

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

Established 1861 "Learning and Caring"

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**The Summit** Term 1 Week 8 Tuesday 20 March 2018

## Term 1 Week 8

Wednesday 21 March	Harmony Day
Wednesday 21 March	WCC Art Gallery Enrichment- Year 1 students who nominated
Friday 23 March	Regional AFL trials- Batemans Bay- selected students
Friday 23 March	School Cross Country Carnival at UOW 11.30am-12.30pm

## Term 1 Week 9

Monday 26 March	Monday Munchies- Kebabs \$5
Tuesday 27 March	Waratah (Years 3 & 4) Excursion to Botanic Gardens
Wednesday 28 March	Scripture Easter Assembly 12.05pm and Combined Ethics Program
Thursday 29 March	Easter Afternoon activities- Egg hunt from 3pm
Friday 30 March	Good Friday Public Holiday

## Term 1 Week 10

Monday 2 April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
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## Other important dates for 2018

Tuesday 10 April	School Photos
Wednesday 11 April	ANZAC Ceremony 2pm
Thursday 12 April	Showcase Assembly 2pm
Friday 13 April	Last day of term
Sunday 22 April	P and C Bunnings BBQ- volunteers needed
Monday 30 April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 1 May	Students return to school for Term 2
Friday 4 May	District Cross Country
Saturday 12 May	P and C Working Bee
Tues 15- Thurs 17 May	NAPLAN testing Years 3 and 5 students
Friday 25 May	Year 6 Grip Leadership Conference UOW
Monday 11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
12-15 June	Years 5 and 6 Berry Sport and Recreation Camp
Friday 2 July	School Athletics Carnival at Beaton Park
Friday 6 July	Last day of Term 2

Dear Parents

## NAPLAN

Information received on Friday 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.

More information has been sent home today to all students in Year 3 and Year 5 regarding the NAPLAN assessment. Please look in your child's bag if they have not passed this information on. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN, please make an appointment to discuss this with me. You may also wish to visit <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support> for further information.

## Kindergarten Enrolments 2019

The school is now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2019. In area students and siblings have first preference for enrolment. Please see Mrs Christlo if you have a child starting Kinder in 2019 to ensure we have your child's details down correctly. If you know of neighbours or friends who are in area please ask them to contact the school, as soon as possible, to put their child's name down or to confirm their details.

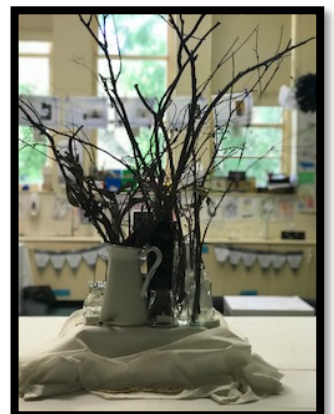
## Professional Experience-PEX students

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 have first and second year Primary Education students visiting and working in our classrooms. This will occur every Thursday. Our first year PEX students will be continuing at Mount Keira for the remainder of the year. 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.

## Progressive Dinner

WOW what a fantastic night!!! Once again it was wonderful to see so many families attend this annual event. It was a fabulous evening where the community came together not only to support our children but to create friendships that will be lifelong. Well done to all involved on what was a very successful evening.

***'It's for the kids!'***



## Disco

It was wonderful to see so many students 'boogying' away on Friday afternoon at our school disco. The children had a great afternoon and it was wonderful seeing so many smiling faces. A very big thank you to the volunteers that assisted and the staff that attended.

## P and C Donation

Thank you to the P and C Association for the generous donation of \$4000 towards Maths resources. We are having a wonderful time sourcing great resources for the children to use in all classes. We look forward to having them ready to use by next term.

## Keeping our Students Safe

Please ensure, if your child is walking home from school, you sit down with the regularly to remind them of safety issues including:

- Where are the safe places to cross the road (we suggest you walk with them the first few times to identify safe spots and how to look out for traffic)
- Always walk (children should never run down the hill)
- Check driveways for incoming and outgoing traffic before crossing them
- Stay away from dogs and do not go near fences where dogs may be (we have had a complaint from a neighbour recently that children have been teasing a dog behind a fence). In light of recent incidences with dogs children should keep well clear of them.

For more information and resources visit <http://www.kidsafensw.org/road-safety/pedestrian-safety/>

If your child is walking unaccompanied to and from school they should be educated road users as they can be easily distracted, are smaller and harder for drivers to see, they cannot accurately judge speeds and distance of vehicles and most do not understand abstract ideas such as road safety. It is recommended that children under 10 are accompanied or closely supervised by an adult at all times. We seek your cooperation in keeping all our children safe.

## Stage 3 Debating Training Day

This Tuesday 20 March a selected group of Year 5 and 6 students will be attending Keiraville Public School for a debating training day. Students will learn about the techniques of debating including rebuttal, arguments, definitions and speakers' roles, as well as a few games and activities. I have no doubt the students will return to Mount Keira with an in-depth knowledge on debating and be able to put these skills learnt into good practice for the Premiers Debating Challenge later in the year.

## Emergency Drills

A WH&S requirement of all schools is that we conduct regular evacuation and lockdown drills. During the coming weeks we will continue to have **emergency drills** to ensure that the process we have in place is adequate in the event of a 'real' emergency. Please do not be alarmed if your child comes home talking about a drill. In the event of a 'real' emergency, the school community will be officially notified.

For the information of parents we have included a copy of our Safety Briefing on Skoolbag. It is also on display at all times in the office and on our website under School Policies. Should you be at the school in the event of a drill or a real emergency you will need to remain at the school until the event is over. During that time parents should follow the instructions of staff members.

### Harmony Day

Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

The message of Harmony Day is '*everyone belongs*', the Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone. Mount Keira will be celebrating Harmony Day tomorrow, Wednesday 21 March.

### Cross Country

On Friday 23 March, we will be having our annual School Cross Country Carnival. 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. The carnival will be held at UOW Oval 3 near the Recreation Centre between 11.30am and 12.30pm. The children will be travelling by bus to and from the event.

Permission notes were sent home on Skoolbag on 12 March. Please ensure you have sent in your epermission note. Reminders were sent home via email yesterday. For more information about the event visit:

<http://www.mtkeira-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/permission-notes>

### 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**. Hats may be purchased any day at the office for \$15 and we recommend each child has at least two hats so they always have a spare. 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. We have sent some reminders home today to families we have not received them from. Please return the forms to the office by the end of the week. Another copy of the form has been included in the Skoolbag notification today if you require one.

## School Photos

Our school photo day is Tuesday 10 April. Envelopes for each child were sent home today. Despite what is says on the form we are happy to collect envelopes before photo day to make it easier for parents and to help with the organisation of the day. However, we would prefer that online payments are made directly to MSP rather than cash. If you would like a sibling photo shoot please obtain an envelope from the office before 10 April.

On photo day all students should wear full summer uniform with correct socks (white for girls and grey for boys) with black shoes. Please ensure hair is styled neatly and if wearing hair ties, ribbons or clips they should be neutral or in blue.

## NSW Interschools Mountain Bike Championships

Congratulations to Oliver E who competed at the NSW Interschools Championships at Thredbo over the weekend. Despite only being in Year 4, competing against Year 5 and 6 children, Oliver managed 25<sup>th</sup> place in the flow downhill race and 11<sup>th</sup> in the cross country race. Oliver is hoping some other students may be interested in competing with him next year.

## National Bullying Day

On Friday 16 March, Mount Keira Demonstration School along with many other Australian schools stood united to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). Each class discussed this year's big idea of [‘imagine a world free from bullying’](#) and completed a number of activities to raise awareness about being kind.

### *Wattle and Lilli Pilli*

Mount Keira has a long standing 'No Bullying' policy, with an ongoing focus on kindness and respect. To commemorate this, Wattle and Lilli Pilli came together to discuss the themes in the popular children's book 'We're All Wonders' by R.J. Palacio which is based on the best-selling novel 'Wonder' (also by R. J. Palacio). To make this collage, students worked together to colour in their piece of the puzzle, and write three things that make them feel good about themselves. Some of the things students included were playing with friends, participating in sports and spending time with family.



### *Waratah*

In Waratah, we spent the week discussing bullying, identifying what it looks, feels like and talking about support networks we have in place. Then on Anti Bullying day on Friday we looked at the impacts that bullying can have on someone's life and how serious it can be. We then focused the rest of the lesson on acceptance and kindness.





We linked our lesson with our Rich Text, *Wonder* by R J Palacio and used one of the precepts to start a class discussions, students wrote their own ideas about the precept on the board. "When given the choice between being right or being kind, always choose kind".

Like in the book *Wonder*, we can recognise that everyone is different, we are all unique, and we need to accept each individual for who they are. We talked about ways to show kindness everyday and why it is important. Students wrote compliments to each other on hearts and made our beautiful new window display together. "Kind words don't cost much. Yet they accomplish so much" – *Wonder*

### ***Banksia***

Banksia watched a clip shown on 'The Project' with current influential people addressing bullying with the message 'Speak, even if your voice shakes'. We had rich discussions acknowledging our different support networks that we could turn to in times of hardship and how powerful speaking out can be. Student then made anti-bullying posters which are now displayed in our classroom to continue to be a visual reminder about this important topic.



The school community at Mount Keira Demonstration School is a wonderful place to be involved in and to become a part of. This was evident at the past few events, with so many people banding together to volunteer their time. I feel such a sense of pride each and every day that I step foot into the school gates. It is vital that this sense of community continues to build and that we create a positive partnership between home and school.

Remember:

**'It's amazing what we can accomplish when we are in it together.'**

Keep Smiling 😊  
Mrs Tenae Carroll  
**Principal**

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

#### **Term 1 Invoices**

Please check your child's bag for Term 1 invoices, which have been sent home today. Payments are due by 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. 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 last week 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 12/3)	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 Kebabs (collect an order bag from the library) Cost \$5-	Interested students	Thursday 22 March 3.15pm
Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 (sent home two weeks ago)	Interested students	Friday 23 March
P & C Progressive Dinner payments \$20 or auction	Families who attended	Thursday 29 March
Term 1 Invoices (sent home with students today)	All families	Tuesday 10 April
School Photos (envelopes sent home today)	All families	Tuesday 10 April
Year 6 shirts (expression of interest sent home last week) Payment now due \$36.70. This amount does not appear on the Term 1 invoice.	Year 6	Tuesday 10 April



### WHATS ON! OUR NEXT 3 EVENTS

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Thursday 29 March from 3pm

**Bunnings BBQ:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April (middle weekend of school holidays. 8.30am to 4.30pm. Wollongong store.

RSVP via Skoolbag

**Mother's Day Stall:** Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May. More details in term 2



### NEWS AND REMINDERS

Thank you to the families and staff who supported and attended our favourite events of the year, the school disco and progressive dinner. Both events were a great success thanks to your amazing efforts.

The progressive dinner, auction and raffle raised over \$5000 and saw many past families attend to support us.

\$4000 of P&C funds has been utilised by the school to purchase math kits for each classroom. Additional funds from the progressive dinner will be used to support the schools purchase of literacy resources. We will be looking for additional funds - more details next summit

## Monday Munchies

**Kebab orders due this Thursday**

**\$5 per kebab.** Order details over page

P&C fees are overdue. \$20 per family. Use Surname and pandc fee as your reference when you pay online.

If you are paying for progressive dinner or auction items online remember to use Dinner Surname as your reference

The account details are:

Mt Keira P&C

BSB 062644

Acc 00900820



**MKDS P&C**  
mkds.pandc@gmail.com



### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

A very big thank you to Heather for her hard work in securing great quality raffle and auction items and to the families and businesses who donated.

Shoalhaven Tree Top Walk  
Surf Dive n Ski  
Peter Fitzgerald Real Estate  
Win Entertainment Centre  
Ipac  
Pet barn  
Swarovski  
Samantha Wills  
Berkeley cakes and pies  
Jamberoo Recreation Park  
Saltwater Dreamtime  
Crown Diamond Jewellers  
The Little Birdcage Hairdressing  
Tosti Cellars Figtree  
Hoyts  
Element  
Bunnings  
Palmer Family  
Bruton Family  
Mr John

### How to order Monday Munchies

This week we are having Kebabs for Monday Munchies. Please collect a Kebab bag from the library if your child is interested.

Simply fill in your selection directly on the kebab bag. Write your child's name and class on the side of the bag, not the top, as it is rolled down when the kebab is put inside and return your order and correct money \$5 (no change given) to the office.

Do not place loose money in the kebab bag please put it in an envelope or plastic bag so that the kebab bag is not contaminated. Please ensure orders are placed by Thursday 22 March at 3.15pm

