



# NEWSLETTER 11/02/22



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## KEY DATES

- **Tues 15th Feb**
  - 5/6 SAKG Cooking
- **Thurs 17th Feb**
  - School Council nominations sent home
- **Tues 22nd Feb**
  - Community Playgroup
  - 9:30-11:00am
- **Mon 28th Feb**
  - Curriculum Day no students to attend
- **Tues 29th Feb**
  - 3/4 SAKG Cooking
- **Tues 8th Mar**
  - 2/3 SAKG Cooking

## PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Welcome to 2022!

The term beginning has come and gone, and we are already in Week 2! What a wonderful start to the year we have had. It has been very exciting meeting everyone and seeing the students get settled into routines and new classes so well.

Our Prep students have been a delight to see around the school and we welcome all new students and families to Magpie Primary this year!

This term we will have some exciting things to look forward to, including the beginning of our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Our very lucky Grade 5/6s will be participating in their first cooking day on Tuesday with Mrs. Eustice. I can't wait to see what they create in the kitchen!

Next week there will be some information sent home regarding the upcoming school council nominations and election process. A big thank you to the families who have previously been involved. We would love to have some new faces join our school council - so keep your eyes open for this next week.

A reminder that during Term 1 all students are required to wear their hats or play under the shaded areas.

Magpie Primary School uses Compass for most of its communications, please contact the school office if you are having any difficulties accessing this. Compass also provides parents and carers a way to contact their child/ren's teacher, if you are unsure how to - please contact the office.

Our 5 Keys are Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience. The beginning of term is such an important time to focus on these keys, especially resilience. Sometimes things don't go to plan, and that's OK - talk to your child/ren about strategies we can use to overcome these and stay positive.

I'm very excited about what this year will bring!  
I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend,

**MRS CARLY MIDDLETON**  
Principal



Please see the term calendar at the end of the newsletter for later events.

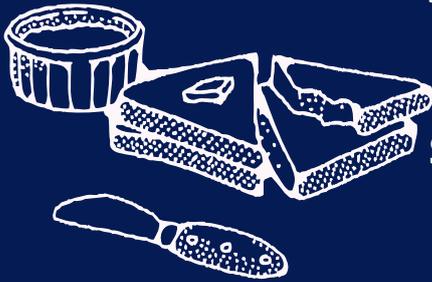
# 2022 INFORMATION

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has started and is running 3 days a week in the multipurpose room:

**Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

This starts from **8:15am** and students who attend must stay in Breakfast Club until the 8:45am bell when staff will be on outside supervision duty.



Students must only be dropped at school from 8:15am on Breakfast Club days. On Wednesday and Friday, students must arrive from 8:45am

## School Hats

Hats are required to be worn during Term 1 and Term 4. Over the years your child is at school, there are times when hats might go missing. Please check with your child/ren if they still have their hats, or if they are in need of a new one.



## Lunch Orders

At the moment Tim is working hard to organise a restart to lunch orders. Unfortunately our supplier's building was damaged in a fire during the holidays. We will keep you updated on when we can launch this again.

## P.E

All students have PE on a Wednesday.

(Note: While Prep students are not at school on Wednesdays, they will have PE on Tuesdays)

Please ensure students have the appropriate clothing and footwear.

During Term 1 it may also be a good idea to apply sunscreen before school.

We will have sunscreen available for students to reapply.



# 2022 INFORMATION

## Covid Tests

We encourage all students to test with a RAT twice weekly before coming to school. Sunday evening or early Monday morning, and Wednesday evening or early Thursday morning are the best times to do this. If your child tests positive to COVID, please commence isolation at home and notify the school.

A new batch of RAT's is due to arrive at school soon and these will be sent out as soon as we receive them. Let's all work together to keep our community safe.

## Masks

All children are encouraged to wear a mask while indoors at school. Masks are compulsory for students from years 3 - 6. If your child has a medical exemption which excludes them from wearing a mask, please let the classroom teacher know. Uncomfortability, unwillingness to comply or doubts about effectiveness are not classed as medical reasons for exemption.



## Annual privacy reminder for 2022

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website <https://www.magpieps.vic.edu.au/key-document/>

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents: Schools' privacy policy: information for parents [education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au)

This information is also available in ten community languages:

- \* Amharic \* Arabic \* Dari \* Gujarati \* Mandarin
- \* Somali \* Sudanese \* Turkish \* Urdu \* Vietnamese.

# 2022 BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to all students  
who celebrated a Birthday  
during the holidays or the return  
to school

Deecan

Annaleigh

Tyler S

Ollie

Noah

Lucas

Cianna

Chad

Bec

Happy Birthday to all students  
are celebrating their Birthdays  
in the next 2 weeks!

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# 2022 INFORMATION



## Community Playgroup



Come along to our playgroup at Magpie PS!

The City of Ballarat will be running a free Supported Playgroup program at Magpie Primary School (in the former Art shed) commencing later this term.

Smalltalk Supported Playgroups are run by a professional facilitator who implements a fun and engaging weekly playgroup session during school term. This program is also a great way to link with other activities and services such as libraries, Maternal and Child Health, community playgroups and/or kindergartens.

*We'd love to hear from local families with children aged 0-5 looking to make new friends, craft and play in a relaxed and safe environment.*

We will be hosting a meet and greet morning on the

**22nd of February from 9:30-11:00am**

*where you and your little one can meet Ashlea, the facilitator and obtain some more information about eligibility, the program and stay for a play.*

***What: Magpie PS Playgroup Meet & Greet***

***When: 22nd February 2022***

***Time: Pop in to say hello any time between 9:30-10:30am.***

***Finishing at 11am. Free to attend.***

If you have any questions prior to the meet and greet morning, please feel free to contact the supported playgroup team on 5320 5720.

Ashlea Pearson | Supported Playgroup Facilitator

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# 2022 INFORMATION

## Cool at School Together (CAST)

Cool At School Together (CAST) is a school program that works with schools, teachers, students and their families to help Prep to Grade 2 children get the best start to their school life.

CAST will be starting at Magpie Primary School in Term 2.

The CAST team and your child's teacher will together identify your child's strengths, as well as any difficulties they may be experiencing. With the help of teachers and parents, the CAST team can then build on those strengths and help your child manage any difficulties they may face at school.

The CAST team will also be offering support to teachers, parents and students across the junior school. They will provide skill development programs to children, and education and training to teachers.

In addition, the Tuning in to Kids program will be offered to parents of children in all year levels. This program aims to assist parents in helping teach their child to understand and regulate their emotions. The Tuning in to Kids program will only run if enough parents are interested in attending.

The CAST team hopes to work together with you and your child's school to help your child get the best early school experience possible.

If you have any questions or would like specific topics to be discussed please do not hesitate to contact your CAST team representative, Jo McInnes on 5320 3030 or your school Principal, Carly Middleton via your school reception.



# SCHOOL UNIFORM

There is a second hand uniform shop in the Community Shed (top of the hill) which Bec will open on Tuesdays from 2:30- 3:15. Here you can either swap like for like or else grab something for a donation. We also have our food pantry when you need something.

If you have spare uniform that you no longer need, we will always welcome donations that will go into the second hand shop.



## Student outer wear:

Polar fleece jacket with logo  
Polar fleece vest with logo  
Soft shell jacket with logo



## Student shirt/dress:

Navy/teal t-shirt with logo  
Girls summer dress



## Student bottoms:

Plain navy pants/shorts/skirt  
(at least mid thigh length)



## Student footwear:

Plain black shoes with a flat sole  
Plain black runners  
Navy tights under dress/skirt  
White, grey, black or navy socks



(students may wear sports shoes on the days they have PE)

# 2022 INFORMATION

## KOORIE ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT OFFICER



### TOPSY MILERA

#### About Me

I am a proud Narungga and Ngarrindjeri woman. I was Born on Kurna country and completed all my schooling on Wadawurrung country. I am motivated to provide the best support to Koorie children and young people as well as our educators.

Education for Koorie children and young people is the pathway to success. Education allows us to break down barriers and go far in life. With the right support I believe Koorie children of all ages can achieve great things.

#### What is the KESO role?

The main goal of the KESO in Central Highlands Area, is to support families to feel culturally safe within schools and early childhood services. The KESO provides support to:

- Koorie children, students and families
- Koorie community and relevant Department of Education and Training teams.
- To help in the delivery services to help to improve outcomes for Koorie children and young people.

### MARRUNG

ABORIGINAL  
EDUCATION PLAN  
2016 - 2026



### PRIORITIES OF A KOORIE ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT OFFICER

Central Highlands area KESO's have five key work priorities that are closely aligned with the implementation of the Marrung Plan:

- ❖ Attendance & Participation
- ❖ Community Engagement & Communication
- ❖ Cultural Inclusion
- ❖ Curriculum & Programming
- ❖ Support children/students at risk

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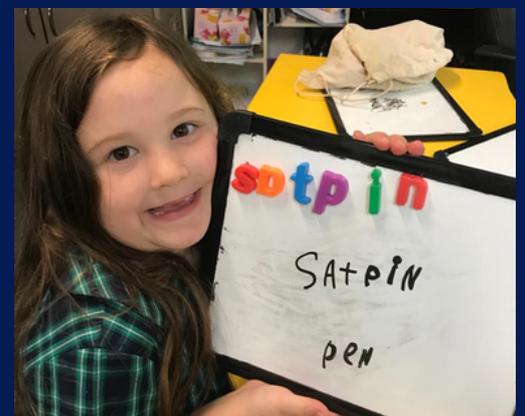
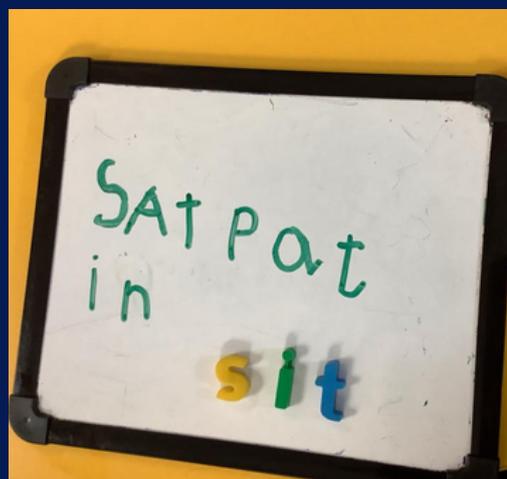
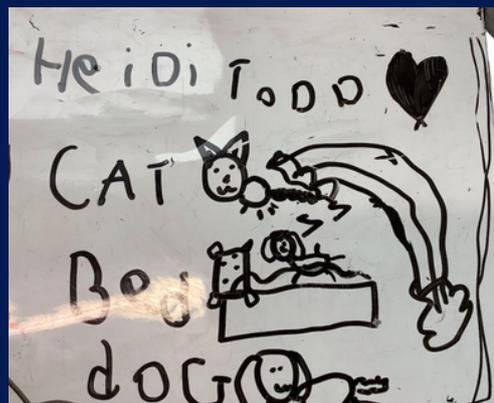


# PREP



The preps have had a fantastic start to school. They have been enjoying lots of art and exploring our school.

The students have started their home reading program and we are so pleased to see most students reading every night. Thanks to all the new parents for their enthusiasm and support. We're looking forward to a great year!!



# ONE/TWO



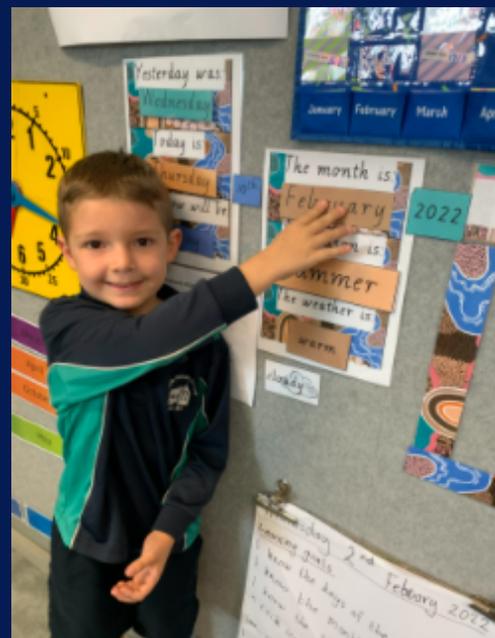
In the Grade One Two room it has been a super busy start to the year. There are lots of new routines and responsibilities to learn about. Everyday we have jobs that need doing such as turning the pages for the interactive read aloud, calling out names for sharing and using a timer to make sure people don't talk for too long.

We have been reading stories each morning about the importance of kindness. Last week we read books all about starting school and possibly being nervous about it.

In writing we have been writing letters to the characters, writing questions and memories.

In maths and science we are learning days of the week, months of the year, seasons and time.

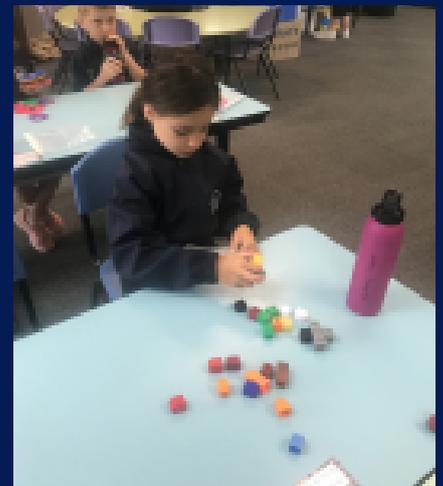
We have been practising our listening skills by listening to the kids' news and trying to answer questions.



# TWO/THREE



What a fantastic start to 2022, we have had a great two weeks! We have started our unit on Seasons and Weather. This unit will combine literacy, numeracy, science and humanities. This week we have also been learning about time, we even went outside and made a giant clock with our classmates as hands! In literacy we have been working on silly sentences using /oy/ /or/ and /ff/ words we also have been writing recounts about our summer holidays.



# THREE/FOUR



We've had an amazing start to the year in 3/4! The students have settled in wonderfully and are enjoying working in the senior building. Mrs Donald and I are looking forward to an awesome year.

The 3/4s are working on comprehension and summarising in our reading. The more the students read, the better they will become so please encourage your children to read at home and fill in their reading diaries each day. In maths we are learning about place value, which is the foundation for much of our numeracy learning.

Please do be in touch with Mrs Donald or myself if there is anything we can do to assist your child this year, or if there is anything you feel that we should know to best support your child.



# FIVE/SIX



The Grade 5/6 class has had a great to the 2022 year and we would like to welcome Mrs Cray (Monday to Wednesday) to our class and welcome back Mr B (Thursday and Friday) for another year.

In Maths, we have been working hard on our addition, place value and problem solving. Being back at school (full-time) has been taxing on our brain, but we are excited for a big year of learning and improving our maths understanding and knowledge.

In writing with Mrs Cray, we have been working on writing an Introduction for our Narrative.

It has been great working on including unreal elements to our story. Mr B is extending our Grammar and Punctuation knowledge so we can apply more grammatical concepts to improve and enhance our writing.

Term 1 sees a busy term for sport with House Cross Country and Athletics coming up as well as learning about Cricket.

We hope you enjoyed reading about our journey back to school.

Students of Grade 5/6.



# SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	31 JAN	1 FEB STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL	2 FEB Foundation Students Rest Day	3 FEB	4 FEB
2	7 FEB	8 FEB	9 FEB Foundation Students Rest Day	10 FEB	11 FEB Newsletter
3	14 FEB	15 FEB SAKG Cooking 5/6	16 FEB Foundation Students Rest Day	17 FEB School Council nominations sent home	18 FEB
4	21 FEB	22 FEB Community Playgroup 9:30 - 11:00	23 FEB Foundation Students Rest Day	24 FEB School Council Meeting Nominations Close	25 FEB Newsletter
5	28 FEB CURRICULUM DAY - No Students	1 MAR SAKG Cooking 3/4 Police in Schools 5/6	2 MAR Foundation Students Rest Day	3 MAR	4 MAR
6	7 MAR	8 MAR SAKG Cooking 2/3	9 MAR Foundation Students Rest Day	10 MAR	11 MAR Newsletter
7	14 MAR LABOUR DAY	15 MAR SAKG Garden Day 9:00-12:00 - 2/3 12:00-3:00 - 1/2	16 MAR	17 MAR	18 MAR Magpie Athletics Day
8	21 MAR Harmony Day	22 MAR SAKG Cooking 1/2	23 MAR	24 MAR	25 MAR Newsletter Magpie Cross Country Day
9	28 MAR	29 MAR SAKG Cooking Prep Police in Schools 5/6	30 MAR	31 MAR	1 APR Wathaurung Cross Country
10	4 APR	5 APR SAKG Garden Day 9:00-12:00 - 5/6 12:00-3:00 - 3/4	6 APR	7 APR World Health Day	8 APR Newsletter