



# NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 5

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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 community friends,

I hope you're all enjoying the beautiful conditions for your Friday afternoon. We have had a pretty steady past couple of weeks before the last few weeks of term become very busy. The highlight for many of our younger students was definitely the visit from the Western Bulldogs players. In saying that, I think it might have been some of the staff who were the biggest fans of having the footballers in our school.

On Monday, your child would have brought home information regarding our upcoming School Council elections. We have 2 parent places to fill in 2024. I highly encourage all parents to consider this opportunity to work with our school community. I would also like to sincerely thank Tenae Jones for her efforts and contributions to Council over the last 2 years. If you have any questions regarding becoming a part of School Council, please speak with me. Self-nomination and nomination forms are located at the office, and can be submitted until 4pm this coming Monday.

In 2024, School Council members will be opening the Community Shed on a Tuesday from 2.30pm for anyone from our school community to drop in, have a coffee and catch up. This is a great opportunity for our community to connect, something we will aim to do lots of as the year progresses. The second-hand uniform shop and food bank will also be available at this time. A gold coin donation for any second-hand uniform is appreciated but not essential.

On Wednesday, we will be hosting our annual athletics carnival at CE Brown Reserve in Wendouree. Information about the day has been posted to Compass, including permission. A reminder that students don't attend school that day, but rather are taken directly to CE Brown Reserve ready for an 8:45am start. The day will conclude at approximately 2:30pm. The early forecast for the day is 29 degrees. Thanks to Mr. Beacham for all his work in organising the day.

Last Friday, students were sent home with a pamphlet and information sheet for our upcoming Food Fight Fun Run. It's 2 weeks today until the Fun Run, which should be a great afternoon of fun. Thanks to everyone who has created an account and began raising money. We are up to nearly \$500 already!

A final reminder that the Tuesday after the long weekend is a Curriculum Day for staff and students are not required at school. I'm sure you'll enjoy your 4-day weekend!

Have a great next fortnight!

Brad Whittaker

## KEY DATES

MARCH 5TH  
GRADE 1/2 SAKG

MARCH 6TH  
MPS ATHLETICS

MARCH 11TH  
LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL

MARCH 12TH  
CURRICULUM DAY - NO SCHOOL

MARCH 13TH  
PREPS BEGIN ATTENDING WEDNESDAYS  
NAPLAN BEGINS

MARCH 15TH  
FOOD BANK FOOD FIGHT FUN RUN

MARCH 20TH  
SMOKING CEREMONY  
MPS CROSS COUNTRY

MARCH 21ST  
GRADE 5 SOVEREIGN HILL  
HARMONY DAY

MARCH 22ND  
GRADE 5 SOVEREIGN HILL

MARCH 27TH  
STUDENT LED CONFERENCES -  
3.30-5.30PM

MARCH 28TH  
STUDENT LED CONFERENCES  
9AM-1PM

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

## TERM 1



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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 MPS Athletics	7 MAR	8 MAR
7	11 MAR LABOUR DAY	12 MAR CURRICULUM DAY	13 MAR Lunch Order NAPLAN Begins	14 MAR	15 MAR Newsletter FOOD FIGHT FUN RUN
8	18 MAR	19 MAR SAKG Cooking P/1	20 MAR Lunch Order MPS Cross Country Smoking Ceremony	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



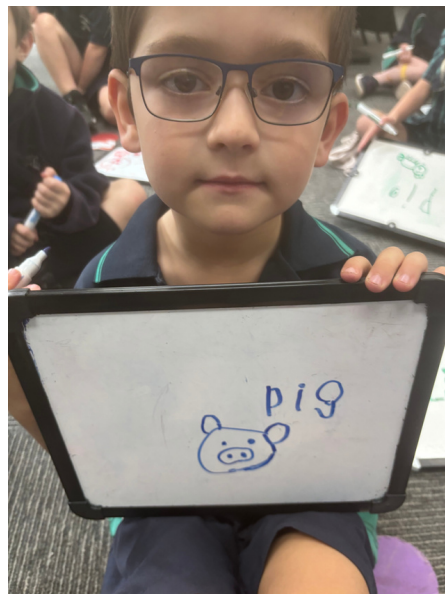
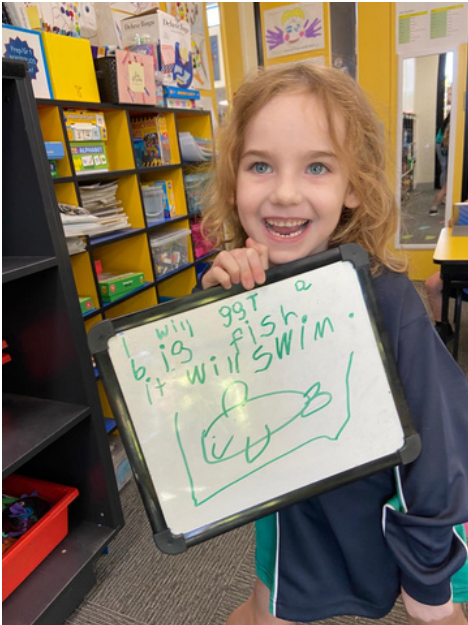
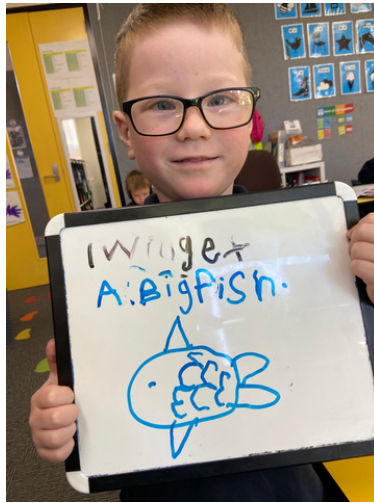
**THE PREP/ONES HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD DESPITE THE HOT WEATHER. WE HAVE BEEN READING A BOOK ABOUT A PENGUIN CALLED TACKY. THE STUDENTS MADE SOME CUTE PENGUINS AND PRACTICED RETELLING THE STORY. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN WRITING CVC WORDS AND LISTENING FOR BEGINNING AND END SOUNDS.**

**IN NUMERACY, STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING TO MAKE AND COUNT COLLECTIONS OF OBJECTS.**

**WE ARE VERY IMPRESSED WITH ALL THE HOME READING THAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING. WE CAN SEE IMPROVEMENTS WITH LETTER KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIDENCE ALREADY.**



# PREP/ONE



# ONE/TWO

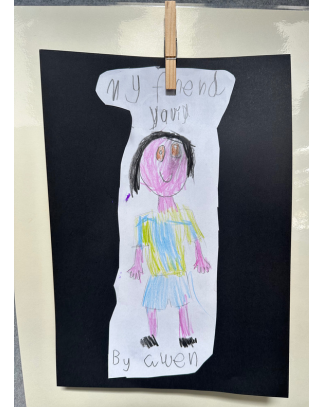
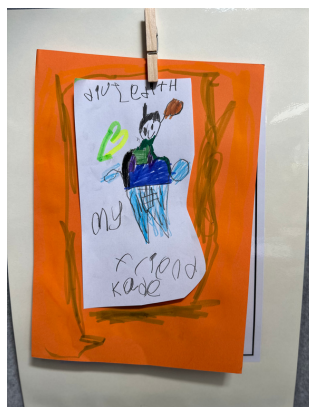
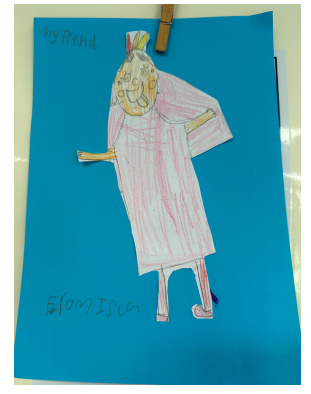
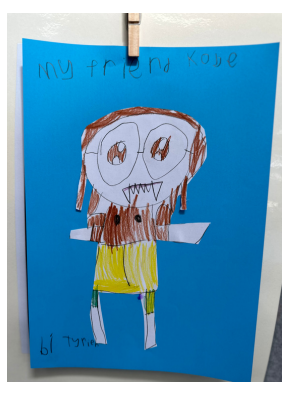
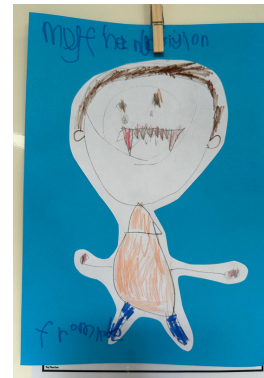
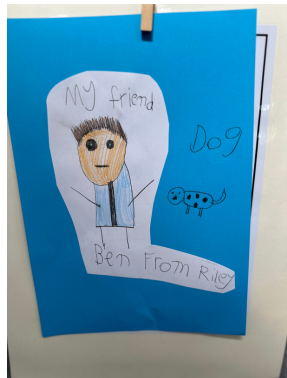


This week in the grade one/two class, we have been delving into the sound "e".

We have been practicing how to structure letters in our writing and wrote a letter to Jax the dog that was scared to see the dentist.

In maths, our focus has been on addition, measurement, mass, and understanding number lines.

Additionally, in our respectful relationships discussions, we have explored the qualities that make someone a good friend and how we can embody those qualities ourselves to be good friends to others.



# GRADE 2/3



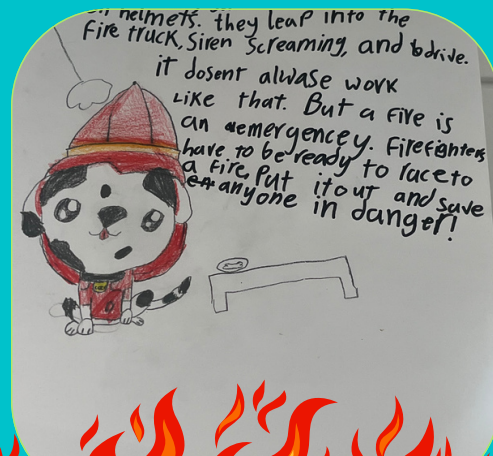
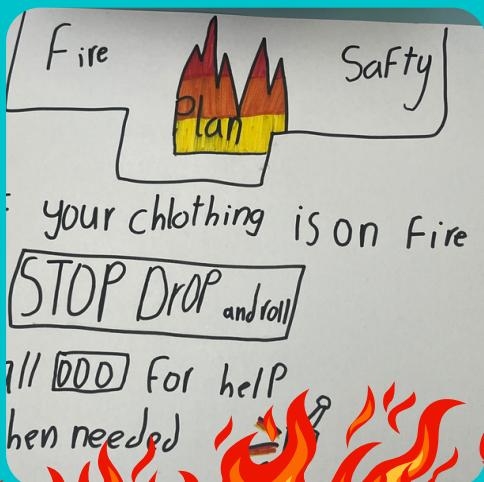
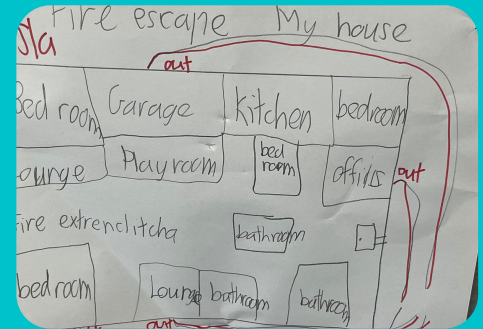
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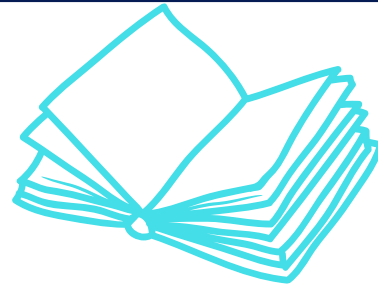
This week we participated in the cooking program. We got to experience cooking in different ways. We made sausage rolls, meatballs, fried rice, boiled blueberries and pancakes.

## FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

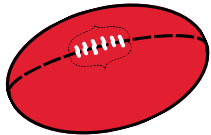
This week we also learned a lot about fire safety. We learned what to do if there is a fire and also drew our own fire safety plans.



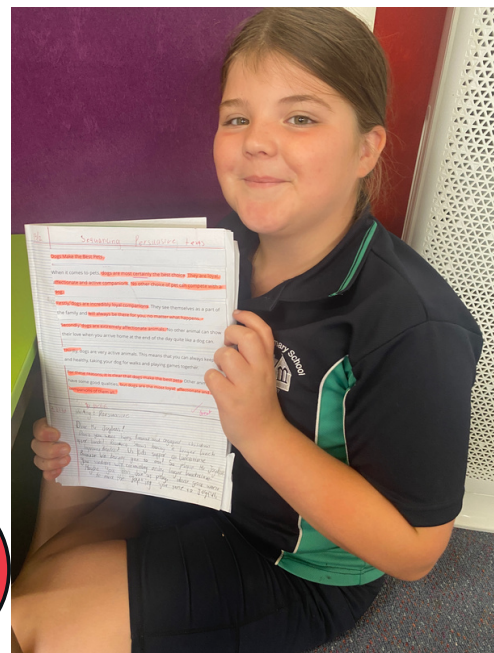
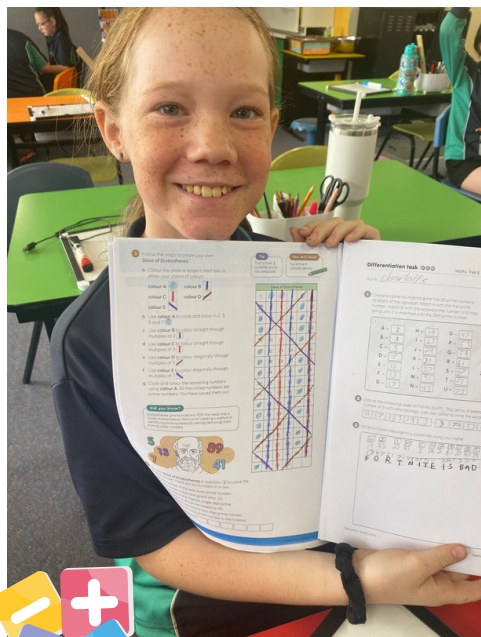
# FOUR/FIVE



## BULLDOGS READ PROGRAM



# FIVE/SIX



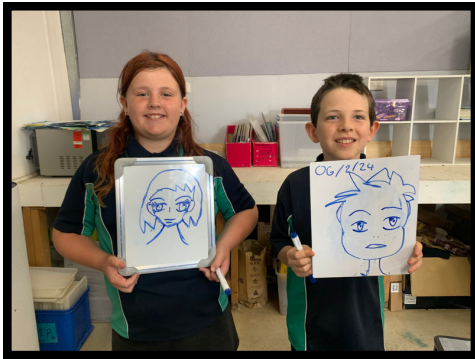
The Grade 5/6 gang is diving headfirst into the magical world of adventure tales! After drumming up excitement for our class adventure - "The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore" - we finally cracked open the book this week, and boy, did it deliver! Our pre-story vocabulary prep really amped up the fun and made the tale even more thrilling! Now we're rocking words like "seldom," "bittersweet," "scarcely," and "amiable."

Our little bookworms are smashing it this term, which means a sweet ice cream party is on the horizon! Keep flipping those pages, champs!





# SPECIALIST CORNER



First attempt at Manga Self-Portraits!



Introduction to Ukeleles in Music!



'Falling Back' Self-Portraits!

We have also been practising with the Boomwhackers in Music...come and join us next assembly for a short performance!



Testing materials and grouping them according to their properties in STEM



# 2025 YEAR 7 SHOWCASE EVENING

SEBASTOPOL CAMPUS

## TUESDAY 12TH MARCH

Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to attend the Showcase Evening at Phoenix P–12 Community College, Sebastopol Campus.

Discover first-hand how your child can share in the lifetime benefits of an excellent secondary education. The College will be open between 4:30pm – 6:30pm for visitors to undertake a self-guided tour, exploring interactive displays of students' work and activities across a variety of learning areas.

*Please enter the school via the Hertford Street gate to collect your showbag and tour booklet.*

### 4:30pm - 6:30pm

The Sebastopol Campus of Phoenix P–12 Community College offers a broad range of scholarship opportunities. Further information will be available on the night.

*'In Knowledge there is Opportunity'*



**SONS OF THE WEST**  
*Celebrating*  
**10 YEARS**



# SONS OF THE WEST

A space to come together with other locals, Sons of the West is an opportunity to challenge yourself, try something new and make your health a priority!



**FREE** Health & Wellbeing program



Talk and **LEARN** about key **HEALTH** issues



**CONNECT** with others in your community



Get **ACTIVE** with exercise experts



Open to **MEN OVER 18**



TO SIGN UP,  
**SCAN THE QR CODE**

or visit our website  
[westernbulldogs.com.au/foundation/programs/sons-of-the-west](http://westernbulldogs.com.au/foundation/programs/sons-of-the-west)

## Starting in BALLARAT

Starting **Tuesday mornings** from 5th March in **Wendouree** or starting **Wednesday evenings** from 6th March in **Sebastopol**

Sons of the West is an inclusive program and welcomes all who identify as men, from all cultural backgrounds and abilities, to get involved.

IMPACT THAT *inspires*

**Connect with us on social**  
 @WBFCFoundation



WATERGARDENS



**cohealth**

## 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](mailto:Natalie.Nalder@cafs.org.au)

For more information about Cafs, visit [cafs.org.au](http://cafs.org.au). or call 5337 3333