

END OF TERM BUSY BEE



Saturday 12th December 9am-1pm

Join us to spruce up the school

Share lunch together and bring a plate

There will be plenty of activity around the classrooms.

Be part of our WEEDBUSTERS TEAM



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END OF TERM BUSY BEE (or is that busy dragonfly?)

Due to popular demand, we are bringing back the end of term Busy Bee.

Sprucing up the school; many hands making light work; shared lunch; catching up with other parents, and making new connections.

There will be plenty of activity around the classrooms.

We are also putting together the **WEEDBUSTERS TEAM**. Down below the ball court and around our bees, we have flourishing invasive species: blackberry, broom, etc. We have plans for creating a sitting area and play areas down there, and this is the first step in reclaiming this space.

See you there: 9am to 1pm..

John



Emergence Festival Giant Dragonfly Creation



TERM 4 : Monday 12 October to Friday 11 December –9 weeks

Week 8: Thursday 3/12 afternoon, Musical tutorial Concert - (violin, uke, singing.....)

Week 9: Tuesday 8th December 6.30pm Class 4/5 Play
 Wednesday 9/12 Jo Clancy Dance Troupe
 Thursday 10/12 Human Rights Day
 Thursday 10/2 Concert by music students at Boddington Aged Care
 Friday 11/12 Kindy farewell and graduation to 1st class
 Friday 11/12 Year 6/7 graduation
 Sunday 13/12 Year 10 graduation

Saturday 12/12 End of year whole school working bee and social 9am to 1pm

Pedestrian crossing Blaxland Road and Sinclair Crescent and railing on Railway Bridge

There has finally been some progress on this issue, thanks to Mountains Concerned Citizens, and Lynn. Councillor Romola Hollywood has been working closely to progress our concerns and momentum is building with additional Councillors and the Mayor committing their support.

You can help in three ways:

1) We need all concerned parents to lodge an online submission (this can be done in a few minutes). The more submissions, the more likely the dangerous crossing will be remedied.

Visit our website www.mountainsconcernedcitizens.simplesite.com to copy and paste a draft submission (just make a few changes) and then go to <http://bluemountainshaveyoursay.com.au/pamp> to paste and complete the submission.

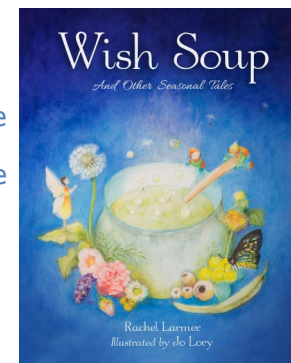
2) Attend a Community talk about traffic issues and bring up the crossings issue. The meeting for our ward is 09 December 2015, 6.30pm - 8.30pm, Hazelbrook Bowling Club, Bonnie View Avenue, Hazelbrook.

3) Join our email list to receive updates and make online comments by emailing mountainsconcernedcitizens@gmail.com.

Many thanks to all those who have been involved progressing the safety of our children and community. Mark (Serene's dad)

**Wish Soup**

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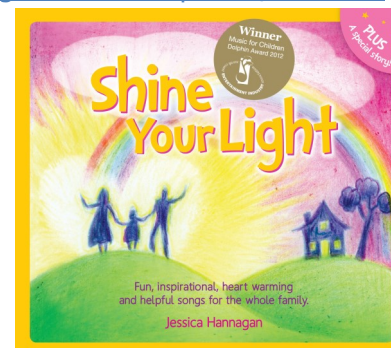
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THE BLUE MOUNTAINS – ENDANGERED BY PLANNING CHANGES

As you may have heard the NSW Government is threatening to force a 'one-size-fits-all' Local Environmental Plan (LEP) onto the Blue Mountains and **remove the key environmental and heritage provisions** that currently protect our towns, villages and the valuable World Heritage National Parks.

These provisions **were** supported by the previous Government but aren't any longer. Why? Because they don't fit neatly into a generic plan.

The proposed plan would **homogenise** the Blue Mountains townships, **encourage higher density development and reduce environmental protections thereby jeopardising** the surrounding [UNESCO-listed National parks](#).

The Blue Mountains has evolved over millennia. With its varied ecosystems and biodiversity, the Blue Mountains World Heritage area is [one of only 197 natural sites globally](#). Regarded as the 'lungs' of the Sydney basin, it represents one of the largest, most intact tracts of protected bushland in Australia.

The community and Council have worked tirelessly to develop a suitable draft plan ([DLEP2013](#)) but the **Government won't approve it**. It's quite incomprehensible that an area of such outstanding global significance could be compromised by a watered down plan.

We've published [articles](#), an [Open Letter](#), met with the Minister and continue to lobby ... but **we need your help and support now to ensure this valuable, ancient and unique area remains protected**.

TAKE ACTION!

Tell Minister Rob Stokes and the Department of Planning how important it is that the draft LEP (as exhibited by Council) is approved:

[Sign and send our pre-prepared letter](#)

Call Minister Stokes office on 02 8574 6707 and leave a message

Let your friends on [Facebook](#) know about this issue

Spread the word via [Twitter](#)

Your support is greatly appreciated - Thank you!

Tara Cameron
Senior Vice President, Blue Mountains Conservation Society

School Happenings....

Instrument Performances for Parents 3rd-4th December

All parents are welcome to attend the end of year performances by the children. This is an opportunity to see every child in the instrument programme performing in groups and/or solo.

Thursday 3rd December

Class 3 & 4 Violin 1.30 to 2.00 in Music Room

Class 5-6-7-8-9 Violin 2.30 to 3.00pm in Music Room

Trumpet, Shakuhachi, Clarinet 2.00 to 3.00pm in Performance Space

Ukulele & Singing 2.00 to 2.45 in Library

Friday 4th December

Guitar 2.00 to 2.45 in Music Room

Scholarships

We will warmly welcome two families to Kindlehill in 2016 as part of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarships. Two families have received their scholarship offers and will be starting at Kindlehill next year. We will see students commence in various classes throughout the school. The development and launching of this programme has been a wonderful community initiative. Welcoming these families to our school will enable our artistic and cultural learning to flourish more in the coming years.

Treasures

Treasures is a dance that has been created by a local artist Janelle Randall-Court, and it's a story about the environmental impact humans have on the Satin bower bird and the greater environment, and how to care for Country. It's being launched on Saturday the 28th of November at Govetts Leap Lookout in Blackheath at 3pm, as part of the 15 year anniversary ceremony of the Blue Mountains being listed as a World Heritage area. There'll be a smoking ceremony, government speakers of course (Minister for Environment and Mayor etc), choir and a Gundungarra Ancestral Pathways exhibition as well....

Why My Class is Playing Footy...

I thought I'd share with you why my class is playing footy on a Wednesday afternoon at Pitt Park with the wonderful and talented Mr Sean Glassford... (in case you have been wondering...)

Well it goes like THIS...

I grew up since I can remember with a photo of my dad, arms around his best friend during the Korean War. It was by his bed my whole life.. Part of the furniture.. I asked questions of course... It was Lenny. It was my Dad's best friend. He died in the Korean War. Dad wasn't with him when he died but fought in the same battle. He found out a day later.

When my Dad was dying in hospital my mum collected things from home to make it feel more comfortable. Bedside was a photo of my sister and I and the one of Lenny. I remember clocking it and thinking... families and beloved people are such a mish mash across time.

Forward wind to Oscar's assignment on war for Lynn's history class earlier this year:

He was given the Korean War to look up because of his grandad's involvement. We jump on the war memorial website and there are photos of Lenny splashed all over the website. He is under the indigenous soldier section.

I was surprised as I hadn't ever recalled Dad mentioning that detail. I rang my sister and she said she thought Lenny was from an island up north.

I started researching...

It led me to a warm winters day.. Newcastle university.. standing and embracing Max Lenoy one of Lenny's grand nephews. He filled in the gaps...

The Lenoy family lived in Ayr were forcibly removed to Palm Island for reasons no one is certain. There were 8 children. Lenny being one of them. Lenny obtained his exemption certificate (no doubt through signing up for the war). Exemption certificate gave you full citizen rights, but you had to disclaim any aboriginality and it could be revoked at any time. The period on Palm island is a painful one for the Lenoy family.

Dad had kept some letters written by Lenny's siblings and nieces and I returned them to the family.

Then I went out and watched the inter university indigenous sports competition ... BUT I SAW THE TOUCH FOOTY...with Max and his daughter.

It seemed to me the most graceful and beautiful sport..

When my class and I get out there at Pitt Park and do a clumsier, sweatier, more awkward version of the touch footy I saw that day:

I think about Lenny,

My Dad and

we play hard for a better brighter future

Erica