

MEGALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 10

25th June, 2021

Dear Families,

Congratulations to the students of Hampton and our joint efforts for winning an award for the Waste to Art competition. Thank you to Hampton PS Wendy Hawkes for her talent and efforts to ensure the students produce artwork of such a high calibre!

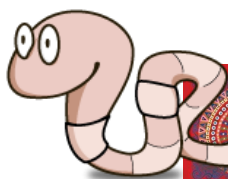
This term as part of our Living Things unit for Science we had a visit from bird man Mark Fuller Ornithologist. It was quite exciting to see more birds with his help and we managed to see a red faced honey eater, pardalotes, and an abundance of wrens and two black glossy cockatoos flying over the school. We always value his visits seeing more species each time.

Our whole school participated in a joint excursion to Brewongle Environmental Centre. The excursion was fantastic thanks to the organising of the Brewongle team. They provided a very extensive cultural and historical overview of Indigenous education and a complete day of activities. Students did scientific investigations of living things, and attended the old school house encapsulating what life was like one hundred years ago. Megalong staff were able to complete their cultural awareness training which is a requirement in the Aboriginal Education Policy. It was a special outing for our school, and we had a wonderful time.

We will be sending home school reports this week and invite parents to schedule an interview and to discuss your child's progress.

Stephanie Scott

Principal



Visit the PRC Student Site!

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

Reminders..

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



GO4FUN
HEALTHY ACTIVE HAPPY KIDS



A **free** after-school health program for 7– 13 year old children who are above a healthy weight and their families to become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have a child between 7–13 years old?

The Go4Fun program is a free health program to improve health, fitness and confidence in children above a healthy weight.

Go4Fun runs one day a week after school for 10 weeks over the school term.

Sessions include.

- Weekly fun based games and activities to get everyone active
- Fun, interactive discussions and activities about healthy foods, physical activity, behaviour change and self-esteem
- Practical skills such as meal planning, label reading, portion sizes and a supermarket tour!

Our term 3 locations include:

Tuesday, 5pm to 7pm
(13th July to 14th September)
Blaxland Public School

Wednesdays, 4:30pm to 6:30pm
(14th July to 15th September)
St Clair, Banks Public School

Thursdays, 4:30pm to 6:30pm
(15th July to 16th September)
Cranebrook St Thomas
Anglican Church



REGISTER TODAY TO SAVE YOUR SPOT
VISIT www.go4fun.com.au or CALL 1800 780 900

Around the Playground and in the Classroom



PLASTIC FREE JULY 31 Day Challenge

1 Sign the petition to end single-use plastic

2 Challenge a friend to go plastic free

3 Get your coffee in a reusable cup

4 Decline a plastic straw

5 Use a bamboo toothbrush

6 Join a beach clean up

7 BYO reusable bag

8 BYO cutlery

9 BYO takeaway containers

10 Choose a reusable drink bottle

11 Make your own personal care products

12 Switch to bar soap instead of liquid soap

13 Buy from bulk food stores

14 Recycle your old mobile phone

15 Choose plastic free produce

16 Try reusable food wrap

17 Use bamboo cotton buds

18 Sign the global petition to end plastic pollution

19 REDcycle your soft plastics

20 REUSE, REUSE, REUSE!

21 Choose natural fabrics

22 Shop ReefCycle sunglasses (See below for info)

23 Slow down and eat-in

24 Choose a recycled plastic phone case

25 Choose a pencil over a pen

26 Skip plastic-bottled drinks

27 Take your own bread bag to the bakery

28 BYO cloth produce bags to supermarket

29 Give old plastics a new life

30 Make your own newspaper bin liner

31 Switch to steel or bamboo pegs



Dates to watch for...

- Every Thursday— Hampton PS school visit
- 24th June— NAIDOC celebrations with Hampton
- 25th June—Last Day of Term 2
- 1st July—Plastic Free July starts
- 13th July— First day of Term 3
- 23rd July— Combined Athletics Carnival
- 5th August— National Landcare Awards Dinner
- 6th August— Sydney excursion
- 2nd–6th August—Education Week
- 3rd August—Heritage Day
- 3rd September—Aussie Bird Count

JULY 1: Plastic petition: wwf.org.au/plastic
JULY 22: ReefCycle sunglasses: wwf.org.au/get-involved/reefecycle

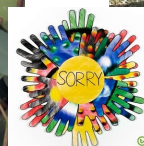




Sorry Day



Students spent a day reflecting on Australia's Indigenous history. Elder Uncle Graeme spent the day with us sharing his stories and performing a smoking ceremony. We shared damper and cakes made with herbs from our bush tucker trail. It was a lovely day chatting around our yarning circle, learning about respect for others and remembering Aboriginal people's histories.



Bird Watching with Mark Fuller—some of the lovey birds we spotted

31ST JUNE, 2021, BIRD WATCHING



GOLDEN WHISTLER



BUFF RUMPED THORNBILL



SPOTTED PARDOLOTE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FLIX FOR \$8!

Magical Movies

Join us for some of the most beloved magical movies of all time, showing on the big screen these July school holidays

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!
Calling all goblins, fairies, witches & wizards!
Come dressed as your favourite magical creature for a chance to win a prize.

<p>THE WIZARD OF OZ</p> <p>Tuesday 6 July 10.30am</p>	<p>LABYRINTH</p> <p>Tuesday 6 July 2pm</p>	<p>KIKI'S DELIVERY SERVICE</p> <p>Wednesday 7 July 10.30am</p>
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Book online to choose your own reserved seats.

Fresh popcorn & choc-tops available too!

Bookings 4723 5050 or bluemountainstheatre.com
106 Macquarie Road Springwood

BLUE MOUNTAINS THEATRE

School holiday activities calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	<p>Make a snack</p>	<p>Get moving!</p>	<p>Time to colour!</p>	<p>Make a faceplate</p>	<p>Scrub your hands and vegies from scraps</p>
Week 2	<p>Build a lunch box</p>	<p>Time for yoga</p>	<p>Help make dinner for the family</p>	<p>Find a healthy snack</p>	<p>Get ready for movie night!</p>

For this and more visit:
healthylunchbox.com.au

Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Be An Attendance HERO.

Here
Everyday
Ready
On Time

BAM! **POW!**

Created by Lisa Pearce





BREWONGLE EXCURSION



Students and staff spent the day a wonderful day at Brewongle Environmental Centre. Activities such as birdwatching, bug finding, damper making, ochre painting, and writing with ink quills in the old school house— just to name a few, kept the students busy whilst staff attended cultural awareness training. A really fun day all round!!





One of the highlights of our Brewongle Visit was meeting their rescue Blue Tongue Lizard and having a cuddle, along with trying some new bush tucker and learning about Bush Medicine.

