

MEGALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 10

15th Sept, 2021

Dear Families,

Hurray!! We got to the end of the term and your children are still smiling, finding daily gratitude. What an awesome bunch of kids and supportive parent community we have at Megalong!

Covid school update -

Vaccinations for school staff - To ensure a COVID-safe return to school, all NSW public school and preschool staff on-site to support the staged return of students will be required to be fully vaccinated. Any contractors, volunteers or people on site who require a Working with Children Check will also be required to have 2 doses of vaccination before returning to our school. All NSW school and preschool staff will be required to be fully vaccinated by 8 November.

Face masks - Teachers and all school staff are required to wear face-masks while in enclosed spaces with other people and whilst interacting with students on the playground. It is mandatory for all students in Year 7 or above to wear face masks while at school. Primary school students are encouraged to wear a face mask. This means if you want your child to wear a mask, they can. Students will also be reminded to practice good hand hygiene at school with our ample supplies of hand-sanitiser. If you would like your child to wear a mask at school we have access to disposable masks.

I sincerely hope that the spring term break gives you lots of time to rest, recharge and spend lots of quality time with your children. Enjoy that sunshine and the beautiful environment that you live in.

Have a very happy, safe spring holiday vacation! Students resume for Term 4 (remote learning from home) on Tuesday, 5th October, 2021.

Stephanie Scott

Principal

FAMILY MUSIC SESSION

National Mental Health Month 2021 Awareness Campaign
'Mental Health: Post Pandemic Recovery Challenges and Resilience'



For National Mental Health Month 2021, we invite you to shake off the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, bring your kids, dance, move and sing as we celebrate this year's Mental Health Month theme of recovery and resilience.

#ResilienceAndRecovery

**Sat 2nd Oct
@10am, 2021**

Register here for free:
<https://events.humanitix.com/move-it-4-kids>

Activities: Sing, Move, Dance, Play, Laugh



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land where we work and play and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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.

Ph: 02 4787 8977

9-11 Park Ave, Blackheath, NSW, 2785

E-mail: contact@kookaburrakindy.nsw.edu.au

Learning resources at your home

Information for parents, carers and families in the community during Lockdown - September 2021

Blue Mountains Library has a range of e-resources that you may find helpful during the current COVID-19 restrictions that may support your learning.



Birdie's Tree

Online resources to help you and your child recover from natural disasters such as fire, storms and epidemics. Read the books online, or play a game to help work through these difficult emotions.



Scratch

Program your own interactive stories, games, and animations - and share your creations with others in the online community.



Literacy Planet

A literacy and numeracy resource for children of all abilities. Focussing on pre-reading skills, phonics, grammar, vocabulary, comprehension, spelling, and basic mathematics.



Gale Presents National Geographic Kids

Explore amazing adventures in science, nature, culture, archaeology, and space



Busy Things

Online learning games for 3 to 8 year olds. Filled with fun, humorous characters and lively colourful settings.



Story Box Library

Watch hundreds of high quality videos of picture books being read, including in Auslan.

All resources are available on our 'eLibrary for Kids' page on the Blue Mountains Library website. To access these and other e-resources you just need a library card number. It is easy to get access from home if you aren't a member yet - just register on our website for an online membership to get a library card number today!

Need help setting up or troubleshooting our eLibrary?

Email us and a staff member will contact you to help: bmlibrary@bmcc.nsw.gov.au

We can talk you through set up from scratch or we can assist with troubleshooting problems.



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Around the Playground and in the Classroom



Zola

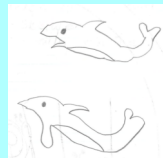


Clancy

The Magic Beach

At my beach, at my magic beach, I skip and run around when the sun is hot and bright. I collect shells that have washed up from the bay. We go under the waves and when we are cold, we go and make sand cakes at the creek. I go and make seaweed piles.

Down, down, down we go, down into the sand. We see tigers and dolphins made out of sand. A turtle flies through the sand. But my favourite bit of my magic beach is my toasty warm bed.



By Willow. Year 2



Final chance to have your say on Buttenshaw Park, Springwood!

We want to hear your feedback on the planned **NEW youth space with pump track** currently funded by the Western Parkland City Liveability Program and scheduled to be built in 2022.

We also want your final feedback on the **draft Buttenshaw Park Plan of Management and Masterplan**. These plans need to be endorsed by the Council before the play space can be built! They are due to go to the October 2021 Council Meeting.

So don't miss the chance to let us know your thoughts on the current (and future) plans for this District Park.

Take our short survey – by Tuesday, 28 September 2021.
Go to yoursay.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/buttenshaw-park

Talk to us on the phone – COVID-19 restrictions mean we are not able to meet with you at this time, to talk about these plans. But you can still speak to a member of our project team and raise any concerns, in this final round of community consultation. **Please call Council on 4723 5000 (Lower Mountains) or 4780 5000 (Upper Mountains) to book a time on Tuesday 21 or Wednesday 22 September, between 10am and 6pm.**

We want Buttenshaw Park to be a great place for everyone.
We look forward to hearing from you!

Show your love for #OurOtherMother
Join the Creative Climate Challenge



Categories

Write a short story or a poem
Write a song or create a dance
Create something arty like a painting or a sculpture; Write & perform a play
Make a video advertisement

Open to all ages
Individual & Group Entries Welcome

Details at
<https://filafreezy.com/creativeclimatechallenge>



Western Parkland City Liveability Program is part of the Western Sydney City Deal (WSCD). The WSCD is a 20 year-agreement between the Australian and NSW governments, and the eight local Councils of the Western Parkland City.



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BOOK WEEK 2021

