

NEWSLETTER

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2024 MGPS KEY DATES- TERM 2		
11 Week Term 15 th April- 28 th June		
10 Fri	MAY	Mother's Day Stall
14 Tue	MAY	Education Week & Open Morning <i>9.30—11am</i>
15-17	MAY	Grade 5 Camp
22 Wed	MAY	Grade 6 Enterprise Showcase
24 Fri	MAY	Curriculum Day – Literacy & Numeracy <i>Students not required at school</i>
4-5	JUN	Division Soccer
10 Mon	JUN	King's Birthday—Public Holiday
21 Fri	JUN	School Reports- Published on Compass
24 Mon	JUN	Parent Teacher Interviews 3:45-7pm
25 Tue	JUN	Parent Teacher Interviews 9-12pm

Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at Maiden Gully Primary School and what a way to end last week with a Colour Fun Run. A big thank-you to all the families who supported the fundraiser with donations and thank-you to all the parents and friends who came along and participated. Students had a fantastic afternoon running and walking the fitness track, being peppered with colour and receiving an icy-pole at the end. Thank-you to Jade for her organisation of the day and thank-you to the MGPS community for your support. All families that raised over \$100 have gone into a draw for a Kmart Voucher, this will be announced at assembly on Friday. We were able to raise over \$7,000 and proceeds will go towards resourcing our new library. Thank-you.

2025 PREP STUDENTS and SCHOOL VISITS

Monday night's Parent Information Evening for students beginning school in 2025 was well attended. It was pleasing to receive a number of prospective Prep parents wanting to take time out of their busy schedules to visit our school. Tours will continue to run over the coming weeks and can be booked through our school office. Thank you to our school captains, school leaders and our Prep teachers who assisted in answering questions and showing our prospective parents through our facilities. The enrolment process at Maiden Gully Primary for 2025 is expected to occur between now and the end of July.

Confirmation or acceptance of enrolment letters will be sent to all families wishing to enrol in mid-August. Enrolment forms can be received after this time. The new enrolment process will ensure all Maiden Gully families and families who currently have children at MGPS will be given priority access to our school. Families from outside our catchment area will be extended an invitation to enrol once we know of the availability of places at our school. I would encourage families to complete the enrolment application process sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment.

Mother's Day Morning & Stall

This Friday will be our Mother's Day Morning for P-1 students and our Mother's Day Stall for all families. There will be a special brekky for all the mums out there and the BBQ will be running throughout the morning. If you would like a bacon and egg roll and a coffee, just come along and these will be served out the front of the office. These treats are for 'Mothers only', as they are the ones who need to be spoiled the most. Prep and Grade 1 activities are planned to pamper and celebrate the role that our mums play in our lives. This will take place straight after assembly in your child's classroom and will conclude at 10:30am.

All students will have the opportunity to purchase a special gift for their mums. Thank you to our fundraising committee for their planning and coordination of our Mother's Day stall. Gifts generally range from \$1 to \$10. Please send along a bag (for students to store the presents they purchase) as well as some money to spend at the stall, please keep the limit to no more than \$20. If previous years are anything to go by, the morning will be buzzing with excitement, with students purchasing a special gift or two, ready for Sunday.

Miscellaneous



Library

Please don't forget our current library initiative, inviting families to donate a new library book for our brand-new shelves. As mentioned, donated books will boast a label to recognise and thank the family for their donation. We hope to top up our current book stocks and provide students with a greater variety of books to read. Families are able to donate any book of any genre for our library shelves. We would ask that if you are donating a library book, hand it in to the office and fill out the information sheet by Friday 17th May. We are excited about the grand opening and look forward to being able to use this new library space.

Warm regards
Jordan & Patty

Mother's Day Stall

Friday May 10

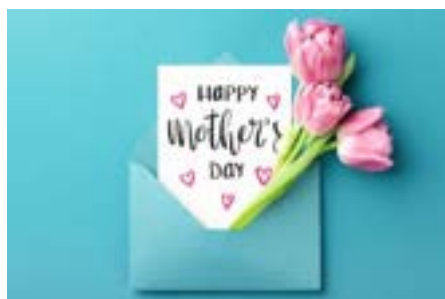
Gifts ranging from \$2- \$10

Students will be limited to 2- 3 gifts each with the opportunity to purchase more at the end of the day.

Please bring a bag to take gifts home.

Please do not send your child with any more than \$20 on the day.

Thank you.



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Canteen News

Chicken Burger – a chicken burger served in a wholemeal roll with lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise- **\$4.50**

Mini Jam Pancake – a small pancake served with plum jam - \$2

HELP NEEDED

If you can help out for the following dates please contact me.

Tuesday 14th May

Friday 17th May

Thursday 23rd May

Wednesday, 29th May

Friday 31st May

Monday, 3rd June

Tuesday, 4th June

Wednesday, 5th June

Friday, 7th June

Term 2 Canteen Roster 9am – 12 noon

Thursday 9 th May	Shannyn Watson & Marisa
Friday 10 th	Keiko Maber & Lizzie Wallace
Monday 13 th	Robyn Thornbury
Tuesday 14 th	HELPER NEEDED
Wednesday 15 th	Jenny Donaldson
Thursday 16 th	Ann-Maree Waterhouse & Keiko Maber
Friday 17 th	Keiko Maber & Lauren Trevaskis



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for all your support. It is with great pleasure to share that our Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun was a huge success.

It is fantastic to see the spirit and enthusiasm that was displayed in supporting our school. Seeing the smiles on the student's faces and everyone coming together as they ran was truly amazing!

We raised over \$7000 which will go toward restocking our new library with some valuable resources.

The incentive prizes have been ordered and are on their way. Once we receive the prize order at the school we will sort and distribute them in a timely manner.

Again, our most sincere thanks for your support and fundraising efforts. We couldn't have done it without you!

Foundation Flutterings

It was great to see all the Prep's participate in the Colour Fun Run, from all reports it was a huge success.

This Friday 10th May will be our Mother's Day Morning and Stall for families. We will provide a special brekky for all the mums out there. This will be set up out the front of the office. After assembly, the mums of students from Foundation and Grade 1 will be treated to a special occasion. A range of activities are planned to pamper and celebrate the role that our mums play in our lives. This will take place in your child's classroom and will conclude at 10:30am.

Students will have the opportunity to purchase a special gift for their mums at our Mother's Day stall. Gifts generally range from \$1 to \$10. Please send along a bag (for students to store their presents they purchase) as well as some money to use at the stall, please keep the limit to no more than \$20.

Have a great week,
The Prep team

Wonderful Ones

We are looking forward to welcoming our special guests to our Mother's/Special Friends Morning this Friday (10th May). This will begin with egg and bacon rolls and coffee on offer at the front of the school from 8.20am, then conclude with some special activities in your child's classroom following assembly. Friday is a busy day, with our Mother's Day Stall also being held on this day. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift from the stall for someone special. Please send students to school with a named shopping bag that they can safely store their purchased items, as well as some money in a named envelope or zip-lock bag. Items for purchase range from as little as \$1. This week we are also looking forward to our annual Dash into Robotics incursion. This free incursion provides students with an opportunity to learn and practice basic programming skills.

This week in Spelling/Reading we are focusing on the /er/ sound, which is usually made by either /er/, /ir/, or /ur/. Be on the lookout for words this week that contain our focus sound, and please remind your child of the sound this combination of letters make should they be unsure at any time when undertaking their home reading.

Have a wonderful week!
The Grade 1 Team.

Two Twitter

Thank you for all of the support for the Colour Fun Run. The children had a fantastic time, we hope your bathrooms stayed clean! This will be our first uninterrupted week for this term and the students will be finishing their project for Continents, Countries and Maps. We have the Mother's Day Stall and breakfast is happening this Friday morning. Students can bring along some money and a bag for their Mother's Day goodies. We hope all of the Mums have a fabulous Mother's Day.

Grade 2 teachers

Grade 3 Thoughts

Clothing- hats are no longer needed. As the mornings are quite cool, it is advised that students have a **clearly named** jacket or windcheater to start the day. Holding them accountable for looking after it and bringing it home each day after school would also be appreciated.

Water bottles: students still need these at school as learning can be thirsty work!

Reading Diaries: ALL classes expect them to be handed in on Friday morning to be checked. We suggest that students should also be completing the well-being activities on the right hand side.



Fabulous 4's

Hi everyone,

Thank you for all your support with Friday's colour fun run. It was an excellent event, enjoyed by both teachers and students. We are so happy to see the excitement and engagement coming into the classroom regarding our Caine's Arcade unit. Please continue to have conversations with your children to see if there are any more recyclable items they need for their game.

We have a Curriculum Day coming up on Friday 24th of May. Teachers will be busy doing some Professional Practice throughout the day and students are not required to come to school.

Have a lovely rest of the week!

Grade Four Team.

Grade 6 Synopsis

Year 7 2024 **Transition** Forms need to be returned to Ros in the office by this Friday 10th May.

Division Cross Country was held last Wednesday. Congratulations to all students who represented MGPS on the day – your behaviour and sportsmanship was commendable. Huge congratulations to Year 6 student **Felix B**, who won his event! Further congratulations to Xav O who came 10th, meaning both boys will go on to the next round of competition in a few weeks.

Our **Colour Fun Run** was held last Friday and proved to be another fun community event. Thank you for your support for what is one of our major fundraising events for the year.

Don't forget to send along cash and a reusable bag for our **Mother's Day Stall** this Friday 10th May. Huge shout out to our hardworking fundraising committee, who have spent hours and hours putting everything together to make this stall amazing. Very much appreciated.

Our **Enterprise Showcase** will be held on Wednesday 22nd May from 9am-11am. This is a great morning run by our Grade 6 students, with an aim to entertain and engage our school community, as well as contributing funds to our school and our agreed charity, Diabetes Australia. Stay tuned for further details!

Our **Division Soccer Tournament** will be held in June. A big thank you to Mr Loverso and Mr Topp-Lowe for running tryouts the past few weeks. Teams will be selected soon, with training sessions to follow. It was great to see so many students trying out for these teams – well done! Have a great week!

Many thanks,

Senior School Teachers.

Grade 5 Facts

Last Friday, the students participated in the Colour Fun Run. It was wonderful to see everyone having fun and enjoying the 'colourful' afternoon. Another busy week at school, well done to the students who have established a positive home reading routine. It is very important students are having their diaries signed by an adult and are bringing their diaries to school each Friday.

Camp reminders

*Full payment for camp is now due in the amount of \$300 (\$80 deposit, \$220 Balance). Please contact the lovely office staff if you have any queries regarding making this payment.

*We will be travelling in two groups to camp. 5 Cunningham and 5 Patton need to be at the Bendigo Station at 8.25am for an 8.44am departure. 5 Coghill and 5 Turnbull need to be at the Bendigo Station at 9.00am for a 9.25am departure. Details of our itinerary have been sent home last week.

*Your child is able to bring their spending money (no more than \$20). Please make sure the money is in a zip lock bag and clearly named. Please give this to the classroom teacher.

*Parents are encouraged to start bringing any medication that can be pre-organised to Mrs Coghill. Please ensure all medications are clearly labelled with the appropriate information (child's name, dosage, etc).

Finally, a reminder for the students in grade 5 Cunningham to bring their bikes on Friday to participate in the Bike Ed program.

Grade Five Team

OSHCare News

OSHCARE will be available on the upcoming Curriculum Day on Friday, 24th May.

Feel free to book All day, all morning or all afternoon.

Hats are no longer required to be worn outside at OSHCare, feel free to collect hats and take them home for a wash.

Any other questions please feel free to give us a call.

Jasmine Lower: Ph: 54496429 Macey : 0401882250

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on **Monday 3 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. The order will then be filled and delivered to your child's classroom. Payments of cash, cheque, EFTPOS, credit card, or on the QkR are accepted.

Any queries may be made at the General office or call Annette on 0402629377 or 54472100.

Grade Name	Students Name	Reason for award
Prep M	Ada W	<i>For always coming to school with a smile on her face and being a helpful and kind friend to all her peers. Keep it up Ada!</i>
Prep C	Lachlan H	<i>For the excellent work that you produce each week. Your neat handwriting and colourful illustrations are always at a high standard!</i>
Prep L	Emily A	<i>For stretching out the sounds in tricky words whilst reading and writing. You have made such a great start with your reading and writing Emily and should be very proud of yourself. Keep up the great work!</i>
Grade 10	Parker G	<i>For her awesome computer skills, we are so lucky to have Parker as our 'computer helper' in our room.</i>
Grade 10/P	Lacey W	<i>For her excellent participation in our Heggerty's sessions. It has been great to hear and see you confidently blending letter sounds and segmenting a range of words. Well done Lacey!</i>
Grade 1W	Spencer L	<i>For your effort during writing sessions. You always put in 100% and have shown huge growth with your writing this year. Well done!</i>
Grade 1G/P	Zara N	<i>For her effort and persistence in reading. You have shown remarkable progress Zara!</i>

Grade 2 K/P	Freyja D	<i>For always challenging herself in our Numeracy sessions and giving excellent explanations of her mathematical thinking. Well done Freyja!</i>
Grade 2S	Ollie O	<i>For fabulous work on his big project and in his world passport. Well done Ollie. Keep it up.</i>
Grade 2 H/Y	Will S	<i>For working independently during writing and completing more of your work within the given time. We love the confidence you are developing. Keep it up!</i>
Grade 2 F	Wyatt A	<i>For his excellent information report about Australia. Your handwriting and presentation are of a very high standard. Keep up the great work!</i>
Grade 3K/V	Amelia D	<i>For consistently putting forth her best effort with every task. Your 'have a go' attitude is an excellent example to others.</i>
Grade 3 ST	Xavier D	<i>For working well and applying himself to tasks. Xavier has settled well into our routine. Keep it up Xav!</i>
Grade 3H	Wyatt H	<i>Wyatt you have been working hard to produce your best work in all areas of your learning. It has been wonderful to see what you've been able to achieve in your learning and how you have contributed to the learning of others. Well done!</i>
Grade 3SO	Ezra L	<i>For being an enthusiastic learner and a wonderfully kind and considerate student. We all love having you in the class Ezra!</i>
Grade 4DL	Noah B	<i>For displaying a positive attitude in the classroom and towards others. Well done Noah, you're a real asset to our class!</i>
Grade 4ML	Tori L	<i>For recognising the feelings that impact your learning and taking steps to remain focused. We love your effort, Tors!</i>
Grade 4D	Zoe M	<i>For consistently upholding our school values and being the first to help others. Keep it up, Zo!</i>
Grade 4N	Amelia E	<i>For displaying responsibility and kindness when helping her peers and teacher. We are so lucky to have you in our grade, Amelia!</i>

Grade 5T	Tilly B	<i>For always having a positive attitude towards her learning. We love having you in 5T Tilly. Keep up the great work</i>
Grade 5C	Eden W	<i>Your persistence and determination to improve makes you a role model to others and a valued class member. Well done on your determination to understand tricky math concepts.</i>
Grade 5LC	Ava P	<i>For her effort in maths and attempting to use different strategies to solve maths problems. Keep up the great effort Ava</i>
Grade 5P	Andy T	<i>For the ten out of ten effort you put into everything you do. You're an absolute super star Andy!</i>
Grade 6T/F	Ollie W	<i>For working hard to complete writing tasks independently and adding your own voice and ideas. It has been great to see you challenge yourself, Ollie. Keep up the great work!</i>
Grade 6 T	Beau V	<i>For coming to class every day with a positive attitude to learning, and always displaying our school values.</i>
Grade 6C	Elyce L	<i>For consistently displaying all four school values and coming to school with a positive attitude, ready to listen and learn. Keep up the great work, Elyce.</i>
Grade 6A/F	Jhak B	<i>For always being such a positive presence in our classroom. Your down-to-earth personality is very much appreciated, Jhak. The world needs more people like you.</i>

Fresh Fruit Friday

The Grade 1's got ready for the 'Colour Fun Run' on Friday by eating some delicious fresh fruit.



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School visits coming in TERM 1

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A close-up of a child's face, smiling, holding a banana. The child is wearing a grey sweater with 'PITTSBURGH' written on it.