

NEWSLETTER

**Final Assembly
Tomorrow 9am**

Number 40 14 December 2023

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

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
7 Tue	FEB	Safer Internet Day
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

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic year we have had at Maiden Gully Primary School! Students have achieved some amazing things this year and I am sure they are all looking forward to a well-earned break this Christmas.

As this will be our final newsletter for 2023, may we wish all children, parents and staff a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for all the hard work that is done on behalf of the school. We have a very skilled and dedicated team of staff, very supportive parents and a great group of children.

For those families who finish with us this week, on behalf of the staff and school community, we wish you well and hope that we will cross paths in the not-too-distant future. Thank you for the contribution you have made to MGPS in recent times.

Formal classes for students in Years 2-6 will begin on Wednesday 31st January, while students in Prep and Grade 1 will begin on Thursday 1st February.

Parents of all students have the opportunity to meet the teacher and exchange information prior to the school year beginning on Tuesday 30th of January. The Prep parents "Meet the Teacher" interview times were organised earlier this week, and Grade 1 teachers will organise this separately, as it involves slightly longer sessions for testing. Parents of students from Grades 2-6 will have the opportunity to meet with classroom teachers on Tuesday 30th January at our Information Exchange (see below for details).

We do look forward to a good break, ready to see everyone again next year. We hope you all stay healthy and safe.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE Years 2-6

We are holding our Grades 2-6 Information Exchange on Tuesday 30th of January. This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and discuss anything that is needed to support your child to ensure a successful start to the year. If you would like to bring your child to the catch up, you are most welcome. Bookings will open on Friday, December 15 at 10am.

You can make your booking through

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Code: skzc6

STUDENT REPORTS

End of Year Student Reports will be made available on Compass on Friday afternoon. Please ensure you have activated your parent Compass account to gain access to your child's report and celebrate their learning and achievements this semester.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Congratulations to the students from Grades 2-6 who received special acknowledgment at our Awards Ceremony on Monday for their efforts and or achievement throughout this year. Classroom awards were presented for Academic Achievement, Citizenship and Encouragement reasons. Our specialist teachers also presented several awards to each year level. We would like to thank our parents and families for sharing in this occasion.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION

We would like to extend a huge thank you to staff, parents and students who helped out and/or attended our Grade 6 Graduation last night.

The evening acknowledged the contribution that our Year 6 students have made to our school in the form of a special school ceremony. During the ceremony a number of awards were presented to our students. This was followed by a special dinner and disco in our gymnasium.

There is a powerhouse of work that goes into getting such a big event up and running. It takes a team effort to pull everything together so effectively.

A special shout out to Mel Ancrum for her organisation of the event and thank-you to the many helpers and the Year 6 team who together made the night even more special after such a massive year. A special thank-you Jade, Denise, Zoe and Janet for catering the evening. Thank you.

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

Canteen will still be serving lunches and counter sales up to and including next Wednesday 20th December. Lunch for next weeks special menu will be on QKR the day before.

Look out for the Jelly with a chocolate Santa!

SPECIAL ITEMS

THIS FRIDAY ONLY – iced donuts \$2.50 from the Donut King and Hot dogs – Get in quick on QKR as numbers are limited.

Teresa McNamara
Canteen Manager

Term 4 Canteen Roster 9am – 12 noon

Thursday 14th	Ann-Maree Waterhouse & Keiko Maber
Friday 15th	Robyn Thornbury, Michelle Leigh & Keiko Maber
Monday 18th	Glenyce French
Tuesday 19th	Robyn Thornbury
Wednesday 20th	Leshanne and Marisa

Uniform Shop

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

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

2024

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, **30th of January, 2024 from 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm**. 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.

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FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

For the past 8 years the McKern Foundation has provided our students with fresh fruit each Friday. Maiden Gully Primary students and staff sincerely thank the McKern Foundation and its sponsors for the opportunity to be involved in this wonderful program. We look forward to continuing Fresh Fruit Friday in 2024.

Foundation Flutterings

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Prep/1 Christmas Carols. Students loved performing the songs that they have been practising in music for you all.

Please ensure that your child has brought in their readers from their reader bag as we have begun to collect them in preparation for next year. Prep students will still have access to decodable readers from the SPELD SA website:

<https://www.speldsa.org.au/SPELD-SA-Phonic-Readers-New-Series> Any reader from Set 1-6 will be appropriate. These can be accessed from computer, ipad, tablet or phone. 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.

Students can keep their reading display folder, any speed/heart word booklets and their reading diary however, their reader bag, clipboards and whiteboards will be stored in their reader box at school which will then be taken to their classroom for next year. If any student has purchased a new whiteboard or clipboard from the Grade 1 booklist, they can take their old one's home next year.

We would like to thank you all for a wonderful year of learning and fun. Thank you for all your support throughout the year. We would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and a relaxing break.

Have a great week.

The Prep Team

Wonderful Ones

What a wonderful year we have had in Grade 1! It is hard to believe that our year is drawing to a close already. We would like to extend a massive thankyou to all of our amazing families who have supported us throughout the year. Also, a big thankyou to our fantastic students who have demonstrated so much growth, resilience and determination to get the most out of their learning this year! We are so proud of all that they have achieved. Today we celebrated our year together with our Class Parties. We hope you all enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year

Happy Holidays,

The Grade 1 Team.

Two Twitter

Congratulations to all of our Grade 2 award winners who were presented with their awards on Monday. We wished we could have recognised all of the wonderful achievements of every student! We would like to thank all of the parents and students of Grade 2 for such a wonderful year. Thank you for the support we have received from families. We have enjoyed watching the students grow and wish them all the very best in Grade 3.

Grade 2 Teachers

Keep cool, Grade 2 teachers

Grade 3 Thoughts

We just wanted to take the time to say thankyou to all the students, for a fantastic year in Grade 3! It has been an absolute pleasure to teach you all and we wish you all a happy and safe holidays! Thank you to all of our parents and caregivers for their support throughout the year, your commitment to your child's learning is a credit to you all and makes our job much easier and more enjoyable.

All the best for 2024. Kind regards, Jess, Samantha, Julie, Jamie, Ingrid, Sally and Zoe

Fabulous Fours

We would like to thank all our families for their ongoing support throughout 2023. We are so sad to see our students leave us but know that they are ready to spread their wings and fly into grade 5. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Grade Four Team

Grade 5 Facts

The swimming program for Grade five ran smoothly last week. Well done to the students for their fantastic participation. On Monday, we enjoyed the grade 2-6 awards. It was wonderful to see students recognised for their hard work and excellent behaviours. On Tuesday the students enjoyed spending the morning with their 2024 teacher and peers as part of step-up day. Due to specialists subjects on Thursday, the students will have the opportunity to spend their class cash on Friday. A few friendly reminders, if your child is going to be absent from school, particularly if you are planning an early Christmas holiday, can you please contact the office or send a Dojo message to the classroom teacher. 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. Thank you for your support during the year. We wish you a very Merry Christmas.

The Grade Five Team

Grade 6 Synopsis

What a huge last few weeks in the Grade 6! Step Up Day, Graduation, Grade 6 Big Day Out, Award Ceremonies, KK gift exchanges and lots of sunshine. Such a great way to end the year!

The senior school staff would like to pass on their gratitude to students and families for a terrific year in Grade 6. Your continued support has been very much appreciated, and makes us feel very grateful for being part of the MGPS community. Thank you.

We wish all families a safe and happy festive season. We look forward to welcoming back our returning students next year, and wish all graduating students all the very best for Year 7 in 2024.

Many thanks,

Grade 6 Teachers.

Oshcare News

Please ensure your child/children has a spare hat in their bag. A friendly reminder that statements have gone out this week, please check your emails or even junk mail if you can't see them. A hardcopy can be in your child's bag or collected from OSHCare. These need to be paid in full to keep your child/children's spot permanent. If you need 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. Our last day of term is Wednesday 20th December Oshcare will start from 1.30pm and finish at 6pm.

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WIZARTRY SIGNS

Year Level	Class	Academic	Academic	Citizenship	Citizenship	Encouragement	Encouragement
2	Topp-Lowe	Rosie W	Hamish P	Theo B	Penelope K	Ryder F	Lily B
2	Schavoni	Imogen G	Lenny L	Indi P	Lilliana A	Emelia Mc	Jed P
2	Lisa Fitt	Jordan P	Patrick A	Sienna D	Jaxon C	Miller C	Atisha K
2	Daffy/Kellow	Auni B	Nylah S	Alexis F	Fletcher H	Archer M	Gracie M
3	Hopkins	Zoe M	Louis K	Jagger D	Lily A-M	Patrick C	Mila C
3	South	Ella S	Ned D	Ellie M	Riley C	Ruby H	Jed B
3	Kelly/Vroom	Julia De	Elijah R	Mila T	Noah B	Izabella L	Malis W
3	Stagg	Luella B	Oliver W	Memphis H	Henry W	Austin O	Remy B
4	Needham	Jax R	Piper D	Blair Coghill	Laylah H	Tana P	Reuben S
4	Doble	Hamish G	Isla H	Charlie B	Jaz L	Emmanuel B	Amelia D
4	Lowther	Amy B	Arty P	Lachlan B	Sophie W	Mason L	Katie L
4	Loverso	Belle A	Neve S	Lewis Mc	Mia D	Shalilah B	Fletcher Mc
5	Cunningham	Milla W	Maddox L	Peyton L	Indi P	Zane C	Felix B
5	Coghill	Cooper D	Mia M	Arnav K	Poppy H	Rory W	Jensen M
5	Patton	Elyce L	Mckenzie W	Summer P	Jhak B	Madison L	Braxton B
5	Turnbull	Alex M	LayLa B	Tyson D	Charlotte S	Noah L	Lilly W
6	Ancrum	Delilah W	Darby T	Jake H	Charlotte T	Matilda T	Nash J
6	Condon	Ava D	Aiden B	Hannah D	Jack F	Alyssa W	Nate R
6	Turner	Oliver L	Tahlia D	Jack M	Amilia R	Xavier W	Georgia J

Grade 6 Awards

Lions Club Citizenship Award Recognising students who display leadership qualities and care for others both at school and in the community.	Alyssa Wardell and Jake Hardiman
Maiden Gully P.S. Academic Excellence Awards Presented to four students who display outstanding commitment to their work and achieve high in all areas of the curriculum. These students display confidence in their abilities, are always willing to learn new methods and to share their ideas.	Delilah Wilson Aiden Bevans Ava Dumaresq Darby Thomson
Crusoe College Award For outstanding effort towards their learning and community, showing improvement beyond expectation in Grade 6.	Charlotte Taig Maddi Wharton
Maiden Gully P.S. Chaplaincy Award Students who have responded to encouragement to improve, either academically or behaviourally.	Jett Lower Tahlia Dynon Tilda Rose
Masonic Scholarship Presented to a student who continually works hard, sets high standards, shows great resilience and always has a positive attitude towards their schooling.	Tyson Smith

Specialist Awards

	ART		CHINESE		PERFORMING ARTS		PHYS ED	
	3 Boys	3 Girls	3 Boys	3 Girls	3 Boys	3 Girls	3 Boys	3 Girls
Grade 2	Bailey B Ryder F Archer H	Ivy M Hadleigh W Audrey M	Auni B Flynn D-P Xavier Di	Anna Mc Chloe G Lilly A	Auni B Hamish P Ryder F	Jordan P Skyler G Elka L	Lenny L Archer M Ryder L	Alexis F Anna Mc Skyler G
Grade 3	Logan F Aaron S Axel B	Ruby H Lillian W Amelia E	Memphis H Mitchell H Oliver D	Ella S Tori L Zoe M	Elijah R Sam H Louis K	Lyla D Ella S Malis W	Alby H Aston Fi Ned D	Jelenka A Torah L Penny L
Grade 4	Lachlan B Charlie B Jake T	Neve S Skylah W Isla W	Emmanuel B Jax R Lewis Mc	Darci K Letty S Olivia O	Jax R	Josie W Mary Jane L Eden H Layla B	Lachlan B Charlie B Harvey G	Lily M Izzy E Imogen C
Grade 5	Lucas B Alex M	Madison L Mia M Harper T Charlotte S	Charlie W Marcus T Harry L	Layla B Harper C Summer P	Ollie W Elijah E	Mia M Milla W Harper T Summer P	Felix B Xavier S Jhak B	Indie L Madison L Grace P
Grade 6	Jack M 6TF Declan All	Charlotte M Charlotte T Zoe Mc Matilda T	Aiden B Jake H Roarke S	Alyssa W Amilia R Savanah B	Ollie L Roarke S Aidan B	Sienna B Tahlia D Savanah B	Nate R George P Jack M	Hannah D Matilda T Alyssa W



Staff Profile

Name: Mandy Gladman

Role: Grade 1 teacher / Staff Notebooks

How long have you been working at MGPS? 21 years

Best thing about working at MGPS? The fabulous staff, students and parents.

Interests/hobbies? Reading, doing anything with my grandchildren.

Favourite Movie? Love Actually

Favourite TV Show? The Amazing Race, MasterChef

Favourite Footy/Sports Team? Collingwood, Bears Lagoon / Serpentine

Favourite Food? Roast lamb with all the trimmings

Favourite Restaurant? The Woodhouse

Best Holiday? Travelling to Turkey – exploring Istanbul and Gallipoli

Favourite dad joke or quote? Ah, the serenity!



Staff Profile

Name: Stacy Fiske

Role: Getting Mathy and Gr6 Teacher

How long have you been working at MGPS? 4 wonderful years

Best thing about working at MGPS? The people and the families.

Interests/hobbies? Family, Football and keeping active.

Favourite Movie? Step Brothers

Favourite TV Show? Banshee & Jack Reacher

Favourite Footy/Sports Team? Lockington Bamawn United & West Coast Eagles

Favourite Food? Mango and Pizza

Favourite Restaurant? Friends Kebab

Best Holiday? Epsom Cactus Farm

Favourite dad joke/quote? When you come to a fork in the road, take it! - Mr Paris Craig

