

# 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	<b>Curriculum Day – Student Wellbeing</b>
6 Wed	MAR	Backflips Against Bullying Incursion
8 Fri	MAR	School Cross-Country
11 Mon	MAR	<b>Labour Day—Public Holiday</b>
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
		<b>TERM 2</b>
18 Thurs	APR	School Photo Day
15-17	MAY	Grade 5 Camp

Dear Parents,

It's great to see the strong sense of community in our students at Maiden Gully Primary School as they chip in and help out with a number of roles around the school such as, canteen helper, sports shed monitor and peer mediator. At assembly last week, we talked about our School Values and there were plenty of shoutouts for students stepping up and helping out in these roles and even just the 1% things, like holding a door open for someone. We also talked about being respectful when listening to others like our assembly hosts, but also to students making speeches and trying out for Student Government for 2024. These Grade 6 students should be proud of their efforts, as it takes enormous courage to stand up in front of your peers and talk to your personal qualities, ideas and aspirations for the school. This links in with our fortnightly quote; ***"One of the most sincere forms of respect is listening to what others have to say"***. Students have discussed this in the classroom, as we continue to see students demonstrating our core school values each day.

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT

This week, I had the privilege of meeting with the elected members of Student Government for this year. Most of the twenty students from Year 6 have expressed interest in becoming either a school captain or vice-captain for this year. The students will be interviewed for School Captain positions next week and will be asked a series of questions. Some of these will include:

- What would being a school captain of Maiden Gully PS mean to you?

- What skills and qualities would you bring to the position of School Captain at MGPS?
- How would being a School Captain change you?

Similarly, to previous years, I am expecting that the interview process will reaffirm that we have many students with enormous leadership potential of which any one of them would be more than capable of successfully fulfilling the roles that accompany student leadership positions. Well done to all involved.

### NEW SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

I am pleased to announce that the process of electing parents and teachers to school council for 2024 has now concluded.

We have four parents – Nathan Maber and Jess Holdstock will join School Council this year as new members, while Sarah Landry and Jo Thompson have re-elected for 2024. We also welcome back Jordan Ancrum and Kylie Freer as Department of Education and Training representatives of School Council. While an announcement of our community electorate member is pending and should be known this week.

We are very excited to welcome a great bunch of people to School Council. I am confident that these people will have the interests of our students and school at heart.

### Wonderful start to learning

We'd like to congratulate our Prep students on their smooth start to the learning and school life at Maiden Gully Primary School. Thank you to parents for your calm attitude and help with ensuring a smooth start to school. Nothing we do happens without you. It's wonderful to see the smiles and enthusiastic participation of students in the classroom and out in the yard. As February comes to a close, students will soon transition into their first full week beginning Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> of March.

### Annual Privacy Reminder for our School Community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy (Link), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use **Google Workspace for Education** safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.

Warm regards,  
Jordan & Kylie

## Uniform Shop

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.

## OSHare News

We have a Pupil Free Day coming up on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of March. We are offering care from 6.45 am until 6pm. 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.

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

Statements have gone out this week please check your emails. 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.

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

Jasmine Lower: Ph: 54496429 Macey : 0401882250

## Backflips Against Bullying

Our first incursion for the year will be on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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## Canteen News

**Macaroni Cheese \$4.50**

Penne pasta served with cheese sauce & grated cheese

**Mini Jam Pancake**

A small pancake served with plum jam - \$2.00 or less on QKR if buying multiples

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

**Teresa McNamara**

**Canteen Manager**

Term 1 Canteen Roster 9am – 12 noon	
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Keiko Maber & Leshanne
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Keiko Maber, Naomi Clarke & Glenyce French
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Cyn Doble
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Lauren Wardell
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Dave White & Jenny Donaldson
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Leshanne & Ann-Maree Waterhouse
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Lizzie Wallace & Cyn Doble

**SGUSC FAMILY FUN DAY**  
**FEBRUARY 25**  
STANLEY AVENUE, SPRING GULLY

☒ SKILLS AND DRILLS    ☒ UNIFORM SALES  
☒ SMALL SIDED GAMES    ☒ REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE

**UNDER 6 TO UNDER 10: 10 AM - 12 PM**  
**UNDER 12: 10 AM - 11 AM**  
**UNDER 14 TO UNDER 16: 11 AM - 12 PM**

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Grade Name	Students Name	Reason for award
Prep M	Cooper B	<i>For being super organised and always using his manners. Keep up your enthusiasm for learning Cooper!</i>
Prep C	Marli P	<i>For always following instructions and giving things a go! You have a great attitude towards your school work Marli!</i>
Prep L	Alby Y	<i>For listening carefully to the sounds in words and having a go at spelling them. You should be very proud of your efforts Alby! Keep up the great work!</i>
Grade 1O	Donovan W	<i>For his enthusiasm and excellent listening skills during our spelling sessions. Well done Donovan!</i>
Grade 1O/P	Aisha H	<i>For setting a fantastic example of other students in our classroom. Aisha you listen to instructions, sit quietly and respectfully and always begin your work promptly. Fantastic effort Aisha!</i>
Grade 1W	Asha W	<i>For always showing enthusiasm and a willingness to try your very best during our Heggerty's lessons. Amazing effort!</i>
Grade 1G/P	Thomas L	<i>For being a respectful listener during instructions. You are a great role model Thomas!</i>

Grade 2/D/K	Mia B	<i>For giving an excellent explanation of her mathematical thinking during our numeracy sessions. Well done Mia!</i>
Grade 2S	Hope T	<i>For making a terrific start with her reading and putting in a massive effort with her Arrow work. Keep up the great work Hope.</i>
Grade 2 H/Y	Henry L	<i>For being a top contributor during our Literacy block. We love the knowledge you share with us Henry. Keep it up!</i>
Grade 2 F	Connor D	<i>For demonstrating our school value of Community. He is kind and caring towards his classmates and is always willing to lend a hand. Well done Connor.</i>
Grade 3K/V	Theo B	<i>For always putting forth his best efforts with his work and setting an excellent example to others. Well done!</i>
Grade 3 ST	Zyah L	<i>For always showing great listening skills on the floor. Keep it up Zyah!</i>
Grade 3H	Ava D	<i>For showing determination and resilience in her learning. Ava you have shown that you are a courageous learner in the way you embrace new challenges and share your ideas. Great work!</i>
Grade 3SO	Alexis F	<i>For demonstrating responsibility by always being organised and ready to learn. Your willingness to contribute to class discussions is much appreciated as well Alexis!</i>
Grade 4DL	Jagger D	<i>For listening beautifully during our class novel and coming up with thoughtful responses to the comprehension questions. Well done Jagger!</i>
Grade 4ML	Archer B	<i>For always looking for ways to help your teacher and classmates. We love how you take initiative, Arch!</i>
Grade 4D	Hayley S	<i>For showing strength and resilience with some challenging situations. So proud of you, Hayley!</i>
Grade 4N	Barkley P	<i>For displaying resilience in the classroom and in the yard. Amazing work, Barkley!</i>

Grade 5T	Cadence B	<i>For being such a kind, thoughtful and helpful member of the class. We love having you in 5T Cadence, keep up the great work.</i>
Grade 5C	Dannielle A	<i>For her incredible commitment to her learning. Danniella always pursues her best in all areas of learning and as a result, is benefiting from her hard work and focus. Keep it up Danniella.</i>
Grade 5LC	Piper D	<i>For her effort in maths and attempting to use different strategies to solve maths problems. Keep up the great effort Piper!</i>
Grade 5P	Gabe B	<i>For the positive way you contribute to the classroom. You help others without being asked, and show great initiative that doesn't go unnoticed. Well done Gabe.</i>
Grade 6T/F	Tyson D	<i>For his kind and caring attitude towards his peers in the classroom and the playground. You are a valued member of your grade Tyson!</i>
Grade 6 T	Kayla Mc	<i>For using some great persuasive devices in her writing. Well done!</i>
Grade 6C	Kendall K	<i>For your creative and entertaining persuasive writing piece about why video games are not a waste of time. Keep up the great work, Kendall!</i>
Grade 6A/F	Seth H	<i>For an excellent start to grade 6, showing confidence when sharing his ideas in class and bringing a positive attitude to each session. Well done, Seth!</i>

## Foundation Flutterings

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.

Several notes were sent home last week, which can be found in your child's bag. Please sign and return these notes to your child's classroom teacher. The first note is for our Teddy Bear Picnic which will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of February. On this day, students are asked to bring along their favourite teddy from home along with an extra snack for the picnic. During the day we will walk down to the Maiden Gully Recreation Reserve and play some games, sing songs and lots of dancing. The second note is for our annual Prep Games afternoon which will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Prep students are invited to stay later after school to participate in this event. There is no cost for this event. Students will stay after school and meet for afternoon tea before commencing a variety of games. Please pack an extra snack for your child to eat for afternoon tea. The afternoon will conclude at 4:45pm. Students will each receive an icy pole and then can be collected outside the Prep classrooms.

The third note, only some students received. This note is for students who are the eldest in the family. This note is regarding ordering a House Team shirt for upcoming sporting events such as Cross Country and Athletics. For those who are unsure of their child's house team, please refer to your classrooms Compass post.

If your child has lost/ misplaced any items of clothing when outside in the school yard, please make sure that you check the purple and green lost property bins located in the school admin area.

Have a great week,

The Prep Team

## Wonderful Ones

In the coming week a Reading Goal for all of Grade 1's will be to be sent home. Our first goal we will be working on is to: use your pointer finger as you read, and use it to slide under the word as you sound it out. It is important that all students are continually practicing their Reading Goal each time that they read. Next Tuesday (27<sup>th</sup> February), A 'Partners in Print' Information night will be held to familiarise families with our reading program and 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:

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This week in Reading and Spelling, we are focusing on words that contain the /ai/ or /ay/ sound – such as play, stay, train or snail. As your child is reading this week, they will come across words with this spelling pattern. Please remind them that it makes the long a sound should they have trouble sounding out or reading these words. Remember to encourage your child to use their pointer finger as they are reading and sounding out words!

Have a wonderful week!

The Grade 1 Team.



## Two Twitter

The children seem very settled in their classrooms and are excited to be learning about continents and countries of the world. Ask your child about what interesting facts they have learnt about Australia.

Keep your eye out in the next few weeks as we will be sending information home in regards to **Backflips Against Bullying incursion and school Cross Country**.

Have a great week!

## Grade 3 Thoughts

**NAPLAN:** this occurs in Week 7. Students will be given plenty of support to prepare them for this and have them feeling confident for when it arrives.

**Water Bottles:** we still have some children not bringing water bottles to school. A full water bottle for the start of the day makes life easier all round.

**Home Reading:** the school expectation is for students to do at least five nights of reading each week. Having a regular time for this can be a big help.

Grade 3 Team

## Fabulous 4's

We are absolutely loving seeing the home reading that is taking place. We also want to congratulate the Grade 6 Students who made their speeches for Student Government. You all spoke beautifully and we could tell how much time and effort was spent on creating your speeches. We cannot wait to see our current students up there in two years time as we already have so many with great leadership skills.

Just a reminder, we do have our incursion Backflips Against Bullying coming up on the Wednesday 6th of March. Incursions are 'pay as you go' and the charge for this is \$7.00, which can be paid on QKR or at the office.

Grade 4 Teachers

## Grade 5 Facts

The students have made it through another hot week!! It was great to see so many students with a drink bottle, please continue to ensure your child has a hat and drink bottle at school to stay adequately hydrated in this heat. A few reminders for families...

\* Bike Ed continues for Grade 5 Coghill. Please bring your bike Friday.

\* It is expected that reading diaries and math homework is handed in each Friday. We would like to see students reading each night (minimum 5 nights per week) and have their diary signed by an adult. If you are experiencing any difficulties getting into a routine with home reading, please contact your child's teacher to discuss further. A focus for home reading goals is around accuracy and fluency to ensure the students are reading at a just right rate.

As you would have read in the newsletter, NAPLAN is coming up this term. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.

The Grade 5 Teachers

## Grade 6 Synopsis

Congratulations to the 37 students who read out **Student Government** speeches to Grade 4, 5 and 6 students and teachers last Friday. We were very impressed with the high quality of speeches, and the confidence shown when reading these out on the microphone. Further congratulations to the 20 elected students, who will now self-nominate for a School Captain position if desired – interviews for School Captains will happen next week. Our 2024 Student Government members are: Mia M, Harper T, Charlotte E, Poppy H, Grace P, Layla B, Lilly W, Chance B, Addy A, Peyton L, Cooper D, Marcus T, Zach S, Jhak B, Maddox L, Mckenzie W, Braxton B, Noah L, Rory W and Zane C.

**House Captain** elections will be this Friday – best of luck to all students who are trying out for these positions. Once again, a big congratulations to all involved. It takes bravery and inner strength to put yourself out there – we are so proud of your efforts.

Don't forget to bring along your **hat** and drink bottle to school each day (especially during this heat wave), and wear all aspects of our MGPS uniform.

Have a lovely week!

Many thanks,

Senior School Teachers

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