

# MEGALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Term 4, Week 3  
20th October 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome back to term four, our new normal!

How exciting to return to our beautiful school with lovely smiling faces. We have some lovely curriculum learning planned for the rest of the term. It will be an eleven week term, with the final school day for students will be on the 16th of December. Staff will hold their staff development day on the last Friday.

Reminder that our school is phase three of restrictions. Some of the changes include; Parents kiss and drop off at the front gate, masks, sanitisers, QR codes and signing in, and masks for all staff at school. Students are strongly recommended to wear masks, but this is up to parents. These guidelines are updated from the Department of Education and NSW Health. For Information please go to: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families/schools-outside-of-greater-sydney>. There will be restrictions including; interschool visits, excursions, visitors that aren't essential.

This term we welcome our new pre-Kindergarten students transitioning for 2022. They will attend partial and full days over the coming weeks. We are all very excited and look forward to their first few days with us! If you have a child or know of a child who may start Kindergarten at Megalong Public School in 2022, please pick up a Kindergarten orientation bag from the office.

Our learning this term will begin with this week being Bird Week and we have enjoyed our first day sitting quietly in our yarnning circle in the back reserve listening to calls. We were lucky to watch two gang-gangs in a bottlebrush tree feeding, which we haven't seen close up before! We also saw a kookaburra, king parrots, rosellas and heard lots of wrens. Our films for the Film By Eucalypts can finally be completed, and if you are filming at home we still have a few weeks left. Hopefully, we can complete our drama and projects we began before lockdown!

Next week we welcome Miss Greig to provide Covid learning support. She will support students in literacy and numeracy and support our programming for assessment. She will be spending two weeks with us, so we will enjoy having her back for a short time.

Regards

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**

### *Calendar Events*

**Week 3 — 20th Oct—Students return  
Kindergarten transition**

— Aussie Backyard Bird Count

**Week 6— 12th Nov—Film by films due**

**Week 7—18th Nov—Music Aviva**

**Week 8- 22nd Nov—P&C meeting**

**Week 8—25th Nov—Photo day**

**Week 9—30/1 Dec—Film By Showcase**

**Week 9- 9th Dec- Presentation Day**

**Week 9—Little Hartley Excursion**

**Week 10—10-16th Dec Swimming School**

## Wellness Wednesday

Over the past few weeks students have enjoyed our Wellness Wednesday on Zoom with puppets. Our research evidence-based program called 'Bounce Back' is a program that increases students social and emotional wellbeing. We have used this program integrating resources from 'Be You' during the bush-fires and recovery, and is implemented weekly in the classroom. Students gain a positive outlook on life and learn how to deal with the 'ups and downs' of their lives. The curriculum units are below:

- Core Values—Acceptance of differences, honesty, fairness, responsibility
- Social values-Kindness and Compassion, cooperation, respect for one another, self-respect, friendliness and inclusion
- People 'Bouncing Back'-

**B**-bad feelings always go away again

**O**-other people can help you feel better if you talk to them

**U**-unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again.

**N**-nobody is perfect—not you and not others

**C**-concentrate on the things that are still good when things go wrong.

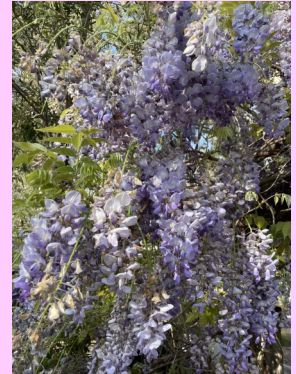
**E**-everybody has unhappy times sometimes, not just you.

**B**-bad times don't last. Things always get better. Stay optimistic.

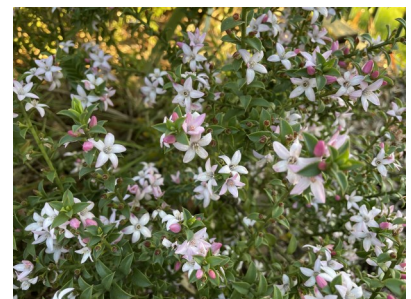
**A**-accept what can't be changed (but try to change what you can change first).

**C**-catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don't believe the worst is possible picture.

**K**-keep things into perspective. It's only part of your life.



*Our Beautiful grounds are full of colour waiting for the students to return.*





# Around the Playground and in the Classroom



## New School Visitor Check-in



Education  
Public Schools

A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the state is coming from 18 October!

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW COVID-19 mandate.
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

### Who can use School Visitor check-in

- Visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.
  - Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in.
- School Visitor Check-in will be ready from 18 October at all NSW Government schools.

For more information and parent video- visit School Visitor Check-in on the department website.