

Calling All Magpie Detectives!



Be a Magpie Detective!

- Listen to your local magpies
- Report what you hear
- Your voice will help write the new Lolly McJolly storybook!
- Your school's name will be in the New Lolly McJolly book!



Enter the National Magpie Art Competition!

- Draw your own magpie
- Send it in for a chance to be featured in the book
- Every artist featured in the book will be credited by name!

Hello! I'm Lolly McJolly—you may not have met me yet, but I love rhymes, adventures, and solving mysteries with friends.

Nancy the Magpie Princess has given me a BIG challenge.

I will need YOUR Help! I will be sending out the mission details to Magpie Detectives all over the Country!

- Ask your teacher about the Magpie Detectives Kit
- Start listening, drawing & creating!

“WHAT DO YOUR MAGPIES SAY?”



FOR SCHOOLS & KINDERS



BY JOINING, YOUR STUDENTS WILL:

- Listen closely to local magpie calls
- Record their discoveries in a Magpie Call Journal
- Send back their detective reports to Lolly McJolly through online forms and engage in a National Storywriting research and development project.
- Create and submit magpie drawings for the National Art Competition

Outcomes for educators:

- Free Magpie Detectives Kit (lesson plan, journal pages, templates, art competition form)
- Curriculum links to science, literacy, and creative arts
- National recognition – your school/kinder listed in the final storybook!
- Students' voices and art showcased in a published book

What's in the Kit

- Welcome Letter for Educators
- Mini Lesson Plan (nature, science/arts)
- Printable Magpie Call Journal Pages
- Call Report Submission Link
- Drawing + Sound Shape Sheet
- Art Competition Form & Terms

National Art Competition

- Open to all students in participating schools/kinders.
- Submit a magpie drawing electronically.
- Entries have opportunity to be featured throughout the book.
- All young artists will be credited by name.

Research and Evidence

Australian Magpies (*Gymnorhina tibicen*) are remarkable songbirds.

- Each group has unique "carolling" calls to mark territory and identity.
- Young magpies learn these vocal "dialects" from their family group.
- Studies show magpies recognise their own group's calls and distinguish neighbours from strangers.

(Sources: Kaplan 2004 & 2010, Brown & Farabaugh 1991)



HOW TO JOIN

1. Register your school/class QR Code or Link:
<https://forms.gle/FTYNaT4fnohWVZ626>
2. Receive your Magpie Detectives Kit by email.
3. Start listening, learning, and creating!



♥ Together, we'll create a new story: Lolly McJolly and the Magpie Detectives
...a book filled with YOUR voices, YOUR art, and YOUR discoveries.
Will your class join the case?