



### Principal's News

**Pirate Day** - thank you for the strong community support! We raised \$56 for research into childhood cancer. Well done!

**Aboriginal cultural tour in Megalong Valley** - David King, and Elly Chatfield have agreed to share their history within the Megalong at two sites of significance: Kurranburrock and Old Ford Reserve.

As this event was postponed, I will include some photos in the next newsletter.

**Monday 19th June** - Public Speaking Competition at Katoomba North Public School. Mrs Scott will accompany the children on this excursion. Good luck Riley and Bridie!

**Thursday 22nd June** - Athletics Carnival at the Katoomba Showground. Mr Connor and Mrs Clow will accompany the children on this excursion.

**Tuesday 27th June** - Debating workshop at Katoomba North Public School. Karen has offered to take the debating team to this event.

**Student Reports** - will be issued in week 10. Parent/ teacher interviews to be held in early Term 3.

**Mufti Day** - Year 6 Fundraiser continuing on Friday June 30th. Wear mufti and bring a gold-coin donation!

**School Policies** - I have begun writing policies relevant to Megalong Public School. I presented these at the P&C meeting on Wednesday. You are always welcome to ask to see the policies, or provide input through the P&C.

**Term 3 Dance** - In term 3 we will be employing a trained dance teacher to work with the students each Friday afternoon as part of the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) syllabus. Choreography will be inclusive of all skill levels and will culminate in a performance piece for the Upper Blue Mountains Dance Festival, which is to be held at Katoomba High School in term 4.

**Sign Language** - next term we will expand Wade's communication opportunities by teaching 3 signs per week to all students in the class. I will add them to the newsletter so that the children can practice at home with you!

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**Thank you!** - to Mrs Carlon and Mr & Mrs Hollingdale who visited our classroom today to face the gruelling interrogation of our students. Students prepared questions to seek knowledge about the history of the Megalong Valley. Questions covered topics including schooling, entertainment, early land holders, long standing dwellings, transport, infrastructure, fires, and grazing. Our visitors provided a wonderful insight into the past, and drew relevant comparisons about what has changed, and what has remained the same in the Megalong Valley. Thank you!

**Callistemon Megalongensis** - the Megalong Valley bottlebrush is a recently described species (2009), which is restricted exclusively to the Nellies Glen region of the Megalong Valley. It is now listed as a Critically Endangered species and it occurs mostly on private land and along the Nellies Glen Road Reserve, as well as within a small parcel of the National Park. Siobhan and I are compiling a grant application through Eco Schools. Part of our application will focus on Megalong Public School



planting and nurturing the Callistemon Megalongensis to help boost plant numbers of this plant so unique to this corner of the world!

### **Work Health & Safety (WH&S)**

We are working hard to ensure that our processes at Megalong Public School comply with best practice.

- ⇒ Please sign your children both in and out of the school when arriving late or leaving early.
- ⇒ Please provide notes of explanation when your child is absent for any reason.
- ⇒ Please sign in as a visitor when participating in activities or meetings within the school.

### **P&C**

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 26th July  
9:30am— School Office.

*All welcome!*