

NEWSLETTER

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2024 MGPS KEY DATES- TERM 1

9 Week Term, 31 January – 28 March

27 Tue	FEB	Partners In Print- Prep @6:30pm
29 Thu	FEB	Teddy Bear's Picnic – Prep
4 Mon	MAR	Curriculum Day – Student Wellbeing
6 Wed	MAR	Backflips Against Bullying Incursion
8 Fri	MAR	School Cross-Country
11 Mon	MAR	Labour Day —Public Holiday
12 Tue	MAR	School Athletic Sports
13-25	MAR	NAPLAN period, Gr.3 & 5
18 Mon	MAR	P/1 Games Afternoon
28 Thurs	MAR	Easter Hat Parade 9-11am
28 Thurs	MAR	Last Day Term, early dismissal 2:30pm
		TERM 2
18 Thurs	APRIL	School Photo Day

Dear Parents,

It has been another big week at Maiden Gully Primary School, with 7 Carlton Football Players attending yesterday to talk to Grade 5-6 students about healthy living and life as a footballer. It was great to have the Carlton Captain, Patrick Cripps attend as one of the players and the quality of the questions and discussion was first class. Students were able to get some signatures at the end. Both Mr Turnbull and Mrs Turner were pretty excited to see the Carlton players as avid Blues supporters and were first in line to get a selfie and autograph with the captain!

Canteen Helpers

Our school canteen does an enormous job to support our school community each day to ensure students that order their lunch are fed with healthy and delicious foods. Teresa has been managing the canteen for many years, with support from Penny and a number of volunteers. As you know there's a lot of behind the scenes work to ensure lunch orders are organised and prepared for students daily by 11am. This of course is a big job and we are asking for some parent support to help out the canteen as we are a bit short on helpers this year. If you have the time, even if it's only an hour or two, please contact Teresa or ring the office. Any spare time that you might be able to offer will go a long way. Thank-you.

Student Leadership

Last Friday, students from Grade 6 presented their speeches vying to be a part of student government for this year. We were able to catch some of these and were extremely impressed by our students' thoughtful ideas and public speaking skills. It takes courage to stand up in front of your peers and make a speech about your personal qualities, aspirations and vision for MGPS in 2024. Well done to all our students that put themselves out there (70 in total) and good luck with your endeavours to become a student leader in 2024. This process will continue this week. Good luck everyone.

Every Day Counts – School Attendance

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child is away, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible. Compass has made this process easier to let the school know if your child is away.





Warm regards,
Jordan & Kylie

Book Club

Book Club due back Friday, 16 February.

Uniform Shop

MICROMESH POLOS & POLAR FLEECE JACKETS

Due to high sales already this year, our micromesh polos in size 12 & 14Y, navy cotton polos in size 14Y and Polar Fleece Jackets in size 4 have sold out. More have been ordered and will arrive as soon as possible.

The Uniform Shop will be open on **Monday 18 March, from 3.15 until 3.45pm**. If this time is not convenient, office orders are still available.

Orders with payment may be placed at the office at any time. The order will then be filled and delivered to your child's classroom. Payments of cash, cheque, EFTPOS, credit card, or on the QkR are accepted.

Any queries may be made at the General office or call Annette on 0402629377 or 54472100.

Canteen News

URGENT - HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE CANTEEN

I am still in need of more helpers for this term and for the rest of the year

Leave your phone number at office and I will contact you.

Canteen Highlights

Fried Rice **\$4.50**

Our own special fried rice containing rice, bacon, corn, peas, carrot, onion and 5 spice powder

Soy sauce 30c extra

Honey Bubble Slice **\$2.00**

made in the canteen using rice bubbles, honey, coconut and coconut oil and decorated with 100's and 1000's

Nippy's Orange Juice 250ml **\$2.50**

Teresa McNamara

Canteen Manager

Term 1 Canteen Roster

9am – 12 noon

Thursday 15th	Marisa & Ann-Maree Waterhouse
Friday 16th	Keiko Maber & Lauren Trevaskis
Monday 19th	Robyn Thornbury
Tuesday 20th	Sarah Burchell
Wednesday 21st	Glenyce French
Thursday 22nd	Keiko Maber & Leshanne
Friday 23rd	Keiko Maber, Naomi Clarke & Glenyce French

OSHCare News

Welcome back for 2024. We are reminding anyone who had permanent care last year your days will automatically roll over. If you need to alter days or times please let us know. Anyone who has not yet used our OSHCare service please fill out our enrolment forms. They are available from the office or the OSHCare.

Just a reminder that hats are back for Term 1 as we are a SunSmart school, so please pack a hat to be able to play outside.

We still have some outstanding amounts from last year regarding your statements. It is a requirement that these get paid on time to allow your child/children to keep their position.

We will also be collecting the prep students from their classrooms for after school care. This will apply for the first month of school.

We have a Pupil Free Day coming up on Monday 4th of March. We are offering care from 6.45 am until 6pm that day. Full day is \$50, Half day is \$30. This is reduced by the CCS. All food and activities are provided for the children on the day.

Any other questions please feel free to give us a call.

Jasmine Lower: Ph: 54496429 Macey : 0401882250

Grade Name	Students Name	Reason for award
Prep M	Sienna K	<i>For coming into the classroom in the mornings and getting herself organised for the day ahead. Keep it up Sienna!</i>
Prep C	Oliver D	<i>For always contributing his thoughts and ideas during class discussions. You have a great attitude towards school Oliver!</i>
Prep L	Esme B	<i>For using 'Stretchy Snake' and sounding out the sounds in words. You have made an excellent start to your first year at school Esme, keep up the fantastic work!</i>
Grade 1O	Isla R	<i>For her beautiful handwriting on the dotted third lines. I am so impressed with how neatly you write all of your letters, Isla!</i>
Grade 1O/P	Dominic W	<i>For consistently using beautiful manners in the classroom with his peers and teachers. Dom, you are such a kind and polite student and we are lucky to have you in our grade!</i>
Grade 1W	Maya B	<i>For showing kindness and friendship towards your classmates. You always make the effort to offer friendship and include others. Maya, you are a wonderful role model to the other children in your class.</i>
Grade 1G/P	Willow A	<i>For being a great role model during our Heggerty lessons, by being totally engaged and using appropriate hand signals. Keep up the amazing work Willow!</i>

Grade 2/D/K	Dean S	<i>For being a kind and friendly member of our class who doesn't hesitate to help out other people. Keep it up Dean.</i>
Grade 2S	Isla C	<i>For showing respect by putting in her best effort at everything she attempts and being a kind and helpful class member.</i>
Grade 2 H/Y	Florence M	<i>For being optimistic during our place value maths lesson. Well done for sticking with it and completing some wonderful work!</i>
Grade 2 F	Grayson T	<i>For following instructions carefully and making sure tasks are completed within the given timeframe. You always put in your best effort and get the job done. Fantastic work, Grayson!</i>
Grade 3K/V	Nylah S	<i>For putting in an excellent effort towards her work. You're always trying your best and setting an excellent example to others. Well done Nylah!</i>
Grade 3 ST	Emelia Mc	<i>For having a great start to the year and for always wanting to complete her work. Well done Millie!</i>
Grade 3H	Fletcher H	<i>For showing courage and determination in sharing his ideas and learning. Great work Fletcher!</i>
Grade 3SO	Mckenzie P	<i>For being an enthusiastic learner, always contributing to class discussions. Your positive attitude and confidence are a real asset Mckenzie!</i>
Grade 4DL	Ella S	<i>For making an excellent start to the year and setting a great example to others. Well done Ella!</i>
Grade 4ML	Penny L	<i>For being a mature and positive influence in our classroom. We're lucky to have you, Penny!</i>
Grade 4D	Mitch H	<i>For consistently being a trustworthy and responsible member of our class. Keep up the great work, Mitch!</i>
Grade 4N	Sam H	<i>For the confident way he explains his understanding in math lessons. Amazing work, Sam!</i>

Grade 5T	Zeke L	<i>For settling in to Maiden Gully so well and being a thoughtful and valued member of the class. We love having you in 5T Zeke, keep up the great work.</i>
Grade 5C	Layla L	<i>For an incredible commitment to her mathematical problem-solving skills. She shows up, tries new things and is successful as a result. Well done Layla!</i>
Grade 5LC	Lewis Mc	<i>For attempting to extend himself with his writing by adding adjectives, verbs and descriptive language to engage his audience. Keep up the great attitude to your writing Lewis!</i>
Grade 5P	Charlie B	<i>For being a thoughtful and considerate member of the classroom. I love how you show such kindness to others. Well done Charlie</i>
Grade 6T/F	Chance B	<i>For stepping outside your comfort zone and presenting a great Student Government speech to the Grade 6s. Keep pushing yourself forward Chance, it has been great to see.</i>
Grade 6 T	Grace T	<i>For always leading by example and displaying our school values. Well done!</i>
Grade 6C	Brock G	<i>For making an excellent transition into Grade 6 and working hard to complete all set tasks on time. Keep up the great work Brock!</i>
Grade 6A/F	Jovi N	<i>For an excellent start to Grade 6, showing confidence with his learning and bringing a positive attitude to each session. Well done, Jovi!</i>

Foundation Flutterings

We have a number of things happening across Prep this Term, it promises to be a busy one. Below are a few things that are coming up.

Our annual Teddy Bear Picnic will be held on Thursday 29th February. Students are encouraged to bring along their favorite teddy from home along with an extra snack for the picnic. During the day we will be having a Teddy Bear Picnic, along with some singing and dancing. We will then walk down to the Maiden Gully Recreation Reserve and play some games on the oval. There is no cost for this event. A note will be sent home shortly regarding this event, please read and sign it and bring back as soon as possible.

Literacy and Numeracy testing will continue every Wednesday in February, with the Preps first full week starting after this. Readers will also begin to be sent home when students are attending full weeks, A 'Partners in Print' Information night will be held on the 27th of February to familiarise families with our reading program on how to best support your child's reading journey.

We strongly encourage families to attend our 'Partners in Print' night as it covers the following key areas:

- How you can best support your child at home with their reading
- Use of reading diaries
- Expectations of the number of nights being read at home each week
- When students will move onto new a reading stage
- Information about the Little Learners Reading Program

Our Partners in Print night will be held via Zoom for convenience to all families, however, in the event you are unable to attend this, the session will be recorded for you to play at your convenience.

Our annual Prep/1 Games afternoon will be held on Monday 18th March. This event will begin straight after school. Students are asked to bring an extra snack for this event. It will begin at 3:30pm, where students will have their extra snack. The games will commence at 3:45pm and conclude at 4:45pm. At the end of the event, students will receive an icy-pole and can then be collected at the front of the Prep classrooms. A note will be sent home shortly regarding this event, please read and sign it and bring back as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful week!

Foundation Team

Wonderful Ones

Thank you to all of our families who have been supporting quick and seamless drop off's in the morning. This really assists us to ensure a smooth and settled start to each day. It has been extremely pleasing to see the enthusiastic way students have dived back into their reading practice this week. In order for your child to get the most out of our daily reading sessions, it is important that they bring their reader bags, containing their weekly readers and yellow reader diary, to school each day. We ask that reading diaries be signed each time you listen to your child read or practice a selection of Speed Words. This gives us important information about the level of additional exposure to books and printed text your child is receiving throughout the year. The more exposure they get, the greater the benefit will be! As we are still experiencing some very warm weather, please ensure your child has a labelled SunSmart hat that will protect them whilst outdoors in the sun, as well as a labelled drink bottle filled with fresh water to keep them hydrated throughout the day.

Two Twitter

Hello to all of our Grade 2 families,

We have continued to work on setting up our classroom rules and routines and getting to know each other better in our grades. Just a reminder with the continued hot weather we are having, please don't forget to send a full bottle of water to school each day. If you have any school supplies that you are yet to send in, please do so as soon as you can.

Have a great week!

Grade 3 Thoughts

Reading Diaries:

Classes 3 Kelly/Vroom, 3 Hopkins and 3 Stagg are due to be checked on Friday.

Class 3 South are checked on a Monday.

Drink bottles:

Students need a full drink bottle each day.

Keep an eye out for information regarding the school athletics, cross country and Easter Hat Parade as they will be happening this term.

Grade 3 Team

Fabulous 4's

Thank you for promptly sending back various forms that have been sent out in the first week of school. It's great to see so many hats in the yard. As mentioned last week, please ensure your child is bringing a named drink bottle and hat to school each day. It has been so great to see the commitment students have had with home reading so far. We know that life can get busy, so just a reminder that we only expect 5 nights per week. We also collect reading diaries on a Friday to calculate reading mileage and award students with Brag Tags/certificates.

Have a fantastic week!

Grade Four Team

Grade 5 Facts

Another positive week has passed! A big thank you to the parents for their support with reading diaries and the math homework. We are so pleased with the organisation of the students! A reminder that reading diaries and math homework is due on Friday! Last week the curriculum overview for Term One was posted on the Maiden Gully Website. This document outlines the areas of focus and learning for the term. This week, the students were lucky to have a visit from the Carlton Football Club (Mr Turnbull was the most excited). The students asked the players fantastic questions and were even lucky enough to grab a player's signature. Grade Five Coghill continue to enjoy the Bike Ed program. Please remember to bring your bike each Friday this term if you are in Grade 5 Coghill.

The Grade 5 Teachers

Grade 6 Synopsis

What a fantastic start to the year we've had in Grade 6! We've thoroughly enjoyed the first few weeks with our new group of graduating students, and congratulate them on the extremely settled and enthusiastic start to the year.

Grade 6 students are currently in the process of our **Student Government** elections. It's been wonderful to see so many students embrace this experience (70 speeches all up!), ready to try out for leadership positions this year. Watch this space.

Safer Internet Day was last week – please use this as a great opportunity to open up or revisit conversations with your children around online safety. Our focus was on setting boundaries online.

You may be wondering why your child came home with a fishing rod last week... These were sent to us from the **Victorian Fisheries Authority** as part of the Victorian Government's Little Anglers Initiative. At the 2022 State election, the Victorian Government committed to providing Little Angler Kits to students to take home for personal use, via schools. As outlined in the School Update sent by the Department of Education in August 2023, Grade 5 students were selected to receive the kits based on the Victorian Curriculum area of focus, movement and motor development and safety considerations.

Those 2023 Grade 5 students are now in Grade 6; therefore, they are the lucky year level to receive these kits!

A reminder to please return PG permission and Internet Agreement notes as soon as possible.

Please make sure that you have sent all the books and stationery listed on the booklist. Any hassles with this please contact your classroom teacher. Don't forget to bring along your **hat** and drink bottle to school each day, and wear all aspects of our MGPS uniform!

Have a magnificent week!

Many thanks,

Senior School Teachers



Ladies Day

An afternoon in the Gully
hosted by women in cricket.

Maiden Gully Marist Cricket Club
invites you to an afternoon catch up
with the Ladies at
Balgownie Estate Winery.

\$40 includes grazing board
and drink on arrival.
Beautiful raffle prizes
to be won on the day.

Sunday 25th, February 2024
2.30-5pm

RSVP to Jess - 0438 682 749



Backflips Against Bullying

Our first incursion for the year will be on Wednesday, March 6th.

All incursions are pay as you go, as outlined in the Parent Payment Plan for 2024.

The cost of Backflips Against Bullying for 2024 is \$7.00 per child.

This can be paid via QKR, EFTPOS or cash at the office.

If you think you have credit on your account, please check with the office before making payment.

Golden City Football Club is looking for new players.

We're an inclusive, family friendly club and we are looking for players from all age levels and experience to play in our 2024 season starting in April. All are welcome!

We have all-girl teams at all age levels and around half of our juniors are female. We are looking for any junior players who would like to experience the World Game. Soccer is a great sport for boys and girls and the FIFA Women's World Cup held recently in Australia and New Zealand has seen a wave of new participation in junior soccer across the Bendigo region. We support and encourage both men and women to be coaches and managers.

Our junior season starts after the Easter school break and runs for 16 weeks. Junior games are played on Saturday mornings on small-sided pitches with modified rules to make the games inclusive, engaging and fun. Training takes place once a week at our home ground, Shadforth Park, Fenton Street, North Bendigo.

You can register at <https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/WelComeRegPlus.aspx?entityid=7336>.

We are also having registration days at our clubrooms at Shadforth Park on Monday 26th Feb 4pm-6.30pm; Saturday 2nd March 10am-1pm; and Wednesday 6th March 4pm-6.40pm, where you can get assistance with registration and ask questions.

Please get in touch for further information.

Email goldencitysc@gmail.com, see our Facebook page or visit www.goldencityfc.com

Bendigo's 31st Annual Doll & Teddy Show

Trading Tables. Doll, Teddy, Miniature Doll House & Quilt Exhibition.

Judged Competition. Raffles, Morning tea, Lunch and Afternoon tea available to purchase.



Saturday 24th February 2024

9:30am - 4:00pm

Bendigo Exhibition Centre
Bendigo Prince of Wales Showgrounds
42-72 Holmes Road, Bendigo, Vic 3550

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