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PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Hello parents and carers,

I cannot believe that the end of Term 1 is here! Firstly, let me thank everyone in the Magpie PS community for such a warm welcome to be part of such a wonderful school.

There have been many achievements this term and I have been so proud of the students' efforts throughout the busy weeks. It has been wonderful to get the Kitchen Garden program running, and I have seen all the grades enjoying the results of their kitchen efforts. The classes are enjoying Auslan, and I know the staff are keen to continue this too! We have had excursions, sports days and on-site celebrations...

But I think I have to say the best accomplishment this term has been: staying in school ALL term! Did you know that this is the first full term of school that students have had in two years? I am so grateful to everyone's efforts to continue to keep our community safe. I understand how difficult it has been for families and staff this term with Covid striking our homes, but it really has been a monumental community effort to keep this term as successful as it has been. Thank you all!

This week, we sadly said farewell to Ms. Cray who has been working in the 5/6 room this term. We will be excitedly welcoming Ms. Hays into the 5/6 room full time from next term; she has done an amazing job in the 1/2 room while Mrs. M has been on leave. Mrs. M is back next term in the 1/2 room and we look forward to seeing her then!

Coming into Easter, I would like to wish all our families a fantastic and restful holiday break. Whatever you might have planned, I hope that you all enjoy some time together and celebrate the important things. Stay safe over the holidays and I look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 26th April to begin our Term 2 adventures.

MRS CARLY MIDDLETON

Principal

KEY DATES

- **Thurs 7th April**
 - **Last day of Term**
 - **Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30 - 5:30**
- **Fri 8th April**
 - **Parent Teacher Interviews 9:00 - 12:00**
- **Mon 25th April**
 - **ANZAC Day Public Holiday**
- **Tues 26th April**
 - **First day of Term 2**

KEY FOCUS: ORGANISATION

This week's focus is on : Organisation

Organisation means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, listening carefully to your teacher's instructions and planning your time so that you are not rushed.

Some examples of how students can use the Organisation key include:

1. Having a goal to do your very best in school
2. Recording homework and nightly reading
3. Making sure you understand the teacher's instructions before beginning work
4. Bringing to school important materials
5. Having a neat desk

Students use the following Habits of the Mind.

1. Setting Goals
2. Planning My Time

Easter holidays are a great time for students to practise some organisational skills to prepare them for the term ahead. It is important to find a system that works for your home; maybe that's a list, a visual schedule or a reward chart.



<https://childdevelopment.com.au/areas-of-concern/organisation/organisation-skills/>



WATHAURUNG DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 1st April, 2022 the Magpie PS Cross Country team headed to Russell Square to compete in the 2022 Wathaurung District Cross Country. The Magpie PS team performed very well with the following results:

Under 8's – 1km run

Jack – 1st in a new Wathaurung District Record time

Imogen - 1st in a new Wathaurung District Record time

Tyler Scott – 3rd

Under 10's – 2km run

Ethan – 1st

Millz Davey – 10th

Under 11's – 3km run

William Pudney – 5th



Congratulations to all the runners who represented our school with pride and distinction.



AUSKICK



REMINDER: HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

NAB AFL Auskick is a community run program that relies on the honesty, involvement and support of all people involved. A key part of your participation at Auskick is to ensure you are registered on our registration platform.

It is important you are registered for the following reasons:

- 1** This ensures your Auskick Coordinator knows who you are and knows how many kids to plan for and equipment to provide at each session
- 2** Registrations have the following key benefits
 - a. Insurance for any injuries sustained during play
 - b. Awesome goodies in your AFL Club colours as well as the essentials such as a footy pump and footy cards
 - c. The option to become a Junior Member at your favourite AFL Club completely free of charge and attend selected Toyota AFL Premiership Series AFL Games and NAB AFLW Games
 - d. Exclusive offers from AFL partners
- 3** Lastly your Auskick Centre receives equipment funding and other support based on each individual registration

Register via the QR code below
or visit play.afl/auskick



2022 BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to all staff and students who are celebrating their birthdays!



6th Mackenzie

11th Caleb

17th Jaycee

23rd Mrs Eustice

24th Imogen

24th Declan

24th Ms Hannah

25th Mrs Ellis

26th Ryda

29th Maleah

EASTER RAFFLE

A big thank you to our school council for organising this year's Easter raffle and to everyone who donated eggs! It was great to have so many prizes. Congratulations to those who won. We at Magpie Primary School wish you all a Happy Easter and a safe holiday.



PREP



The preps had an opportunity to participate in the Stephanie Alexander Cooking Program last week. They prepared a delicious 2 course meal together and then sat down and shared it. It was a great learning experience and most of the students loved their meal.

Students have also finished their Maths Investigation into the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They completed this unit by planning a morning tea for the Three Bears. The students used numeracy skills to share their food equally and design a lovely table setting. They were all very excited when the bears arrived. Unfortunately, the preps soon discovered that bears are very messy eaters and they had quite a mess to clean up!

We are all looking forward to a break in the prep room to recharge our batteries. Mrs Eusace, Karen and Miss C would like to wish all the prep superstars a very happy holiday!



ONE/TWO



In the 1/2 room we have really loved having Ms Brooke in our room for the term. Ms Brooke would like to thank you all for your love and support throughout Term 1 and will enjoy seeing your smiling faces in the yard.

We have been focusing on retelling stories. We have been enjoying learning and practising Auslan.

We are all looking forward to having Ms M back for next term.

We hope you all have an amazing break and look forward to seeing you all for Term 2.



TWO/THREE



Last Monday we went to Mt Buninyong to extend on our maths, geography and humanities learning this term. The 1/2 and 3/4 classes also tagged along. We started with a climb up Mt Buninyong Tower - it was so high! When we got to the viewing platform, we took in the land around Mt Buninyong and drew a map of the area using our knowledge about maps and grid referencing. We also discussed the Wadawurrung story of Mt Buninyong, and talked about where Derinallum was. After climbing the tower we spent time exploring the top of Mt Buninyong, looking at the different plants and trees, and doing leaf rubbings to better explore the structure of leaves. We had recess and then we commenced the walk down the ZigZag Track. We had to go slowly and carefully down the steep track, but we were lucky to see many animals including crimson rosellas, rainbow lorikeets, scores of butterflies, and even a kangaroo! We even got to walk right into the crater of Mt Buninyong, and we imagined what it was like when it was an active volcano. Some students even found volcanic rock. The Kangaroo Apple trees were also laden with fruit, so after learning about them in class we were so glad to be able to see them in the wild. The 2/3 children were very disappointed they weren't ripe enough to eat!



THREE/FOUR



What a busy two weeks it has been in Grade 3/4. We have cheered each other on in the school cross country and certainly have some speedy children in our class.

Grade 3/4 students also travelled to Mount Buninyong for an excursion. Thanks to Miss Hannah for organising this! All students who participated had a lovely day. A highlight was climbing the tower. Everyone in our class was brave enough to go up to the top. What a brilliant view of the surrounding area. Students had the opportunity to see the crater that is evidence of the extinct volcano. We identified some native wildlife (mainly plants because I think we were too noisy for the animals). We also learnt about the significance of Mt. Buninyong to local indigenous people.

Back at school we identified Mt. Buninyong and surrounding areas on maps. We practised using coordinates and directional language. In Maths we also set up a class shop. Our shop started out selling classroom supplies and turned into an ice-cream shop the following week. We had a great time calculating our spending. It was equally important for us to think about how we greet and engage in conversation with the shopkeeper and other customers.



FIVE/SIX



What a big last week of term! The grade 5/6 had their second visit from Des Hudson for the Police in school program. He taught the students about what it takes to get into Victoria Police and the fitness test they need pass. The students took part in a series of task which included, Planking, Push ups, standing jumps, agility running, the beep test and the students also learnt how to stand and march in formation.

Also the five/six have had fun learning about the Easter tradition through some reading comprehension activities. Applying their maths knowledge to solve a Easter Mystery such as using Fraction, and multiplication. Students also enjoyed some easter craft making cards and making and Easter basket where they need to follow a series

Finally, I just wanted to give a big Thanks you and Farwell to the grade five/six! I have enjoyed being your teacher this term and watching you all grow and develop your skills in narrative writing and making great growth in whole number. Hopeful I will be able to visit next term for some teaching days untill Baby Cray arrives. Thank You Magpie Primary School. From Mrs Cray.



SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	25 APR ANZAC DAY	26 APR STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL	27 APR	28 APR	29 APR Assembly
2	2 MAY	3 MAY SAKG Cooking 5/6	4 MAY	5 MAY DRUMBEAT	6 MAY Newsletter CAST Wathaurong Winter Sports
3	9 MAY Wathaurong Athletics	10 MAY NAPLAN SAKG Garden Day	11 MAY Gr 3-6 CAMP Melbourne	12 MAY DRUMBEAT Gr 3-6 CAMP Melbourne	13 MAY Assembly CAST Gr 3-6 CAMP Melbourne
4	16 MAY NAPLAN	17 MAY Playgroup 9:30 SAKG Cooking 1/2 NAPLAN	18 MAY NAPLAN	19 MAY DRUMBEAT Incursion P-2 Dinosaurs, Traces of the Past School Council	20 MAY Newsletter CAST Wathaurong Winter Sports
5	23 MAY	24 MAY Playgroup 9:30 SAKG Cooking 3/4	25 MAY	26 MAY DRUMBEAT	27 MAY Assembly CAST Excursion: The Selfish Giant @ Melb Arts Centre
6	30 MAY Reconciliation Week (May 27 - June 3)	31 MAY Playgroup 9:30 SAKG Cooking 2/3	1 JUN SSV Winter Sports	2 JUN DRUMBEAT	3 JUN REPORT WRITING DAY - NO STUDENTS
7	6 JUN	7 JUN Playgroup 9:30 SAKG Cooking Prep	8 JUN	9 JUN DRUMBEAT	10 JUN Assembly CAST Wathaurong Winter Sports
8	13 JUN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	14 JUN Playgroup 9:30	15 JUN	16 JUN DRUMBEAT School Council	17 JUN Newsletter CAST
9	20 JUN	21 JUN Playgroup 9:30 SAKG Garden Day	22 JUN	23 JUN DRUMBEAT Gr. 5 - Sovereign Hill	24 JUN Assembly CAST Gr.5 - Sovereign Hill