

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

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**The Summit** Term 2 Week 10 Tuesday 3 July 2018

## Term 2 Week 10

Thursday 5 July

Showcase Assembly 2pm

Friday 6 July

Student reports to be sent home and last day of Term 2

## Term 3 Week 1

### NAIDOC WEEK

Monday 23 July

Gymnastic Program commences

Tuesday 24 July

Staff Development Day

Friday 27 July

Students return to school

Debating at Nareena Hills Public School

## Term 3 Week 2

Tuesday 31 July

ICAS English testing

Tuesday 31 July

Coding Program commences (5 weeks)

Wednesday 1 August

OC Class 2019 Placement test

Saturday 4 August

P and C Working Bee 12noon-3pm

## Other important dates for 2018

Tuesday 7 August

P and C Meeting 7pm

Tuesday 14 August

ICAS Maths testing

Wednesday 15 August

District Athletics Carnival

Thursday 16 August

District Athletics Carnival

Monday 20 August

Life Education Visit

Tuesday 21 August

Life Education Visit

Wednesday 22 August

Book Week Author and Library visits

Thursday 30 August

Father's Day Stall

Friday 31 August

Father's Day Stall

Friday 31 August

Southern Stars Performance as WEC

Monday 3 September

World Enviro Day at Botanic Gardens- Yrs 5 & 6

Thursday 6 September

K-6 Surf Education

Friday 14 September

Regional Athletics

Friday 28 September

Last Day Term 3

Dear Parents

My time flies when you're having fun!!!! What a hectic but highly rewarding term. During this term, Year 3 and Year 5 sat the NAPLAN assessments, students participated in our school athletics carnival, district cross country carnivals, Chodat fitness program, Reconciliation Walk, International Schools Assessments and Competitions, Stage 3 camp, Debating competitions, class excursions and special events. We have hosted professional experience students from the University of Wollongong. Staff have participated in professional learning in the areas of literacy, formative assessment, Departmental standards and guidelines, sharing their expertise and knowledge with their classes with innovative teaching ideas. Whew!!!! Thank goodness the holidays are in sight.

### **WOOOOHOOOO!!!!!!!!!!**

I am pleased to announce that Stage 1 of our play space design has officially been approved. After many forms back and forth, emails and phone calls, I am happy to say that work on this project will be commencing during the school holidays. Stage 1 is designed to be a place of challenge and physical activity in a natural setting. There will be many different levels of adventure and challenge where students will be able to choose their journey around the space in the adventure gully. This work is expected to be completed by Week 2 Term 3; however, this will depend upon weather and other factors during the build. We look forward to sharing this new and exciting space with you in the coming weeks.

### **Class of the Week- Banksia**

#### **As reported by the students themselves!**

The days leading up to Term 2 were almost as terrifying as the days leading up to the new school year. We were getting a new teacher and that was the most scary thing of all. On the first day of the term, I greeted my friends and soon we met the teacher. She had flaming red hair and a stern expression but seeing her more and more in class we realised there was a lot more to her than we originally thought.

On the seventh week we went to camp. We experienced the most incredible things such as the giant swing and the flying fox. After an amazing 4 days and 3 nights we drove back to school excited and sleepy.

Overall it was a great term and I'm glad to go to a school as amazing as Mount Keira.

**Sophie Moran**

At the start of this term we got a new teacher, Mrs Gehrke. At first we were worried about what she would be like. When she arrived we were sure she was going to be a very fun but also a teacher who would teach us many new things. We finally got homework. YAY!!

We did a lot of activities inside and out of the school this term, and they were all fun.

**Camp-** at camp we did a total of 7 activities- kayaking, cable glide, campfire/cooking damper, bush walk/hike, maze, archery and the giant swing which were all fun and interesting. We also did night activities.

**Grip Leadership-** We (The year 6's) went to the UOW Grip Leadership where we learnt how to become the best leaders possible.

**Prac Students-** Our class got Prac UOW students, Ms Polhill and Ms Arnold. They helped us in reading groups, math groups and Ms Polhill organised her own little Amazing Race activity, where we answered a question and got a word. With the collected words you had to make 2 sentences. It was really fun.

**Reconciliation Walk-** Before the Small School Soccer Knockout, we did a Reconciliation walk from Holy Spirit College to Bellambi Public School. We saw people dancing and singing. It was good.

**Small School Soccer Knockout-** We did small school soccer and we beat Otford Primary School 2-1. After a few weeks, we versed Bodalla Public School. Sadly, we lost 3-0.

**Chodat Fitness-** It was very unpleasant because once Xman fell over when he was running and broke his pinky joint in his left hand.

**Homework-** This term Mrs Gehrke has been giving us homework. Every week we have to practice spelling, do some reading, writing and maths. We also can do some optional activities if we want to.

**Simultaneous Read-** Everyone from the school went outside and read for 10 minutes and after that Mrs Carroll read us 'Hickory Dickory Dash' and while that was happening, some Banksia girls acted it out.

Overall, it has been a fun and interesting term for the Banksia class inside and out.

**By Keita, Sebastian and Thomas**

We all had such a fun term with our new teacher, Mrs Gehrke. She has taught us so many new things. When our old teacher left we thought our new teacher would be angry and mean but she turned out nice, fun and arty. We had so many cool, fun opportunities this term and we can't wait for next term.

**Casey, Gabriella and Kylanni**

This term we got a new teacher, Mrs Gehrke, who at first we thought was going to be a mean old teacher but we were wrong. The Year Five students were nervous about Naplan but it turned out alright. Going on school camp was awesome and we all loved it. Our Rich Task this term was to investigate environmentally friendly things to make the world a better place. I hope you liked our summary of Term 2

**By Orion, Jack, Louis and Sophie**

At the beginning of the term I was a little bit scared because we were getting a new teacher, but I was also excited to see what the new teacher was like. After I meet the teacher Mrs Gehrke, I found that she was really nice and I had worried over nothing. We've been doing some of the same things like art but have been doing more and more maths and literacy. I've learnt a lot this term. It's been very different with the new class setup but I'm really enjoying it.

**By Lily Blanchard**





## Athletics Carnival

I would like to congratulate all the students of Mount Keira for their outstanding behaviour throughout an extremely successful athletics carnival on Monday. It was wonderful to see so many students trying their very best and displaying sportsmanship throughout the day.

Thank you to the teachers for organising such a wonderful event and to the parents that assisted on the day. It was a wonderful event to be involved in.

**Great events do not just happen; great people make them happen!**



## Debating

Our team of debaters represented Mount Keira last Monday. They argued the topics with clarity, confidence and well-reasoned arguments in a sportsmanlike fashion. Our team has come such a long way in developing valuable debating skills over the past term. Debating is a wonderful extra curricula activity that Mount Keira offers. Congratulations to our debaters who represented our school with such pride, winning 3 out of our 3 debates. Our team will now take on Nareena Hills Public School early in Term 3. We wish them the best of luck during this debate.



## School Website

On Monday 25 July, Miss Green attended a professional learning day on website design. In the coming month you will notice that our schools website will be changing and we will be transitioning to the new website structure. As with anything new, there may be 'teething' issues. Please be patient, as we will be learning the new website structures and techniques. We will try our best during the 'change over' to ensure communication is optimum.

## Small School Soccer Competition

Congratulations to our school soccer team. On Wednesday, through the terrible wet weather, our team played with skill and technique (it must have been from the watching the World Cup) playing hard throughout the match against Bodalla. Unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be on the day. Bodalla were just too good defeating Mount Keira 3-0. The team representing our school with pride and should be very proud of their achievements in the Small School Soccer Championship. Well done to all involved.



## Adams Family Performance

On Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, Waratah were lucky enough to be invited to a theatre production by one of our local high schools, The Illawarra Grammar School. The performance was a musical comedy of The Adams Family.

We all had a lovely day and were inspired by the creativity. The students enjoyed watching and analysing these plays and productions. Well done to Waratah for being beautiful guests!

Miss Ford



## Rich Task Showcase

This Thursday 5 July, we will be holding our Rich Task Showcase Assembly to give students the opportunity to show the knowledge, understandings and skills that they have acquired over the past term. The afternoon will commence at 2:00pm with a short assembly in the amphitheatre. This will be followed by an open class session, where parents can visit all classrooms at their own leisure to see children's individual work. This is a great opportunity to get involved in your child's learning and celebrate their success and hard work. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day.

## Early Arrivals at School

Supervision at school does not commence until 8.45am. A large number of students have been arriving before this time. If there are exceptional circumstances and your child has to arrive before official supervision starts they are required to sit on the seats outside the front office until the teacher goes on duty. It is not a time for students to run around and play games. Please talk to your child about following these simple rules in the interests of everyone's safety.

## Spelling Bee

This year I have registered Mount Keira to participate in the Premiers Spelling Bee. This competition is for students in Year 3-6 however, Year 2 students may participate if they wish to compete in the age group above.

Word list for students to practice are currently available at <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/2018-premiers-spelling-bee>.

Due to the Competition guidelines, I am unable to publish the password to access these words however if you are wanting to see the words online, students may ask their classroom teacher or myself for this password. For more information and/or competition rules please click on the link above for full details.

Mount Keira will hold their school spelling bee early Term 3.

## Premiers Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is well underway for 2018. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. New and exciting books are continuing to be added.

The challenge runs until 31 August, so there is plenty of time to get reading and ensure you log on to the website <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html> to register the books your child has read at home. What better way to spend the winter holidays than curled up with a good book.



## Reports

Teachers have been very busy writing the Semester 1 reports and it is wonderful to read about all the learning that is happening. **Semester 1 reports will also go home on Friday 6 July.** Reports are a point in time report and these report comments reflect the learning and achievement of students only during Term 1 and 2, 2018.

Please sit with your child and discuss their report. Celebrate your child's success and set goals for Semester 2.

## Term 3 Sport

Sport for Term 3 will be Gymnastics run by Fit Futures.

## School Safety

Please remember that if you ever hear noise or notice unwanted visitors to our school please contact **school security on 1300 88 00 21.** This kind of behaviour is disappointing and comes at a large cost to the school.

## School Holidays

This term has just 'flown by.' The last school day for Term 2 is Friday 6 July. We have a great array of fun school holiday activities listed on our noticeboard pop in and have a look if you are looking for inspiration.

**Students return to school on Tuesday 24th July. Teachers return on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** and will spend the day participating in professional learning activities. We will be involved in workshops focusing on quality teaching and learning styles.

The holidays are only a few days away and I'm sure all students and teachers are looking forward to a well earned rest. School will finish on Friday afternoon at 3.15pm for our winter school holidays. Holidays are an important time to 'kick back' and enjoy quality time with your family. The children are very deserving of a holiday as it has been a long and rather chilly term. Have Fun!!

Have a safe winter break. Relax and enjoy. I look forward to seeing you all again in Term 3.

Keep smiling ☺

Mrs Carroll

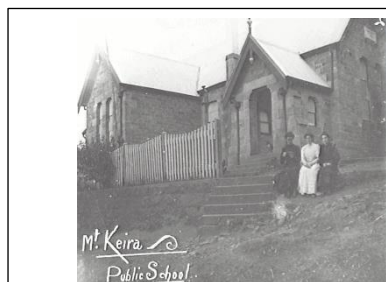
**Principal**

## What's Due ?

**Term 2 Invoices** which were sent home earlier in the term, are overdue. Please ensure they are finalised this week if you haven't made prior arrangements.

| Activity/ Note                              | Students Involved | Due Date |
|---|-------------------|----------|
| Term 2 Invoices (reminders sent home today) | All families      | Overdue  |

## P and C News



***MKDS Newsletter***  
**3 July 2018**  
***mkds.pandc@gmail.co***



## WHATS ON!

We hope you can join us for the Working Bee on Saturday 4 August 12noon until 3pm and the P and C meeting on Tuesday 7 August from 7pm.

## NEWS AND REMINDERS

**Colgate Community Garden Competition:** Recycle your old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and boxes, floss packaging etc and place them in the box in the school library to help us win a community garden. It will support Stage 4 of our play spaces project. You can also vote each day via the following link: [Terracycle.com.au/colgategardenvoting](http://Terracycle.com.au/colgategardenvoting).

**Hats:** We have more stock of hats if anyone has been waiting for them. They are available at the office for \$15. All children must bring a school hat to school each day.

**Book Stall:** We will be donating our left over books to Lifeline in term 3. If you are in contact with organisations that would also like to receive some children's books then you can pick up books this week (at no cost) from the stage 3 classroom.

**Cookbook:** We have reached our cookbook target and are now selling excess stock, that's less than 2 books to sell per family, can you help?

**Outdoor:** \$25k of P&C fundraising was given to the Department of Education for turf in Sept 2017. The second tender process closed on 31/5/18. The school will be notifying you of a start date as soon as the process has been approved.

In Week 3 we chose and locked in our nature play supplier Playgrounded who will start the 1st stage during the school holidays. Exciting! You can find out more about the designer Ben Binder and his projects at [www.playgrounded.com.au](http://www.playgrounded.com.au)

**Monday Munchies:** Thank you to our volunteers who have helped us with Monday Munchies this term. The roster for Term 3 is included below. If you are able to assist send your dates to Jacqui via text or drop a note into the school payments box. We are always looking for fresh volunteers and most of the jobs take under 30 minutes to do so please help if you can.



## MONDAY MUNCHIES ROSTER Term 3, 2018

Please write your name and phone number on the dates/times that suit you and hand them in at the office before the end of term. Alternatively, text your availability to Jacqui Cousins on 0400187764. The completed roster will be published in the first Summit of term 3.

| Date/time                      | Name and phone number | Duties   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Friday 3 August 9:15am         |                       | Subway - Collate orders, count money, staple orders to bags, place in class tubs   |
| Friday 3 August 3:15pm         |                       | Take order, class tubs and money to Subway Figtree (Near Dominos & Star Kebabs on Princes Highway) pick up more bags.      |
| Monday 6 August 10:45am        |                       | Pick up lunches from Subway Figtree and deliver to classrooms (lunch starts at 11.15am)                                    |
| Friday 17 August 9:15am        |                       | Sushi - Collate orders, count money, phone through order to Sushi Shop and to yoghurt buying volunteer.                    |
| Friday 17 August before 3:15pm |                       | Purchase frozen yoghurts & place in school freezer.  |
| Monday 20 August               |                       | Sushi is delivered to school, place sushi in prepared bags, deliver class tubs to each classroom before 11.15am            |
| Monday 20 August               |                       | Place frozen yoghurts in prepared bags then deliver class tubs to classrooms just before recess at 1.30pm                  |
| Friday 31 August 9:15am        |                       | Kebabs - Collate orders, count money, place in class tubs ready to be delivered  |
| Friday 31 August 3:15pm        |                       | Deliver orders in class tubs and money to Star Kebabs Figtree (near Dominos & Subway on Princes Highway) pick up more bags |
| Monday 3 September 10:45am     |                       | Pick up lunches from Star Kebabs at Figtree and deliver to classrooms (lunch starts at 11.15)                              |
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## HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN A COMMUNITY GARDEN!



Our school is competing in the  
**Colgate Community Garden Challenge!**

The schools that collect the most  
oral care waste and online votes can  
win a recycled community garden set!

Vote for us online and track our  
school's ranking at :

[Terracycle.com.au/colgategardenvoting](http://Terracycle.com.au/colgategardenvoting)

We collect any brand of used:



To find out more about the Colgate Community Garden Challenge and for full terms and conditions, visit  
[www.terracycle.com.au/colgategarden](http://www.terracycle.com.au/colgategarden). If you have any further questions, call TerraCycle on 1800 983 324

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