Brigade**

Turn up the volume and join the band! Clap, stomp, shake, and groove your way through a day filled with rhythm, creativity, and musical fun.

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



Base Camp Day

Wed 27 Jan — **Operation: The LEGO® 100 Challenge**

Are you up for the LEGO 100 Challenge? Grab your mates and take on all 100 build challenges. From easy through to the legendary expert builder challenges. Do you have what it takes? Plus, go back to school in style with your brand new LEGO pencil!

Full Fee $90.62 | After Max. CCS* $9.06



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After School Care for

Diwali Celebration

Friday, 6 November



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COMMUNITY NEWS



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

Community News

