



Principal's News

In lieu of today's postponed P&C meeting, here is an update of what's happening, and important dates to look out for:

In the Classroom...

Mrs Scott

Maths: continuing to develop our students' mathematical knowledge and understanding around number, patterns and algebra. Students are currently studying division.

English: a strong focus on explicit grammar instruction, as well as library and research skills.

STEM: a new and exciting focus on computer coding using various hardware and software.

Sport: developing and rehearsing the dance to be performed at the Upper Blue Mountains Dance Festival in October. Also a current focus on athletics skills, both track and field.

LaST (Learning and Support Teacher): completing a range of testing and consultation with families and health professionals to develop Individual Education Plans.

Mrs Treton

Maths: a current focus on measurement—volume and capacity. Looking ahead we will explore mass, and angles.

English: Years 1/2 are studying narrative structure, with a focus on Fairy Tales. Years 4-6 are enjoying a novel study, *Wonder*, by R J Palacio.

CAPA: a focus on drama through developing and shooting our 2nd film.

History: beginning a semester focus on First Contacts. We have begun looking at Aboriginal Australia, and over the semester will study exploration in the 1600s, the First Fleet, and the impact of settlement on Indigenous Australians.

Health (weeks 7-10): Child protection.

University Practicum Student Teacher

We are looking forward to having a Pre-Service, or Practicum Teacher with us for 6 weeks this term. Ms Jeanie Brooks is studying for her Masters of Education through Charles Sturt University. This will be Jeanie's first Prac, and we are keen to show her what good curriculum differentiation looks like!

Ms Brooks will begin in Week 4 (next Monday) and stay with us until the end of Week 9 (21st September). She will be here for Open Day, and you can meet her then, welcoming her with your beautiful Megalong spirit, that I know so well.

Initially, Ms Brooks will observe lessons, and work with small groups, as instructed by Mrs Scott and me.

Across the 6 weeks, Jeanie will develop lesson plans based on our existing program outline. By week 9, we will see Jeanie teaching for 3 full, consecutive days.

This will be a fabulous learning opportunity for all involved—me, Mrs Scott, the students, and of course, Ms Brooks.





Big Projects...

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all who helped with the P&C 125th Birthday memorial pavers and garden project. This is now a beautiful corner of our playground, and the first thing that visitors see. Thank you, so much!

We have tried to keep up with you, and are now proud of the space around our new flag poles.

The Kitchen build continues to be delayed by requirements from the Assets department. I am working hard to clarify what we are able to achieve in our designated kitchen space.

Muru Mittigar have come out to look at our proposed Bush Tucker Trail that forms the central piece of our successful Eco Grant. Watch this space as I learn what plants and expertise they can provide us with. I have also asked them to advise on retaining the space for our Outdoor Learning Space.

Kitchen Garden—at the next P&C I will ask whether we can form a committee to drive this project. I have earmarked funds—we just need the people power, and a passionate driving force!

Film By the Eucalypts

The students have worked tremendously hard to learn the documentary format, research, write and storyboard our 1st film. We have all but one scene filmed... and look forward to editing the film! Our 2nd film has been written by Emma and Zarli, and is a funny treasure-hunt adventure. Riley took on the holiday homework challenge and is producing a film called Ziggy's Adventure. We can't wait to see it!

The film festival culminates in a 'Red Carpet' film premiere, in which 24 films are showcased. Schools can submit 3 films each. This is the first time that this festival has been held in the Blue Mountains, and in 2018, it has become a state-wide event! I am proud that we are part of something so innovative and so big! Please save the date (7/11/18) and I will send information regarding ticket sales as it becomes available.

P&C

Next meeting: Tuesday 21st August 2018
9:00am— School Office.

All welcome!

Term 3 dates to look out for:

- ⇒ **8th August:** Athletics Carnival—Pitt Park.
- ⇒ **22nd August:** Open Day to celebrate Education Week and Book Week—see attached note for details.
- ⇒ **28th August:** Healthy Harold—see note out later this week.
- ⇒ **29-31st August:** Date TBC—editing workshop.
- ⇒ **31st August:** Mufti Day—Year 6 Farewell Fundraiser.
- ⇒ **6th September:** KHS Big Day In—Year 6
- ⇒ **24th Sept—19th Oct:** Miriam long service leave. Relieving Principal TBA.

Save the date...

- ⇒ **Wednesday 17th October:** Upper Blue Mountains Dance Festival @ KHS.
- ⇒ **Wednesday 7th November:** *Film By the Eucalypts* Film Festival (evening @ Springwood Hub).

Thank you!

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