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Traditional Custodians of the lands on
which we live, work, learn and play.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Hello parents and carers,



Welcome back to Term 3! We are well over half way through the year and what a great start to term with Docwra Street reopening for easier access to the school!

We have many wonderful things to look forward to this term, so keep your eyes on Compass and check the newsletter calendar for any updates.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all families that safety of our students and community is paramount. Please ensure that you are encouraging your child to walk and cross at the crossing and use road sense when approaching the car. Children should not be running from between cars or crossing at the lower entrance gate, this is to ensure everyone is kept safe. And, please drive slowly!

Throughout this term we will be working on getting our virtual tour and a video presentation ready to share as we begin the 2023 enrolment process. This is an exciting time and we are already taking prospective families through the school for next year's prep class. If you know anyone planning on enrolling at Magpie PS for 2023, please encourage them to get an enrolment form and have a tour soon! We will be sharing information on the website and Facebook, so feel free to share among your wider community circles.

This year we have had some amazing things happening for our students, including implementing CAST, drumbeat, Kitchen Garden, hot lunch days, pie warmers, clubs, camps, excursions and more... I would like to express how fantastic these sorts of things are in our school, and they would not be possible without the dedication of our wonderful staff here. If you have the opportunity, a small word of thanks to our amazing team certainly goes a long way!

Our NAIDOC Week activity day was a great success for the students last week. All classes rotated through each room and completed a different activity with each teacher throughout the day. I know everyone was tired after such a busy day, but so much fun, excitement and learning happened around the culture and theme of NAIDOC Week.

It has been wonderful getting back into things after a nice break, I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and are enjoying the routine and excitement of being back at school. As always, please feel free to come into the office for any questions! Have a great weekend.

MRS CARLY MIDDLETON

KEY DATES

July 25th

Grade 5/6 Cooking

July 26th

School Photos
Full School Uniform

August 1st

Sausage sizzle lunch (\$2 per sausage)

August 2nd

Grade 3/4 Cooking

August 3rd

Glasses for Kids visit

August 29th

Curriculum Day - Student Free Day

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 3



Est: 1857

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1

11 JUL
STUDENTS RETURN
TO SCHOOL
NAIDOC Week

12 JUL
Playgroup 9:30
NAIDOC Week
Activity Day

13 JUL

14 JUL
3/4/5/6 Badminton

15 JUL
Assembly

2

18 JUL

19 JUL
Playgroup 9:30
SAKG Garden Day
Artlink Excursion P-2 & 3-6

20 JUL

21 JUL
Hot lunch

22 JUL
Newsletter

3

25 JUL
SAKG Cooking 5/6

26 JUL
Playgroup 9:30
School Photos
Police in Schools 5/6

27 JUL

28 JUL

29 JUL
Assembly

4

1 AUG
Sausage Sizzle Lunch
(\$2)

2 AUG
Playgroup 9:30
SAKG Cooking 3/4

3 AUG
Glasses for Kids Program
Visit

4 AUG
Aboriginal Children's Day
Hot lunch
School Council

5 AUG
Newsletter

5

8 AUG

9 AUG
Playgroup 9:30
SAKG Cooking 2/3

10 AUG

11 AUG

12 AUG
Assembly

6

15 AUG
Science Week

16 AUG
Playgroup 9:30
SAKG Cooking 1/2

17 AUG

18 AUG
Hot lunch

19 AUG
Newsletter

7

22 AUG
CBCA Book Week

23 AUG
Playgroup 9:30
SAKG Cooking Prep
Police in Schools 5/6

24 AUG

25 AUG

26 AUG
Assembly

8

29 AUG
CURRICULUM
DAY

30 AUG
Playgroup 9:30
SAKG Cooking 5/6

31 AUG

1 SEP
Indigenous Literacy Day
Hot lunch
School Council

2 SEP
Newsletter

9

5 SEP
Responsible Pet
Program

6 SEP
Playgroup 9:30
SAKG Cooking 3/4

7 SEP

8 SEP

9 SEP
Assembly

10

12 SEP

13 SEP
Playgroup 9:30
SAKG Cooking 2/3

14 SEP

15 SEP
Parent Teacher
Interviews 3:30 - 5:30
Hot lunch

16 SEP
Newsletter
Parent Teacher
Interviews 9-12
STUDENT FREE DAY

EXTRA INFO:

Pie Warmers:

This is our *every day* opportunity to have a warmed lunch. Our student leaders are doing an amazing job looking after all classrooms with collecting and returning these lunches each day. A reminder for families who are sending pie warmers:

- Please only send lunches that are securely wrapped in foil or a foil tray
- Name your child's pie warmer with their name and class - it is easiest to label the foil before the item goes in the fridge (condensation makes it hard to write on after it is cold - and almost impossible to name if it arrives at school without a name)

Hot lunch days:

Ms. Karen has been so wonderful in getting these days going for our students! Every second Thursday, she is offering students a free hot lunch day including things like spaghetti, baked beans, toasties, soups... Keep your eyes on the Compass Calendar for the hot lunch days!

Wednesday Clubs:

Clubs have begun again in Term 3 with a focus on increasing skills that students have chosen to focus on. Students are attending their chosen clubs for five weeks and then will get to attend a different club for the remainder of term.

This term we have six clubs on offer:

- Loom bands with Mrs. Eustice
- Knitting with Mrs. M
- Spheros with Ms. Hannah
- Minecraft educational with Ms. Brooke
- BoxFit with Mr. B
- Mindfulness with Mrs. Middleton

Congratulations to our Students of the Week from last week!



KEY FOCUS

The 5 Keys at Magpie Primary School are the keys to success for all of our students.

Does your child know the five different keys?

At Magpie Primary School, we value building these five key skills in our students to:

- encourage positive attitudes and relationships,
- build character strengths, and
- increase the success and wellbeing of all.



Continuing to develop these skills will greatly assist in many areas for children including:

- Accepting everyone
- Thinking first
- Following rules / expectations
- Time management
- Setting goals
- Giving effort
- Working tough
- Growth mindset
- Being independent
- Taking risks
- Accepting self

Have a talk with your child this weekend and see what they understand about our 5 Keys!

SCHOOL PHOTOS NEXT WEEK

**School Photo Day is fast approaching.
Have your child's school memories
captured forever
on **Tuesday 26th July 2022 (Week 3)****



**if you are missing an order form please contact the office.
Please ensure you have organised your purchases and payment options.**

Remember these helpful points:

- **Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method. All payments are due by photo day.**
- **You may pay online using your credit card. Each child will have an individual 'shootkey' listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child's order.**
- **You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided. Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.**
- **Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN DURING SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY AT RECESS**
- **Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.**
- **Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however, please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.**
- **All students should wear their correct school uniform.**

**For any enquiries, please feel free to contact
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SCHOOL UNIFORM

During the winter months we encourage the students to wear their winter uniforms and to 'rug up' against the cold. Whenever possible we try to allow the children the opportunity to play outside at the designated break times even when the air is brisk and the ground a little wet. Even if the children can get outside for a brief run around then it helps to break up the day for them.

Children may wear a coat, beanie, scarf and gloves to school and during breaks.

Please refrain from sending students in casual jumpers and caps. We have many jumpers in lost property and our Secondhand Uniform Shop and Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 2:30- 3:15.



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
Girls winter tunic



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)

MATHS AT HOME

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TOP 5 TIPS FOR PARENTS

Helping your kids to do maths at home can be a positive experience.

Here are our top five tips to help you stay calm and carry on!

LEARNING MATHS IS ABOUT STRATEGIES

1.

Much of the actual maths is the same as what you may have learnt. Although learning maths is becoming more about understanding the reasoning and using a variety of different strategies to do maths.



The strategies you learnt at school are still valid too!

Teachers value students using many strategies to solve problems and develop thinking.

ASK QUESTIONS

2.



You don't have to know the answers! Nor do you have to know how to get there. Just ask questions and let your child think it through. Here are some of our favourites:

- What thinking did you use to get this far?
- What else could you try, is there another way?
- What could a next step be?
- How could you find out more about what to do?
- Do you think others may do something different?

BE PERSISTENT, LEARN TOGETHER

3.



Maths can be challenging. Rather than saying 'I can't do that', or 'It's too hard', say 'I can't do that yet', or 'We will work it out together'. Research shows parental support is a major factor

for student success at school. Celebrate achieving small steps in solving a problem.

Persist, be supportive and remember to focus on the thinking, not getting answers.

SEE MATHS EVERYDAY

4.

There is plenty of maths around you to develop numeracy skills, such as calculating, measuring, using numbers, interpreting data and graphs, recognising patterns, and using language to develop mathematical understanding. Ask questions about the maths in activities like cooking, exercise, sport, budgeting and shopping. Playing games is also a fun way to practice and experience maths.



STAY POSITIVE, KEEP CALM

5.

Don't pass on your baggage, this is not about you! Let your children experience maths positively, we need maths for everyday life, and maths graduates have excellent career opportunities.

Don't say 'I was never good at maths' or 'I never liked maths'.

Maths can, and should be, really fun!



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PREP



We have had a busy start to Term 2 with our NAIDOC Celebrations and a trip to the Art Gallery. The preps have started their unit on Information Texts for Literacy and we have been learning all about turtles and ducks. In Numeracy, we have a big birthday celebration coming up for our friend Humpty Dumpty. The students are writing their invitations and planning the party for Humpty's 7th birthday. Hopefully they will also be learning all about days, months and seasons. We have also been enjoying creative play sessions in the Magpie Vet Clinic. They are taking very good care of all of our classroom pets!



ONE/TWO

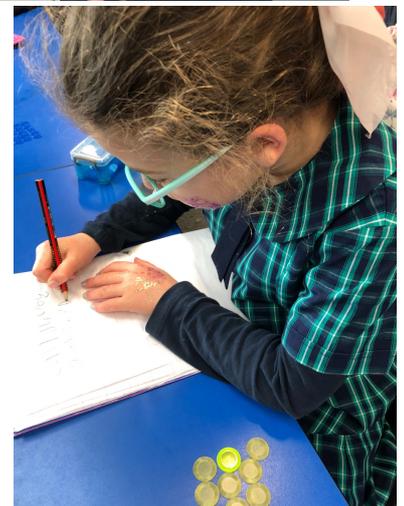


In Grade 1/2 this fortnight in reading this week we have been learning about the author Gregg Dreise.

He is a Kamilaroi man from Queensland. As inspiration for his books he uses the Dreamtime. He tries to teach us lessons in his stories like being calm like water and not to be a silly bird. A silly bird is like a turkey they talk too much, run around and don't listen. We have started our writer's notebooks. These are books that we use to write down our ideas in.

In maths we have been learning about counting patterns and sequencing numbers also multiplication and division. Counting patterns can go forwards and backwards and can skip numbers. Division means a number can be split into multiple equal groups. We used the people in our classroom to make groups. We had 12 people and we made 4 groups of 3.

In ABC news for kids we learnt that there was a species that was thought extinct but it is actually still alive, the name of the animal the white-throated grasswren.



TWO/THREE



The Grade 2/3s have jumped straight back into their learning this term! This year we have been ticking off how many days we have spent at school, and next Monday will be 100 days! This has been a very exciting milestone to reach given the last two years. Due to specialists, we will celebrate on Tuesday. We spent time brainstorming what we will do to mark 100 days - we had some great ideas, and some very out there ideas! The focus of our 100 Days at School will be maths and team-building. Please note that our 100 days celebration will NOT be a dress up day.



The 2/3s also had a wonderful excursion to the Ballarat Art Gallery where they explored the work of Trevor Smith, and then made their own amazing fibre food creations. Thank you to Mrs Donald for organising the excursion! This week the students who read 10+ days during our reading challenge last term received their prizes. Thank you to the parents/carers who continue to support reading at home. Currently the students are exploring the work of author/illustrator Anna Walker. We are looking at the themes in her work, as well as learning about how she creates her illustrations. The students will then create their own illustrations using her style. In Maths we have started the term with multiplication and number sequences. We have also started using the online learning game Prodigy to help reinforce the concepts we have learned in Maths. There has been a significant amount of student illness and absence over the past two weeks. Thank you to the parents/carers who have done the right thing and kept their unwell child at home. A reminder that students can use Google Classroom at home if they want to access learning from home.

Ms Hannah and Ms Mia

THREE/FOUR



We've had a busy start to Term 3, with NAIDOC celebrations and a visit to the Ballarat Art Gallery to explore the works of artist Trevor Smith. The students were amazed by his work and enjoyed making their own food products from wool. Thanks to our own Mrs Donald for arranging this fantastic learning experience!

In literacy we have been writing biographies and autobiographies. The Grade 3/4s have enjoyed the opportunity to connect with each other and research some of their idols. We held the first official event of the 3/4 Potato Olympics yesterday, which was a resounding success. Our potatoes 'sprinted' around the top oval with students measuring the distance their potato travelled and recording it. We'll now look at ways to record and use the data collected before next week's event. While there were some potato casualties, all humans were unharmed!



FIVE/SIX



Term 3 is firmly underway in the 5/6 classroom. Potato Olympics have taken over the senior building with our enthusiastic students working diligently to design and create their Spudlet Olympians. This week our 'coaches' (students) have worked tirelessly to bring their potato to life with their very own profile, background, country of origin and personality. The athletes have also had their initial 'weigh in' where students were required to measure and record the height, weight, and girth ahead of the events!

On Tuesday we were fortunate enough to attend the Ballarat Art Gallery where we viewed Trevor Smith's exhibit 'A Fanciful Feast'. Our class was amazed by the intricate details and sculpturing that was before us made by crochet. We then had the opportunity to attend our very own workshop in crochet where we were able to design and craft food made from wool. This was such a fantastic hands-on learning experience for students that was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Last Friday we had an incursion with Earl from the Kaleidoscope program which has been established through Song Room. This program will continue to run over a number of weeks with a strong focus on student wellbeing and sequential, curriculum-aligned arts learning through music. The Grade 5/6's explored different beats and sounds with Earl while focusing on the importance of building resilience. This was such a great session and we cannot wait for the next!

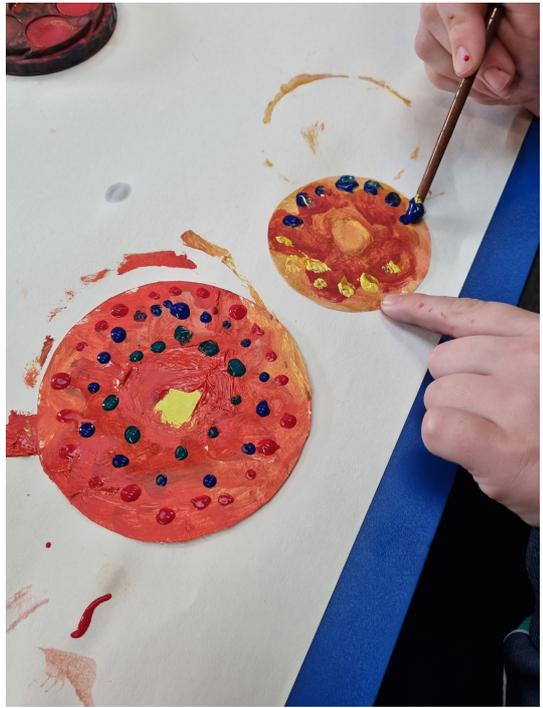
Lastly, we'd like to say a huge thank you to Ms. Belinda who has been working in our classroom every day for the past fortnight while Ms. Rach has been away. It has been such a pleasure to have Ms. Belinda's positivity, kindness and effervescence bring light and life into our space. Thank you so much Ms. Belinda - we look forward to seeing you soon!

Ms Brooke



NAIDOC WEEK

Our NAIDOC Week activities included learning about Indigenous cooking, literacy, art, and games.



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to our wonderful students and staff who are celebrating their birthdays over the next three weeks, including the holidays!

We hope you all have a very special day!

22ND SIENNAH

29TH HEIDI

1ST JACK

2ND IZAIAH

3RD ETHAN F



Volunteer Information Session



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Learn about the unique volunteer experience at Ballarat Hospice Care. Volunteering with us makes a local impact and directly helps people in our community.

Volunteering can be a time of growth, new friendships, appreciation and understanding. It starts by attending an information session.

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- Ballarat Hospice Care – who we are and what we do
- Current volunteering opportunities
- Things to consider before volunteering

Details

- Venue:** Ballarat Hospice Care
- Address:** 1836 Sturt St, Alfredton VIC
- Date/Time:** Thursday August 11, 10-11am
- Date/Time:** **OR** Thursday August 18, 6-7pm
- Parking:** Front of Ballarat Hospice Care or on the street
- Registration:** By August 10, 2022 on [Eventbrite here](#) or go to the Eventbrite website and search for Ballarat Hospice Care

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