



Principal's News

Welcome back to term one! I hope you have all had a lovely, relaxing holiday. I am very excited to fulfil my new temporary role of leading learning at Megalong Public School. I will continue to collaborate with parents, and the community and seek to make a difference this term. I am more than happy to receive feedback or suggestions to make our school a wonderful place to learn.

During the holidays lots of planning took place to ensure the students make a positive start to learning this term. The students will enjoy the lessons planned such as; Living Habitats, Australian Identities and Technology. This year will be a big year in preparation for high school for some of our students.

We give a warm welcome to two new students in kindergarten and first grade this year. I am sure they will settle in beautifully over the next few weeks.

We also welcome new staff this term, which we are lucky to have at Megalong. Miss Garland is a passionate teacher who will be teaching part-time in the classroom. We also welcome Marielle as Administration Manager for Term one.

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Acting Principal

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Hot Weather

The temperatures have been rising over this Summer. Some adjustments have been made such as children storing their bags inside the classroom, and sport held early in the morning on Tuesdays. Please apply sunscreen, pack a hat and bring water.

School Garden

Our garden beds need love! As part of Miss Garland's cultural unit students will learn about food from around the world. Therefore, the idea of a global garden that opens up to the Megalong community would be lovely for visitors. The old metal beds at the front of the school will be revitalised! So, if you know anything about fruits or vegetables that originate from other lands, we would love to hear from you.

P&C

The Parent and Community committee will convene **on Tuesday 12th February at 9:00 am.**

Over previous years we have a strong P&C committee that has made decisions to improve the schools and ensure our students have opportunities and a lovely school environment. Please consider attending or sending into the school your suggestions for P&C discussions.

Term 1 dates to look out for:

- ⇒ **School photographs** Date tbc
- ⇒ **Thurs 14 February:** Swimming Carnival at Katoomba Aquatic Centre
- ⇒ **Tues 12 February:** P&C meeting 9am
- ⇒ **Thur 21 February:** Sneek Peek Year 6 Katoomba High School
- ⇒ **Fri 22 March:** Visit incursion from Dog Safety



Bird Watchers

A bird call to all those bird watchers in the Megalong Valley! If you, or anyone you know has knowledge about the birds in the Megalong Valley. We are collecting photographs and information for a school database. We will be learning about habitats this term.

Digital Safety

Police Legacy has provided the resource 'Child Safety Handbook' to all parents, students and school for 2019. The topics relate to child safety including cyber safety, bullying and road safety.

The online resource can be found at

<http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au>

This is a very handy resource for families to help protect our children on the web!



Do You Know Your Neighbourhood Centre?

We'd like to come and introduce ourselves and tell you a little bit about who we are and what we do.

When families begin to experience difficulties teachers and schools are often the first to notice. We know that you don't always have the resources or referral information necessary to provide the support you would like to.

We would like to have a community development worker come to your school and speak with your teachers or executive about the services, supports and activities we provide. We'd like to help ensure you have the information you need to know where to send families for support to cope, thrive and survive.

For more information, please contact us on the numbers below



Lower Mountains
4739 1164



Mid Mountains
4759 2592



Katoomba
4782 1117



Blackheath
4787 7770



Springwood
4751 3033



Winmalee
4754 4050

Scripture

Scripture will commence in week 2 on Thursday mornings. Please return permissions slips so that we are aware of your choice.

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DIGITAL CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK

We are pleased to advise that a new edition of this valuable safety resource is now available online with updated safety content.

We urge all parents and carers to download this latest edition and discuss the safety content with your children.

Child Safety Handbook App available for download:



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