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PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Mrs Penny Ellis

Dear families,

What a year 2020 has been!

I'd like to start by saying a HUGE thank you to everyone in our wonderful school community.

Thank-you to the parents and carers for being adaptable during a year of uncertain, and for your support during all the changes that have occurred. Thank you also to parents and carers who supported students through Learning from Home, the learning growth demonstrated by many of our students has been amazing!

Thank-you to our teachers and education support staff for continuing to be prepared for whatever teaching looked like this year. We didn't begin the year expecting that it would turn out like it had, and I know a lot of professional learning and development was required to ensure our students were being given the best opportunities throughout 2020. Thank you also for your support as I began at Magpie Primary School, I have felt so welcome and have appreciated all of your help along the way.

And finally, thank you to the most important members of our school, the students! I have loved getting to know you all, and can't wait to see what 2021 brings for each of you. This year, you have had to show resilience in your learning, and I am so proud of the learning and development you have all demonstrated. Well done on making the most of 2020, it has been a year like no other!

This week has continued to be busy as we wrap up 2020. On Monday, a group of students went on a 27km bike ride around Ballarat. From all accounts, it was a great day that was enjoyed by everyone involved. Students arrived back at school for a whole school sausage sizzle which was a great way for us all to come together.

On Tuesday afternoon, we had our Grade 6 Graduation. Due to restrictions, we changed the way our Graduation was run, opting for an afternoon tea for Grade 6 students and their special guests. I would like to acknowledge the work of James R, Jacob C and Aiden H for sanding, prepping and painting the fencing in the courtyard to ensure the school was looking at its best for the event! Congratulations to all, especially our award winners. Best wishes to our Grade 6 students as they head off to primary school, we look forward to hearing about Year 7 in 2021!

Our Christmas Carols were run as part of our final assembly on Wednesday. Thank-you to Maria for all of her work in preparing the students, and to Mia for filming the carols so families could enjoy them from home. We hope that 2021 will see families attending assemblies again, but will have to wait to see what the restrictions are. I would also like to congratulate those students who have been successful in leadership positions.

As we head in to the holidays, I wish you all a safe, happy and enjoyable break. If you require anything over the holidays, please email the school at magpie.ps@education.vic.gov.au .
Emails will be checked weekly.

Best wishes
Penny

GRADUATION

Congratulations to all of our Grade 6 students!
Award winners:
Rotary Award –
Sieanne Jackson-Ives and Aiden Harper
Magpie Primary School Dux –
Rheyn Paterson
Magpie Primary School Leadership Award –
Eric Treloar
Sports Award –
Jaylen Whatmore, Eric Treloar and Amber Grist
Values Award (sponsored by Napoleons/Sebas cricket club) –
Jaylen Whatmore and Jacob Dower

STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to our student leaders for 2021.
There were a range of steps for students to take in applying for a student leadership position, and we would like to thank all students who nominated themselves for a position.

School Captain: Charles Rowland

Grade One Leader: Evie Hanning

Grade Two Leader: Grace

Grade Three Leader: Lilly

Grade Four Leader: Millz Davey

Grade Five Leader: Patrick Pudney

Grade Six Leader: Meah Treloar

Sports Captain: Dneeka Rowe

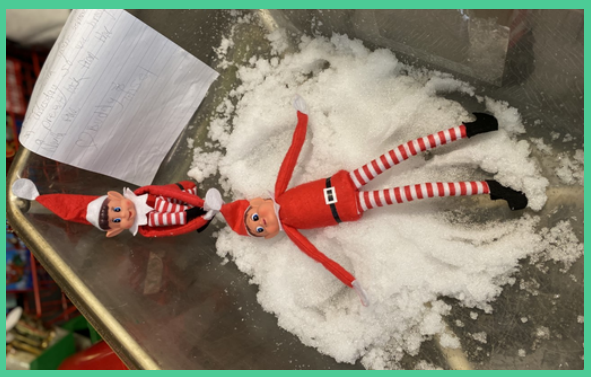
Frenchman Leader: Annaleigh Stein

Docwra Leader: Lizzie Bonning

Scorer Leader : Andy Fisher

BIKE EDUCATION

PHOTOS



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

CALENDAR

Term 1 – 2021 Calendar will be updated and continued to be published in the newsletter in 2021					
Week commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 25th Jan		**Australia Day**	**Teachers Begin**	**Grade 1 to 6 begin** Prep meetings	Prep meetings
Week 2 1st Feb	**Prep begins**		Preps absent		Assembly - 2pm
Week 3 8th Feb	Parent Compass information session – 3.30pm		Preps absent		
Week 4 15th Feb			Preps absent School Council AGM – 5pm (TBC)		Assembly - 2pm
Week 5 22nd Feb	**Curriculum Day** (date to be confirmed in early 2021)		Preps absent	Parent session – supporting children with reading 3.30pm	Magpie Cross Country 11am – 1:30pm
Week 6 1st March					Assembly - 2pm
Week 7 8th March	**Labor Day**				Cross Country (selected students)
Week 8 15th March	Narmbool – whole school excursion		School Council		**Magpie Gully Fair 4pm**
Week 9 22nd March				Whole school Maths Day	Magpie PS Athletics at CE Brown Reserve
Week 10 29th March				Assembly – 1.30pm **Students finish at 2pm**	Good Friday
Holidays					

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!