

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

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**The Summit** Term 1 Week 11 Monday 9 April 2018

## Term 1 Week 10

Tuesday 10 April	School Photos
Wednesday 11 April	ANZAC Ceremony 2pm
Thursday 12 April	School Leaders attending Combined Schools' ANZAC Service
Thursday 12 April	Showcase Assembly 2pm
Friday 13 April	Last day of term
	School Holidays
Sunday 22 April	P and C Bunnings BBQ- volunteers needed

## Term 2 Week 1

Monday 30 April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 1 May	Students return to school for Term 2
Friday 4 May	District Cross Country
Friday 4 May	Athletics Sports program commences

## Term 2 Week 2

Tuesday 8 May	ICAS Digital testing- students who nominated
Thursday 10 May	Into the Woods production at WHSPA for Years 3-6
10 and 11 May	P and C Mothers' Day Stall
Saturday 12 May	P and C Working Bee- Note new time 12noon to 3pm

## Other important dates for 2018

Monday 14 May	Winter uniform commences
Tuesday 15 May	P and C Meeting (time to be advised)
Tues 15-Thurs 17 May	NAPLAN testing Years 3 and 5 students
Friday 18 May	Walk Safely to School Day
Tuesday 22 May	Cancer Council Healthy Eating talk for parents 2-3pm
Friday 25 May	Year 6 Grip Leadership Conference UOW
Tuesday 29 May	ICAS Science testing- students who nominated
Monday 11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
12-15 June	Years 5 and 6 Berry Sport and Recreation Camp
Monday 2 July	School Athletics Carnival at Beaton Park
Friday 6 July	Last day of Term 2

Dear Parents

“Time flies when you’re having fun.” I can’t believe how quickly Term 1 has just flown by. It has been an extremely busy and exciting term.

Only 11 weeks ago we welcomed 13 Kindergarten students as they began their “big school” adventure. Today I saw them in class reading, writing, having fun and eager to learn.

I am greeted every morning by lots of smiling faces with all students so keen to learn and take on new challenges.

It has been wonderful to be involved in so many events around the school including: the swimming and cross country carnivals, Harmony day, school and district sporting events, debating, a disco, working bee and the progressive dinner- just to name a few.

Every day I witness the fantastic things happening at MKDS and am honoured to be the Principal of such a great school.

MKDS is very lucky to have such a hard working and caring staff. They deserve a well earned holiday. 😊

Next term Ms Rosalyn Saunders has decided not to return to MKDS and will embark on some new life adventures. Thank you Ros for the work you have done over the past 8 terms. We wish you the very best of luck and success for the future.

The last day of school for Term 1 is this Friday 13 April.

School resumes for Term 2 on Monday 30 April. This is a designated School Development Day.

Students return to school on Tuesday 1 May. For the first two weeks of term students may chose to wear either summer or winter uniform depending on weather conditions. From Monday 14 May all children are expected to wear full winter uniform. Of course we will review this if the weather remains warm.

Thank you all for your support and encouragement of myself, the staff, the school and of course your amazing children during this very busy term. There are still many events happening this week so please take the time to carefully read the important information below.

I look forward to working with you all again next term.

Until next term, have a wonderful holiday. Take care, stay safe and enjoy spending quality time with your children.

Keep smiling,

Mrs Tena Carroll  
**Principal**

## School photos

School photos will be taken tomorrow, Tuesday 10 April. We would prefer that envelopes are returned this afternoon as it makes the flow of photo taking more efficient. If you are unable to please ensure they are taken to the office first thing on Tuesday morning.

## ANZAC Service

A reminder that parents are welcome to attend our school Anzac Service on Wednesday 11 April at 2pm.

## Rich Task Showcase

All families are invited to join us this Thursday 12 April at 2pm when our classes will be showcasing their Rich Task for Term 1.

## Cross Country

The children had a wonderful time competing at our school carnival on Friday. Thank you to Miss Ford and Miss Saunders for coordinating the event and to the parents who helped with supervision and cheered on the students.

Those children who have made it through to the District Carnival will be receiving their permission notes today. Please ensure they are returned to school by Friday as they are competing on Friday 4 May, which is the first week back at school.



## Berry Sport and Recreation Camp

Permission notes were sent home last week. Please ensure they are returned to school by Friday. You must also go to the Sport and Recreation website to register your child for the camp including their medical details.

## Coles Sport for Schools Program

The program has now finished. Thank you to everyone who has supported us by collecting vouchers. All vouchers need to be returned by this Friday so that we can send them off to be tallied.

## Stewart House

Thank you to those families who have already supported Stewart House with donation envelopes and clothing items. Please note both envelopes and clothing bags must be returned to school by this Thursday 12 April. For information about Stewart House visit [www.stewarthouse.org.au](http://www.stewarthouse.org.au)

## Cancer Council Healthy Eating Program

We are very fortunate to have the Cancer Council visiting our school on Tuesday 22 May at 2pm to present a free Fruit and Vegetable Sense Workshop for parents. The program is designed to help parents save money and learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters. Everyone who attends gets a free recipe book. We will be sending out invitations next term but in the meantime save the date for this informative talk. Young children are welcome to attend we will set up some toys for them to play with.

## What's Due?

### Term 1 Invoices

Term 1 invoices were sent home three weeks ago with reminders sent last week. Payments are due by tomorrow Tuesday 10 April. 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.

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. The P and C would also like all payments finalised by the end of term.

### Year 6 shirts

A reminder to Year 6 parents, that payments of \$36.70 for the shirts are also due tomorrow. 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
Child Protection Forms (sent earlier in the term with reminders sent home last week)	Families who have not returned them	Overdue
P & C Progressive Dinner payments \$20 or auction money	Families who attended	Overdue
School Photos (sent home three weeks ago)	All families	Overdue
Term 1 Invoices (reminders sent home today)	All families	Tuesday 10 April
Year 6 shirts. Payment now due \$36.70. This amount	Year 6	Tuesday 10 April

does not appear on the Term 1 invoice.		
Stewart House Donation envelopes and clothing donations (envelopes and bags sent home last week)	Interested families	Thursday 12 April
District Cross Country Carnival permission note (sent home 9/4)	Selected students	Friday 13 April

## P and C News

### Outstanding Payments

Please ensure any outstanding Progressive Dinner or P and C membership payments are finalised by the end of term.

Thank you for your support of our P and C events this term. We will have the roster out for the Bunnings BBQ in the next few days.

### 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#gref>

### School Holiday Activities

We have a great range of school holiday activities on the noticeboard outside the office. Activities include fishing workshops, circus schools, art workshops, soccer clinics, holiday care options and many more.

Please pop in and have a look.

