

# MEGALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 9

24th March, 2022

Dear Megalong Families,

This week we had our lovely excursion to Sydney Zoo! What a great time we had seeing all the animals and enjoying our camel encounter. Students fed the camels and learnt more interesting information with the animal talks provided by the zookeepers. A big thankyou to Patrick our bus driver who volunteers his time to take us on the bus. It was great to enjoy the company of parents joining us for a lovely sunny day!

The floods and rain this term was a short disruption, however students and staff managed to get back to the swing of remote learning without delay. A big thankyou to parents and students staying positive during this time. It shows the resilience our Megalong school community to get through difficult times. Please remember during this time our school and the department of education provide various resources such as mental health support of COVID, learning resources through the learning hub and is flexible to your families' work commitments during this time. Our communication to families has been great, however we will be introducing an app possibly School bag which will enable more messages to be sent.

Our school will be validated in the middle weeks of term three this year. This formal assessment will evaluate our school plan to build our school wellbeing, community engagement and literacy and numeracy education outcomes. Through parent and student feedback and embedded forms of communication i.e. interviews, surveys, and P&C meetings to strengthen our whole school education and wellbeing focus. We will also be visiting Hampton Public School and joining events with the Upper Mountains school next term as part of our wellbeing and engagement strategy.

Over the coming weeks we have quite a few events and I have sent out a note with calendar dates. These include various invitations for parents and extended family to visit the school. It has been a long length of time without visitors to the school, so we are looking forward to more normality!

Our school grounds are very green from the rain! We will bring home the chickens next term when we have completed a larger covered safe enclosure. We are keen to start a new garden project in the circle gardens. We are planning another habitat garden with sustainability features. Please let me know of your creative ideas.

Students will be riding to school next week, and as part of our safety program students will learn about helmets, seatbelts and holding hands when crossing the road. We will be referring to resources from Safety Town. Also, we will be covering topics from the Bullying No Way! website as part of our behaviour and wellbeing program. There will be other child protection topics covered, and I will send home a note shortly.

Regards

Stephanie Scott

### Reminders..

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



# Around the Playground and in the Classroom

Sharing news is a great time for students to share special news or item with their peers. It also gives students practice and confidence in speaking and listening skills.



## NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 1st April



Join in the celebration and ride, walk, scooter or skate to school on National Ride2School Day.

 **RIDE2  
SCHOOL**  
ride2school.com.au



## Dates to watch for...

**7th March**— Premiers Reading Challenge starts

**23rd March**— Harmony Day

**28th March**—Big Veggie Crunch Week starts

**30th March**— Crazy Sock Day

**31st March**— Healthy Harold visit

**1st April**—Ride to school Day

**8th April**— Easter Hat Parade

**8th April**— Last day of school

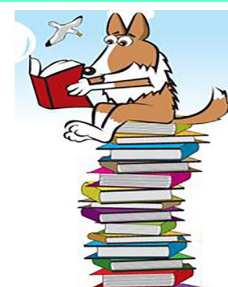
**16th April**— Megalong Makers markets





# The 2022 NSW Premiers Reading Challenge has begun.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10



## 2022 Challenge dates

- Challenge opens: Monday 28 February 2022
- Challenge closes for student entries: Friday 19 August 2022



<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>



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## FUTURE MAKERS



Calling all Future Makers: NAS School  
Holiday Workshops are back!  
11-14 April 2022

Join us this Autumn School Holidays for our new Future Makers Programs!

Our workshops provide young people aged 6-16 with opportunities to engage with artists, art-making and other forms of creative production on site at NAS and online in your own home.

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# Sydney Zoo Excursion





# Zoo Keeper Talks



One of the highlights of our excursion to the zoo were the keeper talks. Students learnt facts about the animals as well as information about their care and upkeep; their status in the wild and ways to help protect their habitats.



Some of the favourite talks were about the tigers, koalas, dingoes and elephants.











Place Management NSW, Sydney Learning Adventures and The Rocks Discovery Museum are pleased to invite your students to take part in our 2022 NAIDOC Week Art Competition.

All entries will be displayed at The Rocks Discovery Museum and on our websites from 20th June – 20th July 2022 in celebration of NAIDOC Week 2022.

**CATEGORIES:** Winners from each category will be invited to attend the unveiling of the artworks.

**Primary:** K - Yr 2, Yr 3 – 4 & Yr 5-6

**Secondary:** Yr 7 – 9 & Yr 10-12

**Tertiary:** University students

**Prizes include:**

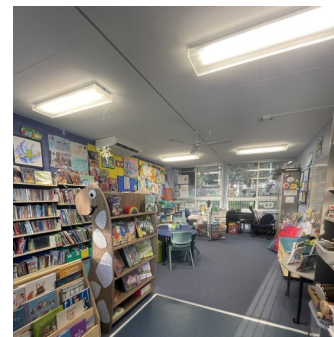
Vouchers for use in The Rocks Precinct

### Requirements

- Artworks must relate to the NAIDOC Week 2022 Theme - Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! Students should include a brief explanation or story to accompany their artwork.
- Entries can be either a physical or digital piece, no larger than A4 size.
- Entries close on the 30th May 2022. Physical copies can be sent to 66 Harrington Street The Rocks 2000, Attention: The Rocks Discovery Museum. Digital entries can be sent via email: [pag.therocksdiscoverymuseum@property.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pag.therocksdiscoverymuseum@property.nsw.gov.au)
- Entries should be clearly labelled with the following: Name of student and school including contact details, category/school year. All entrants need to complete art usage consent forms and return with entry.



Some lovely new library furniture has brightened up our Library and allowed displayed books to be easily accessible for our smallest students in our new infants corner.



### 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!!!



### Gateway Family Services Term 2, 2022 Parenting Programs Summary



Program	Date & Time	Location	To Register
<b>Bringing Up Great Kids In the First 1,000 Days</b> <i>Learn more about how babies' brain development influences their thoughts, feelings and tune in to your baby's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development.</i> <i>Suitable for parents of 0-2 year olds.</i>	Every Monday 2nd May - 6th June 7:00pm - 9:00pm <i>* NO Childcare</i>	Blaxland Uniting Church (rear Hall) 70-76 Old Bathurst Road, BLAXLAND	Phone Gateway- 0490 662 498 or email: <a href="mailto:groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au">groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au</a>
<b>Circle of Security</b> <i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser &amp; kinder parent with your kids.</i> <i>Suitable for parents of 0-12 year olds.</i>	Every Wednesday 4th May - 15th June 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* NO Childcare</i>	Katoomba Public School Merriwa Street, KATOOMBA	Phone Gateway- 0490 662 498 or email: <a href="mailto:groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au">groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au</a>
<b>1-2-3 Magic &amp; Emotion Coaching</b> <i>Learn how to understand &amp; manage your child's difficult behaviour.</i> <i>Suitable for parents of 2-12 year olds.</i>	Every Thursday 5th May - 19th May & 9th June 10:00am - 12:00pm <i>* Childcare is available</i>	Gateway Family Services - Penrith Office Cnr Station & Henry Sts, PENRITH	Phone Gateway- 0490 662 498 or email: <a href="mailto:groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au">groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au</a>
<b>No Scaredy Cats</b> <i>Strategies to help your child reduce anxiety &amp; build resilience.</i> <i>This group will assist you to understand how anxiety develops and how to offset its progress whilst providing some strategies for its management.</i> <i>Suitable for parents of 2-12 year olds.</i>	Every Tuesday 24th May - 7th June 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* NO Childcare</i>	WinCAMP 56 White Cross Road, WINMALEE	Phone Gateway- 0490 662 498 or email: <a href="mailto:groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au">groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au</a>
<b>Bringing Up Great Kids: PARENTING ADOLESCENTS</b> <i>Learn about brain development in adolescents and what influences their thoughts, feelings &amp; behaviour whilst identifying important messages and how to convey to your adolescent.</i> <i>Suitable for parents of 10-19 yr olds.</i>	Every Saturday 30th Apr - 4th June 10:00am - 12noon <i>* NO Childcare</i>	Gateway Family Services - Penrith Office Cnr Station & Henry Sts, PENRITH	Phone Gateway- 0490 662 498 or email: <a href="mailto:groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au">groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au</a>

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Gateway Family Services parenting programs are funded by DSS and DCL.  
Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parenting programs to communities from St Marys to Blackheath.  
Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone.