# MEGALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



## Newsletter

Term 3, Week 3 5th Aug, 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to Term 3! I hope that everybody managed to enjoy some Winter sunshine over the recent school holiday.

Term three promises to be a busy term! Firstly, we wish to welcome our new classroom teacher Miss Keep who will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. She is enthusiastic to join our small school and shares memories of her partner who attended our little Megalong school.

We are planning a sustainability energy focus this term which will lead into the Summer months in term four. Miss Keep will be teaching Science and the physical force strand, and I will be teaching Geography and sustainability themes. We look forward to some exciting activities and possible excursion.

Firstly, in week 2 we held NAIDOC week Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! We learnt about various cultural, language and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Then, in week three for Education Week the theme 'Creating Futures – Education Changes Lives,' we will invite families in for our open classroom and an assembly. Education Week is a chance to focus on how public education can change the lives of just not our students but for our communities and families.

#### **COVID SAFE MEASURES**

With the recent spike in COVID cases, I would like to take the opportunities to remind our community of the COVID safe measures in place at Megalong Public School.

For the first 4 weeks in particular, students, staff and visitors to our school are encouraged to wear a face mask. This measure is a strategy to slow the spread of the virus. Staff will continue to be mindful of ventilation within the classrooms and shared areas. The school cleaning has a focus on high touch areas around the school daily. Students will continue to practice hand hygiene and sanitising practices.

If your child is experiencing flu-like symptoms, please keep them at home until they are well again and symptom free. Should you or your children test positive, please contact the school and follow NSW Health protocols.

Thank you

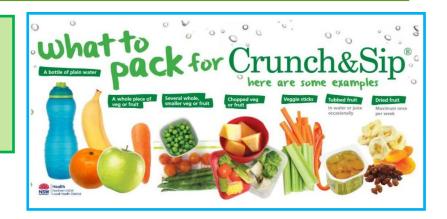
Stephanie Scott

Principal

#### Reminders..

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





### **Around the Playground and in the Classroom**

The last few weeks has brought some lovely sunny winters days and students have been enjoying playing in our back reserve building cubbies and exploring.













## Blackheath Kookaburra



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

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#### Dates to watch for ...

5th Aug

- Education Week Assembly

♦ 8th Aug

- Athletics Carnival

♦ 10th Aug

- Ride to School day

15th-10th Aug - Science Week

♦ <u>15th Aug</u>

- Mt Piper Excursion

22nd—26th Aug - Book Week

♦ <u>22nd Aug</u>

- School Photo Day tbc

♦ 25th Aug

- Book Parade

♦ 26th Aug

- Hampton visit/Pirate Day

♦ 1st Sept

- Sydney Symphony Orchestra

♦ <u>5th—8th Sept</u>

- Electricity Safety week

♦ 7th Sept

- Pre School Visit

♦ 22nd Sept

- Incursion—Beatbox

♦ 22nd Sept

- Colour Run - Do it for Dolly Day

# NAIDOC WEEK





Aboriginal seasons and language groups.







## Crunch and Sip Tips





#### Gateway Family Services Term 3, 2022 Parenting Programs Summary



Program	Date & Time	Location	Registration
Tuning in To Kids  Emotionally Intelligent Parenting Learning to better talk & understand your child to help manage your child's emotions & behavour.  Suitable for parents of 2-8 years old.	Every Monday  1st Aug - 29th Aug  9:30am - 11:30am  * NO Childcare available	Blaxland Uniting Church (Meeting Room) 70-76 Old Bathurst Road, BLAXLAND	Ph: 0490 662 498  OR  Email  groups@gatewayfamily services.org.au
Circle of Security Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0-12 year old.	Every Wednesday 3rd Aug - 14th Sept 10:00am - 12noon * NO Childcare available	Gateway Family Services - Penrith Office Cnr Station & Henry Sts, PENRITH	Ph: 0490 662 498  OR  Email  groups@gatewayfamily services.org.au
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 2-12 year olds.	Every Friday 2nd Sept - 16th Sept 9:30am - 11:30am * NO Childcare available	Belong Blue Mtns Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre 9 New St, LAWSON	Ph: 0490 662 498  OR  Email  groups@gatewayfamily services.org.au
Bringing Up Great Kids:  PARENTING ADOLESCENTS  Learn about brain development in adolescents and what influences their thoughts, feelings & behaviour whilst identifying important messages and how to convey to your adolescent.  Suitable for parents of 10-19 yr olds.	Every Monday 1st Aug - 5th Sept 7:00pm - 9:00pm * NO Childcare available	Via ZOOM	Ph: 0490 662 498  OR  Email  groups@gatewayfamily services.org.au

For more information and Individual Flyers go to:

 $www. gateway family services. or g. au \ \ or \ www. facebook. com/Gateway FS$ 

Gateway Family Services parenting programs are funded by DSS and DCI.

ateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parent groups to communities from

St Marys to Blackheath.

eway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone

