



Principal's News

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a restful holiday and are ready for the busiest term of the year! During the holidays staff and our helpers (family members!) worked hard to continue clearing away old or redundant resources to make way for the new. We filled one skip bin, and the new space within the classroom and the library is fabulous. Our new book stands arrived today, and over the coming weeks we will receive some new 'funky' furniture with which to furnish our new learning spaces. Mrs Scott has been working hard on new displays and is already preparing for a combined Book Week and Open Day in week 6. There will be more information on this to follow, but students should start thinking about their favourite book character (not film) who they can dress up as for our book parade.

The P&C have been busily making preparations for the 125th Birthday Celebrations. Please see the committee if you would like to be involved. At school, we are planning some dances and songs, and I will finalise the history presentation compiled by students across semester one. The general consensus is that we should all wear olden-day costumes for the birthday celebrations. Please start thinking about costumes for you and your children!

I will be producing evidence to support our school's External Validation. This is a process that occurs every 5 years, and measures school progress against the School Excellence Framework. This project will occupy much of my administrative time across July and August.

This term Stephanie Scott will work casually on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. She will also cover as many days as possible when I am called out of the school as part of the Principal role. I believe that this consistency will be of great benefit for the students. Please find attached a new copy of the timetable. Other changes to note on the timetable include: Geography for this semester (replacing history), Dance for Creative and Performing Arts, and Science will increasingly be referred to as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) in which we will be exploring shelters.

Welcome to Amelia who is a new enrolment to our school today! Amelia has spent the last 5 years in the International School in Singapore, so Megalong Public School is quite a change! We look forward to getting to know Amelia better and hearing all of the exciting stories that she has to tell.

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Public Speaking Competition

Our class representatives, Bridie Parker and Riley McIlveen Webb, competed at the Upper Blue Mountains Public Speaking Competition at Katoomba North Public School.

The students did a great job preparing their speeches based on the topic of racism and diversity in Australia. The impromptu topic of My Favourite Hobbies highlighted the



children's interesting and active rural lives! Both students presented with confidence on the stage, showing that Megalong Public School is a good contender for the up and coming Blue Mountains Debating Competition in

Term 3 (stage 3 students). Thank you, Mrs Scott for organising our school's participation in this competition.



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** at the school office (screen door) when participating in activities or meetings within the school.

P&C

Please note the change in day...

Next meeting: Wednesday 2nd August
9:30am— School Office.

All welcome!