

MEGALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Term 2, Week 3

14h May, 2022

Dear Megalong Families,

What a wonderful start to term two! We are excited for a term full of events and new learning. This term Mrs Scott will be teaching Astronomy and PDHPE health, and Mrs Standen Music and History 'First Contacts'. We will focus on increasing student reading and comprehension levels and writing various text types. We will cover numeracy strands focusing on key the Number Strands and ensuring our students are making progress towards their stage level. On our Well-being Wednesdays we will focus on assessment, student learning goals and continue with Sport and Library. We will also enjoy reading books from the Premiers Reading Challenge which will run through to the end of term three. I have also registered our school for the NSW Sporting Challenge, and the charity Jump Rope for Heart which will provide our students opportunities for fitness throughout the week. We are continuing with Yoga and this term will be integrating a new well-being program called Karma Classrooms which staff will learn and teach students yoga, breathing and mindfulness.

We welcome our new students and are very blessed to have two new students join our Megalong class. It is great to have another family join our small school!

Regards,

Principal

Stephanie Scott



Reminders..

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



Visit the PRC Student Site!

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



SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?	
FACT Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need 100% to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.	
No Parking You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Penalty: \$194	Pedestrian Crossings Do not stop or park on or near a marked crossing. Penalty: \$464
No Stopping You are not permitted to stop on a length of road with a no stopping sign. Penalty: \$349	Driveways Do not stop on or across a driveway. Penalty: \$349
Bus Zone You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus. Penalty: \$349	Intersections Do not stop on or within 20 metres of an intersection. Penalty: \$464
Mobile Phone Use Do not use a hand held mobile phone while driving. Penalty: \$2200	Parallel Parking Must parallel park in direction of travel unless signpost states otherwise. Penalty: \$349
School Zone Speeding Offences 40kmph is the speed limit. Children are vulnerable in school zones. Penalty: \$3621	Double Parking Do not double park in a school zone. Penalty: \$349
	Footpath and Nature Strip Do not stop on a footpath, nature strip or obstruct ramp or path access. Penalty: \$349

Around the Playground and in the Classroom



Playground
Fun



Year 4 Speech Writing



Red Folder Reading

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

Dates to watch for...

10th May — NAPLAN starts

20th May— District Cross Country

13th May— David King visit

23rd May— Sydney Writers Festival and Fire Museum excursions

24th May—Police Community Visit

25th May—National Simultaneous Storytime

26th May—Sorry Day

30th May—Jump Rope for Heart starts

7th June— Visit from Ornithologist Mark Fuller
for birdwatching on school grounds

6th—10th June— Reconciliation week

8th June—Preschool visit

24th June—Film By Gala Day

Cross Country Practice



Students took advantage of the crisp sunny days recently, to practise for the district cross country



Our beautiful cross country track was challenging and fun . Students ran up to 3-4 laps.



EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS CALENDAR FROM 20 APRIL

For more information or to book an event, go to www.banc.org.au/events. No internet? Call 4787 7770

All events are FREE unless otherwise noted.

BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED for most events, and numbers may be limited, so get in early

22 April Street art workshop for young people 13-21 Pizza included! 10am-2pm	27 April Bushfire recovery & the environment hands-on workshop at Allendale 9.30-noon includes lunch	27 April Art Play on Wednesday No experience or materials needed. Just have fun! 10am-noon	28 April Preparing a Fire Plan Essential safety seminar from the RFS	29 April Creative writing with James Gering First session of Term 2 9.30am-noon	30 April Financial management information session 9.30am-noon	30 April Bushfire recovery & the environment (Repeat of 27 April workshop)	
30 April Bush food and medicine Guided field excursion for families and young people 10am-noon	30 April Lemon Twist Lesbian Mountains Meetup 2pm-4pm	30 April Blue Mountains Creative Arts Network Open day 12.30-4pm	May →		1 May Bush survival skills Learn how to find water and bush food, make string, and build a bush cubby 10am-noon	2 May Go with the Flow art therapy 10.15am-12.30pm	4 May Art Play on Wednesday No experience or materials needed. Just have fun! 10am-noon
5 May Bushfire Safety for new residents Essential info from HUFF and the RFS 10am-noon	6 May Creative writing with James Gering Term 2 series 9.30am-noon	6 May FRIDAYS AT 125 5pm-7pm music, games and pizza for all ages and abilities. No booking needed	7 May Art Play on Saturday 10am-noon	9 May Go with the Flow art therapy 10.15am-12.30pm	11 May Art Play on Wednesday No experience or materials needed. Just have fun! 10am-noon	13 May Creative writing with James Gering Term 2 series 9.30am-noon	14 May The Art of Dying For those who are dying and those left behind led by death doula Niki Read 9.30am-1pm

Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre exists to enhance the quality of life of all residents of Blackheath and surrounding areas. Together, our members, volunteers and staff are building a resilient, supportive and active community where everyone is included and no-one is left behind. Check www.banc.org.au for social support, useful free services and more. Volunteers welcome!!



BLUE MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTRE

The Nickels Show Time

Saturday 7 May

1pm



The Nickels Show Time, fun for all the family; come on a zany adventure full of music, acrobatics and more! The Cultural Centre forecourt will be transformed into an outdoor theatre for this pop up performance, bring the whole family to watch the acrobatic hijinks with a toe tapping live musical accompaniment. BYO blanket & cushion for the ride!

\$40 Family (2 Adults and up to 3 children)

\$5 Child (added to a Family ticket or Adult ticket)

\$20 Adult

\$15 Concession

Tickets via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com), or call 4780 5410
bluemountainculturalcentre.com.au

Add on a picnic pack to your Show Time ticket, be quick as tickets are selling fast!




Is your child shy?
Do they have trouble separating from you?
Are they slow to warm up to others?
Is your child a bit of a worrier?

COOL LITTLE KIDS INFO SESSION

For parents and carers of young children

4.30-6pm Wed 11th May
Kookaburra Kindergarten Blackheath

Topics include:

Anxiety, Resilience, Coping Strategies,
and time for Q&A

Free childcare and arvo tea provided
Register your interest: (02) 8843 2500
or enquiries@ccss.org.au

Cool Kids is a Macquarie University developed, evidence-based, anxiety support and therapy program



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