



NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 2

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Magpie Primary School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live, work, learn and play.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Hello parents, carers and community!



I would like to begin this newsletter by sending our thoughts to the Exford PS community. It was a heartbreaking moment to hear this on the news this week and I know that everyone will join in sending our best wishes to the families affected by this tragedy. It is a stark reminder to treat every moment as something special and treasure our families.

A big thank you must go out to our School Council members - they did an amazing effort gathering prizes for our Mother's Day Raffle and we raised over \$700 through their efforts. Congratulations to all those who took home a prize.

It was a wonderful day, last Friday, seeing all of our special ladies join our students for an open morning. The morning began with a heart-warming assembly, and followed with a morning tea of student-made scones, and sharing of activities in the classrooms. There were many smiles, laughs and hugs shared. Thank you to those who came to share in the morning. And for those who couldn't make it, we hope you enjoyed your take-home scones!

This week, School Council met and have approved the upgrade to our courtyard, thanks to a grant received from Catherine King's office. Mr. Dale has already begun out there and soon we will be getting synthetic turf to make this an all-year-round area of play. This is very exciting news for us. If you have some skills that may assist Mr. Dale in his efforts with demolishing and re-building retaining walls and fencing, please let us know - he would love any assistance offered!

School Council also discussed the safety of our students this week. Unfortunately, we have had multiple 'near-misses' in our car park and out the front of our school, and it's just not worth the risk! Our students are most valuable and irreplaceable. Please, do not allow your children to cross the road in the car park in any other place except for the crossing. We have all seen children running across from between cars, crossing near the lower gate, and cars not following parking and road laws. I cannot express how disappointing this is when we are all working hard towards keeping our students safe. Let's all work together to model and encourage safe road behaviours with our students.

'Donut' forget - next Friday is our JSC hot jam donut day! More info to come!

Have a fabulous weekend!

MRS CARLY MIDDLETON

KEY DATES

May 23rd

Gr 3/4 SAKG

May 26th

Donut Day

May 29th - 31st

Gr 3-6 School Camp

May 29th

Reconciliation Week

May 29th

P-2 excursion to Botanic Gardens

May 30th

Gr 1/2 SAKG

June 2nd

'Wear it Yellow' Day

June 9th

Curriculum Day - No School

June 12th

King's Birthday - Public Holiday

June 13th & 14th

Grade 5 Sovereign Hill

June 17th

'Elemental' Movie Fundraiser
3pm



SCHOOL CALENDAR

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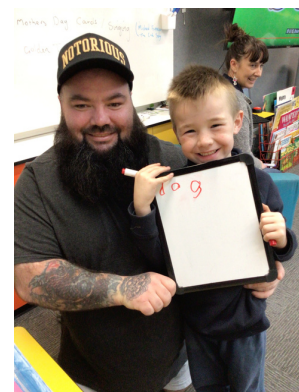
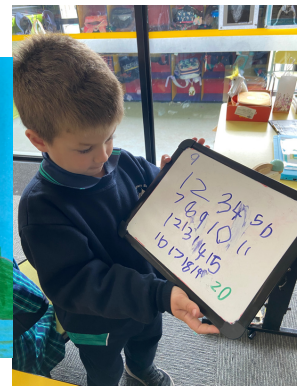
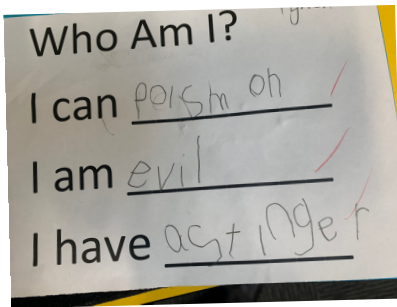
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	24 APR STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL	25 APR ANZAC DAY	26 APR Lunch Order	27 APR Teeth on Wheels	28 APR Winter Sports
2	1 MAY	2 MAY SAKG Cooking 5/6	3 MAY Lunch Order	4 MAY	5 MAY Newsletter Winter Sports
3	8 MAY	9 MAY School Photos	10 MAY Lunch Order	11 MAY Dance Program for 3/4 & 5/6 begins	12 MAY Mother's Day Morning & Assembly
4	15 MAY	16 MAY SAKG Cooking 2/3	17 MAY Lunch Order	18 MAY School Council	19 MAY Newsletter
5	22 MAY	23 MAY SAKG Cooking 3/4	24 MAY Lunch Order	25 MAY	26 MAY Assembly National Sorry Day Donut Day
6	29 MAY Reconciliation Week Grade 3-6 Camp P-2 Excursion	30 MAY SAKG Cooking 1/2 Grade 3-6 Camp	31 MAY Lunch Order Grade 3-6 Camp	1 JUN	2 JUN Newsletter Wear it Yellow Day
7	5 JUN	6 JUN	7 JUN Lunch Order	8 JUN	9 JUN CURRICULUM DAY
8	12 JUN KING'S BIRTHDAY	13 JUN SAKG Cooking P/1 Grade 5 - Sovereign Hill Crazy Hair Day	14 JUN Lunch Order Grade 5 - Sovereign Hill	15 JUN School Council	16 JUN Newsletter Sat 17th Movie Fundraiser
9	19 JUN	20 JUN	21 JUN Lunch Order	22 JUN	23 JUN Assembly 2pm - Early finish 2:30

PREP/ONE



Term 2 is flying by and the Prep/Ones have been very busy learning and playing! In Literacy we have been learning more about bugs. We practiced writing clues about bugs to help with descriptive language. We have also been focusing on our phonics. Yesterday we practiced writing the letter D and made some ducks with our hands prints. In Numeracy we have begun an investigation into vehicles and their features. We have been focusing on 2D shapes and describing their attributes. We have also been writing numbers to 20.

We loved seeing all our special ladies in for our open classroom and morning tea last Friday. It was great to see so many faces and the students were so proud to show you how hard they're working.

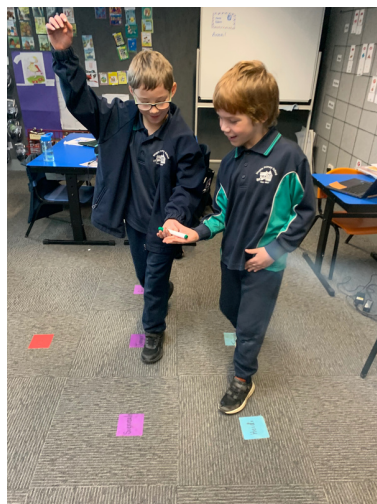
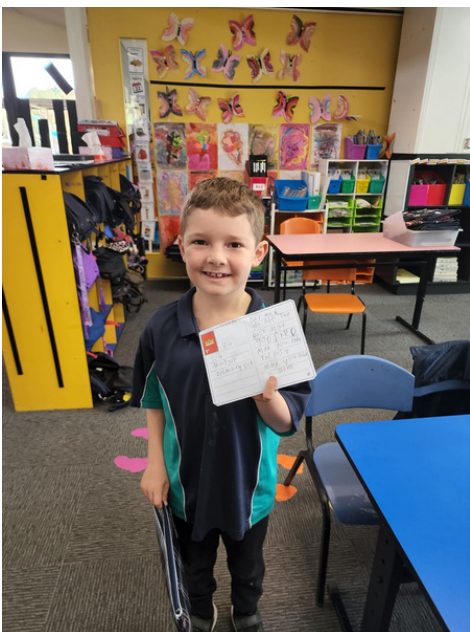
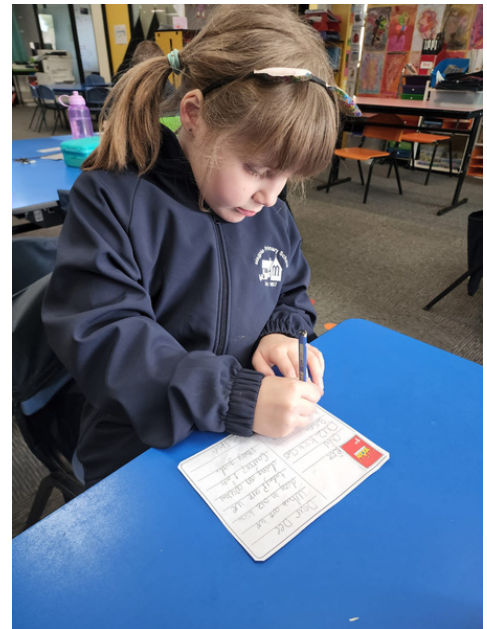
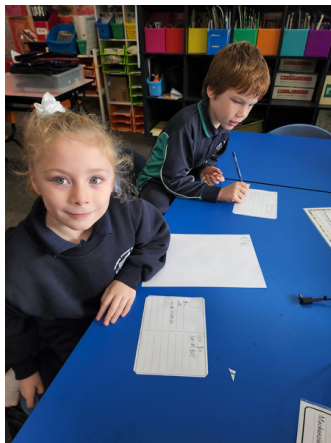
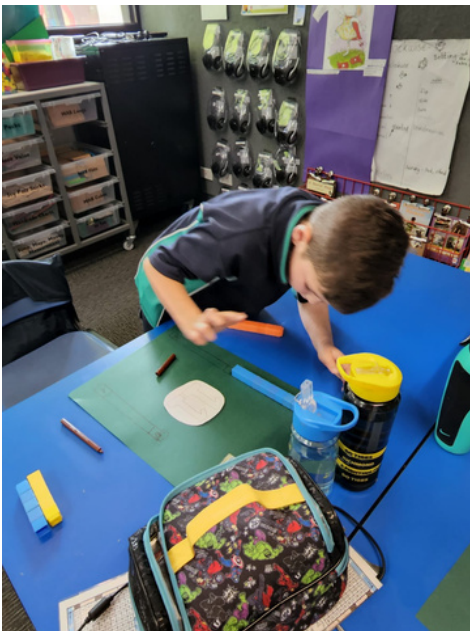


ONE/TWO



YEAR 1/2 HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD AND LEARNING LOTS OF NEW EXCITING THINGS. IN LITERACY, WE HAVE HAD A FOCUS ON UNDERSTANDING CHARACTERS AND WHY THEY BEHAVE THE WAY THEY DO. WE HAVE RECENTLY STARTED TO LEARN ABOUT STORIES CELEBRATING DIVERSITY, AND EVEN LEARNED SOME SPANISH WORDS THIS WEEK! WE WROTE POSTCARDS TO PRECIOUS FRIENDS.

IN NUMERACY, YOU MAY HAVE SEEN US LEARNING ALL ABOUT REPEATING PATTERNS IF YOU MANAGED TO POP INTO CLASS FOR MOTHER'S DAY. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE EVERYONE WHO MADE IT! THIS WEEK WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON STRATEGIES FOR ADDITION, REMEMBERING THAT **PART+PART = WHOLE**. FINALLY, THE TEAMWORK HAS BEEN IMPRESSIVE IN OUR CLASS THIS WEEK. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE A TASK - SURELY THE BEST WAY!



TWO/THREE



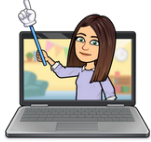
It's been a busy fortnight of cooking in the 2/3 classroom. First the class worked hard with Mrs Eustice to make scones for our Special Ladies' Day morning tea! Then we had our Kitchen Garden day this week where the students spent time learning about fruits and vegetables that grow over winter, and researching facts about plants. In the kitchen the students whipped up a delicious autumnal menu of chicken noodle soup with fresh herbs served with focaccia, cheesy jacket potatoes with sour cream and bacon, and a rich chocolate and pear cake served with cream. It's great to see the students working together during Kitchen Garden, learning new skills, and giving new foods a try (even if they're not to our taste!)... and practising our table manners! Cooking and gardening are excellent skills to learn and we are lucky to have Mrs Eustice and Ms Stef teaching them to us.



THREE/FOUR



Just like that we have already finished week 4! This term will be over before we know it! Things that had been focused on this fortnight were first aid training, lots of arts and crafts, dance, running around, football and of course heaps of learning!



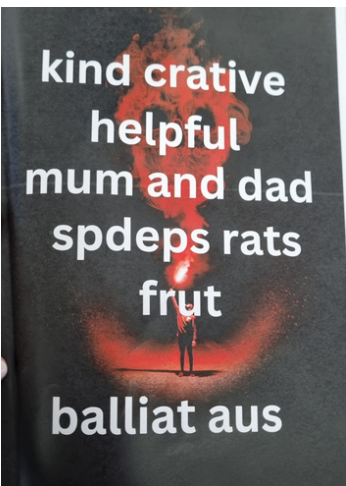
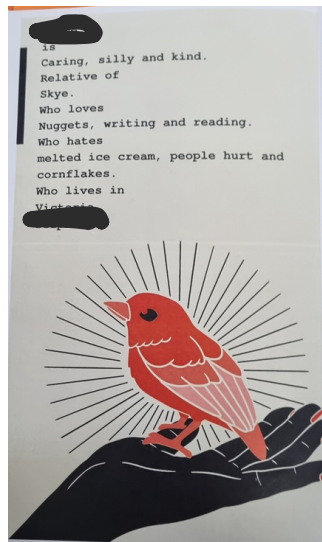
FIRST AID TRAINING

The students were very lucky to have someone come and teach them basic first aid (DRABC). They showed such care and kindness to one another and were very eager to share stories, opinions and of course have a go.



LIMERICK AND BIOGRAPHY POEMS

In Writing we have been focusing on Limerick poems and we have just started to explore Biography Poems this week too. Students have made me cackle all week with their Limerick poems! I really am so blown away by the work I have seen in Writing this year. Keep it up 3/4!



Bio Poem Plan

(your first name)

Is _____

(words that describe you)

Relative of _____

(your parents, grandparents, siblings...)

Who loves _____

(three people or things you love)

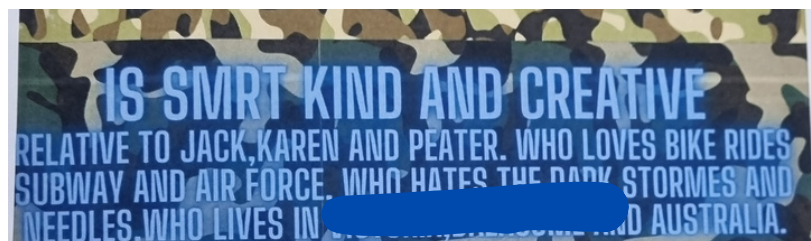
Who hates _____

(three things you hate)

Who lives in _____

(the town or a brief description of where you live)

(your last name)



FIVE/SIX



FIRST AID – DRSABC AND CPR



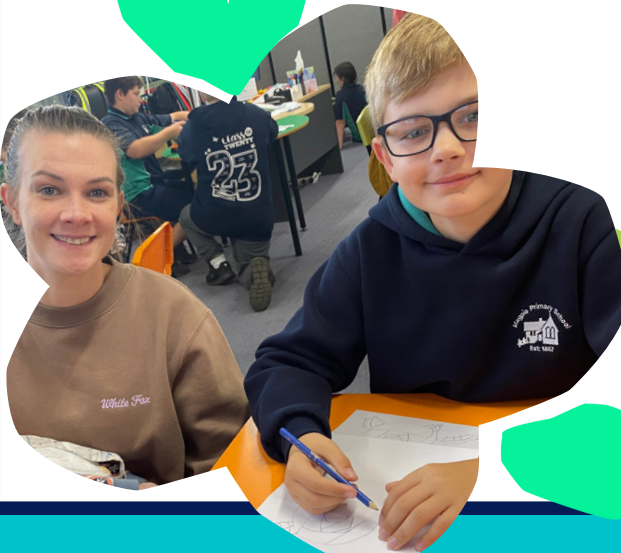
The knowledge and skills gained in our First Aid in Schools Program last week helped to develop First Aid awareness in our school children and will contribute to building a more resilient community. Our instructor showed us the importance of First Aid and what to do in an emergency, including calling 000 and performing CPR. The Action Plan scenarios made the program realistic and enjoyable. The Grade 5/6 had a practical CPR component, which guided students through how to perform CPR and when it is required in a First Aid situation.



THANKS FOR COMING IN!

THANK YOU

WE HOPE ALL THE SPECIAL LADIES IN OUR LIVES WERE SHOWN HOW GRATEFUL WE ALL ARE FOR YOUR SUPPORT EACH AND EVERY DAY!



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to our wonderful students who are celebrating their birthdays over the next fortnight!

Happy
Birthday!

MAY

MASON B 21ST

HUNTER 24TH

MACKENZIE 24TH

ZEDITH 27TH

SOPHIE 27TH

TYSON 30TH

AMELIA 1ST JUNE





COME ALONG TO

MAGPIE PRIMARY SCHOOL'S MOVIE FUNDRAISER



Saturday, June 17th, 3pm

Showbiz Cinema, DTC

Tickets are \$15 each, available on QKR soon

Last date to order is June 9th

Door prizes on the day!



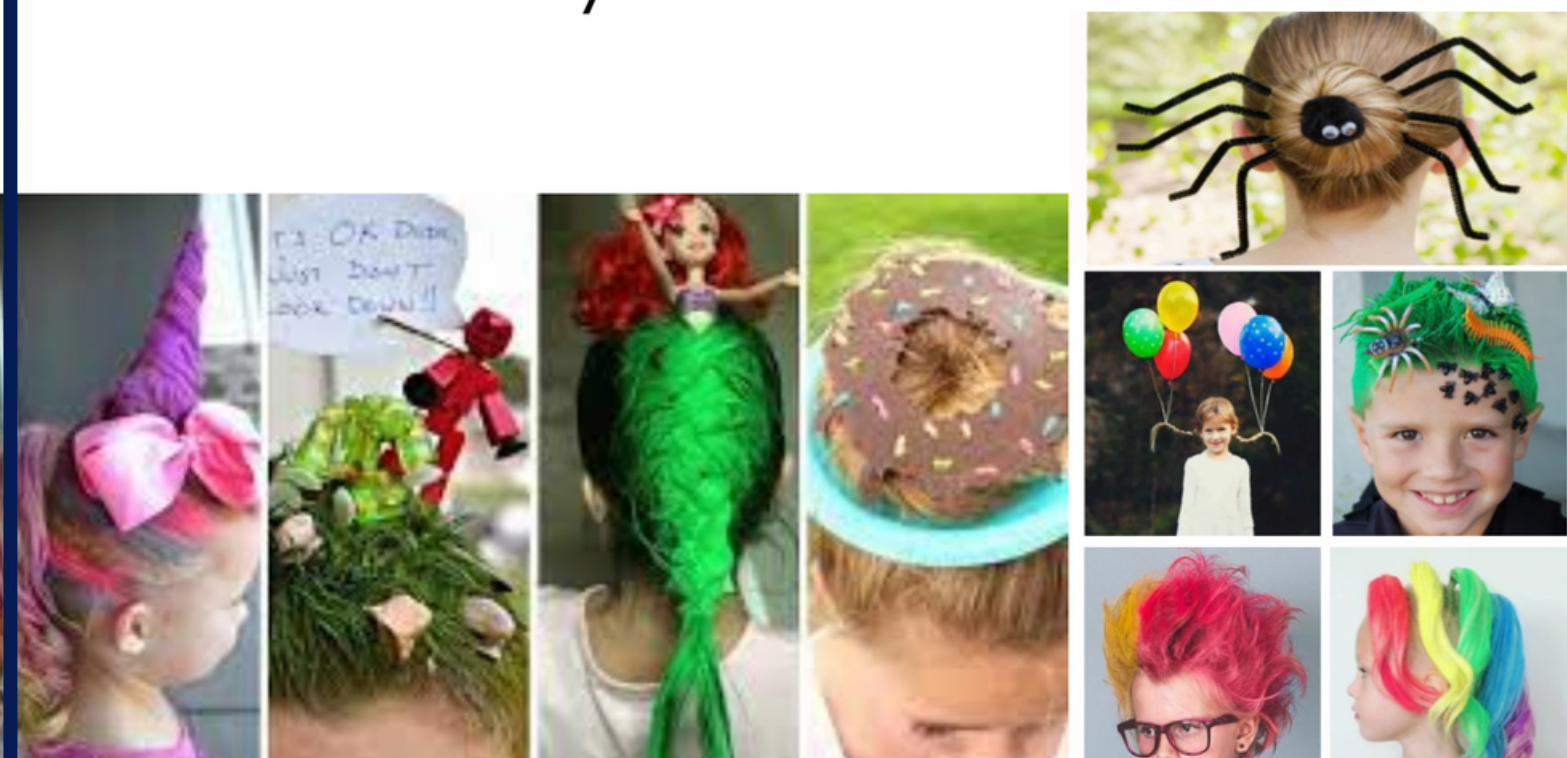
HOT JAM DONUTS

Hot Jam Donut Day is Friday 26th of May & Friday 23rd of June. Money raised from this fundraiser will go towards purchasing art supplies.



CRAZY HAIR DAY

Magpie PS is looking forward to holding our **Crazy Hair Day on Tuesday 13th of June.** We ask all students to make a gold coin donation either via Qkr or on the day to their teacher. The JSC will then meet to determine how they can best use the money within our school.



SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP



SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING NEW ENROLMENTS !

**TUESDAY
MORNINGS IN
MAGPIE
COMMUNITY
SHED**

- Come along and meet other families
- Fun engaging activities and circle time
- Learn about play and children's development
- Parenting tips
- Information on local events & services
- Ideas for things to try at home

Places are limited, for more information please contact:

Emily – City of Ballarat, Supported Playgroups

Ph: 0417 314 501

Email: emilymarkovic@ballarat.vic.gov.au



RECYCLE, EARN & PLAY



Our school* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.



Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school* earns!

Collections close 7th July.

Tip for collecting:
Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know?

Last year, schools collected over **10 tonnes of soft plastic**, that's the weight of an elephant!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!

* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag [@wonder.australia](#) [#wonderrecyclingrewards](#) to share all your recycling champion stories!

