



MAIDEN GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 1592 NEWSLETTER

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2024 MGPS KEY DATES- TERM 1

9 Week Term 1 January – 28 March

31 Wed	JAN	Grades 2-6 Return to School Prep & Grade 1 Interviews
1 Thu	FEB	Prep & Grade 1 Start School
6 Tue	FEB	Safer Internet Day
13 Tue	FEB	Partners In Print- Prep @6:30pm
4 Mon	MAR	Curriculum Day – Student Wellbeing <i>Student Free Day</i>
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

Principals' Report

Dear Parents,

A big welcome back to 2024! We had a number of excited students and teachers this morning starting back to our first official school day. I am pleased to report that our twenty classrooms, from Grade 2 to 6 appeared calm and well organised on our visits. We look forward to welcoming our new Preps and returning Grade 1 students tomorrow, with a total enrolment of 575. Thank-you to all our teachers who have been preparing classrooms and curriculum in readiness for the start of the school year. Well done to all involved!

This year we have experienced some new and returning staff and have seen some time fraction variations. A warm welcome back to Mrs Young who has returned to work in Grade 2 after spending the last few years working part-time and completing her family leave. And welcome to Mr Leonard who will be taking on a new role of Environmental Science Teacher across the school.

For 2024, our class groupings have been organised with an average class size of 21 students across our school. This is significantly smaller than what other schools are offering.

This year, students will experience specialist teachers in the areas of Chinese, Drama / Music, Visual Arts, Physical Education and we are excited to announce the addition of Environmental Science.

We'd like to welcome our families to Compass this year. This is yours and our primary source of communication. This will ensure that there is ample opportunity for communication to occur between home and school. It is important to note that Compass is not a social media app. It is a professional, student management system and multi-use platform. One of its functions is to connect your email to our email. Most communications will come through to your email.

We expect that teachers will check Compass communications daily. We trust that parents will do the same and will be encouraged to communicate with teachers when you are unable to call or pop-in.

Families are asked to ensure that all medical records of students and emergency contact details of families, including mobile phone and residential records, are kept up to date.

We look forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Assembly

School Assembly will continue to be held on Friday mornings at 9am in the school gymnasium. We welcome all families to attend, especially if you have a child receiving an award to watch the presentation. Our Grade 6 Students will take it in turn to host assembly and read out our Values Awards recipients as part of developing public speaking and leadership skills. We look forward to seeing you attend throughout the year. Our Values Awards will begin next week.

Getting Involved

There are many ways to get involved at Maiden Gully Primary School and we appreciate the support from members of our school community. You may have some spare time that you can lock in to support Teresa in the Canteen, even if it is just one morning a term! You may be interested in seeing Jade and joining the Fundraising Committee. School Council is another way to get involved. Keep an eye out for nominations in the coming weeks.

Information Exchange & Prep/1 Interviews

Thank-you to all our families that took time out to attend our Information Exchange and our Prep and Grade 1 Interviews (currently running today). Teachers have indicated that this opportunity to meet families has been a really positive way to start the year and hit the ground running.

Wellbeing Officer - Marilyn Tatt

Our Wellbeing Officer at Maiden Gully Primary School is Marilyn Tatt. Marilyn has been with MGPS for a number of years and is well known throughout the school community. Marilyn lives in Maiden Gully, is an experienced classroom teacher and has a passion for student welfare. She brings with her a range of experiences working with primary school students and in a variety of schools over a long period of time.

Merilyn's role at Maiden Gully Primary School includes:

- Providing Wellbeing Support services as required
- Providing support for individual students
- Being accessible to parents as required
- Being a link person to Department Education & Training support services
- Being a link person to a wide range of outside support agencies

To access Merilyn's services, please see your classroom teacher or pop into the office for a permission form.

School Values

Maiden Gully Primary School has a strong emphasis on encouraging our students to demonstrate our **School Values of Community, Respect, Team Work and Responsibility**. Each week we discuss our values at assembly and this is followed up in the classroom, with a special focus on one value every two weeks. This fortnight we are focusing on **Respect** and linking this to being kind and considerate of others. We share a quote with our school community each fortnight to help convey the message; ***"Kindness is a boomerang. Use it often, it nearly always returns"***. – **Wilson**. We would encourage families to take opportunities to discuss these messages in situations outside of school as well.

During assemblies we also like to acknowledge students who have demonstrated some outstanding values with a Shout Out in front of their peers. This will continue throughout 2024 as another way to promote the importance of our school values.

Warm regards,
Jordan & Kylie

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on **Monday 5 February, 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 0402629377 or 54472100.

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to the Maiden Gully Primary School Canteen. Canteen is now open for pre-ordered lunches and counter sales.

Canteen Lunch is served every day at 11am.

Snacks and drinks are available every day from 11.10 am to 11.55am.

A 'how to order lunch' is attached to the menu which was sent out this week. If you didn't receive one, spare notes are available from the Canteen or office foyer.

The menu is also available to view on the school website and QKR app.

Lets do Lunch Roster Note

To make our great Canteen run smoothly I **desperately** need your help.

If you could spare 1 day for 3hrs weekly/fortnight/or a month please fill this note in and return to canteen or school office asap.

These notes are available from the Canteen or office foyer.

If my helpers from last year are still available please let me know.

A full term 1 roster will be emailed out soon

Term 1 Canteen Roster 9am – 12 noon	
Thursday 1 st February	Marisa
Friday 2 nd	Jessie Uren
Monday 5 th	Glenyce French
Tuesday 6 th	Robyn Thornbury
Wednesday 7 th	Leshanne
Thursday 8 th	Keiko Maber
Friday 9 th	Keiko Maber

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 an enrolment form. They are available from the office or the OSHCare room.

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.

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.

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