



THE
MAIDSTONIAN

Newsletter

TERM ONE



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Learners and Staff,

As we conclude Term One I would like to express my thanks to everyone within the Maidstone Primary School community/family for your support and collaboration, ensuring that we enjoyed yet another successful first term.

I am grateful to staff, learners and parents for their sterling efforts, passion, commitment and loyalty to Maidstone Primary in ensuring that we participated with great enthusiasm in Term One academic as well as extra curricular activities.

I have challenged learners to become members of public libraries during this Autumn break and would like parents to assist our learners in doing so.

Our children need to engage in reading in order
to improve their academic ability.

“Readers are Leaders”

Finally, I want to wish all families celebrating
Easter blessings and good wishes during this time.
Please enjoy a relaxing break and I look forward
to seeing everyone return to school on
Wednesday, 12 April.

Happy Holidays!

Mr KA Pillay

Principal



WORLD *Read Aloud* DAY

MPS along with schools across 173 countries had made their voices heard in celebration of World Read Aloud Day on 01/02/2023.

As South Africans we share with good food, great craft and more so our stories. Learners from Grades 1 to 3 gathered with picnic blankets and lunch boxes for a 60 minute “expression session” at the schools informal amphitheater.

Mrs S. McCullouch honoured her tradition as raconteur & allowed the children to be whisked away into a world of imagination and possibility.



We drive a progressive school culture, promoting the holistic development of children, allowing for equal opportunity growth in academics, sports and the arts.

A special assembly with learners from Grades 4 to 7, highlighted the privilege of literacy. The Arts Department emphasized the importance of creating and communicating ones own story through visual and performing arts.



At Maidstone Primary, we invest in innovative learning & understand the value of teaching beyond the classroom thus empowering our learners to explore as far as their voices can be heard.

- IR

Knowledge is Power!





Prefect INDUCTION

A special assembly was held on Friday, 3 February to welcome our Grade 7 Seniors into Prefectship. Witnessed by their loved ones, MPS staff & fellow learners, our badged Seniors recited the Prefect Pledge, vowing to uphold our Maidstonian ethos and values.

With Term One over we can proudly say that they have kept their promises and exceeded our expectations.

The future looks bright in their hands!



Head Prefects Liam Dunpath and Thiraya Naidoo reciting the prefect pledge with fellow prefects





Coding AND Robotics

In the words of C-3P0 “Oh,my Goodness,oh!”

Following digitization trends MPS has made necessary upgrades to the Science and Technology Centre and is in readiness to open later this year.

The Department of Basic Education is on track to introduce Coding and Robotics into the Grade 0 to 3 and 7 curriculum.

We are enthusiastic about this new age direction and are confident that it will assist students to develop cognitive skills and mathematical thinking beyond the confines of traditional education.

This progression is in line with the school expansion plan and takes us one step further, towards our goal of integrated learning.



Maidstone Debate Team: Samishka Ramnarain, Andrea Naidoo, Liam Dunpath, Karuna Sookdeo, Thiraya Naidoo

The Art of Debate

The Maidstonian culture encourages learners to stand up for their beliefs in a way that is both assertive and gracious.

There is great value in developing with debate
- allowing students to learn through friendly competition, examining controversial topics, strengthening interpersonal influence, encouraging group problem solving and refining oral presentation.

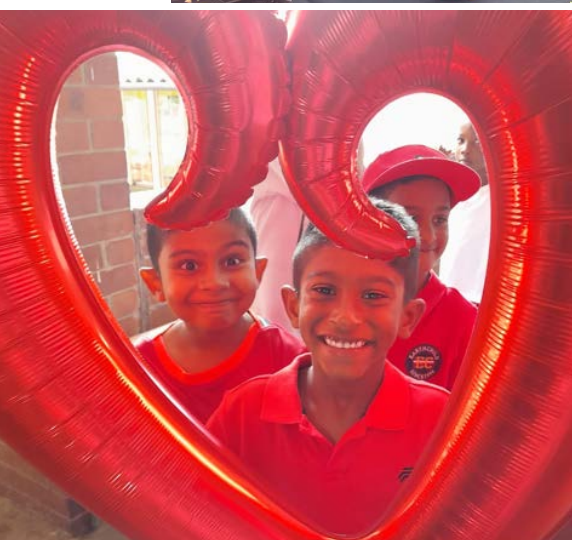
Team Maidstone directed by Mrs M. Naidoo opened the season opposing Trubel Primary
TOPIC : The Abolishment of Cellphones in Schools
bringing home victory with speaker of the tournament awarded to **Andrea Naidoo**.

Congratulations and all the best
for the next round!



Valentines MARKET

The 2023 MPS Mums Committee ran another successful fundraising Valentines Day market!
We definitely felt their love!





GRADE 7

Spirit of Adventure

by Minolee Hariparsad (Grade 7B)

On the 17th of February the Grade 7 class set off to Adventure Valley for the day. The rules were listed upon our arrival and we then participated in an exciting team survival course.

Each challenge was different and everyone was hyped up and eager to win. At the end the yellow team was victorious. A delicious lunch followed. Afterwards we changed into our costumes and off we went to the water slide. Everyone had a blast. We all cheered for our friends who were a bit afraid, and no one wanted it to end. There were also two trampolines on which the boys showcased their acrobatic skills. It was so sad when our time had expired, though we were each gifted a medal as a reminder.

It was amazing and we all hope there will be another one just as good.





Department of Health VACCINES

Nurses from the Department of Health paid MPS a visit this term, administering Measles vaccines to most of our learners.

Senior girls were given the opportunity to take the HPV vaccine, which prevents cancer causing infections and precancers.

*Ensuring our children's
wellbeing and safety
is of paramount importance to us.*



Saving for a better future

In a world of technological advancement and crypto currency, we see the value of introducing our students to their first bank account.

The best gift we can give our children is financial freedom.

Teaming up with Nedbank, we are ensuring that every Maidstonian is moneywise & has access to saving. A varied basket of goods, with rewards that could save you a buck or two at the movies.

For more info reach out on
info@maidstoneps.co.za

You are never too young to save.



Books to You FAIR

The annual **Books to You** fair arrived at MPS this term, bringing with it a kaleidoscopic selection of titles from different genres. Learners enjoyed the opportunity to peruse and purchase their favourites.





Staff Development

Teacher well-being is a positive emotional state that combines the personal needs and expectations of both learners and their teachers.

This term our educators underwent a half day professional development course facilitated by Mr Maharaj (subject advisor for eastern languages & Director of Vishwa Shakti)

The program began with a yoga session aimed at physical tension & release, followed by a sit down session centering largely on professional disposition and purpose.

The afternoon drew to a close with a light hearted music quiz promoting comradery and team spirit.



Yoga in the Quad



Life Lessons with Mr Maharaj



Quiz Hostess, Erin Mottram

Wellness is not a luxury...
it's a necessity.



Sport UPDATE:

Term One saw us focus on our Summer Sport Codes: Cricket and Swimming.

All Grades (1-7) boys and girls swam for P.E under the watchful eyes of Mr S. Dupont and Mr D. van Huyssteen.

Our swimming programme culminated with our Championship Gala for our Senior Primary learners. This gave our swimmers an opportunity to showcase their talent.

Our Extra Mural Programme saw all the girls continue with swimming while the boys engaged in Cricket.

Soccer (boys) and Netball (girls) will commence in Term Two - DA



NEXT GEN *Cricket*

Our Grade 3 learners took part in cricket matches this term at Reddam Ballito. The “A” team was unbeaten, winning their matches against Eden College by 7 runs, Reddam Ballito by 1 run and Darnall Primary by 20 runs. The team has some excellent players with great potential and they should be very proud of their efforts.

The “B” team played 2 matches, winning 1 and losing 1. They lost to Eden College by 8 runs, but learning from that game they beat the same team by 18 runs in the reverse fixture.

Well done to all the Grade 3 cricketers! - SD



Congratulations to **Nadel Gounden, Ethan Naidoo, Kaylen Pillay** and **Nashraf Sheha** (not pictured) for being selected for the North Coast U13 Team.

They will participate in the final KZN Trials in September.



Well done to the following learners who were selected for the Zonal Hockey Team and participated in the District Hockey Trials:

Nashraf Sheha (U12), Mnotho Shange (U13)
Andrea Naidoo (U12), Khanyisile Ngubane (U13)





CHAMPIONSHIP *Gala*

The second annual Maidstone Championship Gala was held on Tuesday, 28 March. This year we welcomed our parents back to the pool to watch their children compete.

The level of competition was excellent with some outstanding performances. In the end, the following age group champions were crowned:



Liam Dunpath
(Grade 7B)



Sharde Padaychee
(Grade 7B)



Pranav Naidoo
(Grade 6M)



Chelsey Moodley
(Grade 6F)



Paeton Boucher
(Grade 5S)



James Burger
(Grade 5N)



Vuyolwethu Mavela
(Grade 4G)



Sayur Ramsaru
(Grade 4M)

Congratulations to all swimmers for the wonderful spirit that was shown during the gala - SD



Performing ART

Our path, independent of fellow institutions set us on a trajectory beyond educational norms.

Having strategically adopted a teaching methodology aligned with Industry standards guarantee our students a competitive advantage.

MPS being a **Sibaya Community Trust** beneficiary was represented by Andrea Naidoo, Darion Moonsamy and Njabulo Mathebula in a short film celebrating their R250 million philanthropic outreach. Sonakshi Sujan, Raahi Mathura and Ariyan Pillay completed the team with a Dala-u-Crew feature for the same.



This term we spotlight **Liam Dunpath** (Head Boy) having snatched the lead-role from hopefuls nationwide in the “**Kings of Mulberry Street**” sequel “**Let Love Reign**” streaming 07 April 2023 on Netflix.



Liam, if you could travel to any year, which year would you choose & why? 2010 - To watch the Soccer World Cup & to see the day I was born.

If you could have dinner with any celebrity, who would you choose & why? Cristiano Ronaldo, to learn some soccer skills.

Who is your celebrity crush? Jenny Ortega

What's your fav season? My favourite season is Summer.

What's your fav song to sing to in the shower? Michael Jackson's Billie Jean

What's your fav dessert? My favourite dessert is peppermint tart :)

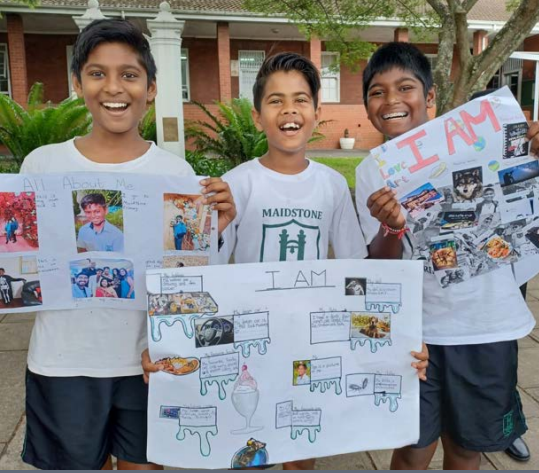
Could you recommend a book? DC's The Killing Joke

What advice would you give your peers? Don't ever worry about what other people think of you. It only matters what you think of yourself!

What's your greatest achievement? My greatest achievement is becoming Head Boy because it allows me to work on my leadership skills and interact with my peers.

*Always follow your dreams,
no matter what anybody tells you...*

- Liam Dunpath



Support Local cinema and experience my choreographic work in the feature film
“The Honeymoon” releasing in cinemas across
 Africa - 31 March 2023.



Next term we look forward to
 the regional line dancing competition hosted by
 the **South African Line Dance Association.**
 SAVE THE DATE - 10 June 2023

Term Two sees a distinct shift from self
 exploration to more group orientated tasks
 - favouring individuals with physical fitness
 and mental agility.

Heads up!

An in house production is in the pipeline.
 This holiday, Let's make time for some old school,
 outdoor play and prioritise carrots
 over Easter eggs. - IR



MAIDSTONIAN ART

With Heart



Dough Delights by Sohalia, Okuhle, Mishana,
Ariana & Buhlebetu (Gr3M)



Zayden (Gr1N) & Zombie



Cool Summer by Wilson Mashaba (Gr2G) & Sunset Silhouette by Casey Lee Mohan (Gr4M)



Butterfly Street Art by Paeton Boucher (Gr5S) & Pencil Sketch by Minolee Hariparsad (Gr7B)



Easter Eggs by Grade 3R

I love art because it shows my creativity and imagination. Also, it's fun and it liberates kids

- *Jeshaan Singh*

Art is beautiful in its own way

- *Benjamin Koekemoer*

Art is peaceful & special. It inspires me

- *Saziso Mtambo*

What a wonderful term of creation and fun!
Let's make Term 2 even more awesome!

- *Mrs P*

Don't forget

The Maidstone Primary School

LIBRARY CARD

Holiday Challenge

Register at your local library
and
bring your library card to school
on the first day of Term Two.

See you then!



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