

# MEGALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Term 3, Week 3

29th July, 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome back to term 3!

There are still a range of COVID restrictions that are arising day by day. Due to the regional lockdown we will continue with remote learning in place following the department 'learning from home' model. As the NSW Premier updates daily, she is continually stressing the need to reduce movement to vital necessities only. All families should be keeping their children at home during lockdown unless it is essential to send them to school. At this time there will be ongoing management of the school sites and flexibility of staff movement minimising staff on site. Where possible please telephone or email enquiries direct to staff.

It has all happened so fast from the end of last term, and it is sad we have to go through it all again! However, to our students, what troopers you all are, and the resilience you are showing in this difficult time. I would like to sincerely thank you all for your fabulous support and understanding as we navigate the challenges that learning from home brings to us all.

We are using Google Classroom. Please reach out if you need support at any time. We will also be introducing Seesaw as an online record of learning shortly. Each morning please ensure you notify us of your child's attendance in the classroom forum or by email or text. Teachers will be coordinating and updating remote and paper resources at school in week four. If you require anything we can arrange delivery.

Our partnership at this time is crucial to the success of remote learning and I personally can't thank you enough for your support and kindness as we once again navigate our crazy world.

Stephanie Scott

Principal

### *Blackheath Kookaburra*

#### *Kindergarten Inc*



Kookaburra Kindy is a community run preschool in beautiful Blackheath. We have provided quality preschool education to children aged three to five for over 65 years.

**Our Educators** are enthusiastic, warm and caring. They use the children's abilities, strengths, and interests to individualise learning. Kookaburra uses play based learning that follows the EYLF (Early Years Learning Framework).

We aim to support families and children in our community to reach their full potential and provide assistance and advice where possible.

**CALL OR EMAIL KERRIE TO BOOK A TOUR OF THE PRESCHOOL TO SEE OUR LOVELY ROOM AND NATURAL PLAYGROUND AND TO MEET OUR WONDERFUL TEAM.**

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*Our Beautiful grounds waiting for the students to return*

# Around the Playground and in the Classroom

## Why I would make an amazing Pirate

1/ I would be amazing and super brave pirate. I'm not scared of anything. Not of mermaids, not of octopuses, not even storms on the seven seas.

2/ I would be an incredible pirate because I know how to map the treasure out. I know where to find it. I wrangle octopuses and I know how to steer a ship. I get what I want, when I want.

3/ I know how to chat like a pirate. I can hew with my mouth open. I can flick food everywhere, when I talk while I'm eating.



By Clancy, Year 2



By Zola, Kindergarten

INFORMATION ON HEALTHY LIFESTYLES FOR  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



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# Covid Safe RELIEF SERVICES

During Lockdown 2021



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## No Interest Loans



During Lockdown, we are offering our No Interest Loans service via telephone. The process has become much easier for people who have MyGov and online banking, plus we are now able to verify expenses verbally over the phone if getting a bank statement isn't possible. Loans of up to \$1500 are available depending on eligibility. NILS can be used for items such as white goods, TVs, gaming consoles, vet bills, medical bills, course fees, computers and much more! Please call 4787 7770 to enquire.

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## EAPA Utility Bill Vouchers



EAPA vouchers are for anyone experiencing short-term hardship due to an unforeseen crisis. This service is available via an interview over the phone. Please call 4787 7770 to enquire.

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## Vouchers for Essentials.



Through the generosity of Blackheath Mitre 10, Blackheath Laundrette, Blackheath Veggie Patch, Blackheath Butchery, Blackheath Friendly grocer, and local community members, we have vouchers for food, firewood, laundry services, fresh fruit and vegetables, quality meats, and hardware items such as firewood, veggie seeds, essential repair items etc. These are available for people in our communities who are experiencing hardship. We also have vouchers for Coles and firewood via Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre, and Coles vouchers from BANC. Please call 4787 7770 to enquire.

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## Emergency Food Relief Hampers



We have stocks of non-perishable food items and toiletries available to people experiencing hardship. These have been donated by Blue Mountains community members, Amelia at Blackheath Laundrette, The Blackheath/Mt Vic RFS, Michael at the Friendly Grocer, and pre-packed hampers from Katoomba Police via the Rapid Response Team. Please call 4787 7770 to ask for a hamper to be delivered to your door.

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## The Heathens Choir Soup Packs



Soup packs with fresh vegetables, legumes, stock, and the printed out recipe, are available to people experiencing hardship thanks to the generous members of BANCs Heathens Choir. Please call 4787 7770 to ask for one to be delivered to your door.





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