

MEGALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Term 2, Week 5

21st May, 2021

Dear Families,

It certainly has been a very busy term two with amazing opportunities for learning at Megalong Public School!

National Landcare Nomination

Our nomination for the 2021 National Landcare Awards is a great achievement for our small school! We will be busy finishing off our projects and films over the next few weeks. Thank you to parents for making it possible for us to get these activities completed. Thank you to David King for spending time with us preparing our short films. We have really appreciated him sharing his culture, history and talent with us over the last few weeks!

Hampton P.S visit

Children enjoyed a joint incursion of a wonderful program 'Bees No Future' run by the Richmond Agricultural team. We shared the day with Hampton Public School. The students learnt very important scientific investigation skills to look for bees, and what bees need to survive in the environment!

Sorry Day remembrance day

This year we will be having a reflection day on National Sorry Day. We have invited Elder Uncle Graeme for a smoking healing ceremony, and we look forward to him visiting. We hope to have a lovely day sharing stories and learning about respect for others and remembering Aboriginal people's histories.

Attendance Matters

This year one of our three Strategic Directions is to improve and maintain staff and students wellbeing. As part of our school implementation a focus on 100% attendance and mental health are part of our school procedures. Parents from the P&C are invited to provide suggestions of innovative ways we can maintain our school focus on wellbeing.

Semester 1 Reports

Teachers are busily working on Semester 1 student reports. Your child/ren have been involved in assessments over the past few weeks to evaluate learning from the beginning of the year. We will be sending home Semester 1 reports on June 21.

Stephanie Scott

Principal



IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER PARENTS AND CARERS

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

hold your child's hand. Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult's hand. Until they are at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.

talk to your child about road safety. Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.

point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different.

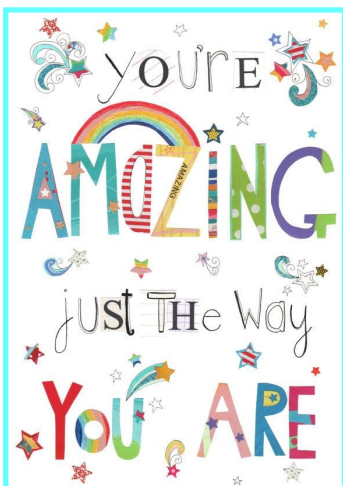
The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.

Talk with your child daily about road safety.

Remind other adults and carers about this too.

You can find out more at [Transport for NSW](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html).

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Around the Playground and in the Classroom



This term, we were lucky enough to have a number of visits from local Gundungarra Man David King. Students are making a few follow-up films for the Film By Festival and also for our National Landcare Submission. It was lovely to have Davids' input and for him to share his knowledge with students in such an engaging way. Seeing the students share what they have learnt and their knowledge of local Indigenous culture and how it relates to protecting our environment and caring for country is very rewarding. .



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

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

22nd June— Kindness Day

24th June— NAIDOC celebrations with Hampton

25th June— Last Day of Term 2

13th July— First day of Term 3

23rd July— Combined Athletics Carnival

5th August— National Landcare Awards Dinner

6th August— Sydney excursion



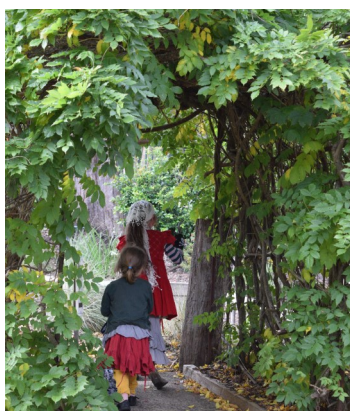
Pirate Day



*Having fun whilst raising money for
childhood cancer*



*Following a pirate map
Looking for treasure*



Pirate Faces





No Bees, No Future



Bee Incursion with Hampton Public School



Looking to see what Bee species we can find

Students had a wonderful day learning about the important roles that bees play in our ecosystems. Educators from Richmond Agricultural High School visited to share their knowledge about bees. Students learnt about how the shape of the honeycomb is useful and tried making honeycomb with other shapes. They learnt about the importance of healthy soil and about bee communication.



Students made some wonderful Save the Bees posters.



Testing the soil in the Vegetable garden

Looking at the different shaped honeycombs students made



Learning to read soil pH

