

# MEGALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 10

22nd September, 2020

Dear Megalong Families,

We have had a full and wonderful term three, considering the challenges and disappointments because of Covid-19. Thank you for your support and wonderful attitudes of positivity to adapt and ensure our students get the best education. Our teachers and staff have worked effortlessly to ensure our students excel, and are provided with inspiring, creative learning experiences.

This term schools will undergo some changes to our planning and curriculum. Next term I will be meeting and asking parents to provide feedback regarding some aspects of our school learning process and goals. We will meet for our P&C meeting and discuss some of these important ways parents can contribute to our school learning community.

Next term, we are offering kindergarten orientation to all new enrolments. Updates for next term regarding Covid-19 restrictions in schools are still being revised. Releases will be on our website, so please keep updated.

We have had a great term, and students have worked hard! Have a relaxing, well deserved holiday and see you next term!

Stephanie Scott

Principal

### **Congratulations To Clancy for winning best Actor in the Blue Shorts Film Festival!!**



'The Chase' was one of Megalong Public Schools film entries in the Film by the Eucalypts 2019

### *Dates to watch for...*

**September**— Fruit and Veg Month

**25th September** —Last day of term 3

— Fruit/Veg Day come dressed  
as a fruit/veg or farmer

**12th October**—Term 4 starts

**Term 4 - Kindy Transition**

-every Tues and Thurs morning

**19th October**—Backyard Birds Week

**19th—23rd October**—Book Week

**8th—15th November**— Naidoc Week

**12th November**— NAIDOC Celebration Day

**14th November**— Megalong Resilience Day

**23rd November**—Water week begins

# GetReady!BM

Find an emergency preparedness or recovery event near you.

GET READY!  
Blue Mountains

## Get Ready - 6 Week Challenge

A weekly email from Katoomba/Leura RFS with topics such as what to do in the event of a bushfire, how to prepare your property, what to put in your Emergency Kit, and making a Plan B. Visit [www.katoombaleura.org.au/challenge/](http://www.katoombaleura.org.au/challenge/)

## How to Prepare Your Children for Bush Fire Season - Belong Blue Mountains

Wednesday 16th September 1pm  
Saturday 19th September 10am

A forum for parents who'd like practical strategies for managing the anxiety of children around the upcoming bush-fire season. To register visit [www.belongbm.org.au/getready](http://www.belongbm.org.au/getready) or call 4782 1117

## Katoomba/Leura RFS - GetReady! Live Online

Saturday 19th September at 5pm  
Facebook - Katoomba/Leura Rural Fire Brigade  
A live facebook presentation and Q&A open to all participants of the 6 Week Get Ready Challenge and members of the community to attend. Details at [www.facebook.com/search/top?q=katoomba%2Fleura%20rural%20fire%20brigade](http://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=katoomba%2Fleura%20rural%20fire%20brigade) or find Katoomba/Leura Rural Fire Brigade facebook

## RFS Get Ready Weekend

Contact your local brigade or find them on facebook.

19th September	20th September
Blackland	Bullaburra
Faulconbridge	Lawson
Hazelbrook	Hazelbrook
Katoomba/Leura	Megalong Valley
Linden Medlow Bath	Woodford
Mount Riverview	
Valley Heights	
Warrimoo	
Wentworth Falls	
Winmalee	

## Spring Story Time - Blue Mountains Libraries

Wednesday 23rd September 11am  
[www.facebook.com/BlueMountainsLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/BlueMountainsLibrary)  
A Spring themed story time, including a story on bushfires.

## Mid Mountains GetReady! - Belong Blue Mountains

10am to 1pm Saturday 26th September  
Mid Mountains Community Centre  
RFS information session on preparedness and getting ready. Step by Step information sessions on recovery, emotional preparedness and resilience in COVID times. Bookings essential call Belong BM on 4759 2592

## MOCSS GetReady! Kids Quiz

26th September to 9th October  
Noble Park, Bullaburra, Wilson Park, Lawson, Gloria Park, Hazelbrook or Weroona Park, Woodford.  
Download a quiz sheet from [mocs.org.au](http://mocs.org.au) or find MOCSS/BlueMountains on facebook. Take the kids to visit any of the parks to find the 4 Steps to Get Ready. Once you've completed your quiz sheet turn over to see where to collect your prize. [www.facebook.com/MOCSSBlueMountains](http://www.facebook.com/MOCSSBlueMountains) or email [hub@mocs.org.au](mailto:hub@mocs.org.au) for more information.

## Katoomba Parents GetReady! - Belong Blue Mountains

Saturday 17th October 10am to 1pm  
KOOSH Rear of 10 Station Street, Katoomba  
Information sessions by the RFS and Step by Step including practical strategies for how to help your child prepare. Bookings essential - Call Belong BM on 4782 1117 or go to [www.belongbm.org.au/getready](http://www.belongbm.org.au/getready)

## Get Ready Weekend - Blackheath

10am Saturday 7th November 2020  
Blackheath RFS, Station Street, Blackheath  
Drop by and chat with the RFS, BANC & Step by Step.  
For more information visit [www.banc.org.au](http://www.banc.org.au)

## Mount Victoria Community Picnic

Monday 7th December 4pm to 6pm  
Memorial Park, Mount Victoria  
A community barbeque for bush fire recovery. Call 4787 7770 for more info or visit [www.banc.org.au](http://www.banc.org.au)

## Mount Irvine Community Barbeque

To be confirmed  
Mount Irvine  
A community barbeque for bush fire recovery. Call 4787 7770 for more info or visit [www.banc.org.au](http://www.banc.org.au)

## Medlow Bath Get Ready BBQ

To be confirmed  
Medlow Bath  
Community barbeque for bush fire recovery & preparedness. Call 4787 7770 for more info or visit [www.banc.org.au](http://www.banc.org.au)

## KHS Celebration and Reflection

School only event  
Katoomba High School  
An event for the school community to reflect on the 2019/20 fires and to celebrate the contribution students and staff who volunteered. Imelda, Community Liaison at KHS for more information.

Be prepared for an emergency



Have a conversation with your family and friends



Prepare your emergency kit



Connect with your neighbours and attend a local get ready event



Find a local Get Ready Blue Mountains event at [mcn.org.au](http://mcn.org.au)

## Recovery Services

### Headspace Blue Mountains Recovery Service

Outreach program servicing the Blue Mountains, Lithgow and the Hawkesbury

Blue Mountains Headspace Bushfire Recovery Service provides care coordination & early intervention services to young people in the Blue Mountains. Contact: [charley.mason@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:charley.mason@parramattamission.org.au) or phone 0438 871 120

### Step by Step - Disaster Recovery Support

Step by Step is a personalised disaster recovery support service assisting people across the Hawkesbury, Lithgow and Blue Mountains who have been affected by the bush fires or other emergency events. Contact: 0417 298 832 or [stepbystep@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au](mailto:stepbystep@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au)

For more information visit

[www.mcn.org.au/index.php/emergencies/emergency-resources-for-the-community](http://www.mcn.org.au/index.php/emergencies/emergency-resources-for-the-community)

[www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/getready](http://www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/getready) for 5 easy steps to Get Ready

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## Kindergarten Transition

- Kindergarten Transition will run throughout term 4 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
- We welcome all enrolled students for 2021 to join us and get to know what schools about.
- Enrolments can be done online or call the school to enquire about enrolment or to book a school tour.



## Reminders..

- School Drive Subsidiary—Apply at Transport NSW
- Premiers Sporting Challenge — Finishes at the end of Term 3
- Have a safe and fun holiday



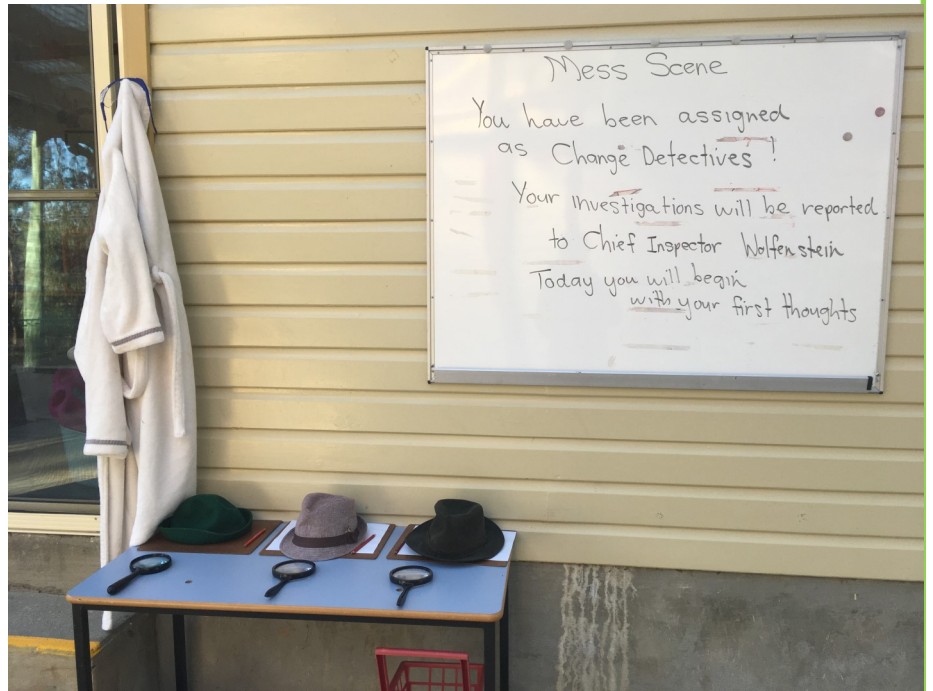
SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?	
<b>FACT</b> Children are small, fragile and can be easily overwhelmed and are extremely vulnerable. They need help to cross roads safely and should not be left alone in a vehicle.	
<b>No Parking</b> You have 2 minutes to drop off or pick up and must stay within 2 metres of your vehicle.	<b>\$194</b>
<b>No Stopping</b> You are not permitted to stop on a road with a no stopping sign.	<b>\$349</b>
<b>Bus Zone</b> You must not stop your vehicle in a bus zone unless you are taking a school bus.	<b>\$349</b>
<b>Mobile Phone Use</b> Do not use a hand held mobile phone while driving.	<b>\$2200</b>
<b>School Zone Speeding Offences</b> Exceeding the speed limit in a school zone is a criminal offence.	<b>\$3821</b>
<b>Pedestrian Crossings</b> Do not stop on or across a pedestrian crossing.	<b>\$464</b>
<b>Driveways</b> Do not stop on or across a driveway.	<b>\$349</b>
<b>Intersections</b> Do not stop on or across an intersection.	<b>\$464</b>
<b>Parallel Parking</b> Must parallel park in a marked space.	<b>\$349</b>
<b>Double Parking</b> Do not double park in a marked space.	<b>\$349</b>
<b>Footpath and Nature Strip</b> Do not stop on a footpath, nature strip or obstruct ramp or path access.	<b>\$349</b>



# Around the Playground and in the Classroom

Over the term 3 – every Thursday ‘Inspector Wollfstein’ has been investigating scientific problems with the students.

They have been exploring concepts of gas/solid/liquid forms.







By  
Charlie  
Year 5

### Street Art

**The wind sways while the paint drips down to the bins once again. While the graffiti gets older and older each day. More art gets made so more people notice how unique it is. More and more people express themselves when they feel down so they can let it all out. It's no competition no one try's to make better art than the other it's a way of expressing not a competition.**

### The six Kinds of Best are:

- ♦ **Be Kind to Your Self** - is about developing self-esteem and resiliency
- ♦ **Be Kind to Others** - is about empathy, care, co-operation and building relationships.
- ♦ **Be Kind to the Environment** - is about care for our natural and physical environment
- ♦ **Be the Learning Kind** - is about seeking knowledge, being an effective learner and being a lifelong learner
- ♦ **Be the Achieving Kind** - is about achieving your potential with aspiration, courage, persistence and effectiveness
- ♦ **Be the Community Kind** - is about being a responsible citizen and a positive contributor to local and global communities

# Be You..



The Six Kinds of Best is a formula to help young people be the best they can be. Teachers use the Six Kinds of Best in their classrooms, parents teach them at home and many schools have adopted them as their whole school values.



# Chicken Update...



## We have Eggs!!!!



The first egg!!



Hudson, Emerald and  
Sapphire have settled  
in and have started laying  
eggs!

Students enjoyed a delicious  
omelette with their eggs and  
vegies from our  
school vegetable  
garden!! Yumm!!





# PIRATE DAY



CAPTAIN WOLFFS INSTRUCTED STUDENTS IN  
PIRATE TALK AND LORE.... ARRRR



COUNTING PACES... FOLLOWING  
THE MAP



PIRATE  
TREASURE HUNT



X MARKS THE SPOT—DIGGING FOR TREASURE