



MAIDEN GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 1592

NEWSLETTER

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2024 MGPS KEY DATES- TERM 3		
10 Week Term 15 th July- 20 th September		
13	SEPT	Spooky Disco! Dress Up. Gold Coin.
16	SEPT	Division Athletics
16	SEPT	Gr.1 Earth Ed Excursion #1
17	SEPT	Gr.1 Earth Ed Excursion #2
20	SEPT	End of Term 3, early dismissal 2:30pm
7	OCT	Begin Term 4
8	OCT	Gr.5 Earth Ed Excursion #1
9	OCT	Gr.5 Earth Ed Excursion #2
15	OCT	Gr.6 Earth Ed Incursion
16-18	OCT	Gr.4 Camp
17	OCT	Prep Excursion
21	OCT	2025 Prep Transition Information Evening, 6:30-7:30pm
30	OCT	Bendigo Cup Public Holiday

Dear Parents,

Our Middle School concert, Radioactive, was big, bright, loud and a huge success! Congratulations to our students, Mrs White, Mrs Redwood, Mrs Lowther, class teachers and all the extra helpers behind the scenes who made our Grade 3/4 concert the spectacular that it was. Three large concerts in a term, all of which packed out the Ulumbarra Theatre is enormous; both the undertaking to get it performance ready and the ability to maintain the momentum and excitement levels as we look forward to each concert. We'd like to thank our community for the part you play in this process helping with costumes and of course, as the guests of honour in our audience.

[Congratulations to our Girls and Boys Division Basketball Teams who competed late last week. The boys won all but one game in their section and had a great day representing the school with excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. The Girls won through to play off in the grand final; going down in a nail-biter. They will head to the Zone Championships in Swan Hill in November.](#)

SPOOKY FRIDAY 13TH SCHOOL DISCO

This Friday 13th September is our annual school disco run by Student Government. **Dress up** in a spooky theme appropriate for Friday 13th and bring a **gold coin for entry**. Students from Prep-6 will attend the disco with their class throughout the day. It is a nice way of finishing off a busy term.

PHOEBE

This week we are announcing some sad news. Phoebe, our Chinese teacher, will be leaving us at the end of this term. Phoebe has been with us for the past 12mths and has done an exceptional job teaching Chinese and cultural understanding to our students. Phoebe always arrives each day with a big, welcoming smile on her face. She will be dearly missed and we wish her well for the future.

SOCIAL MEDIA FOR CHILDREN, ONLINE KINDNESS & SAFETY

There has been a lot in the media recently around the access children have to social media, from the Government looking to change rules around access, to celebrities and people like Drew Barrymore sharing their experiences and perspectives of being the parent of a child wanting to access social media. We thought it was appropriate to revisit some online safety basics for children aged 5-12yrs.

As children start to navigate the online world and interact with others more independently, they are more likely to be exposed to risks of bullying or unwanted contact from others, accidentally coming across inappropriate content or racking up bills through in-app purchases.

Your guidance can help them be aware of the risks and understand what is expected of them. Let them know you are always there to support them.

Three key strategies:

1. Be engaged, open and supportive

- Get involved and keep lines of communication open. Share online time with your children as part of family life. Ask about their online experiences, and reassure your child they can always come to you, no matter what.

- Start building resilience. Teach your child that there are ways they can deal with material that worries or upsets them. This includes immediately telling you or another trusted adult of any concerns or uncomfortable material.

- Talk to older children how online algorithms work and why they see certain 'themes' in their feed based on their interest. This will help to teach them how to be more in control of that.

○ Set some rules

- Ensure all access in an open living area and not in a separate room on their own.

- Set age-appropriate rules and/or a family tech agreement for devices and online access, with clear consequences for breaking them.

- Model the behaviour that you would like to see and encourage respect and empathy.

○ Use technology yourself and get information

- Get to know the devices you and your children use and set them up for privacy and online safety. Take advantage of parental controls to monitor and control screen time and access to content, based on your child's age.

- Think about social media readiness. Most social media sites require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register, although some sites are created especially for children under 13. The eSafety Commissioner website has more information around the issue of readiness.

- Continually review your rules as your child grows older.

Visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/issues-and-advice>

Warm regards,

Jordan & Kylie

Grade 5 Facts

It has been wonderful to see more sunshine about over the last week! The term is almost complete and we have lots to look forward to next term as well. Our excursion to Earth Ed is the first week back next term, however we are still chasing a couple of permission notes. It would be great to have all the notes returned before the holidays please. The focus of this excursion is chemical changes and will help many of the students prepare for our Science Spectacular next term. This Friday is our school disco, with a spooky theme. Students may come along dressed in a 'spooky' themed costume! We ask students to bring along a gold coin donation for the disco please. This week will be 5 Patton's last Bike Ed session. Next term will be 5 Turnbull. A couple of friendly reminders for this week. Students need to wear correct uniform. If your child must attend school out of uniform for a specific reason, please provide the classroom teacher with an email. We still have students who need to top up their stationery supplies, particularly whiteboard markers. Please check in with your child and add any required items to the shopping list. Signed reading diaries and maths homework are due as usual on Friday.
The Grade Five Team

Canteen News

Highlights

Steamed dim sims – available Mon/Tues/Wed
\$1.00 each Soy sauce 30c extra
600ml Bottled Water – only \$1.50

HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED:

We are still in need of some helpers the next 2 weeks and for Term 4.

If you can help out for 2 ½ hours – 3hours on the below days, please contact me in the canteen or leave a message at the office. And if your available for Term 4 for 1 day/3hours a month please contact me asap.

13th September – 1 helper needed

19th September – 1 helper needed

20th September (last day of term)– 3 helpers needed

Term 3 Canteen Roster 9am – 12 noon

Thursday 12th September	Marisa & Bridie Bracey
Friday 13th	1 helper needed
Monday 16th	Robyn Thornbury
Tuesday 17th	Sarah Burchell
Wednesday 18th	Ingrid Gladigau & Kassie Streader
Thursday 19th	Ann-Maree Waterhouse + 1 helper needed
Friday 20th	3 helpers needed

Teresa McNamara
Canteen Manager

Penny Topp-Lowe
Canteen Assistant

Grade 6 Synopsis

Both our MGPS representative **Basketball** teams competed at the Sandhurst Division Tournament at Red Energy Arena last Friday. Both teams competed with enthusiasm, grit and determination, and are to be commended for their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. Our boys team won 5 out of 6 games in their pool, an amazing effort, only narrowly missing out on a chance to play finals. Our girls team made it through the 6 games in their pool undefeated, then beat Girton in the semi-final, which set them up for a Grand Final against St Francis! They fought hard in the GF, unfortunately they went down by 6 points in the dying minutes of the game. The girls have made it through to the next round of competition to be held in Swan Hill next term – a fantastic achievement for MGPS! A big thank you to our coaches Mr Condon and Mr Ancrum, and further thank you to parents, siblings and family members who came along to support our students on the day – special shout out to Maree and Xav for scoring, it was a massive help.

Our **School Disco** will be held on Friday 13th September. This is always a highly anticipated school event, with plenty of fun to enjoy with classmates to celebrate another great term at MGPS. Our dress up theme is **anything spooky** (given that it will be Friday 13th). Please bring along a gold coin donation to support further Student Government projects.

As the end of Term 3 draws near, please check in with your children regarding **stationery supplies**. We have quite a few students running short on bits and pieces – glue sticks in particular seem to be in low supply! Replenishing these items (and any others in low stock) will make Term 4 smooth and organised. Thank you.

Have an excellent week!

Senior School Teachers

OshCare News

Statements have gone out last week, please make sure these are paid on time. Unfortunately, due to staff to child ratios we cannot accept children who aren't booked in. We have limited spaces for our afternoon program. 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. We still have some outstanding amounts owing from last term, these need to be finalised so your child/children can still attend the program.

Please also update your child/children enrolment forms if there are in changes.

We have been so grateful to the families who have been donating toys to us. We really appreciate this.

Jasmine Lower: Ph: 54496429 Macey : 0401 882 250

Grade Name	Students Name	Reason for award
Prep M	<i>Cooper B</i>	For always giving his best effort in all areas of his learning. You are an excellent role model to others. Well done Cooper!
Prep L	<i>Luxton G</i>	For her fantastic work with her writing this week. Your ability to stretch out tricky words, use di-graphs and more complex punctuation like apostrophe's is very impressive. You should be so proud of your efforts, well done
Prep C	<i>Rosalie B</i>	For her engaging writing piece about Pig vs Bear. I love the stretching out strategy that you used to sound out unknown words. Keep this up Rosalie!
Grade 1O	<i>Isla R</i>	For her creativity in designing an incredible robot using only 2D shapes, well done Isla!
Grade 1O/P	<i>Sienna T</i>	For consistently listening intently to instructions, showing focus and attention to detail, and putting exceptional effort into all her work. Sienna your dedication and commitment to doing your best, sets a great example for others!
Grade 1W	<i>Billy N</i>	For being an enthusiastic member of the classroom and working diligently in Spelling.
Grade 1G/P	<i>Jack S</i>	For being a friendly and very helpful member of our class. You are a great asset to our class Jack!
Grade 2/K/P	<i>Isaac R</i>	For listening to and following instructions quickly and efficiently. It has been great to see you organised and ready to learn Isaac. Well done.
Grade 2S	<i>Scarlett W</i>	For persevering in maths and achieving success. Good job!
Grade 2 H/Y	<i>Will S</i>	For working hard on improving your handwriting this term. It has been wonderful to see your dedication, hard work and progress in achieving clearer and more legible writing. Keep it up Will!
Grade 2 F	<i>Amy R</i>	For confidently making a list of rhyming words and writing her own rhyming couplets. Very impressive, Amy!
Grade 3K/V	<i>Amelia D</i>	For being such a dedicated and respectful student who is always happy to help without being asked. You are a delight to have in our classroom.
Grade 3 ST	<i>Milly M</i>	For her high level of interest and participation in all areas of learning. Well done Mil!
Grade 3H	<i>Archer H</i>	For his excellent team work. Archer, whether you are sharing your ideas, your strategies and learning, or providing feedback to others, you always ensure you are being kind, respectful and supportive. Keep up the great work!
Grade 3SO	<i>Ezra L</i>	For energetically contributing to class discussions, demonstrating a detailed understanding of the work we are doing. Your attentiveness in class is much appreciated Ezra.
Grade 4DL	<i>Logan F</i>	For his positive contributions towards our concert performance. You really rocked out!
Grade 4ML	<i>Tori L</i>	For always seeing the people in our class who need a kind word, encouragement or a hug and giving it willingly. Thank you, Tori!
Grade 4D	<i>Percy T</i>	For his resilience and bravery to go on stage at the concert without a partner. Amazing work, Percy!
Grade 4N	<i>Sam H</i>	For his excellent use of note taking, paraphrasing and editing skills, to create an informative report on China!
Grade 5T	<i>Tana P</i>	For being a helpful and respectful student who always gives his best in all subjects. It is great to see you improving so much Tana. Keep up the great work.
Grade 5C	<i>Max M</i>	For his improved focus and self control in the classroom. It has enabled you to get the most out of your learning. Keep it up!
Grade 5LC	<i>Khloe W</i>	For always showing kindness, thoughtfulness and empathy to other students. These acts do not go unnoticed, and you are a role model for others. Well done, Khloe.
Grade 5P	<i>Letty S</i>	For your insightful comments and contributions to class discussions. We love your ideas Letty!
Grade 6T	<i>Ollie H</i>	For showing responsibility in the way you focus on your work and get the task completed. Well done!
Grade 6C	<i>Dayne S</i>	For his outstanding display of teamwork, leadership and sportsmanship at our recent basketball tournament. Well done, Dayne!
Grade 6A/F	<i>Mckenzie W</i>	For showcasing exceptional leadership and sportsmanship at our Sandhurst Division Basketball Tournament. You are such a great role model, Kenzie.
Grade 6 T/F	<i>Chance B</i>	For bringing your 'have a go' attitude to each Maths lesson and achieving success. It has been great to see you giving new things a go, even when they're challenging. Keep pushing yourself, Chance!

Foundation Flutterings

We have a few students who are nearing the 200 nights of reading milestone! Your commitment to reading the required 5 nights a week is outstanding!

This coming Friday (13th of September) we have our School Disco. Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation and come dressed up as "something spooky."

The P-2 Junior disco will be held at 11:30am - 12:30pm. If your child has sensitive ears, please ensure that they bring some headphones as it can be VERY loud at the disco with the music playing and excited children singing.

Friday the 20th of September is our last day of term. It will be a 2:30pm dismissal.

Have a great rest of the week!

The Prep Team

Wonderful Ones

We are looking forward to our upcoming excursion to Earth Ed in Ballarat next week! Grades 1O'D and 1GP will be heading off on Monday 16th September. Grades 1OP and 1W will head off on Tuesday 17th September. Please note that students will need to be at school by 7.45am on the day of the excursion and have a full packed lunch and water bottle. If your child is asthmatic, please ensure they bring their asthma medication with them also. If you are yet to return your child's permission note for this excursion, please do so asap. In the event you require OSHCare services for your child, or a different pick up arrangement on the day of our excursion, please ensure you communicate this to your child's teacher. Due to our excursion next week, our usual Specialist time will take place on Thursday. Please remember that our Spooky themed School Disco is taking place this Friday, with students encouraged to come to school dressed in a spooky costume. Also, please remember that water bottles are a must for students and should be sent to school with them each day. This minimizes disruptions to class learning time and promotes healthy habits. Have a wonderful week!

The Grade 1 Team

Two Twitter

Please remember to collect your child at Bendigo Railway station at 4.20p.m. this afternoon. Please ensure your child has been checked off by their classroom teacher.

As the last term approaches it is noticeable that many students are running low on basic supplies especially whiteboard markers. A slip will be sent home outlining the requisites your child needs for term 4. It has been pleasing to note the number of students who consistently read 7 nights a week. Well done to those students.

Grade 2 Teachers

Grade 3 Thoughts

School Concert: The students did such a marvellous job, and thank you for doing so well with putting their costumes together.

School Disco: Is on this Friday. As it is Friday the 13th, the theme is 'Spooky'.

Drink Bottles: with some warmer weather on the horizon, students need their water bottles every day.

Grade 3 Team

Fabulous Fours

Wow! What a performance last week! Congratulations to all of the grade 3 and 4 students on a magnificent performance. A massive thank you to Mrs White and Mrs Redwood for all their hard work. Thank you to all our families for your support with costumes and words of encouragement. On Friday we have our School Disco. Students are invited to wear a spooky costume. Entry is by gold coin donation. Just letting you know we are coming up to hat season. Please ensure your child has a named hat, which is to be worn as of next term. As the weather warms up, please have your children coming to school with a named drink bottle.

Grade 4 Team



Fresh Fruit Friday program made possible by McKern Steel Foundation and partners.

School Uniform

PRICE RISE FOR SOME ITEMS FROM NEXT TERM, 7 OCTOBER

There will be a small price rise for some of our items from next term, but a few will remain the same!

The Uniform Shop will be open on **Monday 7 October, from 3.00 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.

IT'S PLAY TIME!
THERE IS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM NEAR YOU

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