



NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 2

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PRINCIPAL UPDATE



Hello parents, carers and community friends,

Welcome back to another wonderful year! I hope that everyone was able to enjoy some quality time with loved ones over the holidays. It has been so lovely to see all the students and families returning to school this week, and all the classes have settled into new rooms and new routines beautifully. I'm sure you will all enjoy the pages to come with the happy photos!

This year we have lots of things planned for our students, so it will be important to keep up-to-date with the calendar in the newsletter and notifications from Compass. If you have any issues with accessing Compass, please come in to the office so we can assist you.

We have had 12 amazing new Prep students begin in 2023, they have already met their buddies and are enjoying learning the ways of the school environment. With new Preps also come new families in our community, please make our new families feel welcome and introduce yourselves!

Some changes have happened since 2022, and the biggest is our new OSHClub service for families who require before and after school care. I have included more information and photos later in the newsletter. With the introduction of OSHClub, it is important to note that Breakfast Club is still available every day, but only between 8:45 and 9am. Our school grounds are unsupervised until 8:45am, therefore any students arriving prior to this should be enrolled in OSHClub. Students not in OSHClub must only arrive from 8:45am.

Another change is our specialist classes. This year, students will be learning Music and Auslan, STEAM (Art and Science), PE, and Respectful Relationships. We welcome Mrs. Holmes to our teaching team this year, who comes with a wealth of knowledge and plenty of enthusiasm. You may have heard that the students have already begun Music and Art with Mrs. Holmes this week. Our Kitchen Garden program is back this year with Mrs. Eustice and the lucky Grade 5/6 students will be cooking on Tuesday!

On Sunday 19th February we are holding a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Delacombe. To make this day successful, we are in need of some volunteers across the day. If you are available, please see the Compass post and complete the form, or let us know in the office what times you are available. This fundraising is much needed for some big projects in our school.

From all of the staff at Magpie PS - we are so excited to welcome you back and help all families make this year a fabulous one together! Please come into the office or call 5335 8851 if we can help you further. Thank you! Enjoy the weekend ahead.

MRS CARLY MIDDLETON

KEY DATES

January 30th

SSG day

January 31st

Students return

February 1st

No Preps on Wednesdays

February 7th

Grade 5/6 SAKG

February 8th

No Preps on Wednesdays

February 10th

Assembly 2:30pm in the Multi

February 14th

Grade 3/4 SAKG

February 15th

No Preps on Wednesdays

February 19th

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
Delacombe

March 13th

LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL

March 14th

Curriculum Day - NO SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Magpie Primary School takes great pride in our school uniform. It is important right from the beginning of the year to ensure your child has the correct uniform items for school.

The supplier for our school uniform is Beleza, and you can find them in Doveton Street or online www.beleza.com.au

From mid-August to the end of April (just a little bit more than Term 1 and Term 4) students are required to wear hats when outside. If students do not have hats on they must play under a covered area in our courtyard.

School uniform can be expensive, so it is extremely important that all uniform items are clearly named so we can return lost items to the owner quickly.



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)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	23 JAN	24 JAN	25 JAN	26 JAN	27 JAN STAFF RETURN TO SCHOOL
2	30 JAN SSG Meeting Day	31 JAN STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL	1 FEB Lunch Order No Preps	2 FEB	3 FEB Newsletter
3	6 FEB	7 FEB SAKG Cooking 5/6	8 FEB Lunch Order No Preps	9 FEB Prep Photo for the Courier	10 FEB Assembly
4	13 FEB	14 FEB SAKG Cooking 3/4	15 FEB Lunch Order No Preps	16 FEB	17 FEB Newsletter Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - SUNDAY
5	20 FEB	21 FEB	22 FEB Lunch Order No Preps	23 FEB School Council	24 FEB Assembly
6	27 FEB	28 FEB SAKG Cooking 2/3	1 MAR Lunch Order No Preps	2 MAR	3 MAR Newsletter
7	6 MAR	7 MAR SAKG Cooking 1/2	8 MAR Lunch Order No Preps	9 MAR	10 MAR Assembly
8	13 MAR LABOUR DAY	14 MAR CURRICULUM DAY	15 MAR Lunch Order	16 MAR	17 MAR Newsletter
9	20 MAR	21 MAR SAKG Cooking P/1 Harmony Day	22 MAR Lunch Order	23 MAR School Council	24 MAR Assembly
10	27 MAR	28 MAR	29 MAR Lunch Order	30 MAR	31 MAR Newsletter
11	3 APR	4 APR Afternoon Student Led Conferences	5 APR Lunch Order	6 APR Student Free - Student Led Conferences	

PREP



The Grade Prep/One Class have had a fantastic first week of school. Students have been getting to know one another and learning about classroom routines. Yesterday they got introduced to their Senior Buddy and it was lovely to see the senior students interacting with their buddies.



Students had their first P.E. and Music class on Thursday. We were so proud of how they all participated and worked together.



We are hoping to start our Home Reading Program next week so we would love to see all students bring their reader bags to school everyday.

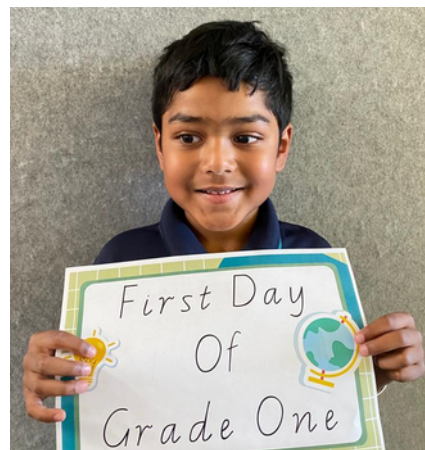
ONE/TWO



The Grade One/Two Class have had a busy first week of school. The students have been getting to know their new classroom routines. We have had a lot of reader bags coming to school already, which is amazing! Everyone will get a little prize in their reader bag for the first two weeks to help them get back into the habit.

In this first week we have started our phonics program. We have started our sound wall and we have been learning new language like voiced and unvoiced, stop and nose sounds. We have read some books about how different people feel about their first days at school. We have also been learning about flipping symmetry, clockwise and anticlockwise, vertical and horizontal. We are also beginning our learning about community. Have thought about how you fill someone's bucket and how we can work together to make a great learning community.

It's going to be a busy year so don't forget to go to bed early, drink plenty of water and eat healthy food so we can be ready for our learning.

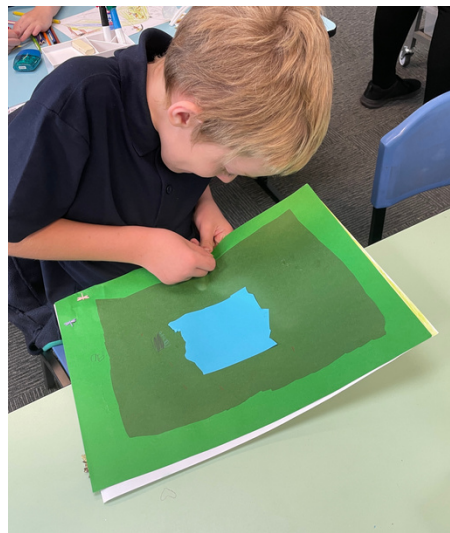


TWO/THREE



The Grade 2/3 class have settled in well this year. It's lovely to welcome back friends from last year, and meet our new friends for this year. This week we have been getting used to the classroom routines and expectations. Grade 2/3 is a time to mature and prepare for the senior years of primary school. This includes developing independence, managing personal care needs (eating, shoe tying etc). We have started our phonics program, our inquiry unit and our writing unit. In maths we have been practising the addition and subtraction strategies we learnt last year. In our inquiry unit we are focusing on our local community, learning about the important parts of a community, and the students created a model of a place in their community. Thank you to the parents/carers who have signed the diaries each night - home reading is a valuable way to support your child's learning at school.

A reminder to ensure that students have a lunchbox each day full of healthy food that promotes learning with fruit, vegetables, protein, dairy/dairy alternatives and healthy carbs. Lollies and sweets are best saved for the end of the day at home. Getting to bed early, and waking up on time are also key to success at school!



THREE/FOUR



Welcome back 3/4's! I am so excited to be here teaching such a beautiful class. This week has been an absolute blast and I can't wait for more to come! We have spent lots of time getting to know one another through games and challenge activities. Students have settled very well, and even know the classroom routine already! Dodgeball has been the winner this week, I even got to join in. I have realised though that my throwing and catching skills could use some work...

We have so many fun things to do this term, for example Music with our new STEAM teacher Mrs Holmes, having a pancake day (Shrove day), Harmony day and of course P.E with Mr B is always a hit in our class.



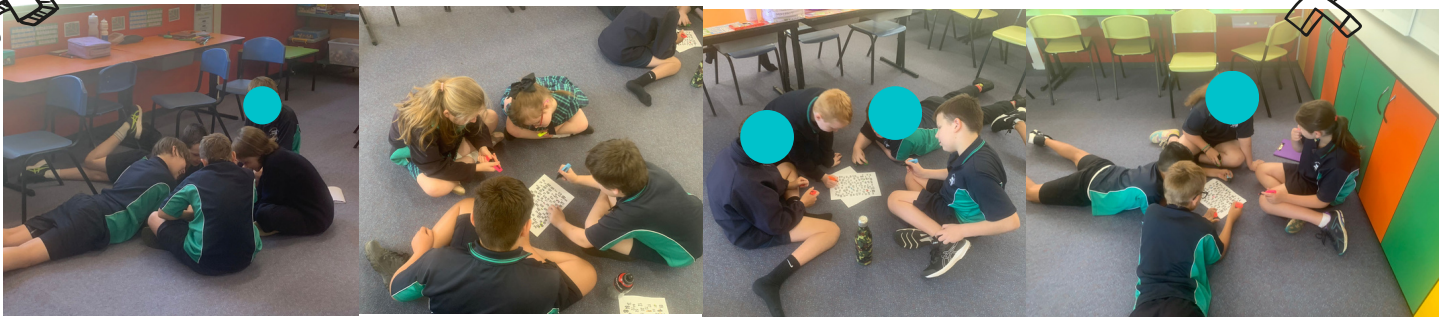
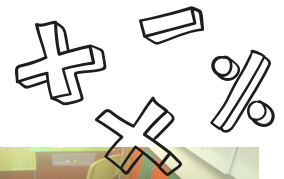
FIVE/SIX



Welcome to a new year of Magpie Primary School. In Grade 5/6 we have done a bit so far. On Tuesday we had fun during maths, playing a game in groups of 4. We had to find as many numbers in order by taking turns, but it wasn't easy!



In our classroom we have a height chart, we are all excited to see how much we grow this year! My favourite thing so far this week was learning how to write a neat list in our writing books of all the things we did and didn't do in the summer holidays! - By David



On the very first day back at school the Grade 6's got new jumpers. At the back of our jumpers they have all the Grade 6's names. the jumpers are really comfy and will keep us warm all year! We love them so much we don't want to take them off, even when we get hot, Mrs Ellis hopes they don't get too stinky! These jumpers shouldn't be put in the dryer because they might shrink! By Caleb



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to our wonderful staff and students who have celebrated a birthday over the January break and first week back at school!

A graphic with the words "Happy Birthday!" in large, colorful, 3D-style letters. The letters are in various colors including yellow, pink, blue, green, and orange. The background is dark blue with small, colorful confetti dots scattered around.

JANUARY

DEECAN - 2ND

KAHSYN - 15TH

TYLER S - 22ND

TYLER G - 23RD

BEC - 20TH

OLLIE - 26TH

NOAH - 30TH

LUCAS - 31ST

FEBRUARY

CHAD - 2ND



OSHClub

We are very lucky to be working alongside Caitlyn, Josh and Brittney from OSHClub this year. Before and after school care has begun really well! Did you know that with the subsidies available - the cost can be less than a cup of coffee! If you are interested in enrolling your child/ren, please head to <https://www.oshclub.com.au/vic/magpie-primary-school/>



OSHClub 

Before and After School Fun!

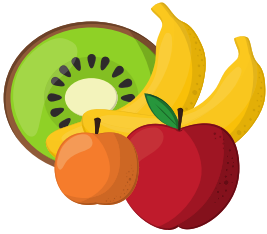
Coming to Magpie Primary in Term 1, 2023!

Bookings Open NOW!
www.oshclub.com.au



A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

FRESH FRUIT AND VEGGIES

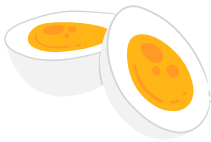


Chopped or whole, a variety every day.



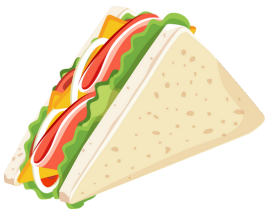
PROTEINS

Meat, eggs, fish, hommus, pulses, seeds



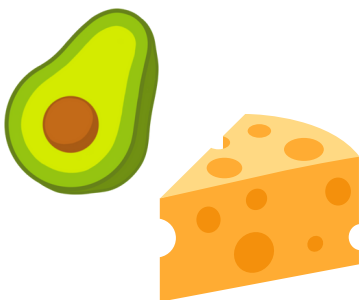
WHOLE GRAINS

Sandwiches, wraps, rice, pasta, quinoa, whole grain/seed crackers or rice cakes



FATS

Avocado, cheese, mayonnaise, salad dressing



WATER



TREAT

Dried fruit, muesli bar, muffin, homemade cake or slice,



HEALTHY HABITS

School age is the perfect time for children to learn about healthy food, bodies and activity to help them build healthy attitudes, preferences and behaviours that will carry throughout their growing years.

Some healthy eating tips to include in discussions with primary school-aged students can be found here:

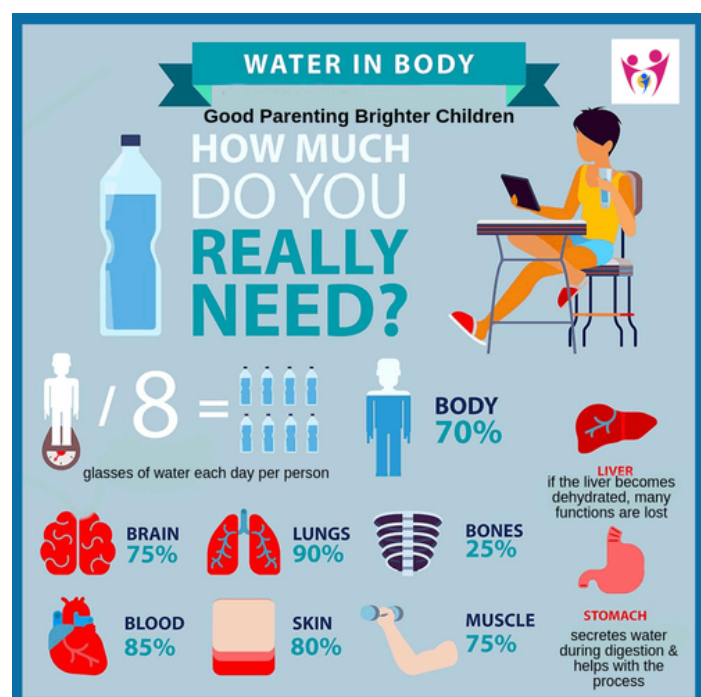
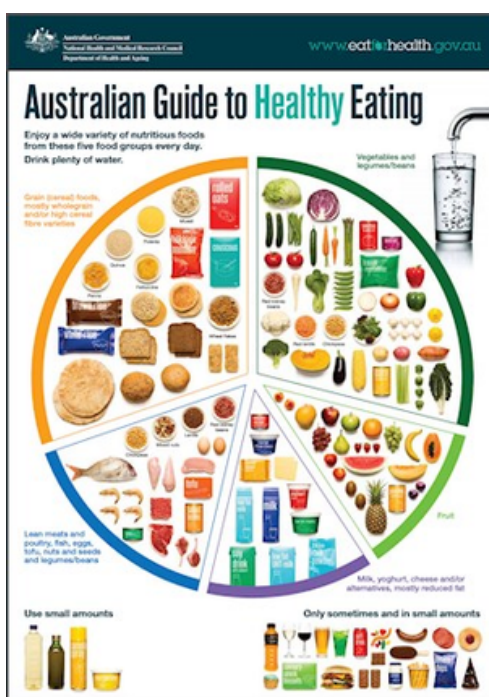
[Better Health Channel](#)

We have fresh fruit at school every day! Fruit and vegetables are an important part of a family's daily diet, as they contain vitamins and minerals for good health and help protect against some diseases.

Australians should eat at least five serves of vegetables and two serves of fruit each day as part of a well-balanced diet and maintain a healthy, active lifestyle.

Fruit drinks and other sweet drinks are not suitable for school.

They are high in energy but low in nutritional value. Drinking them can lead to weight gain and dental caries, and can also make it harder for students to concentrate in the classroom. Students should be provided with a water bottle or drink fresh water from the taps.



ROAD SAFETY

Safety in the Carpark

I would like to begin the year with a reminder to our families, that the biggest priority is student safety. Please respect the road rules and be careful when driving around our school.

- **All roads surrounding our school are limited to 40 kph during school times.**
- When driving through the school grounds please keep to a **walking pace**.
- Remember our children learn by what we model. Please ensure everyone is continuing to **cross only at the crossing – for safety, do not allow children to cross at the street entrance to the car park or from between cars.**
- When parking around our school, please follow all rules, including the **angled parking on the street.**

Angle parking

If a parking sign shows that you need to park on an angle, you must park your car on the angle shown on the sign or in the marked spaces.

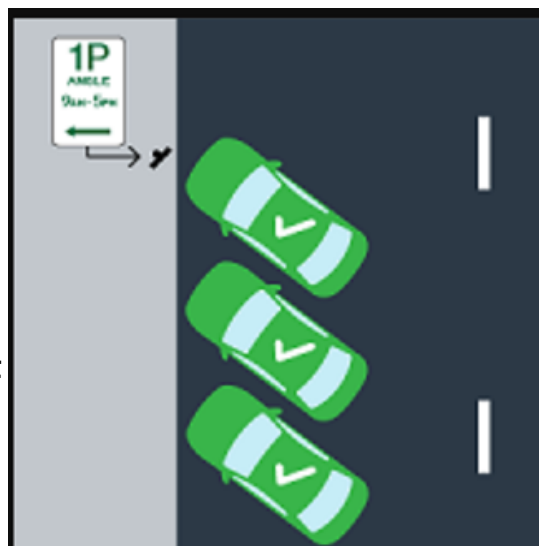
If there isn't an angle shown on the sign, and no marked spaces, you must park at a 45 degree angle.

If you park at an angle other than 90° (e.g. 45°), **you must position your car with its rear nearest to the centre of the road** (unless a sign says otherwise).

For more information, please go to: <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-rules/a-to-z-of-road-rules/parking>

REMEMBER:

NO REVERSE PARKING
NO REVERSING ONTO
THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF
THE STREET



Victoria Police and Ballarat Council are working with the school to ensure everyone is safe.