

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

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**The Summit** Term 1 Week 10 Tuesday 3 April 2018

## Term 1 Week 10

<b>Friday 6 April</b>	<b>School Cross Country Carnival at UOW- Yrs 3-6 and interested Year 2s- Please ensure you submitted a new Skoolbag epermission note for this date</b>
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## Term 1 Week 11

<b>Monday 9 April</b>	<b>Monday Munchies- Sushi and frozen yoghurts</b>
<b>Tuesday 10 April</b>	<b>School Photos</b>
<b>Wednesday 11 April</b>	<b>ANZAC Ceremony 2pm</b>
<b>Thursday 12 April</b>	<b>School Leaders attending Combined Schools' ANZAC Service</b>
<b>Thursday 12 April</b>	<b>Showcase Assembly 2pm</b>
<b>Friday 13 April</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>

## Other important dates for 2018

<b>Sunday 22 April</b>	<b>P and C Bunnings BBQ- volunteers needed</b>
<b>Monday 30 April</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 1 May</b>	<b>Students return to school for Term 2</b>
<b>Friday 4 May</b>	<b>District Cross Country</b>
<b>Friday 4 May</b>	<b>Athletics Sports program commences</b>
<b>Tuesday 8 May</b>	<b>ICAS Digital testing- students who nominated</b>
<b>Thursday 10 May</b>	<b>Into the Woods production at WHSPA for Years 3-6</b>
<b>10 and 11 May</b>	<b>P and C Mothers' Day Stall</b>
<b>Saturday 12 May</b>	<b>P and C Working Bee- Note new time 12noon to 3pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 15 May</b>	<b>P and C Meeting (time to be advised)</b>
<b>Tues 15-Thurs 17 May</b>	<b>NAPLAN testing Years 3 and 5 students</b>
<b>Friday 18 May</b>	<b>Walk Safely to School Day</b>
<b>Friday 25 May</b>	<b>Year 6 Grip Leadership Conference UOW</b>
<b>Tuesday 29 May</b>	<b>ICAS Science testing- students who nominated</b>
<b>Monday 11 June</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>
<b>12-15 June</b>	<b>Years 5 and 6 Berry Sport and Recreation Camp</b>
<b>Monday 2 July</b>	<b>School Athletics Carnival at Beaton Park</b>
<b>Friday 6 July</b>	<b>Last day of Term 2</b>

Dear Parents

Here we are coming to the end of Term 1 and what a busy term it has been. The next two weeks are just as busy with many things planned.

### **Easter long weekend**

I hope you all had an 'eggcellent' Easter long weekend and the students are rejuvenated for the remaining 2 weeks of Term 1. There are many things planned over the course of the next two weeks so please ensure the Summit, Skoolbag and any other corresponding material from the school are read. The children and teacher will be 'wrapping things up' before a well deserve break in a couple of weeks.

### **Cross Country**

This coming Friday we will be having our annual cross country at the University of Wollongong. Unfortunately due to wet weather our original carnival had to be postponed. Could all parents please ensure they have returned the **new permission note** via Skoolbag. We encourage all students in Stage 2 and 3 along with those students in Stage 1 turning 8 this year, to attempt the track. It will be a great day out; cheering on the students participating, all whilst enjoying some physical activity.

Parent and carers are also invited to come along and encourage all students at Mount Keira.

### **School photos**

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 10 April. Please ensure your child returns his/her envelope before or on photo day. If you would like your children to have a family photo taken, please collect a family envelope from the school office. All students must wear their full summer uniform including black shoes on photo day. I am sure these photos will become treasured memories in years to come.

### **ANZAC Service**

The school will be conducting an Anzac Service on Wednesday 11 April at school, as ANZAC Day falls within the school holidays. This ceremony will take place from 2pm with all students participating in this special event. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

On Thursday 12 April at 11am, the school leaders will be representing Mount Keira Demonstration School at the Combined Wollongong Schools' ANZAC Ceremony in McCabe Park. I will be proudly accompanying our leaders to the commemorative event.

### **Rich Task Showcase**

On Thursday 12 April at 2pm, our classes will be showcasing their Rich Task for Term 1. Students have been working hard to complete their unit of work that showcases the wonderful learning that has been happening in all classes across the school. This is a great opportunity for each and every student to take ownership of their learning and create a project that develops deep knowledge in order to investigate and solve problems. Parents are invited to attend their child's Rich Task

Showcase and continue the collaborations between parents, students and the school community to inform and support the learning for all students.

### **Stage 2 Excursion**

On Tuesday Stage 2 students had a very enjoyable day at the Wollongong Botanical Gardens. They discovered many interesting things about Australian history, Aboriginal culture, local plants and animals. The student's behaviour, enthusiasm and real desire to know more was outstanding. Well done.



### **Tournament of Minds (ToM)**

Tournament of Minds is happening again. Selected students in Years 4-6 will have the opportunity to solve authentic, open-ended challenges that foster creative, divergent thinking whilst developing collaborative enterprise, excellence and teamwork. Miss Green has already started training our wonderful ToM team during weekly morning training sessions. I have no doubt their enthusiasm and dedication will make them a very competitive team and I look forward to seeing their skills develop over the next few terms. A reminder for all students selected in the ToM team: weekly meetings take place every Tuesday at 8am sharp.

### **NAPLAN**

Information received stated that Mount Keira Demonstration School will continue to be a pen and paper test in 2018 and that we will transition to the online testing in 2019. This decision was made by the NAPLAN Online transition team as there is a maximum amount of schools that can transition at once due to the networks capacity. Therefore we are scheduled to go online in 2019.

The pen and paper testing for all students in Year 3 and Year 5 at Mount Keira Demonstration School will take place in Week 3 of Term 2.

Information has previously been sent home to all students in Year 3 and Year 5 regarding the NAPLAN assessment. If you have any questions please contact the school.

### **Walk Safely to School Day**

On Friday 18th May, the Pedestrian Council of Australia is encouraging all primary school students to walk safely to school. This national initiative aims to encourage children to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle by simply including a walk at the beginning and end of each day with more activity at lunch time too. The event also promotes reduced car-dependency, greater use of public transport, cleaner air, improved diets and road safety to primary school children throughout Australia. The key road safety messages are:

- \* Hold a grown up's hand when you cross the road
- \* Hold a grown up's hand when you are on the footpath
- \* Use a safe place to cross the road.

\* Stop! Look! Listen! Every time you cross the road.

### **Kindergarten Enrolments 2019**

The school is now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2019. In area students and siblings have first preference for enrolment. If you know of any family in this situation please ask them to contact the school. If your child is starting Kinder please ensure you have checked with Mrs Christlo that their name is on our list.

### **Professional Experience-PEX students**

For the past few weeks we have been very lucky to have a number of Professional Experience teachers visiting our school. As we have a strong partnership with the University of Wollongong we will continue to have a number of PEX students throughout the year. This term we will continue to have first and second year Primary Education students visiting and working in our classrooms. This will occur every Thursday. If you see our PEX students please introduce yourselves and make them feel very welcome, as they will be a part of the school community for 2018.

### **Stage 3 Debating Training Day**

On Tuesday 20 March a selected group of Year 5 and 6 students attended Keiraville Public School for a debating training day. Students learnt about the techniques of debating including rebuttal, arguments, definitions and speakers' roles. I am looking forward to seeing our school debaters putting the skills learnt to good use when we commence practicing for the Premiers Debating Challenge later in the year. Well done to those students that attended!

### **District AFL Trials**

On 23 March, Louis and Thomas attended the annual District AFL trials in Batemans Bay. Both boys did a phenomenal job and represented our school with pride. Top job on making the district trials fellas!

### **No Hat, No Play**

A reminder that this year the school will be enforcing the No Hat, play underneath the COLA. Please ensure your child comes to school with the **correct school hat**. Students who do not have hats will be directed to play under the COLA. As the weather is extremely hot, please ensure your child has been protected with sun screen before coming to school. A full water bottle is also another daily essential. Thank you for supporting our Sun Safe program.

### **Child Protection**

Thank you to those families who have already completed their Working with Children Declarations as mentioned in the Week 3 Summit. Please return the forms to the office by the end of the week.

## Coles Sport for Schools Program

The program concludes this week. Can you please ensure dockets are returned to school by Friday so that we can submit them to Coles early next week and start ordering our resources. Thank you for the overwhelming support of this appeal. We will let you know what we receive in due course.

## Stewart House

Each year we support The Stewart House Charity, who provide respite accommodation to disadvantaged children throughout the state at their Curl Curl centre. Stewart House relies on donations of used clothing via the Smith Family and cash donations from schools to support their programs each year. For information about Stewart House visit [www.stewarthouse.org.au](http://www.stewarthouse.org.au)

Each family has today been given a clothing bag to allow you to make clothing donations. They must be returned by Thursday 12 April for collection. If you need more than one bag you may send them in a plastic bag.

You may also like to enter their Donation Drive where you have a chance to win a \$4000- holiday to the destination of your choice in return for a \$2- donation. Envelopes went home today and **must be returned to school by Thursday 12 April** to allow us to return them to Stewart House in time for the draw.

We hope you can support this worthwhile charity in some way.

School finishes on Friday 13 April for our autumn school holidays. Students return to school on Tuesday 1 May. Teachers will attend a professional learning day on Monday 30 April at school.

Have a safe, enjoyable and relaxing holiday period. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 1 May for another educational term.

Keep smiling ☺

Mrs Tenae Carroll  
**Principal**

## What's Due?

### Term 1 Invoices

Term 1 invoices were sent home last fortnight. Payments are due by Tuesday 10 April. Another copy has been sent home today incase families did not receive theirs. Should any family have difficulty meeting the payment by that time please contact Mrs Carroll as a matter of urgency to discuss a repayment plan. Student assistance may be available. Please see Mrs Christlo if you are unsure what any item on the account represents.

Our preferred payment method is online via our “Make a Payment” tab on the Homepage of the website. **Please note there is no need to list individual payments just the full amount of the invoice under one student’s name is fine and we will split the payment between all the children.**

Also the School Website cannot be used for Progressive Dinner or any other P and C payments as they are totally separate from the school. The **P and C Bank details** are Commonwealth Bank Figtree BSB 062644 Acc 00900820 quote your surname and what you are paying for as your reference. This is only to be used for P and C payments.

### Year 6 shirts

Further to our expression of interest sent home a few weeks ago, shirts have now been ordered. Payment of \$36.70 per shirt is required by Tuesday 10 April. As this amount does not appear on the Term 1 invoice, being an optional item, it must be paid for separately. You may pay online or with cash at the office.

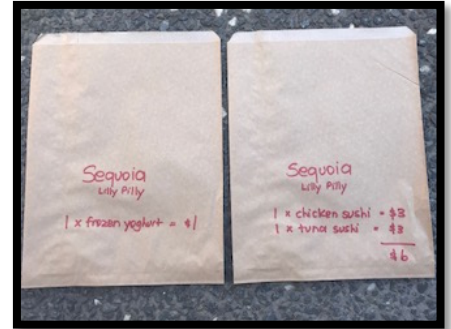
Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Cross Country Carnival permission note (sent on Skoolbag 26/3)	Years 3-6 and interested Yr 2	Overdue
Child Protection Forms (sent earlier in the term with reminders sent home today)	Families who have not returned them	Overdue
Monday Munchies Sushi (use a brown paper bag as per information below) Cost \$3- Sushi or \$1 yoghurt	Interested students	Thursday 5 April 3.15pm
P & C Progressive Dinner payments \$20 or auction	Families who attended	Overdue
Term 1 Invoices (reminders sent home today)	All families	Tuesday 10 April
School Photos (sent home two weeks ago)	All families	Tuesday 10 April
Year 6 shirts (expression of interest sent home previously ) Payment now due \$36.70. This amount does not appear on the Term 1 invoice.	Year 6	Tuesday 10 April
Stewart House Donation envelopes and clothing donations (envelopes and bags sent home today)	Interested families	Thursday 12 April

## P and C News

### Monday Munchies 9 April

#### How to order – Sushi \$3- and/or frozen yoghurt \$1-

- write your name, class, order and price directly on a brown paper bag (parents must provide their own brown paper bags).
- one bag for lunch.
- one bag for recess.
- place one bag inside the other and put correct money in an envelope or plastic bag inside the paper bag so the bag is not contaminated.
- Orders must be placed in the office payments box by Thursday 5 April at 3.15pm (late orders will not be accepted)



#### Premier's Reading Challenge 2018

The challenge has been underway for a number of weeks. The upcoming holidays are a great opportunity for students to get as many books as possible read and recorded in their reading logs. If your child is unsure about their login details please see your class teacher. It is the login they use at school to access their computers and files.

Please visit <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> for more information about the challenge.

Why not consider a visit to Wollongong Library during the holidays to borrow some books to read for the challenge. They also have regular and school holiday activities available.

<http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library/activities/kidsprograms/Pages/default.aspx#qref>