Maidavale State School

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VISITING SUPPORT STAFF

PE Teacher     Learning Support Teacher
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Homework
You can help your child with their homework in several ways.

- Provide a proper place to study and work away from distractions such as television.
- Help your child to determine a realistic and regular timetable for homework.
- Check the quality and neatness of his/her work.
- Listen to reading on a regular basis.
- Read to your child, even older children like to hear stories.
- If your child is frustrated, help him/her to find an answer and encourage him/her to seek help from the teacher if he/she can’t understand given work.

The amount of homework will vary with year levels.

Reporting to Parents
Report cards are issued to parents at the end of each semester. Parent-Teacher interviews are held by arrangement during the other two terms. Parents who have concerns related to their child’s education are welcome to visit the school to discuss the matter with the Principal. Interviews are more successful if prior notice is given.

Catering for Individual Needs
Owing to the good staff - student ratio, we are able to keep a better eye on the development of each student. The size of our school also enables the staff to redirect resources where needed.

We have the flexibility to employ qualified teachers or aides in English or mathematics to enrich programs. With students who show they are achieving at an advanced or lower level, we can adjust the curriculum accordingly.
Administration of Medication

EQ has strict guidelines regarding administration of medication to students. All medication needs to be scripted to the student with dosage advised by doctor. A pharmacist may establish the therapeutic need for a pharmacist-only or non-prescription medication including liquid anti-histamines, some anti-inflammatory preparations and preparations that contain pseudoephedrine. Medications including Panadol will NOT be administered without a label from the doctor or pharmacist stating student’s name and dosage. A consent form is also required confirming medication and must signed by the parent or guardian. This applies at school, on excursions and on camp.

Accident Insurance Cover for Students

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education and Training does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students. If your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the child, parent or caregiver.

Use of Mobile Phones

While it is understood that a mobile phone is a convenient tool to keep in contact with your child, use during school hours is inappropriate and can be disruptive to your child’s learning. It is preferred therefore that parents phone the school directly especially in times of genuine emergency. Other electronic devices such as but not limited to Gameboys, PSPs, iPods and MP3 players are better left at home. Mobile phones or any electronic item brought to school is at the owners’ risk. No liability will be accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft or damage to any device.

Daily Timetable

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<td>Morning Bell</td>
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Attendance and Absences

Regular attendance is required by law. Parents and the school must assume the responsibility of regular attendance. In the event of an absence, it is necessary to advise the school, either by phone or a note signed by the parent or guardian on the day of the student’s return to school.

2014 Calendar

School for 2014 commences on Tuesday 28th January.
Monday 27th January is the Australia Day holiday.

EASTER VACATION 5th April to 21st April
School commences on Tuesday 22nd April
Anzac Day—Friday 25th April
Queen’s Birthday—Monday 9th June

WINTER VACATION 28th June to 13th July
School commences on Monday 14th July.

SPRING VACATION 20th September to 6th October
Monday 6th October is the Labour Day holiday
School commences on Tuesday 7th October.
Monday 20th October is a student free day

SUMMER VACATION  School ends Friday 12th December
Enrolments

Prep Enrolments
To enrol for Prep, your child will need to be five by June 30 in the year they start. For further information on prep year, go to: www.education.qld.gov.au/etrf/prep.html

Primary Enrolments
From 2008, the compulsory school starting age was increased by six months. Your child will need to be six by June 30 in the year they enrol in Year 1.

Documentary evidence of date of birth is required eg Birth Certificate. Enrolments must be made in person when the child first attends this school.

School Support Services

Learning Support Teacher
This teacher operates on a share basis with other schools. The role of the teacher is to assist children who have specific learning difficulties. This teacher also liaises with the District Guidance Officer.

School Dental Van
Children visit the Dental Van at either Airville School or Brandon School.

School Nurse
The District Health Nurse visits the school once per year and checks children in years one and seven. Her services are available to all students at the school if parents wish a check to be made. This resource may be changed.

Music

Music is another Art subject that the students at Maidavale enjoy. Besides all students learning to play the recorder and read music, the Years 4 to 7s also learn to play the guitar. A specialist teacher attends once a week for face-to-face lessons and guitars are supplied by the school at no cost to parents. The high calibre of instruction has led a number of students to develop their skills further with private lessons and to maintain their love of guitar playing beyond primary school.

Art

The school has employed qualified art teachers where possible to deliver classes in a variety of mediums as well as providing weekly lessons by the class teacher. With such support our students have acquired a love of this subject with a number taking up art classes after school.

Our centenary mural (below) was achieved through the skills of Lynda Hoey and the students.
**Ecological Sustainability**

Maidavale State School is involved in a number of activities which encourages the children to be aware of activities that lead to a sustainable lifestyle. We have formed partnerships with BBIF-MAC (Bowen Burdekin Integrated Floodplain Management Advisory Committee) and local organisations such as Landcare and Greening Australia. We are also a Reef Guardian School. The students also maintain a vegetable garden which grows a variety of vegetables, herbs and fruit.

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**ICT**

All students at Maidavale State School have access to networked computers in the classroom. All computers are connected to the internet. Students use Word processing, Excel, Publisher, Power Point and educational programmes on CD Roms. One such programme is Mathletics which enable the students to test their skills against students from other schools in Australia and overseas. Students are also taught how to use the digital camera and scanner. All these assets help students make professional presentations of their work.

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**Parents & Citizens Association**

The Parents and Citizens Association meets at the school once a month at a time and date suitable, usually an afternoon. Meetings are advised through the school newsletter and on fence noticeboard. The P. & C. Association is a vital organization for any school. As well as fundraising, it provides a vehicle to discuss issues of concern relating to our school and community. Your support and attendance is vital.

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**School Uniform**

The school and the P&C endorse a Student Dress Code. All students are encouraged to wear their school uniform each day.

Both girls and boys wear the school shirt which is maroon and gold. It is worn with black shorts. Girls may wear a black pleated sports skirt.

A maroon wide-brimmed hat and enclosed shoes with socks are essential parts of the school uniform and must be worn at all times.

The P. and C. organises orders for the school shirts once a year and has hats for sale at the school. Sew-on badges are available through the school for $2.50 each. Each new student is given a free badge.
**Supervision**

Children are not to be in the school grounds before 8.00am. Children who arrive early at school are not under direct supervision. For safety reasons, it is advisable that they arrive at school no earlier than 8.30am. It is expected that children will be collected by 3.20pm. As there is no outdoor supervision after school, students will remain inside until they are collected.

**Children leaving School grounds**

No child will be allowed to leave the grounds with any person unless the school has been notified beforehand by the consenting parent. This can be by phone or by note. If a person other than a parent is to take your child, then he or she must contact the Principal immediately upon entering the grounds.

It is now an EQ requirement that when a child arrives late or needs to leave early that the responsible adult sign the child in or out. The relevant register is situated just inside the classroom room door.

**Lost Property**

Students are encouraged to be responsible for their belongings by checking each day that they are taking home what they had brought to school. If items are left behind, they are placed on the bench.

**LOTE**

Students in Year 7 learn Japanese via teleconferencing with a LOTE teacher.

**School Swimming**

Swimming classes are held usually first and fourth terms each year and are an Education Queensland curriculum requirement. Valid reasons for exclusion from swimming include ill-health, physical disability or other medical conditions. Parents must advise the school if a child is to be excluded from swimming for any reason. Sessions have been held at Chris Viero's Swim School, Brandon. Sometimes parents are asked to provide transport.

**Sports / Cultural Days**

The school's programme involves interschool sport competitions. This is held on Friday afternoons. Parents are usually asked to provide transport. We combine with another school if we do not have enough students to enter as a team.

The B School's Sports Carnival for athletics and ball games is held annually. The emphasis is on participation.

We also have a combined Small School's Science Day.

**Student Club**

The Student Club involves all the children at the school. Through the sale of icy cups and other student initiatives such as the vegetable garden and tuckshops, funds are raised to help with excursions, equipment for the school and contributions towards SchoolAid, a charity organisation helping with educational requirements in disaster affected areas.