

# NEWSLETTER

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## 2021 MGPS KEY DATES- TERM 2

10 WEEK TERM- STARTING 19 <sup>th</sup> APR – 25th JUN		
6 THU	MAY	Mother's Day- Morning – Prep-2
19 WED	MAY	Fairy Tale Parade - Prep
19 WED	MAY	Grade 5 CAMP 19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>
24 MON	MAY	Education Week- School Tours <i>Please call the office to book</i>
25 TUE	MAY	Open Morning 9:30-11am
2 WED	JUN	Disco- times TBA
4 FRI	JUN	Special Canteen Lunch
10 THU	JUN	Camp Quality Puppeteering Incursion
14 MON	JUN	Queen's Birthday Holiday
16 WED	JUN	School Reports Home
17 THU	JUN	School Athletics – Flora Hill Athletics Track
21 MON	JUN	Parent Teacher Interviews 3:45pm-7pm
22 TUE	JUN	Parent Teacher Interviews 9am-12pm Student not required on this day
25 FRI	JUN	SCHOOL FINISHES 2:30PM

### Principals' Report

#### Dear Parents,

The importance of students being punctual to school may explain why most students start their school day organised and well prepared for learning. For other students, arriving late to school could be the reason that some students are unsettled and appear to lack the readiness for learning. Over time a lack of punctuality can have an undesirable impact on learning outcomes for individual students.

Next week, with the implementation of the NAPLAN program for our Year 3 and 5 students, I am keen to see that every student is given the best opportunity to perform to the best of their ability. I would like to see students arriving well rested, well-nourished and keen to do their very best. With the support and assistance of parents with ensuring our students are well prepared physically and emotionally, I would expect to see our students perform well.

#### MOTHER'S DAY

I trust that all families will celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday with great appreciation of the roles that our mums play in our lives.

Today the foyer of the gymnasium will be a buzz of excitement with students purchasing a special gift for their mums.

Thank you to Sheryn Kellett, Jade Aldridge and parent helpers for their organisation and assistance with running this event.

Happy Mother's Day!

#### SCHOOL VISITORS – 2022 PREP STUDENTS

It was pleasing to receive a number of prospective Prep parents wanting to take time out of their busy schedules to visit our school this week. The process of selecting schools is one of great importance that parents face. While I am first to acknowledge that we are on a journey of improvement and are constantly looking for ways of growing in the work we do, I have appreciated hearing that all of the people to visit our school this week had heard of good things about Maiden Gully Primary School. Word of mouth is often our best means of school promotion within our school community. Thank you to parents, students and teachers for sharing our good news stories. School Tours will continue over the coming weeks and can be booked through our school office.

Last night's Parent Information Evening for students beginning school in 2022 was well attended. Thank you to our leadership team and our Prep teachers who assisted in answering questions and showing our prospective parents through our facilities.

#### SCHOOL REVIEW / SELF EVALUATION

The preparations for our school review and the writing of our school self-evaluation are complete. I would like to thank parents, staff and students for their assistance in completing surveys last Term. The restrictions with having parents attend forums on site made this a little more difficult than on previous occasions. With your support we have been able to recognise the areas of school success and identifying areas where our school will focus future effort. Thank you.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

The 2020 Annual Report will be presented to our school community at a special meeting to be held at 10am on Friday 14th May. The Annual Report provides an overview of our school's performance for 2020. Copies of the 2020 Annual report will be available to the community from the office after this meeting.

*Craig and Jordan*

## Foundation Flutterings

Just a reminder that we will be hosting a Mothers and Special Friends morning this Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May in the Prep, Grade One and Grade Two classrooms. We will be having some special activities in our classrooms to celebrate and pamper our mums and special friends. The different time slots are to enable those families who have children across different year levels to visit multiple rooms. Please note that each year level will be sticking to their designated time slot for these activities and then resuming their normal classroom timetable for the day. There will be a QR code allocated in each classroom for visitors to check in with upon arrival.

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May we are having our Fairy Tale Parade for all Foundation and Grade One students. This is a celebration of our Fairy Tale Units that we are working on in both the Foundation and Grade One classrooms. It will be held down in the School Gym from 10am-11am. Parents and carers are invited to come along and watch. There will be QR codes available in the Gym for Covid Safe check ins. Students are encourage to come along dressed up as their favourite fairy tale character for the day.

Well done to those Preps who have read 50 nights and beyond for this semester! You should be very proud of your efforts, keep up the great work!

## Junior Jargon

It's fantastic to see parents back in our classrooms, your help with reading is very welcome. We also look forward to seeing many more of you throughout the rest of the year. Please make sure that you sign in each time you help in our classrooms by using the QR code on the classroom door or in the Office if your phone is unable to scan.

We are excited about our Mother's Day morning. Unfortunately it is shorter than in previous years, but children will get a chance to pamper Mum a little and spend some quality time, introducing their mums or special friends to a morning in the life of a Grade 1 child. Please sign in with the QR code or in the Office before 9:45.

Last week we focused on Time and noticed that many students need to have a bit more support with reading and making times to the hour and half hour on analogue clocks. It would be very beneficial to practise this at home as well. You could use this website if you don't have access to an analogue clock. <https://www.visnos.com/demos/clock>

We also have our Fairy Tale Parade coming up on Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup> where students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite fairy tale character. The parade will be held in the gym at 10 am, which can be attended by parents or carers.

Have a great week.

Grade 1 Teachers

## Grade 2 Twitter

Just a reminder that the Mother's Day morning is this Thursday between 10.30 and 11.15. The children are looking forward to you sharing some time with them. As the weather is getting cooler please ensure your child has labelled jackets for easy return. We are looking forward to members of the Braves coming into our rooms and listening to reading. Hope your Mother's days are relaxing.

Grade 2 Team.

## Middle Mutterings

Students have really settled back into the routine of school. What a great effort! We have a jam-packed May, with many events including today's Interschool Cross Country NAPLAN, Waste Education Incursion and Education Week Open morning, just to name a few. We really admire the dedication towards student learning and your ongoing support. Thank you!!!

Please remember to remind your child to send their fully charged Netbook to school each day. It is difficult for students who have forgotten to charge or left their netbook at home and they miss out on opportunities to research, read and practise online learning.

Last week, the Term 2 Overview note went home. It included details on subjects that students in grade 3 and 4 will be covering throughout the term and how you can support your child's learning.

Please remember water bottles and reading diaries each day. If your child is wearing a jumper or jacket, please ensure it is part of the Maiden Gully School uniform. Please name all belongings.

Have a great week everyone.

Gr 3 & 4 teachers

## Senior Synopsis

Congratulations to all students who ran the **Division Cross Country** today – thank you to Mr O'Brien for organising this event, and to Mrs Freer, Mrs Coghill and Mr Fiske for accompanying the students along on the day.

**Grade 5 Urban Camp** is fast approaching! We will head off on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May and return Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Full camp payment is due Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May. This can be paid via the Qkr app, or at the School Office. Camp itinerary and packing checklists have been sent home. Please contact your classroom teacher if you have any further questions or concerns. Can't wait for an action-packed city experience!

5C have **Bike Ed** this term on Fridays, please make sure students bring their bikes and helmet to school each Friday.

Just a reminder to please wear warmer clothes on cold mornings – as Mrs Coghill says 'It's not cool to be cold!'

Have a phenomenal week!

Many thanks,

Senior School Teachers.

Grade Name	Students Name	Reason for award
Prep M	Brennan B	For practising his fluency reading goal and making his reading sound smooth. Top effort Brennan!
Prep L	Billy W	For sounding out the sounds in tricky words and going back and re-reading a sentence when it didn't make sense. You should be very proud of your efforts with your reading Billy! Keep up the great work!
Prep S	Bailey B	For always being the first on the floor and ready to listen. Well done Bailey!
Prep W	Theo B	For always working hard and trying your best during our writing lessons.
Grade 1O	Oliver D	For the fantastic effort he puts into his reading and for always trying his best. Well done Oliver!
Grade 1C	Grace M-	For always being organised and consistently using her polite manners when in the classroom. Keep this up Grace!
Grade 1P	Aaron S	For coming into class with a smile on his face and always being a helpful member of our class.
Grade 1G/N	Chase H	For monitoring reading and self-correcting when he makes mistakes to progress through the home reading boxes. Keep up the excellent work Chase!

Grade Name	Students Name	Reason for award
Grade 2L	Gabriel B	For working hard in class to finish off his information poster about books and putting in a strong effort to make sure it was presented neatly. Keep up the great work Gabe!
Grade 2S	Drake B	For always being a great team member and encouraging others. This is a great skill Drake. Keep it up.
Grade 2 F/K	Charly M	For working hard to complete all of her set tasks to a high standard. Well done Charly!!
Grade 2 T	Trinity H	For always using her manners and showing respect in the classroom. Well done!
Grade 3V	Ollie W	For making an awesome effort towards his learning, giving his best and continuing to read each night. Well done Ollie!
Grade 3 T	Caleb P	For his passion for mathematics and willing to share strategies with his classmates. Well done Caleb, keep up the great work.
Grade 3G	Elijah E	For working hard to improve his writing and to implement his personal and peer set goals.
Grade 3H	Lexie L	For making inferences about characters feelings and traits and supporting them with evidence.
Grade 4L	Nash J	For his cheeky humour, kindness and thoughtfulness towards his peers and teachers. You're a legend, Nash!
Grade 4B	Jaida P	For offering help to her classmates without being asked and putting the needs of others before her own. Thank you for your kindness Jaida, it is very much appreciated.
Grade 4D/D	Alex D	For working hard during Numeracy sessions and practicing his number skills at home. Well done Axel!

Grade Name	Students Name	Reason for award
Grade 5S	Olive T	For being a quiet and conscientious student who works hard to improve her learning. Your efforts are much appreciated Olive.
Grade 5C	Lily A	For the effort she goes to with looking critically at her writing, to ensure she is constantly increasing her authorship ability. Keep it up Lily!
Grade 5F	Abigail S	For always being aware of others' needs and offering a helping hand. Your kindness doesn't go unnoticed!
Grade 5LC	Emily B	For being prepared to always have a go with her work. Fantastic 'Can Do' attitude Em!
Grade 6F	Riley V	For the effort and consistency, he puts into his Home Reading each and every week. Fantastic effort, Riley.
Grade 6C	Paige L	For showing increased confidence with your writing and maths. The effort you're putting in is really paying off! Well done Paige.
Grade 6A/P	Flynn H	For his enthusiastic and attentive contributions at our BioLab excursion – well done Flynn, you have a very insightful way of thinking!
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## Canteen News

### Canteen Highlights

#### Chicken Nugget Meal

6 chicken nuggets served with a selection of steamed vegetables - **\$4.30**

**Watermelon Wedge or orange bag** – 50c each

Teresa McNamara

*Canteen Manager*

### Term 2 Canteen roster 8.55am-12 noon

<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Dave White
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Kate de Prada & Alex Dixon
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Rachel Davey
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Kerry Vickers
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Robyn Thornbury

## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Maiden Gully Primary is excited to be participating. Students have each received a password and username.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 are challenged to read 15 books. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 17 September 2021.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers at the end of the year.

Find information for school students and parents on how to take part in the Premiers' Reading Challenge, using the Challenge application.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/school-students-parents.aspx>

If you have any question please contact our Premiers' Reading Challenge coordinator Zoë Needham.

Zoe.needham@education.vic.gov.au

Congratulations to the following students for finishing this year's challenge.

Will B	Gr 3
Lily D	Gr 3
Eli B	Gr 5

## OSHCARE News

It is important that parents advise the school or the OSHCare staff if they do not require the program for that day or week. If we are not advised then your child/ren will be charged for the service. We can be contacted by mobile phone, school phone or it can be written in the book.

Helen McCoomb – OSHCare Supervisor

Ph: 5449 6429 Mob: Rebecca/Elise

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

### FULL ZIP POLAR FLEECE JACKETS IN SIZES 10, 14Y AND 16Y -

Due to high sales as the weather has turned cold quickly, our Full Zip Polar Fleece Jackets in size 14Y have sold out and are low in stock of sizes 10 and 16Y.

More have been ordered and will arrive as soon as possible.

The Uniform Shop will be open on **Monday 7 June, 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 prior to 9.05am on Fridays. The order will then be filled and delivered to your child's classroom.

Payments of cash, cheque, EFTPOS and credit card are accepted. Orders and payment are also available on the QkR app. Any queries may be made at the General office or call Annette on 0402 629377 or 54472100

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