

# NEWSLETTER

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## 2018 MGPS KEY DATES

### TERM 4

28-13 WED	NOV	BLOCK 1 SWIMMING
29-14 THU	DEC	BLOCK 2 SWIMMING
18 TUE	DEC	PARENT HELPERS BREKKY
18 TUE	DEC	YEAR 2-5 AWARDS CEREMONY <i>9.15am-10:30am</i> ★
19 WED	DEC	GRADE 6 GRADUATION 6pm
20 THU	DEC	GRADE 6 BIG DAY OUT ★
21 FRI	DEC	LAST DAY – FINISH @1:30PM
2019 Term 1 Dates		
31 THUR	JAN	Grades 2 –6 COMMENCE ★
1 FRI	FEB	PREP—GRADE 1 AESSMENT INTERVIEWS
4 MON	FEB	PREP—GRADE 1 COMMENCE SCHOOL

## Principal's Report

Yesterday our students were quick to settle into their new grades as part of our whole school step up morning. The students completed a range of activities designed to allow each student to get to know others in their grade and their teacher. The staff and I are confident that this short transition experience will go a long way to alleviating the anxiety of both students and parents.

### SCHOOL REPORTS

Our End of Year Reports will be forwarded to families this Friday. Parents wishing to discuss any issues with any teachers are asked to arrange a suitable time with the teacher before the end of this year.

### FAREWELL TO OUR CHINESE VISITORS

It is with sadness that we find ourselves saying farewell to our Chinese visitors on Saturday morning. It is hard to believe that eight weeks ago our visitors arrived. Our two students have been quick to embrace school life at MGPS. Well done to ViVi and TiTi! This year the students were accompanied by their teacher, Mae, from our friendship school. A special thanks to those families who have supported the home stay program this year. Thank you to the Cook, Marchesani, McPhee and Draper families for the tremendous work in making our visitors feel welcome and for ensuring their safety and wellbeing whilst in Australia.

### VOLUNTEERS BREAKFAST

Next Tuesday morning, a breakfast for our volunteers will be held in appreciation of the many combined hours that parents have contributed to making a difference to Maiden Gully P.S. **Students will be supervised in the yard during this time as the volunteers breakfast will be catered for parent helpers/volunteers only.**

If we consider that *'It takes an entire community to educate a child'*, our parent volunteers continue to make a significant community contribution to the education of children at MGPS. In some ways, Parent Helpers are like the school's extended family. They are caring, supportive and willing to go beyond themselves to help others. Our students see how you value our school and that education is important and worthwhile.

Thank you to the individual parents who have helped out in so many school programs. Thank you for supporting the school and our students throughout the year.

We appreciate it and we look forward to many of you supporting us again next year.

### AWARDS CEREMONY

A small awards ceremony will be held for our Grade 2-6 students next Tuesday. The ceremony will be held in the gymnasium from 9.15am. While many students will receive special acknowledgement for their achievement and effort this year, parents are reminded not every child receives special acknowledgement at this ceremony. Parents of children receiving an award next Tuesday will be contacted by their child's classroom teacher or by a member of the specialist team.

### GRADUATION CEREMONY & GRADUATION DINNER

On Wednesday evening we will take time to acknowledge the contribution that our Year 6 students have made to our school. This will occur from 6.00pm in our gymnasium and will take the form of a special school ceremony. On this occasion, a number of awards will be presented to our students.

On Thursday evening, our Year 6 students will attend a special evening for dinner and entertainment. Thanks to our staff for their assistance in coordinating this special activity.

Craig Arrowsmith

*Principal*

## Foundation Flutterings

### Class Party

To celebrate the end of the school year all Prep grades will be having a class party on the last Wednesday of the school term (December 19). Please keep an eye out for information via Dojo from your class teacher for further details.

### Kris Kringle

All Prep grades will be having a Kris Kringle gift exchange on the day of our class party. (Details about the party will be out shortly) If you would like your child to participate please send in a wrapped gift to the value of \$5. If you are a girl please write G on the front and buy for a girl. If you are a boy please write B on the front of your present. You can send in your gift at any time, last day being Tuesday December 18.

### Library

Please check at home for any outstanding library books and return them ASAP.

### Packing Up

To prepare for the end of year rush please send in an extra plastic/fabric bag to bring home books and other belongings. This will save students trying to fit all their things in their school bag. Keep an eye out on Dojo for what day to send this bag next week. Remember the last day of the year is Friday December 21. It will be a 1.30 pm dismissal, so please remember to pick your child up at this time.

Only 2 1/2 weeks till Christmas. Have a lovely week.

## OshCare News

With the end of the year approaching, it is important that all OSHCare fees are paid before the last day of school. I will be issuing my second last accounts this week and then the final accounts in the last week of school 19/12/18. If you would like a final account before this date(19/12/18), then come and see me in the OSHCare room to organise this. Failure to pay fees in full by the end of the year will result in loss of your booking in OSHCare for next year.

Helen McCoomb – OSHCare Supervisor

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## Uniform Shop

### UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop, including orders using the QkR App, has now closed for the year.

I would also like to thank you all for your custom this year and supporting your school, as all profits made directly benefit your children.

### 2019

The Uniform Shop will be open on **Tuesday, 29th of January, 2019 from 12 noon to 1pm**. It will then be open on the first Monday of the month, as per usual.

Any queries may be made at the General Office or call Annette on 0402 629377 or 54472100.

## MUSIC PROGRAM 2019 Guitar, Keyboard or Singing with Leigh Turner

Expressions of interest are being taken now for children to be part of the music program in 2019. Information and forms for enrolment will be sent home in the first week of term 1 with lessons commencing in the second week, but if you would like to register your child's name now to guarantee a place please feel free to contact Leigh using the contact details below. Guitar and keyboard lessons are open to children in years 3 to 6 and are conducted during school hours. Singing lessons are open to children in year 4 to 6 and may be either during school hours or after 3.30 depending on availability.

Leigh Turner

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## Maiden Gully Fire Brigade News

Santa has again asked his friends in the Maiden Gully Fire Brigade for assistance to deliver bags of lollies to the children of Maiden Gully. The fire trucks will head out at 4.30pm and should have visited every street by 6.30pm. However, there may be delays if the Brigade is called out to an emergency. Santa also advises that this is his busiest time along with 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.

Ho Ho Ho! Merry Christmas!

### JUNIOR RANGERS



### Central Victorian Junior Ranger Activities

4 Jan – 24 Jan 2018

DATE	TIME	DETAILS
4 January 2018	9.30am – 10.30am	<b>Cultural Sites Survey</b> – Kooyooora State Park. Come Help our Dja Dja Wurrung team archaeologist and rangers search for some of the special cultural sites of Kooyooora State Park.
8 January 2018	9.30am – 10.30am	<b>Cultural Sites Survey</b> – English Bridge Streamside Reserve. Come Help our Dja Dja Wurrung team archaeologist and rangers search for some of the special cultural sites of the Campaspe River.
10 January 2018	9.30am – 10.30am	<b>All Fired Up</b> – Greater Bendigo National Park – One Tree Hill. Come and learn about how fire is managed in our parks to keep them healthy... and to keep us safe!
14 January 2018	9.30am – 10:30am	<b>Gold Rush Adventure</b> – Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park. Come and discover the history of Forest Creek Historical Gold Diggings while trying your luck at gold panning.
16 January 2018	9.30am – 10:30am	<b>Kooyooora's Cultural Stories</b> – Kooyooora State Park. The name Kooyooora means 'Mountain of Light' and is a very significant place for the Dja Dja Wurrung people. Come on a cultural adventure with a Dja Dja Wurrung ranger and hear stories about this special landscape.
18 January 2018	9.30am – 10:30am	<b>All Fired Up</b> – Heathcote-Graytown National Park – Powder Magazine. Come and learn about how fire is managed in our parks to keep them healthy... and to keep us safe!
22 January 2018	9.30am – 10:30am	<b>Feathered Friends</b> – Solomon Gully Nature Conservation Reserve. Join a ranger for a guided walk and discover the birds of the Box Ironbark forests. Find out how beaks and bills can teach us about each bird.
24 January 2018	9.30am – 10:30am	<b>All About Ceremony</b> – English Bridge Streamside Reserve- Rocky Crossing. This activity is all about ceremony! Come and learn about the importance of smoking ceremonies, language and ochre painting. A fun filled activity with Aboriginal language games, songs and dance.

All Junior Ranger activities are free, and are suitable for children aged 6-12 years, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Bookings are essential, and open 2 weeks before the school holidays. Children should bring a hat, drink, sunscreen, closed in shoes and wear clothing suitable for the activity and weather.

Please visit [www.juniorrangers.com.au](http://www.juniorrangers.com.au)

## Canteen News

### COMING EVENT

#### Party Day Lunch

**When:** 21<sup>st</sup> December (last day of term)

These orders need to be handed in to the canteen by 9am (QKR 8.45am) **this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** or you will miss out

#### Canteen Highlights Term 4

##### **Iced Carrot cake**

*Made in the canteen*

**\$2.00**

**Apple blackcurrant juice (out of stock) will be replaced by apple juice for the time being.**

CANTEEN HELPERS ROSTER Term 4 8.50am – 12:00 noon	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Ring
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Collating Orders</i>	Priscilla Bateman & Kristen McIlroy Melinda Bullock Tiffany Peters Rachael McEwan
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Glenyce French
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Imogen Morris
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle Bennett & Narelle Brown
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Kye Watson & Kim Wakefield
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sarah Burchell, Priscilla Bateman, Kelli Beynon, Kim Wallace & Georgia Squibb

Canteen Manager - Teresa McNamara

Canteen Assistant - Penny Topp Lowe

## Senior Synopsis

We are all organised and looking forward to our **Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony** on **Wednesday 19th December**. The formal part of our evening will run from **6pm-7pm** in the school gym, all family members and friends are welcome. This will be followed by our Graduation dinner and disco at the Foundry. This is an exciting time for our Grade 6 students and families as they celebrate their final year at Primary School.

Our **Grade 6 Big Day Out** is on **Thursday 20th December**. Details have been sent home, please contact your classroom teacher if you have any questions.

**Have a great week!**

Many thanks,

Senior School Team

## Junior Jargon

### Class Parties

All grade 1 classes will be holding a class party on **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Please see individual class notes re requirements.

### Kris Kringle

Each Grade One class will be holding a Kris Kringle. The limit for the gifts will be \$8. Boys will purchase a gift for a boy, girls for a girl.

Notes have been sent home regarding KK.

Should you have concerns regarding your child participating in Kris Kringle, please see your child's class teacher asap.

### Classroom tidy

Over the final two weeks of our school year, students will begin bringing home their workbooks, art smocks, left over supplies etc. We request that all students bring along some plastic bags in which to take supplies home. The taking home of items will occur over a few days; hence the bags may be needed more than once.

Our last **Values** awards for the year will be presented during Friday morning's assembly.

### Grade 2 News

The school year is quickly coming to a close and we would like to thank all families for their support throughout the year. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching this group of children and are celebrating the progress made throughout the year.

Students appeared to be excited about their new teachers and classes for 2019 following Step Up Morning yesterday.

School reports will come home on Friday, please read through these with your children. If you require an additional copy please see your child's classroom teacher.

Class parties will be held next Wednesday. As all class parties will be on the same day, it is advisable that food that requires heating be brought straight to the classroom at the time of the party. Check with your child's teacher regarding times.

The Grade 2 awards will be handed out first next Tuesday, followed by specialist awards for our grade level for any parents who have limited time. Just a reminder that there will only be six awards handed out per class for Academic, Encouragement and School Values from classroom teachers, along with six for the entire year level from each of the specialists.

Have a great week,

Junior School Team

## School Banking

Our school banking program is run by parent volunteers and for the program to continue to run in 2019, we need help. If you would like to help or require more information please leave your contact details at the office.

**If we do not get any volunteers the program will not run in 2019.**

Banking has now finished for 2018. Any rewards received will be distributed to students.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas and thank you for supporting the program.

*The School Banking Team.*

Grade Name	Students Name	Reason for award
Prep C	Arnav K	<i>For the dedication he shows towards his writing. You are now writing longer sentences and have very neat handwriting Arnav!</i>
Prep W	Jensen M.	<i>For being a kind and compassionate friend to your classmates. You are always happy and eager to help others when they are in need. Well done!</i>
Prep O		
Prep V	Cooper W	<i>For working hard to listen respectfully, do the right thing and show responsibility with his learning by completing his work to the best of his ability. Great Job Cooper!</i>
Grade 1G	Jasmine B	<i>For consistently displaying a fabulous attitude towards all learning tasks. In addition, Jasmine has been a reliable and capable classroom monitor throughout 2018. Thanks for your support, Jas!</i>
Grade 1S	Georgia J	<i>For using expression and phrasing to improve her reading fluency. Well done Georgia!</i>
Grade 1P	Will S	<i>For remaining calm and being there for his friend when he was seriously injured.</i>
Grade 2L	Annabella F	<i>For always displaying the school values and completing her work to a high standard. You have been a pleasure to teach this year Bell! Well done.</i>
Grade 2S	Immogen R	<i>For a wonderful year in Grade 2.</i>

Grade Name	Students Name	Reason for award
Grade 2C	Mia B	<i>For always being a kind and caring student. Thank you for going out of your way to help and include other students</i>
Grade 2G/J	Zeva D	<i>For being a caring member of our class who consistently displays our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Teamwork and Community. You have had a great year Zeva!</i>
Grade 2F	Jimmy L	<i>For his persistence this year and always having a good attitude towards helping in the classroom.</i>
Grade 3S	Flynn H	<i>For always demonstrating great resilience and persistence in all aspects of school life. Ypur ositive attitude is a wonderful example to others.</i>
Grade 3E	Isla F	<i>For being a kind, caring and respectful member of our class. You consistently demonstrate our school values in all that you do. Well done Isla!</i>
Grade 3TL	Mathew P	<i>For displaying great team work and imagination in our shared writing activities. Well done!</i>
Grade 3W	Tahlia T	<i>For consistently maintaining a positive attitude towards her work and her classmates. Tahlia, you always take such pride in your work. Well done!</i>
Grade 4T	Paige W	<i>For showing responsibility working really hard to improve her reading and spelling and being a polite and cooperative member of the class. Well done Paige</i>
Grade 4LOV		
Grade 4S	Cody J	<i>For always thinking of others and offering assistance if they need it, what a lovely attitude you have.</i>
Grade 4L	Hamish F	<i>For persisting with difficult classroom tasks even when they became challenging. Your determination enabled you to be successful Hamish, well done!</i>

Grade Name	Students Name	Reason for award
Grade 5D	Jaxon H	<i>For displaying our school values when looking after his Grade 1 buddy during our swimming program. You have been a good role model Jaxon!</i>
Grade 5B	Lachlan T	<i>For consistently producing work of a high standard and always being kind and inclusive of others. Well done Lachlan.</i>
Grade 5N/P	Karla D	<i>For approaching all tasks with a positive attitude and for always being kind and considerate to others.</i>
Grade 6F	Emily C	<i>For her ability to quietly and politely share her ideas and science knowledge when working collaboratively with others in class to complete a group challenge. Well done, Emily.</i>
Grade 6P	Dakota B	<i>For always being focused on your work. You never waste time and you ask questions to clarify thoughts. A great effort.</i>
Grade 6H	Izzy T	<i>Izzy has demonstrated great commitment to her studies across all subjects. Most recently delivering an exciting and well researched project in Science. Izzy has also been a wonderful role model to her peers this year by continuously demonstrating and upholding our school values and caring for all those in our school community. Congratulations Izzy!</i>
Chinese		