

NEWSLETTER

Grade 2-6 Awards
Ceremony
Monday 11th

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2023 MGPS KEY DATES- TERM 4 11 Week Term 2 October – 20 December

4-6	DEC	Swimming Block 2
11 Mon	DEC	2-6 Awards Ceremony 9am
12 Tue	DEC	Step Up Day 9-11am
13 Wed	DEC	Grade 6 Graduation 6pm
14 Thur	DEC	Grade 6 Big Day Out
15 Fri	DEC	Final Assembly 2023
20 Wed	DEC	Last Day – Finish @1:30pm
2024		
29 Mon	JAN	Teachers return
30 Tue	JAN	Information Exchange 2-6 Prep & Grade 1 Interviews
31 Wed	JAN	Grades 2-6 Return to School Prep & Grade 1 Interviews
1 Thu	FEB	Prep & Grade 1 Start School
4 Mon	MAR	Curriculum Day <i>No students required at school</i>
6 Wed	MAR	Backflips Against Bullying Inclusion
8 Fri	MAR	School Cross-Country
11 Mon	MAR	Labour Day—Public Holiday
12 Tue	MAR	School Athletic Sports Flora Hill Track

Principals' Report

Dear Parents,

Another packed week at Maiden Gully Primary School, with plenty of teaching and learning happening across the school. Students have been busy in the classroom and really enjoying the yard, especially the new play space.

Maiden Gully Christmas Carols

On Sunday evening, the Maiden Gully Community Christmas Carols were held at the local reserve. Well done to our Grade 4 Instrumental Group kicking things off with 3 songs, alongside Leigh Turner. This was followed up by the Maiden Gully Primary School Choir, who performed 3 songs. A big thank-you to Mrs White and Leigh for all their work in preparing students to perform. They did such a great job in front of a huge crowd.

School Magazine

Our School Magazine is currently at the printers and you can still order your copy from our QKR app. Please ensure you order your copy as we have a limited number of copies to sell; you don't want to miss out!

A special thank-you to Mrs Kelly, Mrs Kellow, Mrs Harvey and Mrs James for all their hard work in bringing this magazine together, as it is a huge job.

Grade 6 Camp

Our Grade 6s returned last Wednesday afternoon from Campaspe Downs Camp in Kyneton. From all reports they had a fantastic camping experience. There were plenty of stories and action with the **Leap of Faith** task, canoes tipping, giant swings and students loving the flying fox and laser tag. A little bit of rain added to the experience! A big thank you to our Grade 6 Team organising another successful camping experience.

Swimming

We are right in the middle of Block 2 of our **Swimming Program**. Under the watchful eye of Mr O'Brien, students have been enjoying their lessons. Please ensure you are sending your child to school with the correct clothing and goggles. Much appreciated.

Dojo & Messaging

Just a reminder to all parents about how Class Dojo operates. Class Dojo is a professional space designed to be used for sharing information with parents, and for parents to request contact with teachers. However, it is not an instant messaging service. Teachers may not respond immediately, especially when teaching classes or if it is out of school hours. If you have an important message for your child during the day, please contact the Office to pass this on. Additionally, if you have a query or a concern, please politely request that the teacher call you the next day. Our teachers would much prefer a phone call or to arrange a time to chat in person.

Step-Up Day

Step-Up Day will be held next Tuesday morning. Students will spend the morning in their new grades in readiness for 2024. Families will receive written notification this Friday which will contain details of your child's/children's grade placement for next year. This information will provide parents and students with information relating to your teacher's name, allocated classroom and the number of students in this class for 2024. The morning will allow our students to have an opportunity to spend time in their new rooms and with their teachers for next year.

For students not continuing with us at Maiden Gully in 2024, an alternative program will be offered. These students will gather in the gymnasium during this time.

Hand, Foot & Mouth & Head Lice

We've been informed there was a reported a case of Hand, Foot and Mouth. This student was absent all last week while infectious, but we encourage parents to be aware. Please also be vigilant with regards to managing and treating head lice. Please refer to the Class Dojo on School Story for more information.

Compass and End of Year Reports

Parents will receive their invitations to join Compass this Friday. Please log in and activate your account before the end of next week. Your child's End of Year School Report will be accessed digitally via Compass this year, as opposed to a printed copy being sent home. Any families leaving us at the end of the year are encouraged to request a printed copy of their child's report.

If you are having difficulty accessing your account, or your household details are incorrect, please telephone or pop into the Office for assistance.

2-6 Awards Ceremony

Our Grade 2-6 Awards Ceremony will be held in the school gym on Monday morning. Parents of students receiving an award will be notified by classroom teachers no later than today. Please check your Dojo messaging. The order of events will start with our Grade 2's at 9am and it will continue, every half an hour for each Year Level. Grade 2 at 9am. Grade 3 at 9:30am. Grade 4 at 10am. Grade 5 at 10:30am and Grade 6 at 11am.

Warm regards,
Jordan and Kylie

The night before Christmas

Santa has again asked his friends in the Maiden Gully Fire Brigade for assistance to deliver bags of lollies supplied by the Progress Association to the children of Maiden Gully. He is going to use a similar visitation program to last year. Santa will visit homes on the north side of the Calder Highway and Olympic Parade between 3.30pm and 5pm. One truck will start in the Armitage Estate and the other near Braedene Drive, proceeding through Robin Hill, Westbury Estate and finishing in Wicks Road. After 5pm, Santa will then visit the south side finishing by 6.30pm. However, there may be delays if the Brigade is called out to an emergency. Santa also advises that this is a busy time for him and his volunteer helpers so the trucks cannot stop at every house but will stop in one or more safe spots depending on the length of the street. See the Brigade Facebook page for more up to date information.

Ho Ho Ho!
Merry Christmas!



Canteen News

This Thursday & Friday

Vanilla Ice Cream Cups & Rainbow Paddle Pops

\$2.50 each until sold out – pick up from Canteen with your order bag.

Teresa McNamara

Canteen Manager

Term 4 Canteen Roster 9am – 12 noon

Thursday 7th December	Keiko Maber & Marisa
Friday 8th	Keiko Maber & Rachel Davey
Monday 11th	Robyn Thornbury
Tuesday 12th	
Wednesday 13th	Jessie Uren
Thursday 14th	Ann-Maree Waterhouse & Keiko Maber
Friday 15th	Robyn Thornbury, Michelle Leigh & Keiko Maber

Uniform Shop

Office & QkR Orders will close for the year on **Wednesday, 13th of December at 9.30am**. If you need uniforms, please order before this date, however the Reader Bags are unavailable at the moment. More will be ordered over the school holidays and will arrive as soon as possible, in time for the beginning of the new school year.

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.

Fabulous Fours

We have had a lovely time at swimming this week. The kids have done a fantastic job, were so well behaved and we were so proud of them all. Thank you to all families for your support this week in remembering bathers, towels, goggles, plastic bags, etc. We have a few reminders as we are coming up to the final full and busy week. Monday is the 2-6 Award Ceremony. Your classroom teacher will notify you if your child is getting an award. Tuesday is Step Up Day. From 9am until 11am, students will spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher. Thursday is our Class Christmas/end of year party. Please see forms handed to the students

Grade 4 Teachers

Foundation Flutterings

We are in the process of finalising the 2024 Grade 1 classrooms. Soon a letter will be sent home explaining who your child's classroom teacher is, the number of students in the class and what room number they will be in for next year. Tuesday 12th of December is the state wide Step Up Morning. On this day, students will come to their Prep classroom to be marked off on the roll. After 9am, students will be taken to their 2024 Grade 1 classroom, where they will do a variety of activities with their 2024 class until 11am. After this, students will come back to our classroom and a normal Tuesday timetable will resume.

Also on Tuesday 12th December at 3:00pm, Prep/1 students will be hosting an afternoon of carols for family and friends who are able to attend. This small, 30 minute performance will be a celebration of all the Christmas carols students have been learning in Music with Mrs White and Mrs Redwood.

A note was sent home last week regarding our class parties and optional 'Kris Kringle' celebration. On Thursday 14th of December, we will be having our class party and Kris Kringle Lucky Dip. Students are asked to bring in a sweet or savory food item to share with their class party and if they choose to be a part of the KK Lucky Dip, they will need to bring in a wrapped gender neutral gift to the maximum values of \$10. Please see your child's note for more information.

Soon we will begin to collect students readers in preparation for next year. Prep students will still have access to decodable readers from the SPELD SA website. A DOJO message will be sent out to explain this further. Collecting and sorting the readers can be a lengthy process, so while students will no longer bring home readers in their reader bag each night, they have the opportunity to read a collection of books online.

Have a great week!

The Prep Team

Wonderful Ones

We have a very busy couple of weeks ahead of us as we round out the year! Next Tuesday, (12th December) students will participate in Step Up Morning. On this morning, students will have an opportunity to spend the morning getting to know their teacher and classmates in their 2024 grades. This is an exciting morning, and will run from 9am – 11am. On the same day, our students will be participating in a little Christmas Concert. This will be taking place in the gym at 3pm and parents/families are most welcome to attend. Please refer to Dojo for more information surrounding the concert.

On Thursday 14th December, we will be celebrating our year together with a class party. Notes regarding class parties have been sent home. Please touch base with your child's teacher should you have any questions. Thankyou to everyone who have so far managed to find and send back copies of home readers. We are still missing quite a few of the titles in our decodable readers' range. Please continue to keep an eye out at home for any additional books that may be hiding, and send them back to school. Finally, a reminder that 2024 booklists are due to be submitted by the end of this week. Orders are to be completed online, however if you have any queries, please contact the office. Students are reminded not to forget their hat for outside learning and play!

Have a wonderful week!

The Grade 1 Team

Two Twitter

We have our Grade 2 Awards Ceremony next Monday. Parents of students who are getting awards have been contacted by classroom teachers. Class parties and KK are happening next week. Keep an eye out on Class Dojo for details closer to the event.

Have a great week!

Grade 2 teachers

Grade 3 Thoughts

Weather is warming up, please remember to send a drink bottle along each day. Can you please send along a plastic bag each day over the next week, to assist with us sending home books and supplies. This will ensure students don't end up with a huge load on the last few days. More information about class parties and celebrations will be put onto Class Dojo in the next few days.

Please keep an eye out for this.

Grade 3 Team

Grade 5 Facts

The swimming program for grade five has been running smoothly this week. A reminder, Thursday's swimming session is about water safety. The students will need to bring along extra clothes (trackies, and long sleeve top or t-shirt and shorts) to place over the top of their bathers for this session in the pool. This week, notes were sent home outlining the name of a student your child will buy for as part of the classroom Kris Kringle. Presents have a \$10 limit and need to be wrapped with the name of the person you have bought for (please don't write who the gift is from). Presents are required to be at school by Tuesday, 12th December please. They will be handed out during our classroom party on Thursday the 14th of December. If you have any queries about this, please contact the classroom teacher. The students continue to enjoy their leadership roles in the yard conducting peer mediation and managing the sports shed. They have demonstrated fantastic leadership skills and a positive attitude towards their new responsibilities. A few friendly reminders, if your child is going to be absent from school, can you please contact the office or send a Dojo message to the classroom teacher. Reading diaries and maths homework are due as usual on Friday. Grade 5 Turnbull will continue to participate in the Bike Education program this term. This will occur every Friday afternoon. If your child is leaving school before the last day of term, please send along a plastic bag on their last day so they can take home all their belongings.

Thanks,
The Grade Five Team

Grade 6 Synopsis

Wow, what a fantastic time we had on **Grade 6 Camp** at PGL Campaspe Downs! Giant Swing, Leap of Faith, Abseiling, Canoeing and Laser Tag were among the stand out activities. We could have done without the crazy lightning storm on Tuesday afternoon, but it did provide us with plenty of laughs – as well as dripping wet shoes! A huge thank you to Mrs Turner for organising such an awesome experience for our campers. Shout out to Tania, Ange, Erin and Marilyn for supporting our teachers at camp – your enthusiasm and assistance was very much appreciated.

All Grade 6 students are in **Swimming** in Block 2 – dates are December 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. Please don't forget swimming gear on these days – goggles have been recommended!

Next week is a busy one in the senior school – our **Awards Ceremony** will be held on Monday 11th December. State wide **Transition Day** will be held on Tuesday 12th December – all students attending State Secondary Colleges will spend the whole day in Year 7 at their new high school. **Grade 6 Graduation** will be held on Wednesday 13th December, as well as our classroom KK for those who would like to be involved. The formal part of graduation will kick off at 6pm in the MGPS Gym, followed by a dinner and disco for the students. Grade 6 **Big Day Out** will be on the following day, with our Final Assembly held on Friday, with an opportunity for students to get shirts and grad bears signed on this day. Please return any outstanding notes asap!

Have a lovely week!
Many thanks,
Senior School Teachers

OSHCare News

Please ensure your child/children have a spare hat in their bag. Friendly reminder that statements have gone out last week please check your emails or even junk mail if you can't see them. Also, hardcopies can be in your child's bag or collected from OSHCare. These need to be paid in full to keep your child/children spot permanent. If you are needing OSHCare you must call or message to book the spot. Unfortunately, due to staff to child ratios we cannot accept children who aren't booked in. We have limits on the number of children able to attend this program so please book. If you do not need OSHCare you will need to cancel your spot before 9.30am on the day, otherwise this will then result in being charged for the missed session. Please remember our hours are before school care 6.45 am – 8.45 am - after school care is 3.30pm – 6pm. Wednesday December 6th and Wednesday December 13th Afternoon OSHCare will be ran from the Grade 6 rooms (11 & 12), please collect your child/children from there.

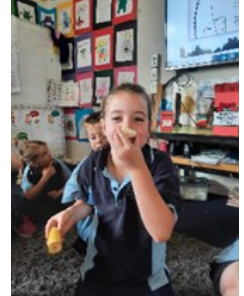
Jasmine Lower: Ph: 54496429 Macey/ Paige : 0401882 250

Grade Name	Students Name	Reason for award
Prep M	Aisha H	For continuing to make excellent progress with your Reading and Writing. Keep it up Aisha!
Prep JL	Will S	For consistently having a wonderful positive attitude towards his learning and peers, and always giving his best effort regardless of the activity! Well done Will!
Prep PC	Kendelle S	For showing care and dedication in the presentation of her work. Keep this up Kendelle!
Prep L	Porsha R	For consistently trying her best with all classroom tasks and always offering to help others. You always show kindness to everyone Porsha, we are so lucky to have you.
Grade 1O	Maya H	For being an amazing classmate and student. We will miss you in our school community next year Maya!
Grade 1O/P	Declan F-B	For working hard on being settled and focused during instruction time. It has been great to see you listening respectfully and following instructions more efficiently. Keep up the great work Declan!
Grade 1W	Freyja D	For being an eager participant and contributor during our number talks. I love that you are willing to speak up and explain your thinking and share the strategies that you used to solve problems.
Grade 1G/P	Abigale W	For greatly improving her work habits in class which has resulted in her completing much more tasks in each session. Fabulous work Abi!

Grade 2/D/K	Hadleigh W	For being a reliable student that focuses hard to get her work completed. Well done Haddi!
Grade 2S	Lenny L	For continuing to work hard at building his resilience when faced with challenging work. Your growing confidence is great to see.
Grade 2 T	Eve T	For always being polite, friendly and well mannered. Well done!
Grade 2 F	Jewel N	For consistently demonstrating our four school values of Community, Responsibility, Teamwork and Respect. You are such a valued class member, Jewel!
Grade 3K/V	Frankie L	For independently working so hard on your Wind in the Willows project and doing an excellent job of your story and diorama. Well done Frankie!
Grade 3 ST	Sienna D	For being a cooperative, caring, and enthusiastic student, working well in all her lessons!
Grade 3H	Sam H	For his excellent word choice in his Wind in the Willows tale and for his detailed diorama that accompanied it. Great work Sam!
Grade 3SO	Lola F	For being a kind, considerate and thoughtful student, and also for always working hard to improve your learning. A great year all round Lola!
Grade 4DL	Layla L	For working hard during our writing sessions and providing excellent detail when putting forward arguments in her persuasive writing. Well done Layla!
Grade 4ML	Sophie W	For being compassionate, thoughtful and caring towards all your classmates and teachers. We're luck to have you, Sophie!
	Lachie B	For taking the initiative to do what is needed to help our classroom run smoothly. You are a wonderful human, Lachie!
Grade 4D	Willow B	For lighting up the room with her sense of humour and expressive story telling abilities. You always make us laugh, Willow.
Grade 4N	Reuben S	For creating an excellent probability game. Amazing work, Reuben!

Grade 5T	Lilly W	For her dedication to the home reading program. It is great to see how much your reading has improved this year Lilly. Well done. Keep up the great work.
Grade 5C	Logan H	All year, you have shown determination and a commitment to your learning. You have been an incredible member of our class! Thanks for a great year Logan.
Grade 5LC	Hudson Mc	For always trying his best in all that he does and for her increased confidence to have a go at tasks, even if they think they are challenging. Great attitude to your learning Hudo!
Grade 5P	Ollie W	For always demonstrating respectful behaviour. You are an excellent role model to others Ollie!
Grade 6T/F	Amilia R	For showing up every day with a smile on your face and ready to put in 100% into everything you do. You are such an asset to our grade, Millie!
Grade 6C	Chelsea D	For making great choices to assist her learning, and consistently working hard to complete her work on time and to a high standard. Keep up the great work, Chelsea!
	Sienna L	For consistently displaying all four school values, and making excellent progress across all areas of the curriculum. You are an awesome role model, Si Si.
Grade 6A/F	Stella P Samantha W	For bringing their A-game to camp, participating enthusiastically in all activities and encouraging others along the way. Fantastic work!

Fresh Fruit



Staff Profile

Name: Lisa Fitt

Role: Grade 2 Teacher

How long have you been working at MGPS? 13 years

Best thing about working at MGPS? The sense of community and belonging. It is like one big happy family!

Interests/hobbies? True crime, travelling and reading

Favourite Movie? The Castle

Favourite TV Show? Survivor, Alone

Favourite Footy/Sports Team? The Matildas

Favourite Food? Pasta

Favourite Restaurant? Borchelli

Best Holiday? Visiting family in Slovenia

Favourite dad joke or quote? Tell him, he's dreamin' - Darryl Kerrigan



Staff Profile

Name: Julie South

Role: Grade 3 teacher

How long have you been working at MGPS? 16 years

Best thing about working at MGPS? The wonderful and supportive staff

Interests/hobbies? reading

Favourite Movie? Dirty Dancing- love the music and loved Patrick Swayze

Favourite TV Show? Outlander

Favourite Footy/Sports Team? Melbourne Storm, Tottenham Hotspur

Favourite Food? Mum's lasagne

Favourite Restaurant? Mexican Kitchen

Best Holiday? With friends and family in the UK

Favourite dad joke or quote? An Irish knock knock "Knock, knock." "Who's there?" "Fred." "Fred who?" "Burt Lancaster"

