

MEGALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 6

3rd June, 2022

Dear Megalong Families,

Again our students made us proud at the cross country carnival! It was a cold very wet day. However, our resilient students in stage two gave it their all completing the track in such muddy conditions. After the carnival our P&C met and we held our AGM. We nominated Asmira as President, Aimee as Vice President, Ally as Secretary and Max as Treasurer. The meeting covered numerous agenda items and we will be having another meeting before the end of this term for those who could not attend. A consensus that an excursion bus would be a great asset for the school, and would benefit our students and staff for wellbeing and in an evacuation. This would ensure visits to neighbouring schools for social and curriculum opportunities. Another exciting suggestion Asmira offered to run violin lessons for our students so they could have a turn of a stringed instrument. We are very lucky to have such an offer of her time.

Next week, we will be starting our preschool visits. These visits give our students the opportunity to lead and perform in front of other children building their confidence. We will also share Gundungurra singing and also may have a visit from Elder Uncle Graeme to share story telling.

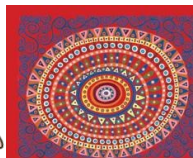
This week years three to five attended the Sydney Writer's Festival and Kinder—two went to the Penrith Museum of Fire. The writers festival is a fantastic event each year and has proven to excite children to read novels. Our students became followers of Remy Lai, Nat Amore, Mick Elliot and Corey Tutt, and we will purchase some of the books covered at the festival for students to read from our library. Our stage ones learnt safety around the home, keeping safe from fire, and past and present comparison of fire trucks looking through the museum. What a great outing for everyone and thank you to our parents who gave up their time to join us!

Over the next two weeks I will be attending Principal conferences. The Small School Conference will give me opportunities to share programming and management in small schools and connect with other small school principals in our region and the larger conference will keep me updated with the broader network. Over this period Mrs Tse who is talented in Mathematics and Ms Hawkes who has a great skill in Visual Arts will be teaching over the two days I will be off class. I am sure students will enjoy these days I am away.

Regards

Stephanie Scott

Principal



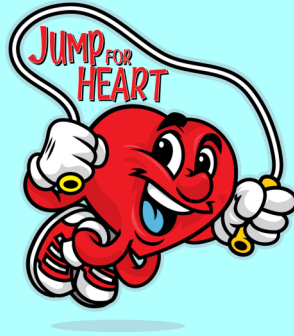
**Visit the PRC
Student Site!**

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

Around the Playground and in the Classroom



Literacy and Numeracy with our Kindergarten Students



Rainy day Jumping



Jump Rope For Heart



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...

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

14th June—Chess Competition

24th June—Film By Gala Day

27th June—1st July—NAIDOC Week

1st July—Ryde School Museum Visit

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight

= **4 weeks**

= **Over 1 year missed**

1 day per week

= **8 weeks**

= **Over 2.5 years missed**

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District Cross Country





Go
Megalong!!



THRIVE SERVICES BLUE MOUNTAINS ACTIVITIES TERM 2

THURSDAYS MAY 5 - JUNE 23

KATOOMBA PLAYGROUP

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BELONG BM

10.00AM - 12.00PM
@ KATOOMBA GUIDE HALL,
17 STATION ST, KATOOMBA

PLAYGROUP IS BACK! PARENTS
AND CARE GIVERS JOIN US FOR STORIES,
CRAFT, PLAY AND CHAT.

CONTACT:
DANIELLE 4759 2592
OR DWILDINGFORBES@BELONGBM.ORG.AU
FOR MORE INFO

MONDAYS MAY 2 - JUNE 27

BLACKHEATH PLAYGROUP

9.30AM - 11.30AM
@ BLACKHEATH PUBLIC SCHOOL
(SCHOOL HALL)

A SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP FOR 0-5YR OLDS,
GREAT FOR CREATIVE AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT IN A FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.

CONTACT:
LINDA@THRIVESERVICES.ORG.AU
FOR MORE INFO

MONEY MINDED

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BANC

LET'S CREATE A BUDGET

CHOOSE A DATE THAT BEST SUITS YOU:

•TUESDAY JUNE 21
1.00PM - 4.00PM

•THURSDAY JUNE 23
9.30AM - 12.30PM

@
BLACKHEATH COMMUNITY HALL,
265 GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY

CLEAR AND SIMPLE STRATEGIES TO REVIEW
YOUR INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AND
ASSISTANCE TO CREATE A BUDGET THAT WILL
WORK FOR YOU

CONTACT:
LINDA@THRIVESERVICES.ORG.AU
TO BOOK!

THURSDAYS MAY 24 - JUNE 7

NO SCAREDY CATS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GATEWAY
FAMILY SERVICES

9.30AM - 11.00AM
@
WINCAMP BUILDING,
WINMALEE

IMPROVE ANXIETY AND RESILIENCE
IN YOUR CHILD

CONTACT:
LINDA@THRIVESE.RVICES.ORG.AU
TO BOOK!

THURSDAYS JUNE 2 - 9

NO SCAREDY CATS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BANC

9.30AM - 12.30PM
@
BLACKHEATH COMMUNITY HALL

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New to the Mountains? New to parenting/caring?



Or, if you just want to know:

- What fun things you can do with your kids indoors, and outdoors?
- How can you find the support you are looking for?
- How to connect with other parents and young kids?

Go to: bmcc.nsw.gov.au/community/children-families

Additionally hard copies of Blue Mountains City Council Guide to Services and Activities for Families are available from Customer Services - 4780 5000.



Celebrating Families Week 15-21 May



Students met up after the museum and writers festival and exchanged stories

Reminders..

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



EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS CALENDAR FROM 18 MAY

For more information, location, 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

Weds 18 May  No experience or materials needed. Just have fun! 10am-noon Art Play on Wednesday	Thur 19 May RFS Workshop: Property protection Practical advice for all residents 10am-noon 	Fri 20 May  Creative writing with James Gering Term 2 series 9.30am-noon	21 May  Family Art Workshop Noon-1.30pm	Mon 23 May  Go with the Flow art therapy 10.15am-12.30pm	Weds 25 May  No experience or materials needed. Just have fun! 10am-noon Art Play on Wednesday	Fri 27 May  Creative writing with James Gering Term 2 series 9.30am-noon	
Sat 28 May Create Faery doors Materials supplied 10am-12.30pm 	Sat 28 May  Lemon Twist Lesbian Mountains Meetup 2pm-4pm	Sat 28 May Propagation workshop at Cliff View 10am-11.30am 	Mon 30 May  Go with the Flow art therapy 10.15am-12.30pm	June →	Weds 1 June  No experience or materials needed. Just have fun! 10am-noon Art Play on Wednesday	Thurs 2 June  No Scaredy Cats! Resilience building for kids, session 1 of 2 9.30am-12.30pm	Fri 3 June  Creative writing with James Gering Term 2 series 9.30am-noon
Fri 3 June FRIDAYS AT 125  5pm-7pm music, fun and pizza for all ages and abilities. No booking needed	Sat 4 June For HUFF facilitators.  www.banc.org.au/huff HUFF training 10am-noon	Mon 6 June  Go with the Flow art therapy 10.15am-12.30pm	Weds 8 June  No experience or materials needed. Just have fun! 10am-noon Art Play on Wednesday	Thurs 9 June  No Scaredy Cats! Resilience building for kids, session 2 of 2 9.30am-12.30pm	Fri 10 June  Creative writing with James Gering Term 2 series 9.30am-noon	Sat 11 June RFS Workshop: Risk Assessment  Practical advice for all residents 10am-noon	Lots more to come! Check our website

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!!



Sydney Writer's Festival



Waiting for it all to begin..



First Scientist author—
Corey Tatt



One of the students favourites—Remy Lai



Author and MC—Mick Elliot



Another favourite Nat Amore



Meeting the wonderful Mick Elliot and awesome Nat Amore



The Odds Author—Matt Stanton



Penrith Fire Museum

Stage 1 students had an interesting day exploring the Fire Museum in Penrith.

