

Megalong Public School

Collaboration and Imagination

NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 5

23rd August 2019



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Families,

These last couple of weeks have been very busy! Congratulations to our students for achieving excellent results competing in the combined Athletics Carnival. Once again, our school spirit was splendid, with every student doing their best to participate, competing in almost every event! Well done!

Our hearts go out to Carmel and Ash as we heard about their motor bike accident in Vietnam this week. We pray for a safe arrival back in Australia from Vietnam and will support their family over the coming weeks.

We celebrated Science Week with a full day of science activities. The students enjoyed the day immensely having great fun with experiments, rock identification, simple machines and constructing circuits for a solar house and ball shooter.

We took the next step of transplanting our callistemon cuttings into pots. The students were shown how to transplant the correct way from John and Geesha from the Conservation Society nursery, who came down especially to our school volunteering their time. Later on the students will plant these in the pony yards with the other at-risk plants.

As you are aware, we have been waiting over the last few months regarding the advertised position of Principal of the school. I am overly happy to share with you the announcement that I have accepted the offered position of Principal of Megalong Public School. I have made a commitment long term to build a positive future with collaborative partnerships for our school, and continue to strive for excellence in teaching and learning for the students of Megalong Public School.

Stephanie Scott

Principal

Next P&C meeting—Tues 27 August

Possible working bee to complete the bush tucker garden and the sandpit.

Term 3 dates to look out for:

- ⇒ **Friday 30th Aug:** Goldfields Bathurst Excursion
- ⇒ **Thurs 5 Sept:** Katoomba High Big Day In
- ⇒ **Friday 7th—**Zone Athletics
- ⇒ **Sat 7 Sept:** Reptile day @ Blackheath Heritage Centre
- ⇒ **Mon 16 Sept:** Musica Viva @ Blackheath PS



SCIENCE WEEK

Playgroup has begun this term

Our playgroup has begun meeting every Friday. Please advise any parents in the local Megalong region if they would like to attend our playgroup.

REMINDER—

Wednesdays—Sport uniform and bring library bags.

THREATENED SPECIES DAY FREE EVENT BLUE MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTRE 10AM - 2PM SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

TALK PROGRAM 10am - 2pm

10am Anne Carey - Blue Mountains Fauna Project
11am Akos Lumnitzer - The Powerful Owl
12pm Break
1pm Dr Beth Mott - Powerful Owl Program, Birdlife Australia
RSVP required at Cultural Centre Reception or 4780 5410

KIDS ACTIVITIES 11am - 2pm

Badge making, mask making, Threatened Species Day treasure hunt (library), temporary tattoos, education displays, show bags!

ECO - CINEMA 10am - 2pm

A collection of short films and documentaries about local environment and bushcare initiatives.

ENVIRONMENT MARKET 11am - 2pm

Get involved with the local organisations working hard to find solutions for pressing environmental issues!

ART & BOOK DISPLAYS 10am - 2pm

Tallulah Cunningham's 'Fragile Ground' with the Blue Mountains Swamps EEC and SOS Scientist, Deb Ashworth. This year's winning Waste to Art Sculpture 'Powerful Owl Nest' made by Branching Out & the Blue Mountains Community. Threatened Species book display in the library.



Keeping Children Safe

A 5 week program that aims to empower parents by increasing their knowledge and understanding of issues that care and protect their children.

Thursday 29/8, 05/9, 12/9, 19/9 and 26/9/19

@ 10:30am to 12:30 pm at Thrive Services

2 Station St, Katoomba

Morning tea provided

Contact Shona on 02 4782 1555 for more details

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ARTWORK BY TALLULAH CUNNINGHAM FOR THE SAVING OUR SPECIES PROGRAM: <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/threatened-species/saving-our-species-program>

Athletics Carnival 2019



Science Day

