



MAIDAVALE MATTERS

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*Maidavale Magic - Everyone Matters at Maidavale -
activating aspirations, attitude & academic achievement*

From the Principal - Erin Alloway

WELCOME TO TERM 4

We acknowledge the traditional custodians the Bindal people of this land and pay our respects to the Elders both past, present and future. We pay our respects to the Yuru/Juru people of the neighbouring lands, across the river.

Hello again,

We are almost at the end of the school year 2023! Where has this year gone? But better still let's *CELEBRATE* all the fabulous things that have happened in that time, and there is no better way to celebrate than a Graduation Night.

On Wednesday 6th December we will have our official end of year function, where staff, students and families can enjoy a meal together, recognize some achievements, marvel at powerpoints and be entertained by the students.

Electronic invites were sent out, but a paper copy will go home shortly. Please note the paper copy has BYO non alcoholic drinks, as it was omitted on the electronic invite. The school will provide the main meal and the staff will supply dessert. If you could bring your own families' beverages in an esky or cold bag, that would be greatly appreciated. There's always plenty of cold water on tap, too.

P&C

I recently applied for the community benefit fund grant for \$25000 to cover the replacement costs of the solar panel system. The application was rejected as I applied as Maidavale SS and schools are ineligible. **HOWEVER**, had the application come from Maidavale SS Parents and Citizens Association, it would have been accepted. Many grants have guidelines that state application must be by a school P&C and not the school itself. Next year, I would like you to consider forming a P&C committee so we can apply for grants to help offset the costs of running a school. It would not be an onerous task, as you will not have to hold sausage sizzles at supermarkets, or run tuckshops or fundraisers. The staff and I are hoping it would be a committee in name, meeting the minimal requirements for functioning, so we can use Maidavale P&C name and number for future funding applications and enterprises.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the graduation night. In case a December newsletter eludes me - The staff and I thank you for the year and wish you and your family all the best for the festive season. We hope to see you in 2024!

Cheers, Erin





Congratulations Rheanna!

Webber Shield Swim Star!!

Rheanna did Maidavale proud
when she placed in Butterfly,
Backstroke and FreeStyle.

Excellent swimming – 2nd, 3rd, 3rd

School Review Reports


Our official reports have been received and the Executive Summary will be uploaded onto our school website before the end of the year. Next year, as a community we will unpack the report and together plan the roadmap for Maidavale State School for the next 4 years. It is important that we all have our say on the educational journey for students attending our school.

Department of Education

Maidavale State School

School review conducted 24 to 26 October 2023

Every Queensland state school is reviewed by the Department of Education at least once every four years. School reviews provide important feedback to support schools in continuing to deliver quality education and improve learning outcomes for students.



Review highlights

- ✓ The principal and staff express they understand each student has unique circumstances.
- ✓ The principal and staff articulate the social environment is warm, positive and inviting.
- ✓ Students, staff and parents express they are proud of their school.
- ✓ The Maidavale Murchikins playgroup has grown significantly.

2 reviewers over 3 days


Consultation

- Total of 13 interviews
- 3 community members and stakeholders
- 4 school staff
- 4 students
- 2 parents and carers

Each school review generates a number of key improvement strategies to inform continuous improvement in all state schools. The next steps are...

- Collaboratively develop an improvement agenda informed by Equity and Excellence priority support measures to drive a sharp and narrow Explicit Improvement Agenda.
- Create formal opportunities for professional learning, including the moderation of student work, to increase staff capability in analysing, disaggregating and interpreting student data.
- Collaboratively create a whole-school Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Plan that meets the requirements of the P-12 curriculum, assessment and reporting framework to support teacher clarity and confidence regarding what to teach.
- Develop opportunities for teachers to discuss and co-plan curriculum with other schools and regional staff to support ongoing curriculum revision and refinement.
- Create opportunities for staff to engage in professional learning, including moderation, to foster a shared understanding of evidence-informed pedagogical decision-making.
- Develop opportunities to enhance staff capability to monitor and evaluate the impact of their differentiated teaching and learning practices on student learning and achievement.

For more information about school reviews, go to www.schoolreviews.education.qld.gov.au



Experience Maidavale Magic!

Small Schools Swimming Carnival Friday 3rd November



Charlotte our official cheer leader!



Maidavale rocking the stands!



Celine having fun under the watchful eye of Mrs Price-Wilson

Jason ready to hit the big pool race. On your marks, Get Set Go Rheanna! Don't spill that water Celine!



Rheanna and Melanie enjoying the day! Jason enjoying the water activities for Prep-Year 3!

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Last swimming lesson fun

The children enjoyed their last swimming lesson as they tried walking on water!



Maker Space - a little imagination, cardboard, and masking tape equals a whole lot of lunch time fun, teamwork & creativity.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Fri 3rd Nov – Small Schools Swimming Carnival held at Home Hill Town Pool

7th Melbourne Cup Day

11th Remembrance Day

13th – Deadly Arthur Arts Day

Mon 20th – Pre-Prep opening morning

Tues 21st Webber Shield – District swimming competition. Last swimming lesson for the year. Happy birthday Jason!

Thurs 23rd – Tuckshop – Maidavale Munchies – toasted sandwiches

Tues 28th – Life Education Van @ Clare SS

Thurs 30th - Tuckshop – Maidavale Munchies - pizza



Wed 6th – End of Year Celebration – Graduation Night 6pm for 6:30 start

Thurs 7th – fun breakup day and sleepover. Report cards go home.

Friday 8th – Last Day of school year!



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MAIDAVALE MUNCHKINS



Don't forget your hat !



Come along and join in the fun at Maidavale Munchkins Playgroup! Make friends, try new things, have a fruit snack & adults can have a cuppa too.

Each week there is a new theme:

Fri 24th Nov - Camping

Fri 1st Dec – Christmas



When: **Friday 9:00–11:00**

Where: **Maidavale SS - 233 Maidavale Road**

Cost: **FREE**

PLEASE NOTE – Maidavale Munchkins PLAYGROUP will recommence in 2024 **on Friday 9th February!**

Wishing all our playgroup friends a very festive season and good health and happiness in the new year!

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Science experiments have been conducted to assess Prep-2 children's learning about properties of materials. They had to build a boat and find out if it would sink or float and how much of a load it could carry before it sank. Mrs Price-Wilson was sick, so Mrs Salter, Jason, Jack and Celine tested their boats.



Certificates of Achievement – We celebrated the great conduct in the classroom and learning that occurred during staff absences. It is positive to note children can continue their independent learning and appropriate social skills when we have new teachers or adults in the classroom.



Remembrance Day

We commemorated Remembrance Day at school on Friday 10th of November. The children made wreaths and laid them at our memorial stone, whilst the flag flew half mast. It was held at the end of the day which made it more special with parents in attendance. Thank you families.

