



MEGALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Term 4, Week 11

15th Dec, 2021



Dear Megalong families,

The end of year has finally arrived! Thank you to all of our parents and community members who have supported Megalong Public School in 2021. It has been a challenging year for everyone and disrupting again for our students. The resilience, tenacity and kindness in our small community is truly amazing. We have held together and supported one another. These challenges we have navigated through together, and I am very proud to be finishing on such a positive high note with staff, students learning and everyone looking forward to a well deserved Christmas break.

We concluded our year with a beautiful Presentation Day Assembly, and it was lovely to share this event with families and the community. We have a record on video if parents would like a copy.

The Semester two student reports will be delivered this Thursday. Parents are more than welcome to discuss reports with myself or Mr Wolffs. Due to the disruptions to the teaching semester and the requirement of remote learning there will be modifications made to the format with no A-E scale. However, we have included detailed comments about your child's effort and a general comment of learning achievements.

Next year for teaching staff, we warmly welcome Mrs Bronwyn Standen who will be joining our Megalong staff in 2022. She is a well regarded teacher from Blue Mountains Grammar School and we welcome all her teaching knowledge and experience. She will be teaching half of the week Wednesdays to Fridays, and I will teach Monday to Wednesday. We will share Wednesday as a handover and provide across the stages special elements that require individual student attention. We will miss Mr Wolffs for the beginning of term one as he goes on a well deserved family holiday.

Our school will be participating in the Share Our Space this summer school holidays. This means the gates will be open for the community to use the school grounds. This is a NSW Government commitment and will operate from Monday 20th December to Thursday 27th January 8am-5pm, including weekends and public holidays. A security guard will be present, and cleaners will continue to visit throughout the holidays.

Kindergarten enrolments and all other enrolments are currently being taken. We can take out of zone enrolments as our school is under cap. If you know of any families that may consider our school, please pass on our school details.

School concludes for students this Thursday 16th December, after photos and swim school. We return on Tuesday 1st February, and I wish you all a relaxing well deserved holiday catching up with your family.

Thank you all for your support this year and please know our staff are there to serve our community. I wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and look forward to a wonderful, exciting year in 2022.

Regards
Stephanie Scott
Principal



Around the Playground and in the Classroom

So lovely to see our Callistemon that students planted a few years ago flower for the first time this year. Cuttings from these were gifted to schools around the mountains in 2020



Megalong P & C held another successful stall at the Megalong Makers Markets. Lots of kids enjoyed making all the craft activities we offered, and students managed to rescue a lizard— Megalong style!

Share Our Space

This play area is open over the holiday break

Share Our Space is a commitment by the NSW Government to make schools the centre of our community. Our grounds are open from **8 am to 5 pm** during the school holidays, including weekends and public holidays.

Remember to:

Play safe. Respect others. Care for our space.

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| ⊘ Access to school grounds outside of hours is prohibited | ⊘ No fires or BBQs |
| ⊘ No skateboards or rollerblades/skates | ⊘ No littering or depositing of any material |
| ⊘ No vehicles on site | ⊘ No glass |
| ⊘ Children should be supervised by adults at all times | ⊘ No damage to school facilities |
| ⊘ No smoking or alcohol | ⊘ No animals |

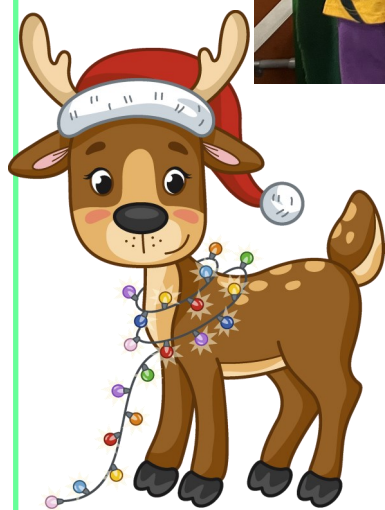
School outdoor facilities are unsupervised.
Please call 1300 880 021 to report a violation of rules or for help.
For emergencies call 000.

edu.nsw.link/ShareOurSpace



Support Fun

Wellbeing Wednesday





School Swimming

With Hampton Public School



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

Growing Resilient Communities

Providing on the ground support for Greater Blue Mountains, Northern NSW and Southern NSW



Support continues for communities impacted by bushfire and other natural disasters with our suite of Seasons for Growth and Stormbirds programs. Resilience NSW have funded dedicated Community Resilience Officers to work with trained Companions and local groups in three bushfire-impacted regions in NSW to support ongoing recovery, build resilience and enhance community preparedness for future adversity.

Community Resilience Officers

The Community Resilience Officers will work alongside trained Seasons for Growth and Stormbirds companions, schools and community organisations to implement the small group programs, workshops and seminars for children, young people, parents, carers and adults to best meet their needs. The Officers will work with whole communities as they come to understand the complex impacts of change, loss and grief experienced following the impacts of the bushfires and the ongoing impacts of flooding and Covid19. We envisage and hope this initiative and ongoing support will build on the support provided to date and will continue to support the capacity and capability of the local communities to recover and respond to the bushfire events.

How we can support:

- Delivery of Stormbirds natural disaster program for children 6-14 years
- Delivery of Seasons for Growth change and loss education program for children and young people 6-18 years
- Workshops for professionals - change, loss, grief, impacts of disasters and other significant events on children and young people
- Seminars for parents/carers on how best to support children and young people following disasters and other significant life events
- Delivery of Seasons for Growth change and loss seminar for adults
- Ongoing support and sessions for trained program facilitators
- Develop a Community of Practice to support professionals



Reach out to our Community Resilience Officers:

Greater Blue Mountains:
LGAs of Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Lithgow, Wollandilly
lydia.vorona@goodgrief.org.au

Northern NSW:
LGAs Clarence Valley, Glenn Innes Severn, Richmond Valley, Tentfield
biba.honnets@goodgrief.org.au

Southern NSW:
LGAs Eurobodalla, Queanbeyan-Palerang, Shoalhaven, Snowy Monaro
sandra.kays@goodgrief.org.au

For more information on the programs please visit or call
goodgrief.org.au 1300 379 569

The MacKillop Institute

mackillopinstitute.org.au



Resilience NSW

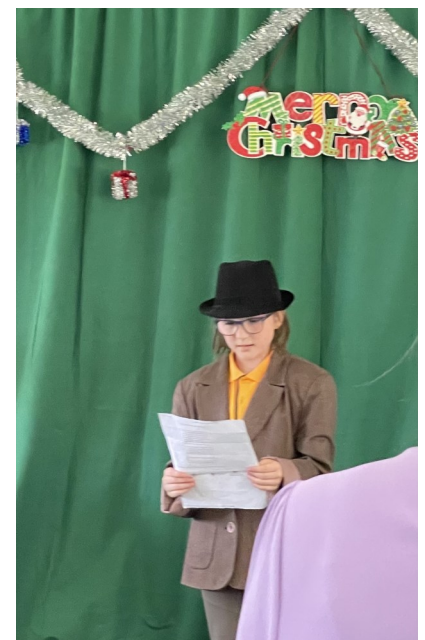
Presentation Day



Willow received this years Museum of Fire Application award for her outstanding work throughout the year.



Clancy received a special award from BANC for giving her voice and characterisation to the Covid Characters radio Play—Presented by Liz Barclay.





MUSIC AVIVA



Students once again had the opportunity to participate in Music Aviva and enjoyed a wonderful zoom performance "Music in my Suitcase" with lovely storytelling, integrating music and dance through Hungarian music.

Dates to watch for...

10th —17th Dec— School swimming
11th Dec—Megalong Market Day & community Christmas party.
16th Dec—School Photos
 —End of year class party at Littelon Park and P & C meeting
 — Last day of school
1st Feb 2022—First day of school 2022

Reminders..

- ◆ **School Drive Subsidiary**—Apply at Transport NSW.



Choose your adventure and win great prizes!

1 December 2021 - 31 January 2022

Every summer Blue Mountains Library's Summer Reading Challenge encourages school children of all ages to read and log their achievements. This helps maintain reading skills across the long school break, earns rewards and it's fun!

How to Join and Log Your Reading

You must be a Library member to participate. Joining is easy – just call us or ask how in a branch. Read items from our collection, anything counts; books, picture books, magazines, eBooks, eAudiobooks, Audiobooks and graphic novels.

Download digital logsheets and activity sheets from our website library.bmcc.nsw.gov.au or visit one of our branches to collect.

Send completed logsheets and activities via email to src@bmcc.nsw.gov.au or hand in to staff at one of our open branches by 31 January 2022.

Prizes

Each completed logsheet earns you a \$5 book voucher to be redeemed at either The Turning Page or Megalong Books! (limit of 4).

Earned all 4 vouchers? Keep reading and returning logsheets to earn collectable postcards. Show your postcards at a branch by 12 February 2022 to get a token prize or badge!

Special Prize Draw Activities

Each completed activity sheet that is returned by 31 January 2022 goes into the lucky dip draw to win a major prize of a \$50 book voucher. There are three major prizes to be won.

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