

MEGALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 7

8th March, 2021

Dear Families,

This term is travelling along very quickly with more school events to come. Thank you to parents who have supported our small school to ensure our students receive excellent opportunities for learning.

Teddy Bears Picnic

What a wonderful day we had on our teddy bears picnic visiting our friends out at Hampton Public School. Although, the rain set in we all enjoyed some literacy and numeracy activities under cover including bear stories, craft and a counting teddy bear hunt. Every bear and student received an award for their participation. What a lovely visit!

AECG Partnership Agreement

This term Megalong Public School has begun mapping out curriculum for students to learn about Indigenous culture, connection to land and Gundungurra language. We look forward to visits by Uncle Graeme to join us in our yarning circle activities, bush-tucker trail and Anzac memorial learning next term.

School Plan 2021-2024

We are currently developing a new school improvement plan for 2021-2024. The change, improvement and innovation outlined in our four year school plan is driven by the situational analysis carried out at the end of 2020. Our reflections guided the following three strategic directions:

1. The school will focus on delivering excellence in literacy and numeracy by providing dynamic, differentiated teaching and learning programs that show impact in the achievement for every student. Staff will focus on building student's results and the impact of teaching practice applied with current evidence based research.
2. Strategic Community Partnerships and Wellbeing - A school wide strategy to support emotional and social wellbeing of every child at Megalong Public School. The school will focus on excelling in the domain of social and emotional wellbeing, Aboriginal Partnership learning, and to strengthen collaboration with neighbouring schools and organisations in the local community. Our Megalong Public School plan will be finalised by the end of this term and will be posted on our school website for you to view. I will present this at our final P&C meeting in week 10.

Stephanie Scott

Principal



Reminders..

- ◆ **School Drive Subsidiary**—Apply at Transport NSW.
- ◆ **Premiers Reading Challenge** has begun—record any books read at home as well.



A misty morning outlook from our school grounds

Around the Playground and in the Classroom



Our lovely visiting King Parrot brought his new babies to visit us and to introduce them to us



We had an unexpected visitor in the classroom last week—this little fruit bat! He slept through the day on one of our jumpers and we found a safe place for him outside at the end of the day.



What a lovely day for some Outdoor Numeracy

P&C meeting

This week our P&C members met to discuss up and coming events in the Megalong valley and how our school will be present at these events to promote our school to encourage new enrolments. We are taking the time today to say a heart-felt thank you to each and every mum, dad, carer, grandmother, grandfather, aunt, uncle and friend in our school community. The staff and students are very aware of how fortunate we are to have so many people who support the school and are willing to work together to benefit our students. THANK YOU!!

The next P&C meeting will be on the 31st March in week 10. Everyone is welcome.

Dates to watch for...

Every Thursday— Hampton PS school visit

Every Friday— Sport with Mt Victoria PS

26th March—Clean Up Australia Day

19th March— Ride to School Day

— World Water Day

— International Read to me day

— Anti Bullying Day

23rd March— Harmony Day

25th March— Crazy Sock Day

— Red for Daniel Day

30th March— Parent Interviews

31st March—P & C meeting

1st April— Easter Hat Parade



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PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE



Outdoor learning Maths and Literacy

We continue to enjoy our lovely grounds with outdoor reading and have begun the Premiers Reading Challenge! Students and teachers share the selected books under the big eucalypts and should easily achieve beyond last years recorded books being read. The challenge involves all students taking part by challenging themselves to read a certain amount of books in the set time. Students in K-2 must read 30 books, Year 3-4 and 5-6 must read 20 books. There are specially marked books in the Library for students to borrow to help them complete the challenge. More information and reading rules can be found at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> Infants students will be given green PRC Reading Log sheets to write their books down when they have finished reading them. All students who complete the challenge will have their name displayed on the 'PRC Tree' in the Library as well as receiving a certificate in Term 4. The challenge finishes on Friday August 20th.



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Teddy Bear's Picnic

Hampton Public School Visit

