



MEGALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 11
11th April 2025

Dear Families,

As we near the end of the term, it is with great joy that I reflect on the wonderful events and celebrations that have taken place across our school. From the excitement of our Easter celebrations to the inspiring leadership training, our focus on inclusivity, the growth of our school garden, and the exciting progress we've made with our school song, this term has been full of energy and enthusiasm.

Our Easter celebrations were a highlight. While making beautiful Easter hats to participating in the much-loved Easter Hat Parade, the students demonstrated their creativity and great school spirit. The Easter Craft sessions were also a success, with students crafting colourful and imaginative projects that brightened up our classroom. Of course, the Easter Egg Hunt was the grand finale, bringing laughter and joy as students eagerly searched for hidden treasures throughout the school.

In addition to our Easter activities, I am thrilled to share that our Year 6 student leaders had the opportunity to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference in Bathurst with friends from Hampton and Cullen Bullen Public Schools. The conference focused on giving our student leaders a clear vision of their responsibilities, as well as practical ideas to inspire and guide their peers. It was inspiring to see them so engaged and excited, and I am confident that they will apply their new found knowledge to lead our school with passion and dedication. We recently acknowledged Harmony Day, a special occasion that promotes inclusivity, respect, and appreciation for cultural diversity. Students participated in a variety of activities, including multicultural dances and activities that highlighted the beauty of our diverse backgrounds. To mark the occasion, students wore orange mufti, symbolizing social cohesion and a commitment to inclusivity.

On a different note, our school garden has been thriving! We've been busy harvesting our tomatoes, snow peas, radishes, lettuces, and eggplants, with our students taking great pride in their hard work. It's been a rewarding experience for everyone involved, and it's wonderful to see the fruits of their labour. Looking ahead, we've planted some brussel sprouts and broccoli for the winter months and are keeping our fingers crossed for some beautiful winter flowers to bloom. It's always exciting to watch our garden grow and provide an excellent hands-on learning opportunity for our students.

As we approach ANZAC Day, our students are looking forward to representing our school proudly in the Blackheath ANZAC March and Service. This is a significant occasion for our community, and our students are eager to participate, showing their respect and appreciation for those who have served our country. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to honour the ANZAC spirit and reflect on the importance of service, sacrifice, and unity.

We have been working hard together with community member Andris Heks to write a school song. This collaborative effort has allowed students, staff, and the wider community to come together in a creative and meaningful way, and we look forward to debuting our new school song soon!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making these events such a success, from the students who participated enthusiastically, to the teachers and staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

Wishing you all a relaxing and peaceful Easter break!

Rachael Penny
Principal

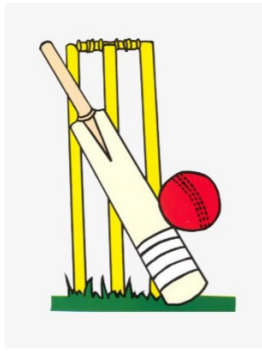
Megalong Public School Assemblies

Our student leaders have begun leading fortnightly assemblies, where they report back to their peers on the highlights of the past two weeks. This initiative has given our students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and engage with the whole school community in a new and exciting way. Our student leaders have been working diligently together, and it is truly inspiring to see them step up and take on this responsibility. A student is awarded a merit award and a book award at each assembly and respect, consideration and engagement are acknowledged with our PBL tokens.



Our school bus "Lenny" finally had a signage make over! One of our lovely casual teachers Wendy Hawkes created the beautiful artwork especially for us. Hidden in the artwork of the lyrebirds' tail are lots of special little nods to our school, our grounds and its history, that have significance and hidden meanings for our students.

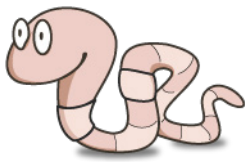
Thanks so much Wendy for creating such a wonderful totem for our bus.



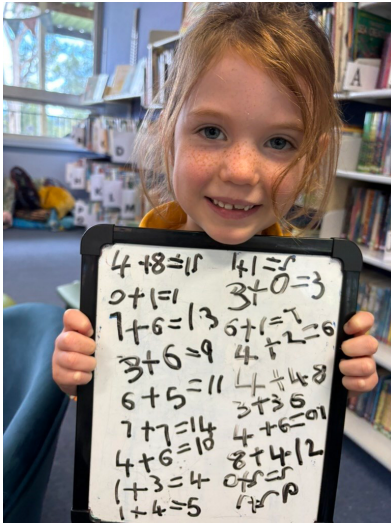
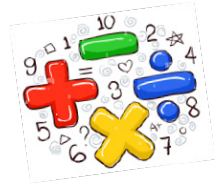
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Cricket



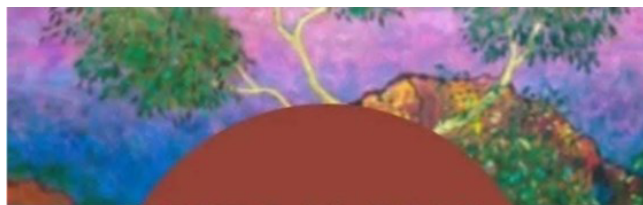


In the Classroom



Students have all been busy reading and recording their books in this years' PRC.
The weather has been lovely for some outside reading.

Stage 1 and 2 have been working hard on numeracy skills..



MEGALONG MAKERS MARKET

Easter
Saturday

19th of April
from 10 to 2

Dates to watch for...

- ♦ **11th April**—Last day of Term 1
- ♦ **19th April**—Megalong Makers Market
- ♦ **25th April**- Anzac Parade 10:15am
- ♦ **30th April**—First day Term 2
- ♦ **30th April**—Healthy Harold visit
- ♦ **13th April**—Ride to School Day
- ♦ **15th May**- Small Schools Cross Country
- ♦ **21st May**- National Simultaneous Storytime
- ♦ **26th May**—Sydney Writers Festival
- ♦ **29th May** - Gymnastics
- ♦ **9th-13th June**—NAIDOC Week
- ♦ **3rd July**—Science Fun day

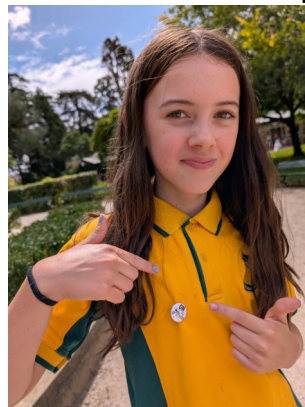


In week 9 our Year 6 students attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference in Bathurst with students from Hampton PS and Cullen Bullen PS.

This unique conference is specifically designed to equip student leaders with the tools and strategies they can use immediately in their role as school leaders.

Bathurst GRIP

Leadership Conference





While our stage 3 students were away at the GRIP conference, our stage 1 and 2 students planted our winter crop of vegetables on a lovely autumn day.





Easter