



NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 1

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

Hello parents, carers and wider Magpie PS community,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the 2024 school year. I hope you all had a great holiday break and enjoyed the time together over Christmas and the new year. I am thrilled to be joining the Magpie PS community this year and have really enjoyed my first week getting to know everyone. For those who may have missed the newsletter late last year, my name is Brad Whittaker and I join the Magpie community after spending the last 2.5 years as principal at Lismore PS.

The one thing that has stood out to me already is the friendliness of the school community. I can quite honestly say that the number of students who greet staff by name in the morning at Magpie is beyond that of any other school I have been to. Something to absolutely be proud of.

The students have settled wonderfully into their new classes. We warmly welcome 12 prep students and new families across other grades to our school. School Council have organised a welcome coffee at 9am on Tuesday morning in the Community Shed for parents of our preps and other new students to welcome you to our school. Our new students have all transitioned terrifically, and our buddies have all been introduced and enjoyed their first activity together.

I would also like to welcome a couple of new staff members to our school. Mrs Mellinda Evans is teaching our Grade 2/3 class this year, and Mrs Janelle Francis - who many of you already know - has formally joined the school in a Learning Specialist role.

Schools are always busy and this term's calendar is no different. Please continue to keep an eye on it throughout the term as there will likely be some additions. For those students requiring SSG's, these will be held in Week 5, unless scheduled prior. Families will be contacted directly to organise a time.

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, and enjoy the weekend!

KEY DATES

FEBRUARY 9TH
ASSEMBLY 2:30PM IN THE MULTI

FEBRUARY 13TH
GRADE 5/6 SAKG

FEBRUARY 20TH
GRADE 4/5 SAKG

FEBRUARY 23RD
ASSEMBLY 2:30PM IN THE MULTI

FEBRUARY 27TH
GRADE 2/3 SAKG

MARCH 5TH
GRADE 1/2 SAKG

MARCH 8TH
FOOD BANK FOOD FIGHT FUN RUN

MARCH 11TH
LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL

MARCH 12TH
CURRICULUM DAY - NO SCHOOL

MARCH 13TH
PREPS BEGIN ATTENDING WEDNESDAYS
NAPLAN BEGINS

MARCH 21ST
GRADE 5 SOVEREIGN HILL
HARMONY DAY

MARCH 22ND
GRADE 5 SOVEREIGN HILL

MARCH 27&28TH
STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	29 JAN STAFF RETURN TO SCHOOL	30 JAN STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL	31 JAN	1 FEB	2 FEB Newsletter
2	5 FEB	6 FEB	7 FEB Lunch Order	8 FEB	9 FEB Assembly
3	12 FEB	13 FEB SAKG Cooking 5/6	14 FEB Lunch Order	15 FEB	16 FEB Newsletter
4	19 FEB	20 FEB SAKG Cooking 4/5	21 FEB Lunch Order	22 FEB School Council	23 FEB Assembly
5	26 FEB	27 FEB SAKG Cooking 2/3	28 FEB Lunch Order	29 FEB	1 MAR Newsletter
6	4 MAR	5 MAR SAKG Cooking 1/2	6 MAR Lunch Order	7 MAR	8 MAR FOOD FIGHT FUN RUN
7	11 MAR LABOUR DAY	12 MAR CURRICULUM DAY	13 MAR Lunch Order NAPLAN Begins	14 MAR	15 MAR Newsletter
8	18 MAR	19 MAR SAKG Cooking P/1	20 MAR Lunch Order	21 MAR Grade 5 - Sovereign Hill Harmony Day School Council	22 MAR Grade 5 - Sovereign Hill Assembly
9	25 MAR	26 MAR	27 MAR Lunch Order Student Led Conferences 3.30-5.30	28 MAR Student Led Conferences 9am-1pm	29 MAR GOOD FRIDAY

PREP/ONE



It's been an amazing first week of school in the Prep/One Room. The preps have settled in beautifully and are loving connecting with new friends and exploring the learning environment.

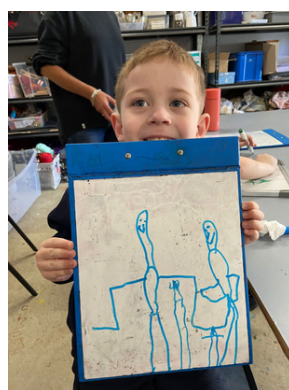
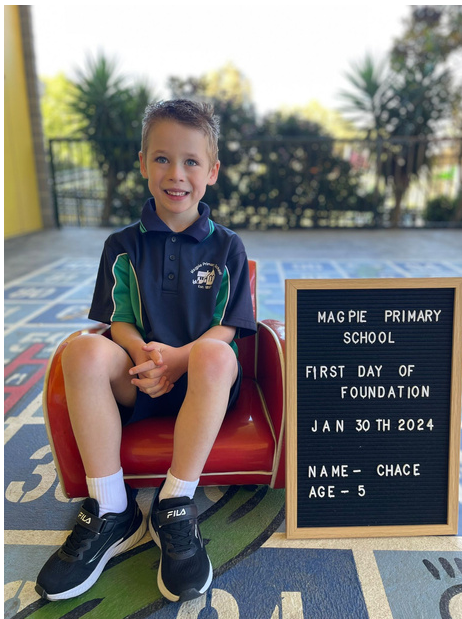
In Numeracy we have been observing the numbers in our world. We have been noticing where we can see numbers around our school and trying to identify the difference between letters and numbers.

In Literacy, we read a book called the Pout Pout Fish and talked about why we feel sad and happy. Grade 1s have been practicing writing their cvc words.

Well done on a great start Prep/Ones. It's going to be a wonderful year!



PREP/ONE



ONE/TWO



We have had a fantastic start to the year 2024.

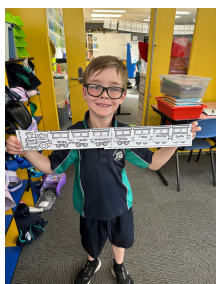
Every week we will keep you updated on what we will be focusing on in our class. This will give you an excellent opportunity to support your child's learning.

This week, we are focusing on the letter "B." We have been practicing how to read and write words that contain the letter "B." Additionally, we have also introduced some blends such as "bl" and "br" to extend our knowledge.

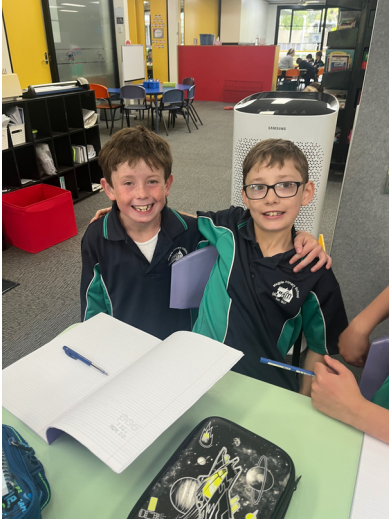
During writing, we talked about what a sentence needs. A sentence requires a noun (who) and a verb (what). With this new knowledge, we wrote about our first week at school, using characters from our book of the week, "First-day Jitters."

In Numeracy, we were learning about the days of the week and months of the year. It is always a fun topic as we get to learn about everyone's birthdays.

Thank you for your support, and we hope you have had a great week!

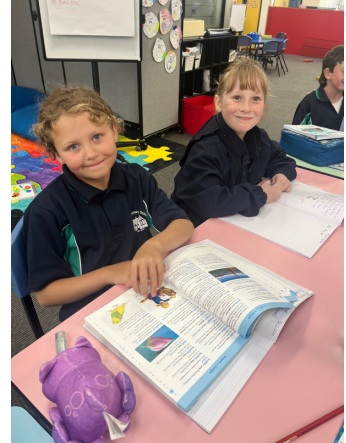


TWO/THREE



WOW!

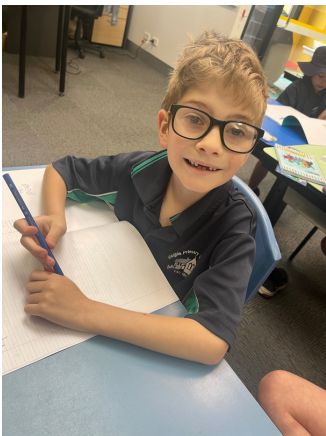
We have had a very fun, exciting and busy first week of school for 2024.



We have been getting to know each other and our new teacher Miss Mell. By the end of the day on Friday we were all reading for a relaxing weekend.

We are excited about what this year has to bring and how much learning we will do. Next week we will be getting ready to complete some assessment so that Miss Mell knows what we need to be taught.

Our specialist classes this term are Music, Physical Education, Art and Geography.



HATS MUST BE WORN BY ALL STUDENTS OUTSIDE.

PLEASE SUPPLY YOUR CHILD WITH A DRINK BOTTLE



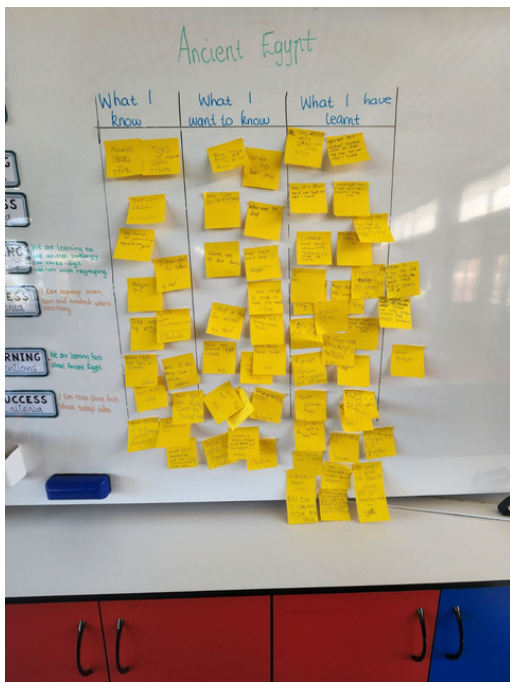
FOUR/FIVE



Welcome to grade 4/5 for 2024

What an amazing first week we have had in 4/5! I am so so excited to see what the year will bring, and I am so excited to see these little tulips grow up.

This week we have welcomed a new student, played heaps of fun games outside in the sunshine and learnt heaps of new facts about Ancient Egypt.



FIVE/SIX



WELCOME TO GRADE 5/6 FOR 2024

Hello and welcome! What an excellent first week we have had, meeting new students, making new friends and seeing how much everyone has grown over the holidays!

Some important information for our classroom:

What students need:

- Drink bottle with water only
- Hat
- Fruit snack, recess and lunch
- To read at home and sign diaries
- Homework books will come home most Friday's, and will be expected back on a Wednesday.

Specialist Subjects

Monday - PE and Music
Tuesday - Art
Friday - STEM

Students are able to choose which uniform they wear each day.

Communication

My door is always open, please come in and have a chat anytime.
Sometimes an email suits - my email is emily.ellis@education.vic.gov.au

Some students may find it helpful to have a computer mouse and mouse pad to use each day at school - you can find cheap ones at kmart that are suitable for school use.



STUDENT MESSAGES

Pie-Warmer Lunches Everyday

MMM! NOTHING'S BETTER THAN A NICE WARM LUNCH AT SCHOOL.

YOU CAN BRING LEFT OVERS FOR HOT LUNCH FROM HOME IN A TIN FOIL BOWL, OR WRAPPED IN SOME FOIL, THEN YOUR LUNCH WILL BE COLLECTED BY OUR SCHOOL SENIORS AT RECESS, PUT INTO A PIE WARMER AND HEATED UNTIL LUNCHTIME. THEN THE SENIORS WILL COLLECT IT AND DELIVER YOU A NICE AND HOT LUNCH!

HOT LUNCHES CAN BE ANYTHING TO HEAT UP, TOASTIES, NUGGETS, PASTA, PIES, ROLLS AND SO MUCH MORE.

YOU CAN ENJOY A YUMMY WARM LUNCH AT LUNCHTIME. ENJOY!



Early Help Brief Case Management

Whether you want to strengthen your parenting skills or need assistance accessing support for your children. Cafs' Family Support Team want to help:

- The health and wellbeing of your children and family.
 - Support identifying and implementing alternative parenting approaches.
- Child development – ages and stages, and other parenting resources.
- Support families experiencing family violence, financial strain, substance abuse and/or mental health issues.

Cafs' Early Help practitioners are available for a free, confidential chat about your support needs.

Early Help practitioners will listen to your story in a non-judgemental way, allowing us to get an encompassing picture of your family's dynamics and circumstances. We aim to link you into the most appropriate supports, including but not limited to the following:

- Mental Health
- Disability
- Family Services
- Parenting
- Housing
- Family Violence

Parents and caregivers can request an in-person or phone appointment or families are also welcome to contact Cafs Early Help (Family and Community Engagement Practitioner), Natalie Nalder via 0447 869 082 or Natalie.Nalder@cafs.org.au

For more information about Cafs, visit cafs.org.au. or call 5337 3333