



## Principal's News

Thank you to those parents who were able to give up their time to come and discuss Megalong Public School's values and Vision Statement. It was reassuring to see that our families' values equate with our staffs' values. Before our next consultation session, I will draft out 2 strategic directions for MPS. I look forward to discussing these with you on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.

Thank you also to the parents who are able to transport our kids to and from Swimming Scheme. We could not participate in these valuable learning experiences without your ongoing support! Now let's hope for fine weather!

Next Friday 17th November, David King will be returning to MPS to help judge the STEM designs that the children have been working on this semester. The designs are for an Outdoor Learning Area that we hope to construct in the old horse yards as part of our Gulong Landcare group. We look forward to the judging! Watch this space for further developments in 2018.

Mrs Scott and I have mapped out our draft 2018 Scope and Sequence that outlines the year's teaching and learning. As part of this, I have planned a school camp that will take place in Term 1, Week 3, 2018. More information will follow, including venue, costs and payment information.

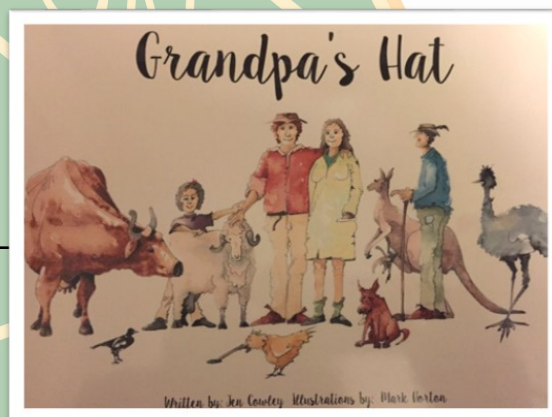
Please find attached to this newsletter an *Expression of Interest* for the Year 6 Farewell. It will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at the Blackheath Golf Club. By filling out the expression of interest, you are helping us to confirm potential numbers with the Golf Club. They require this information to allow for catering and staffing.

Miriam

Miriam Treton

A special thank you, to the Quota International of Blackheath Association. At the end of last term the association donated a picture book called 'Grandpa's Hat' by Jen Cowley.

What a wonderful donation to our school library! A special trip was made by a visiting teacher from Blackheath P.S to hand deliver the book. Quota has donated books in the past to our school, and other schools in the Blue Mountains region.



## P&C

Next meeting: Wednesday 29th November 2017

9:00am— School Library,

Combined with draft strategic directions.

## Term 4 dates to look out for:

⇒ **6-17th November:** Swimming Scheme

⇒ **24th November:** Mufti Day

## Swimming Lessons at Katoomba Aquatic Centre

These are some photos of Megalong's first week of term four swimming lessons. All of the students were eager to visit the pool over the next two weeks. Students arrived and were firstly reminded of pool safety in and around the pool. The students enjoyed the heated pool on their first day. The rest of the lessons will be in the outside pool. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon!





## Healthy Harold

We were lucky to have the Healthy Harold van visit our school in week four. The health topics our class learnt about were Cyber Safety and Smoking. The class enjoyed the novel way of learning this information, and the special visit to our school by healthy Harold the giraffe!