



# NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 6

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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!



What an exciting couple of weeks we've had here. From Science Week, to cooking, excursions, sport, One-Colour Day, Dance, and everything in between! Thank you to all our amazing staff and student leaders who have made this all happen.

Next week some of our staff are attending a learning walk to see what other local schools are doing in their literacy work. This will be a valuable experience for our staff and we hope to bring back some more great ideas to go with our current progress in this area.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our families of the supervision times at school. Our school yard is only supervised from 8:45am and until 3:20pm. The duty of care for all students remains with the parent / carer prior to 8:45am. If you require assistance beyond these times, please contact Josh in OSHClub for some great support. Our OSHClub service is fantastic and Josh is very helpful.

It has also been brought to my attention that smoking / vaping has been occurring on school grounds. Please note that the Tobacco Act 1987 bans smoking or vaping on school premises or within 4 metres of any pedestrian access point to school premises. The smoking and vaping ban applies to: anyone present on school premises (*including in their car in the carpark*) during and outside of school hours including students, teachers, and school visitors.

On Friday 1st September, we will be hosting a Father's Day & Special Persons afternoon. More details are to come. However, it will include a BBQ lunch and some afternoon fun!

Mrs. Ellis has begun some leave for the remainder of this term. We will miss Mrs. Ellis and will be happy to see her back next term, but we are also very lucky to welcome Mrs. Francis into 5/6 for the rest of term! Mrs. M has also extended her leave for another few weeks, although we were looking forward to having her return. Mrs. Francis has done some wonderful work with the 1/2s this term, and we are lucky to have Ms. H stepping in to the 1/2 room to work with Mrs. Connolly over the next few weeks.

Enjoy the weekend, and take care!

**MRS CARLY MIDDLETON**

## KEY DATES

### August 21st

Book Week

Bulldogs Football Clinic (Gr  
3 - 5)

### August 22nd

Open morning - prospective  
families

### August 25th

Book Week Dress Up as a  
favourite character  
Hot Chip Day  
Author Presentation

### August 29th

Landcare Garden Day local  
excursion - planting trees at the  
creek

### August 31st

Indigenous Literacy Day

### September 1st

Father's & Special People's  
Day afternoon (details to come)

### September 4th

Student Free Day

### September 13th

Waru performance at  
Melbourne Arts Centre - Whole  
School Excursion



# SCHOOL CALENDAR

## TERM 3

|    | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY                             | FRIDAY  |
|----|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1  | 10 JUL<br>NAIDOC Week<br>STUDENTS RETURN<br>TO SCHOOL | 11 JUL   | 13 JUL<br>Lunch Order                             | 14 JUL                               | 15 JUL  |
| 2  | 17 JUL  | 18 JUL   | 19 JUL<br>Lunch Order                             | 20 JUL                               | 21 JUL<br>Newsletter<br>Free hot lunch                                |
| 3  | 24 JUL  | 25 JUL<br>SAKG Cooking 5/6                           | 26 JUL<br>Lunch Order                             | 27 JUL                               | 28 JUL<br>Assembly  |
| 4  | 31 JUL  | 1 AUG<br>SAKG Cooking 3/4                            | 2 AUG<br>Lunch Order                              | 3 AUG<br>School Council              | 4 AUG<br>Newsletter<br>Free hot lunch<br>Aboriginal<br>Children's Day |
| 5  | 7 AUG   | 8 AUG<br>SAKG Cooking 2/3                            | 9 AUG<br>Whole School -<br>Serendip<br>Sanctuary  | 10 AUG                               | 11 AUG<br>Assembly  |
| 6  | 14 AUG<br>Science Week                                | 15 AUG<br>SAKG Cooking 1/2                           | 16 AUG<br>Lunch Order                             | 17 AUG                               | 18 AUG<br>Newsletter<br>Free hot lunch                                |
| 7  | 21 AUG<br>Book Week<br>Bulldogs Football Clinic       | 22 AUG<br>OPEN<br>MORNING                            | 23 AUG<br>Lunch Order                             | 24 AUG                               | 25 AUG<br>Book Week<br>Dress Up Day<br>Hot Chip Day                   |
| 8  | 28 AUG  | 29 AUG<br>SAKG Cooking P/1<br>Landcare Garden<br>Day | 30 AUG<br>Lunch Order                             | 31 AUG<br>Indigenous<br>Literacy Day | 1 SEP<br>Newsletter<br>Father's Day<br>afternoon & BBQ                |
| 9  | 4 SEP<br>CURRICULUM<br>DAY                            | 5 SEP  | 6 SEP<br>Lunch Order                              | 7 SEP<br>School Council              | 8 SEP   |
| 10 | 11 SEP  | 12 SEP<br>Student Led<br>Interviews 3:30-<br>5:30    | 13 SEP<br>Whole School -<br>Arts Centre -<br>Waru | 14 SEP                               | 15 SEP<br>Student Led<br>Interviews 9-12<br>STUDENT FREE              |

# SCHOOL UNIFORM

Magpie Primary School takes great pride in our school uniform. It is important 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](http://www.beleza.com.au)

During winter, students may bring warm jackets to be worn outside, as well as navy blue or school logo beanies. All other items must be within our uniform policy. Plain black leather school shoes are the best shoes for this weather. 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)



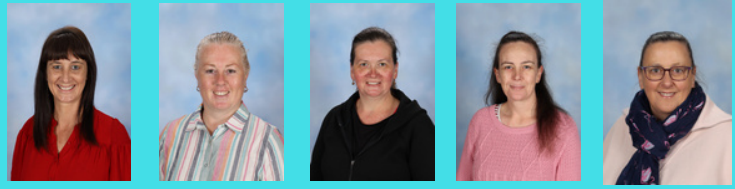
## Student footwear:

- 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)

# PREP/ONE



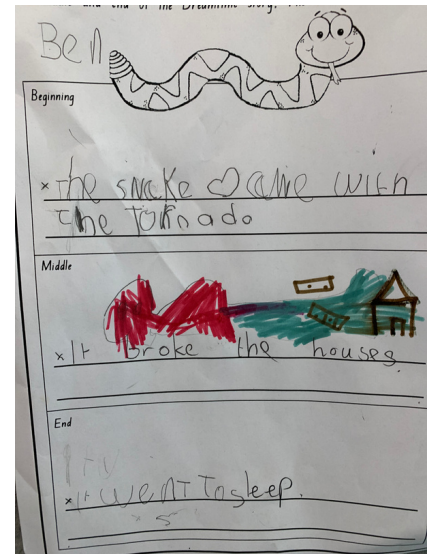
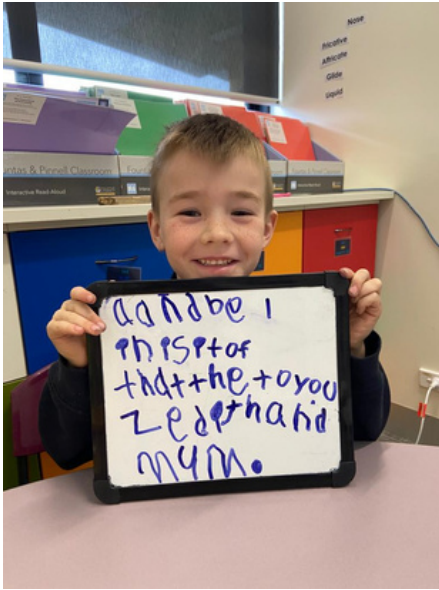
The students have enjoyed another busy fortnight in the classroom and beyond. Last Wednesday we had a lovely day out at Serendip Sanctuary. We spent the day exploring the wetlands and learning about mini-beasts and their habitats.

In Literacy we have been reading Indigenous Dreamtime Stories and practicing the skill of retelling the story. The students made a giant rainbow snake out of fabric and paper. We have also been practicing three letter words.

In Numeracy we celebrated Humpty Dumpty's 8th birthday. The students worked hard at planning the party. They set the time and date, made invitations, prepared the food and the party games and decorated the classroom.



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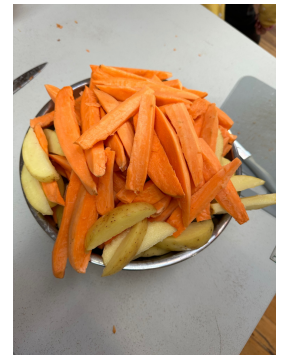


# ONE/TWO



This week we had our kitchen garden cooking day! We started the day by planting some herbs and vegetables, we can't wait to watch them grow and hopefully use them in our next cooking session.

We split into 3 groups, group 1 with Mrs Francis and Miss Mia preparing a Greek salad and potato wedges. Group 2 with Ms Stef making chicken parma's and group 3 with Mrs Eustice making golden syrup dumplings.

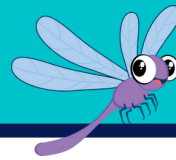


# TWO/THREE

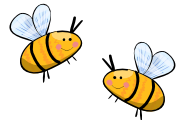
This week is Science Week, and the students read 'Rosie Revere, Engineer' with Mrs Connolly during STEM. The story follows Rosie as she attempts to build a flying machine. This book has a great message about not giving up when things seem too hard. After reading the book, the students all had a go at making their own flying machines. They worked on them through the week, ready for the Big Flying Machine Competition on Friday. It was great to hear the students working together, cooperating and solving problems together. All excellent traits for engineers! The students have also been working on retelling texts - we have been doing a deep dive on the book Little Turtle and the Sea, and this week the students worked in groups to perform sections of the story, and they used Scratch Jr to create an animated retelling of the story. They also held a 'Hot Seat' session, where students took turns pretending to be Little Turtle, and the other students interviewed them about the experiences the turtle had in the story.



# THREE/FOUR



What an exciting, exhausting and yet excellent fortnight we have had in the 3/4 classroom! There has been so many amazing learning opportunities and students have been giving each task a red-hot go. We have been learning about angles, 3D shapes and division through games, interactive PowerPoints and of course catchy YouTube videos to really drill home all the important facts. A catchy tune helps me remember things...well sometimes!



Students had enjoyed the one colour day, I unfortunately was away unwell, but I bet everyone look snazzy! We have some exciting events happening in the coming weeks, for example, Monday 21st of August grades 3-5 are lucky enough to have a footy clinic here at MPS. This will be between 10am-11am, and students will be able to win some free mechanise from the Bulldogs!

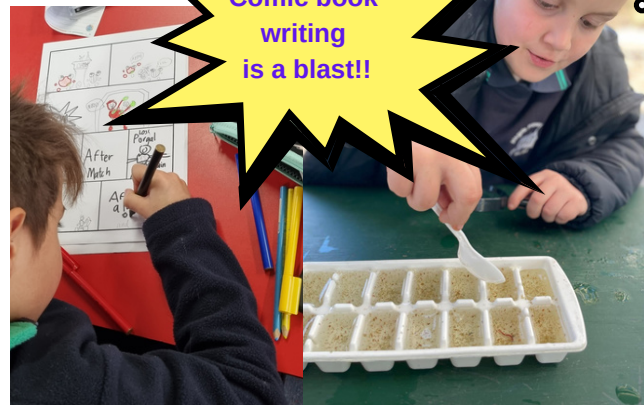


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So many bugs!



Comic book writing is a blast!!

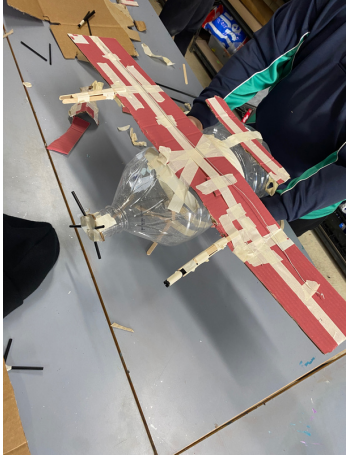




# FIVE/SIX



## ONE COLOUR DAY, SERENDIP & SCIENCE WEEK



Our task was to create a flying machine for Science Week. We got a big bottle, we took the lid part off, and then we made wings out of cardboard and tape and stuck them onto the bottle. We hope that this will glide in the competition.



I cut up a piece of cardboard into 2 parts and made something similar to a boomerang. When I did my first test, it helped me decide on the design. - Mason B



### Serendip Excursion

On Wednesday we ventured into the Serendip Sanctuary and had an amazing day looking at native animals, wetlands, and fossils. We had a great day!



# BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to our wonderful students who have celebrated or are about to celebrate their birthdays this month!

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

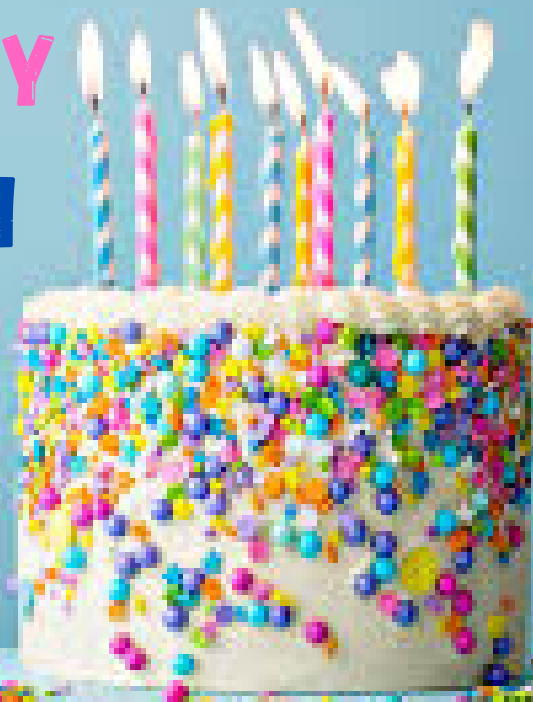
## **AUGUST**

**23RD – BRITTNEY**

**23RD – CALLAN**

**31ST – KOBE**

**1ST – TEHYA**



## BOOKWEEK CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT

Magpie Primary students will welcome local Ballarat children's author Elyse Hunt on Friday 25th August for bookweek.

Elyse will run a session with the children which will include reading her debut book *Astrid's Big Day*, which was released last year.

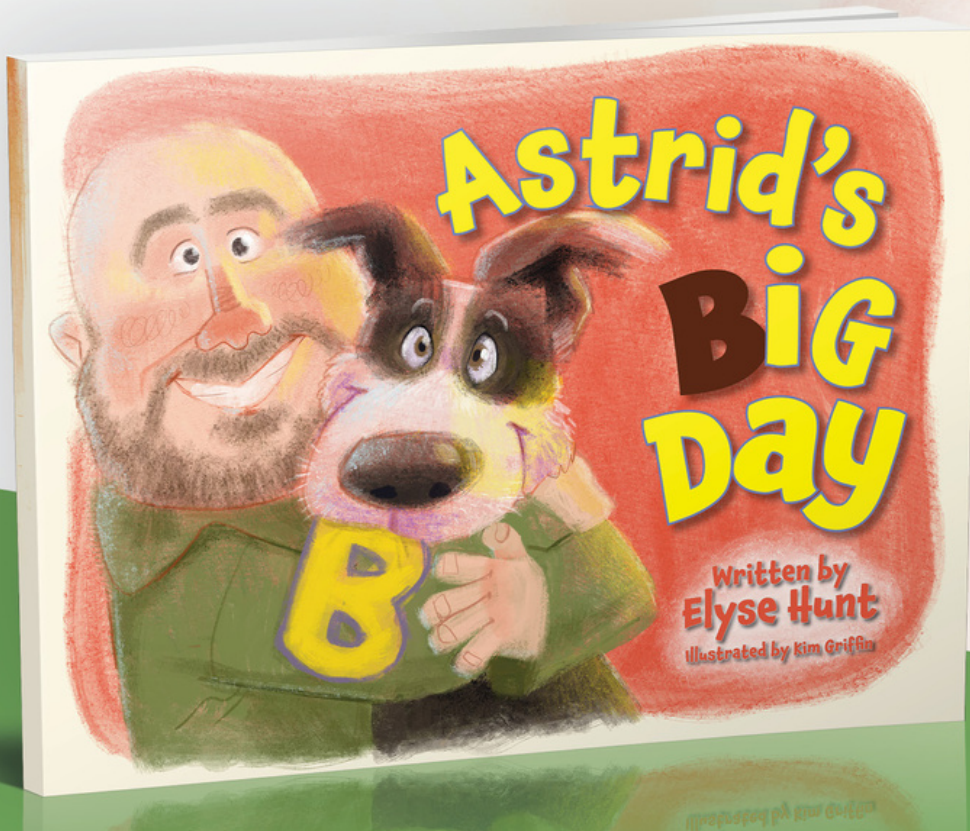
The book tells the tale of Astrid the dog and follows her emotional experiences throughout her day.

As a special offer for Magpie Primary School students - signed copies of the book can be pre-purchased for \$17 (retail \$20) via the link below and given out on the day of the visit. Books can also be purchased on the day, or from Ballarat's local book stores.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO PURCHASE YOUR COPY PRIOR TO THE VISIT.

**“A funny cute tale for kids to follow along and enjoy ... very good first book ...”**

**Carol, Indiebook reviewer**





# ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Now accepting enrolments for  
Foundation 2024!



To find out more or book  
a tour call 03 5335 8851

**Tours  
welcome -  
we'd love  
to meet  
you!**



# Open Morning

Considering schools for 2024?  
Come and see us at Magpie!



Tuesday  
22nd  
August  
9 - 11am

Open morning includes - tour, open classrooms, activities, morning tea!

See what we do, watch our students in action, meet our staff, join in and mingle.



## All welcome!

Register your interest in attending using the QR code



# Book Week Dress Up Day



## Friday, August 25th

Come dressed as a character  
from a book.  
Prizes for the most creative  
costumes!



## What's been happening...

The last few weeks at OSH Club have been full of excitement and activities. Our Term 3 clubs have kicked off in full force, our Taste of Europe club on Mondays, and our Waste Warriors Club on Tuesdays.

Although this month has been very cold, we've been trying to stay warm in the mornings by getting busy in the kitchen cooking pancakes, smoothies, muffins and some no bake goodies. In the afternoons we've had some classics like waffles, mini pizzas, Scrolls, Butter Chicken & even Spaghetti Bolognese.

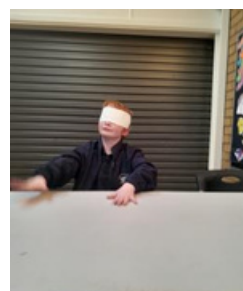
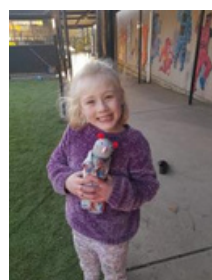
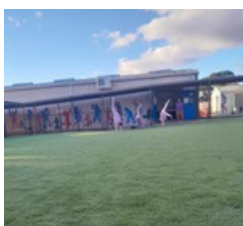
This Term we have launched another domain of play (Global Kids), this domain is all about the world we live in and what's around us. The kids have enjoyed doing some nature scavenger hunts and playing plenty of animal charades.

In our Stay and Play Program after school, the children have been wanting to get outside as much as possible when the sun is out, we have been playing cricket to work on our striking and fundamental motor skills, general outdoor play and some of our super sports activities like bean bag and sheep tag.

We are excited for the remaining weeks of Term 3, and plan to have as much fun in the following weeks as we have thus far. Looking forward to seeing some faces that we haven't seen in a while and welcome you back to OSH CLUB.

Brits last day will be the 24th of August, we will be having a little OSH party in the afternoon. Come along to thank her for an amazing job and say farewell.

To enrol go to [oshclub.com.au](http://oshclub.com.au) or for more information phone 0486013816.





## Coming Up

Aug 24

### Brittnay's Last day

Brits finishing up at the service to start a new job.

Sep 18

### Term 3 Holiday Program Begins

## Club News

### Waste Warriors Club

**Last week** - We created Tote Bags from donated old shirts.

**This week**- We made socktopusses from donated old socks.

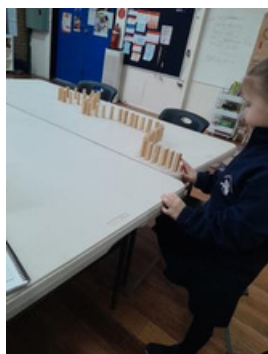
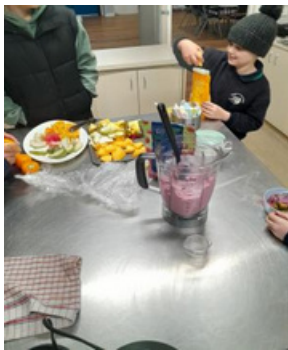
**Next Week**- We're going to create a hands around the world poster with collected bottle caps.

### A Taste of Europe Club

**Last Week** - We completed some blindfold mystery taste testing of a range of foods from Europe

**This week** - We made our very own hummus dip and discussed where it was originated

**Next Week** - We are making our own pasta from scratch.





# EXCITING NEWS



Teeth on Wheels will  
be visiting our School  
for Dental Check-ups  
and Oral Health  
Education!!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM

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### **What can the \$500 be used for?**

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-  lessons & activities
-  uniforms & shoes
-  books & supplies
-  vocational education
-  camps & excursions

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# Supported Playgroups

**TUESDAY  
MORNINGS**  
at  
Magpie Primary  
School



## SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING NEW ENROLMENTS !

- Come along and meet other families
- Fun engaging activities and circle time
- Learn about play and children's development

**SCAN ME**  
for more  
information

\*subject to eligibility

