

MEGALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 2

20th October, 2022

Dear Families,

We have arrived at term four! Welcome back, and I hope you have had a good break and spent time catching up with family! Again, this term we will have a very full calendar of events!

This term we will be holding Kindergarten Orientation days for 2023. Please welcome any new students to join our class this term. We will be starting in week seven after swim school.

This week students in year three, four and five will participate in the Department Check-In Assessment for Reading and Numeracy. This assessment supplements our school assessments and helps teachers tailor literacy and numeracy to each student's needs.

Next year, teachers will be implementing the new K-2 Literacy and Numeracy curriculum. The documents have been revised and rolled out this year. I attended the Curriculum Reform meeting to ensure we are abreast of the changes for next year.

We have conducted interviews for the new Assistant Principal Curriculum Instructional teacher to start one day per week in 2023. A final decision has been made to appoint the lovely Ms Chelsea Walsh. She will join our small team every Friday and support me with student assessment and quality teaching. We look forward to next year to have such a professional, positive person joining us!

Covid

Just a reminder that the school has Covid measures in place. From the 14th of October NSW Health has discontinued mandatory isolation. However, if your child has cold or Covid symptoms we will continue to call you to pick them up from school. Please be very vigilant about symptoms and we are advised to promote wearing masks this term for staff or students. We will be sending home more tests early this term for each family provided by the DET.

Our school will be participating in the Blue Mountains Schools 'Film By Eucalypts Festival'. We have been busy putting together a green screen puppet show incorporating what we learnt at the Gala Film by workshops we attended earlier in the year.

In week four we will also be participating in the Rhododendron Festival. Students are working on an endangered animal painting in Miss Keeps Art lessons. We look forward to seeing them!

Regards

Mrs Scott

Principal



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



=

3 days



30 mins
per day



=

18 days



Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.

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Department of Education COVID-smart measures —Term 4

Our schools will continue to operate with our 'baseline' COVID-smart measures in place throughout Term 4.

Students, staff and visitors attending schools and workplaces continue to be strongly encouraged to wear masks, particularly when indoors and/or physical distancing is not possible.

When isolation requirements ended on Friday 14 October 2022, those in isolation were advised by NSW Health that they could exit isolation.

Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when symptom free. We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the guidance issued by NSW Health. Schools should continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.

Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask. The department will continue to make rapid antigen tests (RATs) available for students and staff who need to test for COVID-19. Rapid antigen testing may help identify the infection early and is important if you are in contact with people at greater risk of serious illness if exposed to COVID-19.



BANC EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS CALENDAR

OCTOBER

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

Sat 1st Oct Art Play With Lindena 10am - Noon	Wed 5th Oct Holiday Make Your Own Robot Workshop For kids Age 7-12 10am - Noon	Thurs 6th Oct Shared Reading Group 10am-Noon	Fri 7th Oct FRIDAYS AT 125 music, games and pizza for all ages and abilities. No booking needed	Mon 10th Oct Go with the Flow Art Therapy 10.15am-12.30pm & 1:30- 3:30pm	Wed 12th Oct Art Play on Wednesday 10am - 12 Noon	Thurs 13 Oct Shared Reading Group 10am-Noon	Fri 14th Oct The Inklings writing group 9.30am-Noon
Sat 15 Oct Family art workshop Noon-1.30pm	Mon 17th Oct Go with the Flow Art Therapy 10.15am-12.30pm & 1:30- 3:30pm	Tues 18th Oct Supporting Ourselves Through Loss, Change & Uncertainty 10am - Noon	Wed 19th Oct Art Play on Wednesday 10am - Noon	Thurs 20th Oct Shared Reading Group 10am-Noon	Fri 21st Oct The Inklings writing group 9.30am-Noon	Sat 22nd Oct Supporting Kids Through Loss, Change & Uncertainty 10am - Noon	Mon 24th Oct Go with the Flow Art Therapy 10.15am-12.30pm & 1:30- 3:30pm
Wed 26th Oct Art Play on Wednesday 10am - Noon	Thurs 27th Oct Shared Reading Group 10am-Noon	Fri 28th Oct The Inklings writing group 9.30am-Noon	Sat 29th Oct Lemon Twist Lesbian Meet Up 2pm - 4pm	Mon 31st Oct Go with the Flow Art Therapy 10.15am-12.30pm & 1:30- 3:30pm	Tues 1st Nov Weaving Workshop with First Nations Woman Anastasia 1pm - 3pm	Wed 2nd Nov Art Play on Wednesday 10am - Noon	Wed 2nd Nov BANC AGM & Community Forum 6pm - 8pm
Thurs 3rd Nov HUFF Facilitator meeting Planning to leave when fire threatens 10am-Noon	Thurs 3rd Nov Shared Reading Group 10am-Noon	Fri 4th Nov The Inklings writing group 9.30am-Noon	Fri 4th Nov FRIDAYS AT 125 music, games and pizza for all ages and abilities. No booking needed	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!!			

Around the Playground and in the Classroom



Students have been busy creating some amazing chalk artworks at lunch time. Our recess area is looking very colourful now!



Mrs Keep portrait



Megalong Community Expo



Our P&C held a very successful stall at the Megalong Community Expo. Thanks to all the parents and staff who contributed with yummy treats for our Valley residents. Students also enjoyed activities such as the drumming workshop and facepainting on the day.



Dates to watch for...

- 24th Oct** — Leigh Hobbs Author Visit excursion
- 1st Nov**—Film By Premiere tickets on sale
- 5th Nov**—Rhodo festival
- 7th Nov—18th Nov**—Swim safety School everyday 1:45pm
- 11th Nov**—Remembrance Day
- 12th Nov**—Megalong Makers Market P & C stall
- 13th Nov**—Megalong Bush Gymkhana
- 15th Nov**—Music Aviva
- 15th Nov**—Film By the eucalypts Premiere
- 22nd, 29th Nov, 6th Dec**—Indoor rock-climbing
- 16th Dec**—Presentation Day
- 16th Dec**—Last Day of Term 4

Edible Garden Trail Weekend

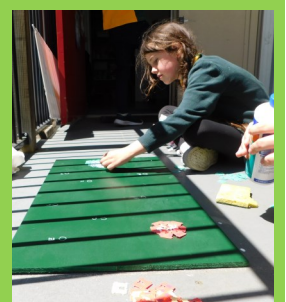


Megalong students worked on a lovely recycled waste artwork composed of old bread tags to create some welcoming flowers alongside the gate to our vegetable garden.

This year Megalong PS opened our gardens for the Edible Garden trail weekend in October. We were excited to share our lovely vegetable garden, bushtucker trail and wonderful school grounds with people participating in this years garden trail.



Recycled Waste Art



**Behind the
Scenes
Megalong
Film By
Show**



Do it For Dolly Colour Run



Before.....





and After.....



Students had great fun running the course but they loved powder bombing the volunteer helpers when they ran their course even more!







The Do it for Dolly Colour Run was not only a lot of fun for the students, they also spent time learning about community, kindness, and friendship as part of our wellbeing strategies.

Altogether the students raised \$1956!!! Such an amazing effort for our small school. Money raised will go to Dolly's Dream to help them continue their work supporting families and children, particularly in rural and regional areas. This includes their free helpline which is available 24hours open to anyone who needs support and is staffed with a trained counsellor.

