



# NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 7

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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 everyone has had a great past fortnight. We have had a very busy two weeks here at school and the next two promise to be much the same. With Friday fortnight being Good Friday and therefore the first day of school holidays, we will send home a newsletter on the Thursday of that week.

We recently sent home School Council nomination forms asking for self-nominations or nominations of other parents. We had 2 parent vacancies to fill and received two nominations which have since been accepted, meaning that there is no need for a ballot to occur. I would like to welcome Tenae Jones and Emma White to the School Council for the next two years. I would also like to welcome Emily Ellis and Maria Corcoran who will be the staff representatives on School Council.

A note was sent out on Compass yesterday about the busy day planned next Wednesday. The day will begin with a Smoking Ceremony at 9.30, followed by Cross Country and 12pm and a BBQ lunch afterwards, then conclude with an 'open afternoon'. We are really excited to have such a community focussed day and welcome families to join us where they can throughout the planned events.

Across the final two days of term we will be holding our student led conferences. We will have the booking information sent out early next week so that you can choose a time that suits you. Wednesday afternoon will run after school hours between 3.30 and 5.30, whilst Thursday will be between 9am and 1pm. It would be great to see as many families as possible during this time to celebrate the achievements of our students during the first term.

I am writing this newsletter just before our Food Fight Fun Run this afternoon. I am sure they students will have a terrific afternoon, and wanted to commend our fundraising efforts. At the time of writing, we have so far raised nearly \$2,500 for Food Bank. A special mention to our Grade 2-3 class who have led the way with their fundraising efforts.

The past 3 days our Grade 3 & 5 students have been completing NAPLAN. The students have been absolutely incredible during this time, so much so that an observer from the VCAA said they were the best behaved students she had seen during NAPLAN. All we would ever ask is that they do their personal best during these assessments, and there is no doubting these students have done that.

Have a great next fortnight!

Brad Whittaker

## KEY DATES

MARCH 15TH

FOOD BANK FOOD FIGHT FUN RUN

MARCH 20TH

SMOKING CEREMONY

MPS CROSS COUNTRY

MARCH 21ST

GRADE 5 SOVEREIGN HILL

HARMONY DAY

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

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

	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



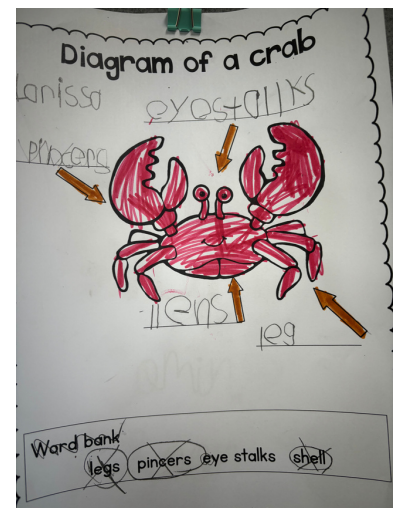
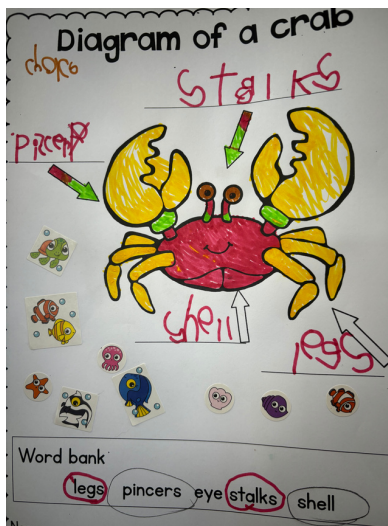
We can't believe the term is nearly over! Time is flying by and the students are learning so much.

In Literacy we have been learning about crabs. We made some very cute sand crabs.

In Numeracy we have been running an investigation into Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The students loved acting out the story. We even had a message from Goldilocks about helping her organise a tea party for the bears.



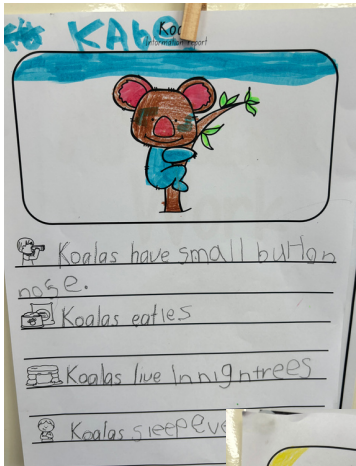
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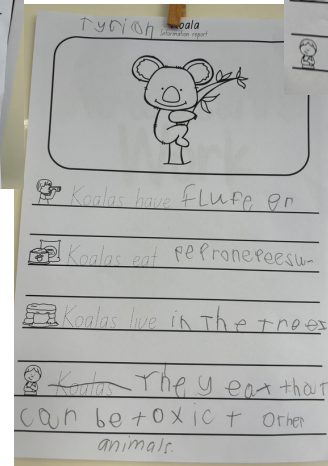
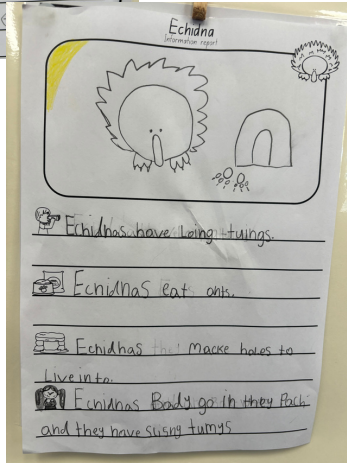
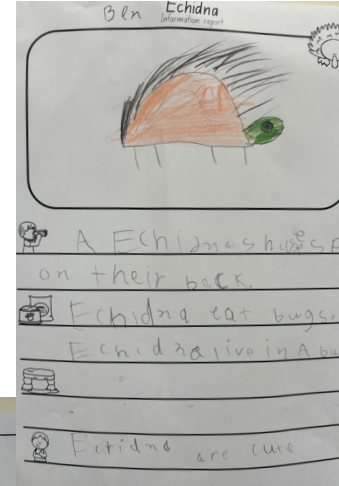
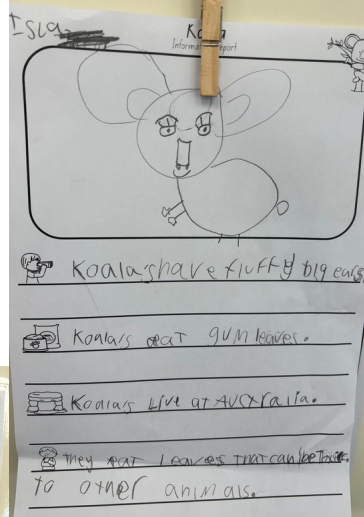
# ONE/TWO



The young explorers in Grade 1/2 have been diving into the world of Australian animals and they created some fantastic information reports.



information reports.



Meanwhile, in the world of numbers, Mr. B unleashed the 'Ramp Champ' challenge! Students raced against the clock to build the ultimate ramp for speedy car races, measuring distances and fine-tuning their designs along the way. Let the ramping adventures roll on!



# TWO/THREE

Another busy week in grade 2/3. NAPLAN had taken up most of our mornings, we have gone really well and should be very proud of ourselves. We have been learning about place value this week in maths too!!

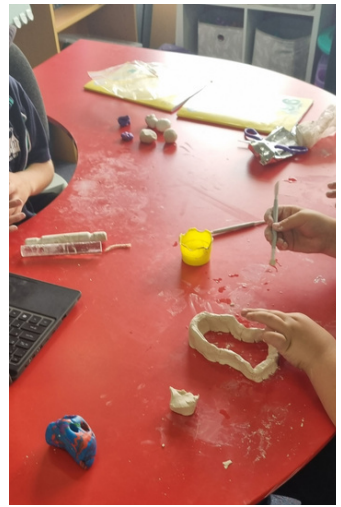
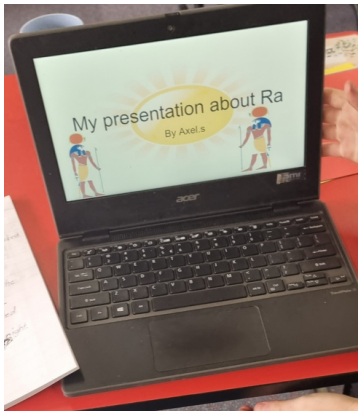
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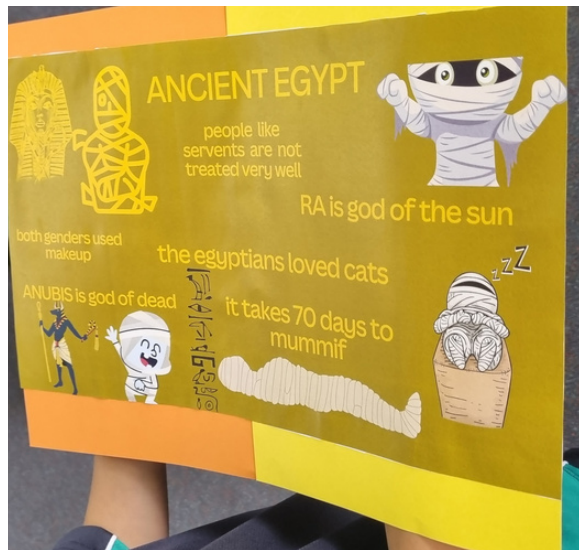
**LAST WEDNESDAY OUR STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL SPORTS DAY. THE WEATHER WAS NICE AND WARM AND OUR STUDENTS PUT IN THEIR ALL FOR A FANTASTIC DAY OF PARTICIPATION AND RIBBON WINNING.**



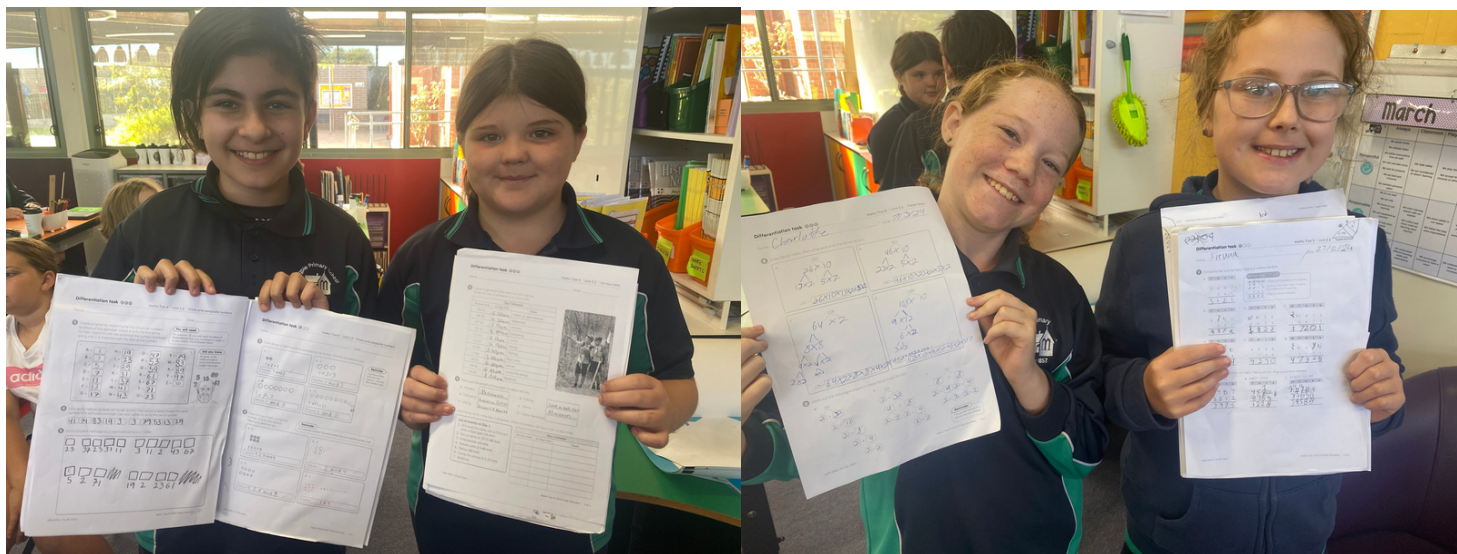
# FOUR/FIVE



# Ancient Egypt

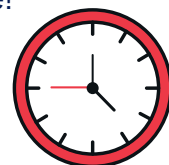


# FIVE/SIX

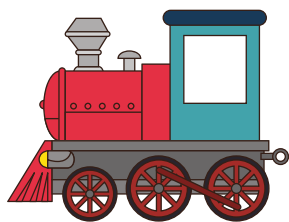


In a galaxy not so far away, some of our math whizzes have been decoding the secrets of 24-hour time by diving into timetables. Picture this: Ballarat to Melbourne, the ultimate train adventure!

Challenge your young padawan with thrilling questions like:

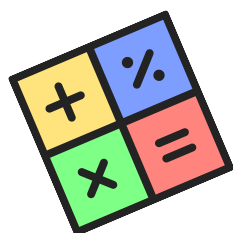


1. When does the first train blast off from Ballarat to Melbourne?
2. How long does the magical train ride from Ballarat to Melbourne usually take?
3. Count the stops - how many pit-stops does the train make on its journey from Ballarat to Melbourne?



		Monday to Friday continued											
Service		TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN
SOUTHERN CROSS	dep	10.36	10.56	11.16	11.36	11.56	12.16	12.36	12.56	13.16	13.36	13.56	14.16
Footscray		10.44u	11.04u	11.24u	11.44u	12.04u	12.24u	12.44u	13.04u	13.24u	13.44u	14.04u	14.24u
Sunshine		10.49u	11.09u	11.29u	11.49u	12.09u	12.29u	12.49u	13.09u	13.29u	13.49u	14.09u	14.29u
Ardeer		10.53	11.13	11.33	11.53	12.13	12.33	12.53	13.13	13.33	13.53	14.13	14.33
Deer Park		10.56	11.16	11.36	11.56	12.16	12.36	12.56	13.16	13.36	13.56	14.16	14.36
Caroline Springs		11.00	11.20	11.40	12.00	12.20	12.40	13.00	13.20	13.40	14.00	14.20	14.40
Rockbank		11.05	11.25	11.45	12.05	12.25	12.45	13.05	13.25	13.45	14.05	14.25	14.45
Cobblebank		11.09	11.29	11.49	12.09	12.29	12.49	13.09	13.29	13.49	14.09	14.29	14.49
Melton		11.13	11.35	11.53	12.15	12.33	12.55	13.13	13.35	13.53	14.15	14.33	14.55
Bacchus Marsh		11.21		12.01		12.41		13.21		14.01		14.41	
Ballan		11.40		12.20		13.00		13.40		14.20		15.00	
BALLARAT	arr	12.01		12.41		13.21		14.01		14.41		15.21	
BALLARAT	dep	12.04		12.44		13.24		14.04		14.44		15.24	
WENDOUREE	arr	12.11		12.51		13.31		14.11		14.51		15.31	

Fellow classmates have uncovered the key to mastering the traditional long multiplication technique for solving daily mental challenges.



Calculate the cost of accommodation for each stay.

a 3 nights in Sydney

$$\begin{array}{r} 532 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline \$1596 \end{array}$$

b 2 nights in Perth


c 6 nights in Byron Bay


d 11 nights in Gold Coast


e 12 nights in Noosa


f 14 nights in Melbourne


Accommodation package deals (prices per night)	
City apartments	
Perth	\$418
Sydney	\$532
Melbourne	\$423
Beach resorts	
Byron Bay	\$808
Gold Coast	\$418
Noosa	\$938



# SPECIALIST CORNER



**WATER  
PROOF!**



**TRANSPARENT!**



**PLIABLE!  
SOFT!  
ELASTIC!**



Creating a monster using properties of materials we have learned this term!



Making a non-Newtonian fluid in our States of Matter unit: OOBLECK!



**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,  
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## 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*

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# EXCITING NEWS



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



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**TeethOnWheels™**  
a positive dental experience