

MEGALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 3

5th May, 2021

Dear Families,

It has been a testing time for the Megalong Valley these last few weeks! The community held together in spirit and resilience considering the telephone outage and road closure! It will be a slow recovery after the wet weather. We have reviewed our school procedure for natural disasters and have contacted Telstra about the recovery of powerline reception to avoid future school closures.

It was great to see everyone at the first Megalong Makers Market, after such a difficult time for some families. The market was a great resilience initiative from Blue Mountains City Council. Our presence at the markets was positive, and it was a good to meet up with the local community to promote our school with everyone showing support.

Students have been learning about positive mindsets and goal setting. We start each day with our Bounce Back resilience program which is enjoyable and focuses on self-care. Our integration of Child Protection throughout each term, resilience and goal setting will increase students self-esteem, safety and increases our positive wellbeing at Megalong Public School.

Student and teachers are busy ensuring we all are focusing on our learning goals for the week. Our focus this term is to develop our confidence to speak in front of others and increase our reading fluency. The opportunity for students to visit Kookaburra preschool for Anzac activities went very well. Clancy presented with confidence a report about the local history of an Aboriginal soldier. This visit beginning a partnership for our school with Early Childhood as part of the Aboriginal Partnership Agreement. We appreciated the visit from Elder Uncle Graeme who joined us at the preschool. Our Anzac craft wreath was placed at the Blackheath memorial which was unfortunately a small event due to Covid-19. Thank you to Uncle Graeme and Kerrie from Kookaburra Preschool.

In addition students enjoyed to visit Radio Blue Mountains with Patrick radio presenter was an excellent experience for our year two students. Patrick said we had comments from the public asking how old she was to be reading so well. What a superb effort Clancy, well done!

We all had a wonderful time on the excursion to the Sydney Writers Festival, and staff on the professional development workshop at the New South Wales Maths Association. Students enjoyed a very entertaining performance and were extremely lucky to meet Emily Rhodda afterwards for a book signing. We will be using some of these texts in our film and literacy lessons this term. Teachers valued current teaching methods at the Maths Association workshop which will increase student deeper mathematical thinking in the classroom. We will be applying these enrichment activities into our classroom over the next few terms.

Stephanie Scott

Principal

Reminders..

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



**Visit the PRC
Student Site!**

<http://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/StudentExperience.html#/>



Old Ford Reserve at the height of the floods.

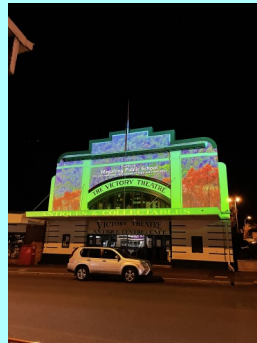


Sunshine and Rainbows after the floods

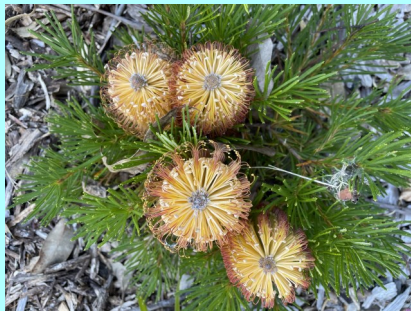
Around the Playground and in the Classroom



Having fun solving problems in Maths



Students enjoyed seeing their artwork conveying messages of hope and inspiration projected onto The Victory Theatre as part of the Illuminart Festival in Blackheath.



Wild At Art: threatened species art competition for kids

The 2021 threatened species art competition will be open for entries from Saturday 5 June, World Environment Day, to Friday 30 July.

This year, the Australian Conservation Foundation is partnering with Forestmedia Network Inc. to make the competition bigger than ever!

Children aged 5-12 from all Australian states and territories are invited to unleash their creativity through art while learning about our incredible plants and animals, and the threats facing them.

Each child may choose one of Australia's many threatened animals or plants to research, create, and write a short explanation of their work. Copies of artworks and written explanations can be submitted by teachers, program managers and parents via ACF's website from 5 June.

An exhibition of artworks by finalists will be held in Sydney in September, with winners announced on Tuesday 7 September, Threatened Species Day.

Prizes and categories will be announced shortly.

Find out more and sign up to receive exciting news and updates at www.acf.org.au/artcomp



Dates to watch for...

Every Thursday— Hampton PS school visit

7th May —P & C meeting

11th May— Pirate Day

13th May— David King visit

17th May— No Bees, No Future incursion with Richmond Ah school at Hampton PS

19th May—Storytime from Space

26th May—Sorry Day and Uncle Graeme visit

31st May— Visit from Ornithologist Mark Fuller for birdwatching on school grounds

31st May—4th June— Reconciliation week

9th June— Brewongle excursion

26th June— Kindness Day

Anzac Day



Fostering our Early Childhood and Aboriginal Partnerships.
Kookaburra Director Kerrie, Elder Uncle Graeme Cooper and
Principal Stephanie Scott

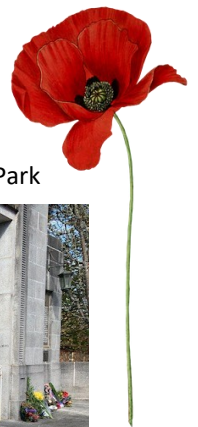


Sharing the story about a local Megalong
Aboriginal soldier from World War 2 with the
children from Kookaburra Kindy



The lovely wreath made by Megalong students and
Kookaburra Preschool children

Anzac Wreaths Blackheath Memorial Park



ATTENTION:

For the safety of our
students, please drive
40km p/h in the school
zone! When entering
the driveway, please
drive VERY SLOWLY!!
KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!!!



Blue Mountains Theatre is delighted to launch school holiday work-
shops & after school drama classes for young people.

Facilitated by highly qualified teachers with extensive professional acting
experience, these quality drama workshops and classes are tailor-made for
children & teens and are suitable for all levels of acting experience.



Drama for kids & teens
at Blue Mountains Theatre

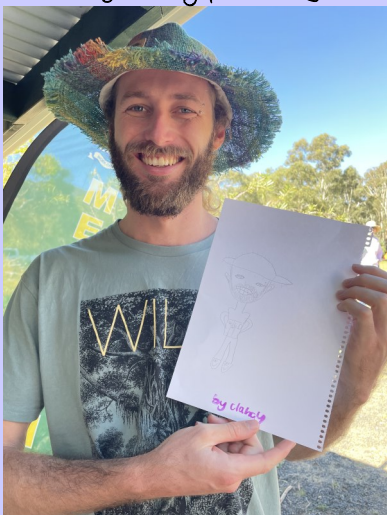
SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

7,8 & 9 April, 10am-3pm For Kids 8-11

Megalong Makers Market Day



Such a Fun Day Sharing our school with the wider community and raising money for the P & C



Miss Angela from Dance for Life with her portrait



Painting Rainbow serpent rocks



Miss Greig joining in on the fun



Our Megalong Public School stall



Happy Customer Jamie getting his portrait drawn by Clancy



Sydney Writers Festival



Real Pigeons



Emily Rhodda



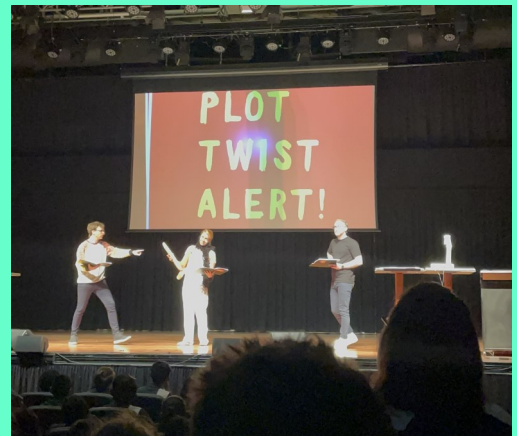
What a wonderful fun day of learning



Question Time



Jessica Townsend



Blue Mountains Radio Station Visit



Clancy sharing her Anzac knowledge on Radio Blue Mountains 89.1 with Patrick Leonard.



PRIMARY ETHICS INFORMATION MORNING

Are you interested in helping children develop critical thinking skills? Primary schools in the Blue Mountains need your help!

Primary Ethics is looking for more volunteers so that ethics classes can be made available for K-6 students in the Blue Mountains.

Come along to get more information about primary ethics
11am THURSDAY 13 May, Meeting Room 1
Blue Mountains Theatre and Community Hub
106-108 Macquarie Road, SPRINGWOOD.

Volunteer Ethics teachers receive full training from Primary Ethics, consisting of a two-day workshop and short online modules. Lesson scripts are provided.

RSVP is essential for this Covid safe event
To RSVP or for questions email: emailthea@gmail.com by Friday 7 May 2021.

