

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

Established 1861 "Learning and Caring"

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**The Summit** Term 1 Week 2 Tuesday 6 February 2018

## Term 1 Week 2

Friday 9 February	Welcome BBQ
Saturday 10 February	Working Bee 9am-12noon

## Term 1 Week 3 need to be updated

Tuesday 13 February	P and C AGM & Meeting 7pm- all welcome
Wednesday 14 February	School Swimming Carnival at Western Suburbs Pool 12noon-3pm Yrs3-6

## Term 1 Week 4

Wednesday 21 February	Scripture and Ethics classes commence
Thursday 22 February	District Swimming Carnival at Western Suburbs Pool- selected competitors

## Other important dates for 2018

Thursday 15 March	Selective High School 2019 testing
Friday 16 March	School Disco
Saturday 17 March	Progressive Dinner
30 March & 2 April	Easter Public Holidays
Tuesday 10 April	School Photos
Thursday 12 April	Showcase Assembly 2pm
Friday 13 April	Last day of term
Monday 30 April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 1 May	Students return to school for Term 2
Monday 11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
12-15 June	Years 5 and 6 Berry Sport and Recreation Camp

## Principal's Message

WOW!!! Week 2 already. **Time certainly flies when you're having fun!!**

The beginning weeks of 2018 have been very busy. Classes are now in "full swing." Teachers will be holding their class information sessions in the coming weeks. These meetings are very important as the teacher will be discussing routines, organisation etc for each individual class. **This is not a time for individual meetings**

**about your child.** If you would like to discuss any individual information please make an appointment to speak with the teacher at a convenient time.

**Mount Keira Demonstration School is an excellent school.** Excellence is achieved when each and every individual strives for and reaches their personal best. Personal best comes in many different shapes and sizes and in a variety of different curricula and extra curricula areas. **Each and every one of us is unique and we all have our own 'personal best' that we strive to achieve.** At MKDS we offer a range of activities to 'inspire' our students. Classrooms are constantly 'a buzz' with children engaged in activities. High expectations are an integral part of our teaching philosophy.

It is wonderful to see twelve smiling kindergarten faces greet me each morning. Our new Kinders have settled in extremely well and have embraced their learning journey. I have visited all the classrooms and I see every day that students are **"doing their best"** and **I congratulate them all on a fantastic start to the 2018 school year.**

### **Getting to know the familiar faces of Mount Keira School**

#### **Mrs Tena Carroll- Principal**

For as long as I can remember I have always wanted to become a teacher. From a very young age, I would write stories about 'being a teacher when I grow up.' I played 'schools' with my sister every afternoon in our cubby house and loved drawing and writing on the blackboard. I was inspired by the most amazing teacher (my Mum) to fulfil my dreams and become an educator.

10 years ago I started the most amazing adventure! I enjoyed my first few years of teaching at Shellharbour Public School. After this I went to Illaroo Public School in Nowra.

In 2013, I was successful in gaining the Assistant Principal's position at Tullimbar Public School. All of these schools provided me with fantastic role models and professional learning opportunities, inspiring and encouraging me to 'take the plunge' and apply for the Principal's position at Mount Keira Demonstration School. I can still remember the overwhelming feeling of joy and happiness I felt when I received the call to say I had been successful in my application.



My first day at Mount Keira was daunting, just as any new student feels on their first day. However, the friendly nature of all students, staff and families made this feeling quickly disappear. Throughout my short time at Mount Keira, I have witnessed the great relationship between the hardworking and dedicated staff, the eager students and the caring and interested parent body and wider community. I am dedicated to providing the very best education to all students and inspiring and empowering others to be the very best that they can be. Each and every student has the potential to bring something special and unique into our classrooms. It is a huge

privilege that as a teaching Principal, I have the opportunity to impact on students' lives in a positive way in both the short and long term. Children are the future of our society.

Teaching is not an easy job. Every day I wake up "counting my lucky stars", knowing that I am in a profession that I am passionate about, dedicated and committed to and absolutely love doing.

Away from school, my life is also very busy! I am very lucky to have such a supportive and caring family network. My husband is a coal miner and I have two beautiful boys that I absolutely adore. My 'gentle soul', Rome, is 4, and my cheeky terror, Duke, is one. To say life is busy would be an understatement, juggling the working mum demands is tough, but I wouldn't have it any other way.

I am thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful school community and look forward to many new and exciting adventures working with staff, parents and in particular the students.

### **Mrs Kim Christlo- School Administration Manager**

I have worked at Mount Keira Demonstration School as the Administrative Assistant and relieving Administrative Manager since 2000. I was fortunate to be appointed as permanent Administrative Manager in 2014.

Five generations of my family have attended Mount Keira Demonstration School since its inception in 1861. One of the greatest joys of my life has been seeing my children educated at Mount Keira School as it was the most wonderful time for my family making lifelong friendships, being part of a community, enjoying the beautiful surrounds and history and giving my children a well-rounded education that I believe has had such an influence on the people they are today. Now 23 and 26 they fondly reflect on their times at Mount Keira regularly and we all still have wonderful friends we made at that time.



I am proud to still be part of the community at Mount Keira. Together we are continuing on the wonderful tradition of hospitality, friendship, caring, teamwork, community building and providing the next generation of learners with the resources, knowledge and skills that will be such a strong foundation for their future educational journeys and their lives whatever direction it takes them. I look forward to working with our school families for many years to come. My door is always open to assist you where I can.

### **Mrs Glynis Lanyon**

I am currently the Early stage 1 / Stage 1 teacher working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

I began teaching at Woonona PS, followed by Lindsay Park PS after completing a Bachelor of Arts majoring in languages (French, Italian) with minors in Psychology, English and History. At that stage I was to



become an English/History teacher and possibly a school counsellor in high schools but was fortunate to complete my Dip Ed, as it was then known, in primary methods.

I have had the privilege of teaching at MKDS for many years in many different roles. Firstly, as a casual teacher, working with both upper and lower division as they were then known. At that stage, there were only 42 children and the school truly was a large family which I believe we have held on to for all of these years. During this time, I had the first of my four children, Bryn and continued to work on a part time basis at MKDS and various other schools. My role then at MKDS was as a librarian and drama/music teacher.

I then went on to have five more children working part time and teaching at Wollongong TAFE, Engadine PS and Corrimal East PS. I was employed on a full-time basis at MKDS when my beautiful daughter Chloe was two. My gorgeous boys, Drew and Angus were born during this period as were Rhys and Tess who are sadly no longer with us.

My husband, Greg, is Head of Senior School at TIGs and our children attended MKDS with me and then TIGS with him. Education has always been a passion for both of us.

Our family continues to be the centre of our world. Two of our children now live and work in London while the other two are in Sydney. My special granddaughter Daisy is now two and I spend my days, when I am not teaching, with Daisy or with my 92-year-old yoga-practicing, chorus-singing mother. Another baby is expected in May-though not by her!!!

We try to catch up with the London kids once a year where we often travel to places where we can cook and eat and hang out together. I love to read, cook, listen to music of many types and when I do retire I intend to take up the piano again-much to my husband's dismay.

I have always been honoured to teach the children of MKDs and take a great deal of pleasure and enjoyment in seeing them when they come back to visit. I am thrilled that many of my children from MKDS have become teachers themselves but I enjoy hearing wherever life has taken my ex-students. MKDS has been not just my workplace but a place of solace and of love and I am thrilled to still be part of such a wonderful community.

### **Mrs Sarah Martin**

I have been a part of the Mount Keira community in a various roles for the past 5 years and it is wonderful to have taught so many siblings throughout the years.

I am a mother to three incredible children, Evan (8), Ariana (5) and Indie (3). When I am not teaching I am climbing ropes and flipping truck tyres. I love Crossfit and I am competing in the 2018 Open to challenge myself. My family and I love bushwalking, spending entire days at the beach and rollerblading around the lake. This year I will be team teaching on Thursday and Friday with Early Stage 1 and Stage 1. I am excited for a positive and productive year!



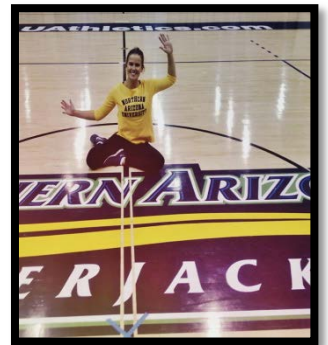
**Miss Rebecca Green**

Hello, My name is Miss Green and I am the Stage One teacher for Lilli Pilli. I am thrilled to be back at Mt Keira this year, as it is truly a special place! I have a Bachelor of Primary Education from the University of Wollongong and this will be my third year teaching. I am a Wollongong local and love to spend my weekends reading, going to the beach and catching up with friends. I have a special interest in bringing technology into the classroom, and trying new things that will benefit my students. I can't wait to spend the next year learning and growing with Lilli Pilli!

**Miss Abbey Ford**

Hi! My Name is Miss Abbey Ford and I am thrilled to be on the teaching staff of Mount Keira Demonstration School. More importantly, I am so excited to be teaching Stage Two this year. It is going to be a full year of learning, new adventures and exciting challenges.

I grew up in Gerringong on the beautiful South Coast, with my Mum, Dad and younger brother Matthew. I have a huge and loving extended family, with many close aunties, uncles and cousins. I grew up going to the beach, playing hockey and riding horses.



During my time studying at the University of Wollongong I completed an exchange program at the University of Northern Arizona and lived in America. I recently returned from London where I was teaching and living for two years.

I love travelling, learning and exploring new places and cultures. I am very passionate about health and in my spare time I practice yoga, spend time with my loved ones and love to read!

Please come say hi if you see me around school ☺. I am so excited for what will be an amazing year!

**Miss Rosalyn Saunders**

For those who don't already know me, I'm Roz or Miss Saunders. I am the Stage 3 teacher at Mount Keira Demonstration School and I have loved being a part of the Mount Keira community over the past 2 years. I grew up in the Southern Highlands and I have recently moved to Wollongong to be close to school and the beach. I love traveling and experiencing new cultures at any opportunity that I can. I spend most weekends exploring nature with friends or my dog, Zippy. I am also a big advocate for animals and the environment and try to intertwine that with a lot of the things I do at school. I'm so excited for all the learning, fun times and memories that 2018 will bring!



**Mrs Lisa Kerrigan-Student Learning Support Officer**

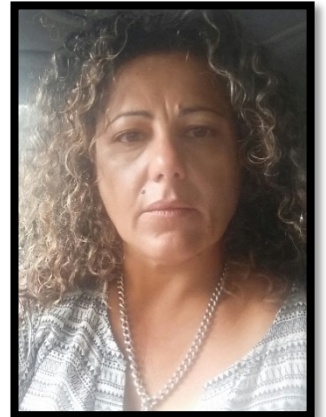
Hi my name is Lisa, I am a Student Learning Support Officer who has recently been given the opportunity to work at Mt Keira Demonstration School.

I have been working for the Department of Education since 2010, after completing a Certificate in Teacher's Aide "Special".

My family and I (hubby and 2 teenage children) have lived in the Illawarra region for 3 years now and love it.

When I'm not enjoying my time at school I am doing other things I am passionate about cooking, boxing and relaxing at the beach.

I am joining Miss Ford's Waratah's class for 4 days per week, and I am really looking forward to working within that classroom whilst also getting to know the other students in and around the school.

**Mrs Wendy Cook**

I have been working at Mt Keira since 2014 as School Administrative Assistant. Both my husband Frank and I grew up on Mount Keira and currently live in an apartment at North Wollongong. I have two grown up married daughters.

I work on Tuesdays in the Office here and Wednesdays at Wollongong Public School in the Library.

**Appointments**

As you can appreciate schools are very busy places. Time management is crucial to effective leadership within the school. I am always happy to meet with parents to discuss important matters and celebrate successes. However, as a teaching Principal I am not always in my office, in the school or available for quick "pop in" discussions. To ensure that I am available to meet with you, give you quality time and information, I would appreciate it if you would contact the office and make an appointment time for our discussions/meetings. I appreciate your assistance.

**School Swimming Carnival**

Our annual Swimming Carnival with Wollongong West and Mt Kembla Public Schools will be held on Wednesday 14 February at Western Suburbs Pool from 12noon until 3pm. Details were sent home with students in a permission note last week. Please ensure you have completed and returned the note.

We invite parents and family members to join us to cheer on the competitors. It is always a lovely afternoon.

## Skoolbag

**A final reminder that all families will need to access their Skoolbag App to change their Subscription Group settings** to their children's current classes and to remove subscriptions from their old classes. To do this:

- go to the "ooo" more buttons on the lower right hand corner of the App homepage
- select My Subscription groups
- select your child's classes by moving the button to on and remove old classes.
- Ensure the P and C button is still selected to receive important P and C information too.

**Please do this as a matter of urgency as notifications were sent to all families last week however from this week they will only go to relevant classes.**

Mrs Christlo is happy to assist you with any issues you have.

## Important forms

Last week each student was given an orange half page Emergency Information Sheet. The form was due to be returned on Friday 2 February. Thank you to those families who have updated their information promptly. If you have not received the form or have misplaced it please see Mrs Christlo as a matter of urgency to obtain a new one. It is important that this information is current as it is used to contact you if your child is sick, injured etc.

If there are any family law orders in place we must have a current copy of these at school. Court orders will only be abided by if we have the information available to us. Please change your details at the office in person or in writing. Court orders can also be taken to the office and we will make a copy of them. Thanks for your assistance.

This week each student has been given a Permission to Publish form. This is the form we ask you to sign each year so that we can include your child in our newsletter, website, other media and correspondence. Please sign and return the form to school by Friday 9 February. Our Kinder and new students will also receive a copy of our Big Permission note which covers a variety of activities during your child's time at Mount Keira. Please ensure that form is returned by Friday as well.

## Wollongong City Art Gallery Workshops Years 1 and 2

As mentioned in last week's Summit once again Wollongong City Gallery are offering their popular workshops to our students this term. Their exhibition Chromophilia, on which the workshop is based, is a riot of colour! From leafy greens, luscious yellows, bright oranges, moody blues and all the colours of the rainbow.... We have submitted the names for the Year 3-6 nominees. Expressions of interest are now being sort for the Year 1 and 2 program.

Students will tour the exhibition with a focus on hard edge paintings from the Collection, write a Haiku Poem in relation to colour, and will explore hard edge painting techniques when creating their own painting on canvas. Curriculum and Syllabus links will be made in reference to visual arts.

Sessions will be held from 9.30am until 3pm on the following dates:

Year 1: Wednesday 21 March

Year 2: Wednesday 28 March

Please note parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from the workshop. The children attending will be supervised by Art Gallery staff (Mount Keira teachers will not be present). Cost is \$36.50 per student and is not refundable once nomination has been accepted.

If your child would like to participate in this popular program we must submit nominations by this Friday 9 February as they book out quickly. Please see Mrs Christlo or email her at [mtkeira-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mtkeira-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) by 10am Friday.

### **District Sporting Teams**

Each year our District holds trials for a variety of sporting events for children aged 8 and above for representative teams. We are only able to nominate two children per sport and the child would be expected to have a fairly high level of skills e.g. plays high grade, competes well in competitions or tournaments, is experienced. If your child is interested in trialling for the following sports (boys and girls): cricket, tennis, basketball, soccer, touch football, rugby league (11yrs & Opens), netball and AFL, please ensure you contact Miss Saunders by Friday 9 February to obtain relevant information. As the trials are being held in the first 7 weeks of term it is essential we submit nominations as soon as possible. Late nominations are not accepted by the coordinators of the trials.

I look forward to a fabulous year. Mount Keira Demonstration School is a great place to be.

Mrs Tenae Carroll  
**Principal**

### **What's Due?**

#### **Overdue Library Books**

Children have received overdue notices from 2017 today. Please ensure they are returned asap or make comment on the form and return it to the office.

## Scholastic Book Club

Each child have today been given a Scholastic Book Club brochure. If your child is interested in purchasing a book:

1. Sign in or register your account via the website [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the app.
2. Click on ORDER and then select your school and your child's class.
3. Add your child's first name & last initial (so the school knows who the book is for) PLEASE NOTE: Your child's details will never be shared with 3rd parties OR used for marketing purposes - this is for distribution purposes only.
4. Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
5. All orders are sent directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.
6. Afterwards, there's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details back school!

If you get stuck and need help, simply call the Scholastic Customer Service team on: 1800 021 233 between the hours of 8am to 5pm or see Mrs Christlo during office hours. After 5pm, you may email our after-hours LOOP help on [Customer\\_Service@scholastic.com.au](mailto:Customer_Service@scholastic.com.au)

This issue's orders must be submitted by Tuesday 20 February. The due date always appears on the back of the order form.

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Skoolbag- change My Subscription Groups as per instructions in this Summit	All families	Overdue
Student Emergency Information Sheet (orange) sent home with each student last week	All students	Overdue
Overdue library books from 2017 (notices sent home today)	Selected students	Return asap
P and C Welcome BBQ RSVP (sent via Skoolbag last week)	All families	Wednesday 7 February
Wollongong City Art Gallery workshops	Interested students Years 1 & 2	Friday 9 February
School Swimming Carnival permission note (to be sent home later in the week)	Years 3-6 and interested Yr 2s	Friday 9 February
Permission to Publish form (sent home today)	All students	Friday 9 February
Big Permission Note (sent home today)	Kinder/new students	Friday 9 February
Monday Munchies Volunteers nominations	All families	Friday 9 February
Nominations for District Sporting teams	Interested students	Friday 9 February

## P and C News

### Coles Sport for School 2018

Once again we are participating in the Sport for Schools Program. It commences Wednesday 7 February. If anyone shops at Coles please collect the vouchers on our behalf. They can be placed in the box in Mrs Christlo's office. The final day for distribution of vouchers is 11 May. At no time are we asking parents to change their shopping habits for this program. Simply collect the vouchers if you are shopping at Coles or from family and friends if you are able to. Let your friends and family know there will be a collection box at the Coles Figtree store for our school as well.

### 2018 Welcome BBQ – Friday 9 February 5pm

Thank you to the families who have already RSVP'd for Friday's BBQ and those who have volunteered to help set up or pack up. It is not too late to RSVP so use the form on Skoolbag to let us know if you can attend.

We will contact parents on Wednesday who have volunteered to help out at the BBQ.

### Working Bee – 10 Feb, 9am - 12pm

The working bee for Term 1 will be held this Saturday and we ask all families to try and make a commitment to join us for a few hours on the day to work towards beautifying our school. Our relieving General Assistant Marcus has been working hard in our gardens but with only working one day per week there is still much to do. Our goals are to trim three trees in the lower playground to assist in making way for the new synthetic turf, take green waste to the tip, do some painting and give the grounds a general tidy up. There will be a BBQ and some treats for the children from around 11.30am. We hope you and your family can join us to work together. It will be a wonderful opportunity for our families to socialise in a fun and relaxed setting. Please RSVP to Lili on 0409 157 888 for catering purposes by Thursday night.

We are still hoping for more common bricks (those without holes) to pave part of the driveway/bin area. If you have any bricks similar to the ones in the quiet area, or old pavers, that you no longer need donations would be gratefully accepted. If you are good at paving please let us know.

### P&C AGM and Term 1 meeting – Tuesday 13 February 7pm

Don't forget our first P&C meeting for 2018 and AGM will be held next Tuesday. As mentioned in last week's Summit all P&C positions will be declared vacant and nominations taken for the roles of President, Vice President (Fundraising and Outdoor), Secretary and Treasurer. It is a great opportunity to support our school and contribute to new and existing initiatives that benefit all our children. We hope to see you there.

## **Progressive Dinner Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>**

For the first time in a few years we will be holding our annual progressive dinner in Term 1. It is a great night out together, hopefully in warm weather with an impressive view of the ocean and mountains on the grounds of our beautiful school.

For those who have not previously attended here are a few details about the night:

- The dinner is for current and past parents and staff of MKDS
- Tickets can be purchased before the event or paid after the event
- The night is often given a theme – would you all like to try a cocktail party this year? Do you have another suggestion?
- We bring a main meal (to serve 6-8 people) or an entrée or dessert together with a side dish to supplement the mains eg bread rolls, rice, salad
- There is a silent auction on the night and an auction of a few larger items like the stunning handmade timber bowl made by our previous GA Mr John in the past
- Parents help set up on Saturday and pack up on the night (and sometimes on Sunday morning)
- It's a great way to get to know your children's classmate's families and your neighbours

It takes a bit of preparation to help the event run smoothly so we would appreciate you taking on one of the coordinator roles below. It helps keep the event a fun night for all and you can buddy with another parent and share the role. We will provide the coordinators with the information they need to complete each job so there is no need to be concerned if you have not helped before.

Attendance – print and send invitations to current families, MKDS staff and life members, document RSVP's

Menu – request and document menu items, offer menu suggestions

Decorations – seek suggestions and request donations for décor items, coordinate set up and pack up roster

Auction – request donations of auction items, write up silent auction sheets for each item

Raffle – request donations for raffle items, distribute raffle tickets to families, collect tickets and payments (thank you Heather V for volunteering)

MC – assist with raffle, auction during the night of the dinner

Please contact [mkds.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:mkds.pandc@gmail.com) or WhatsApp if you can help organise the event by taking on a coordinator role or you would like to suggest another theme for the dinner.

We hope to see you all there

## **Recycled Uniforms**

We have a huge surplus of second hand uniforms at the moment. Please pop in and have a look at \$2.00 per item they are a bargain.

## Monday Munchies

The Monday Munchies roster for Term 1 appears below. Please nominate if you can help out by either emailing the P and C or dropping a note in the office letterbox. Monday Munchies is very simple to do and if you are new to Monday Munchies we will buddy you up with an experienced parent. Please reply with your availability by Friday 9 February. Monday Munchies will commence 26 February with a new ordering system. Keep an eye out in next fortnight's Summit for details.

### MONDAY MUNCHIES ROSTER Term 1, 2018

Hi Everyone!! It's time to kick off Monday Munchies for 2018.

*What's it all about?*

As we have no school canteen we have a group of volunteer parents who arrange for the delivery of lunch Monday fortnightly: Sushi, Subway and Kebabs!!!

We would love you to help out. Your kids will love seeing you at school.

Friday is the collation of the orders and delivering the order to the provider. Monday is handing out to the kids! If you are new to Monday Munchies, we will buddy you up with someone who has done it before.

Please write your name and phone number on the dates/times that suit you on a piece of paper and give to Kim Christlo in the office or email [mkds.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:mkds.pandc@gmail.com). The completed roster will be published in the Summit on Tuesday 20th February.

Date/time	Name and phone number	Duties
Friday 23 February 9:15am		Subway - Collate orders, count money, staple orders to bags, place in class tubs
Friday 23 February 3:15pm		Take order, class tubs and money to Subway Figtree (Near Dominos & Star Kebabs on Princes Highway) pick up more bags.
Monday 26 Feb 11am		Pick up lunches from Subway Figtree and deliver to classrooms (lunch starts at 11.15am)
Friday 7 March 9:15am		Sushi - Collate orders, count money, phone through order to Sushi Shop and to yoghurt buying volunteer.
Friday 7 March before 3:15pm		Purchase frozen yoghurts & place in school freezer. Check if more bags are needed
Monday 12 March		Sushi is delivered to school, place sushi in prepared bags, deliver class tubs to each classroom before 11.15am

Monday 12 March 1pm		Place frozen yoghurts in prepared bags then deliver class tubs to classrooms just before recess at 1.30pm
Friday 23 March 9:15am		Kebabs - Collate orders, count money, place in class tubs ready to be delivered
Friday 23 March 3:15pm		Deliver orders in class tubs and money to Star Kebabs Figtree (near Dominos & Subway on Princes Highway) pick up more bags
Monday 26 March 11am		Pick up lunches from Star Kebabs at Figtree and deliver to classrooms (lunch starts at 11.15)
Friday 6 April		Sushi - Collate orders, count money, phone through order to Sushi Shop and to yoghurt buying volunteer.
Friday 6 April		Purchase frozen yoghurts & place in school freezer. Check if more bags are needed
Monday 9 April		Sushi is delivered to school, place sushi in prepared bags, deliver class tubs to each classroom before 11.15am
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## **ACTIVE KIDS REBATE GET YOUR \$100 VOUCHER PER SCHOOL AGED CHILD**

Participation in sport is extremely valuable to our community. However, parents and families can at times find it difficult to meet the costs associated with their kid's participation sport.

That is why the NSW Government has announced the Active Kids Program designed to help parents with the financial costs of their kids participation. We want to make sport and fitness activities more affordable and get kids off the couch and active.

Parents can now **claim up to \$100 per school enrolled child per calendar year** as a voucher to reduce the cost of eligible sport and fitness activities.

These activities could include traditional sport such as netball, football or cricket; as well as other fitness or physical activities such as swimming classes or dance.

**The rebate is not means tested so every family has access to this initiative.** Parents are now able to register for the voucher online or through their local Service NSW Centre.

This is all part of the NSW Government's goal to make having a family and being active more affordable. The Active Kids Program is also a key tool in the battle against childhood obesity and supports the Premier's priority to reduce childhood obesity rates by five per cent over 10 years.

For more information visit  
<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

**GARETH WARD MP**

Member for Kiama

Parliamentary Secretary for Education

