

Mount Keira Demonstration School

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The Summit Term 3 Week 4 Tuesday 14 August 2018

Term 3 Week 4

Wednesday 15 August	WCC Art Gallery Enrichment Program nominated Year 2 students
Wednesday 15 August	District Athletics Carnival- selected students
Thursday 16 August	District Athletics Carnival- selected students

Term 3 Week 5

BOOK WEEK

Monday 20 August	Monday Munchies- sushi
Monday 20 August	Life Education Visit
Tuesday 21 August	Life Education Visit
Wednesday 22 August	Author visit (Yrs 3-6) and Thirroul Library excursion (K-2)
Thursday 23 August	Education/Book/Literacy & Numeracy Weeks- Assembly 9.30am, Open Classrooms 10.15am, Picnic 11.15am Book Parade 12.05pm- children to dress up as a book character
Sunday 26 August	Tournament of the Minds at UOW- selected students

Term 3 Week 6

Tuesday 28 August	WCC Art Gallery Enrichment Program nominated Year 3 students
Wednesday 29 August	WCC Art Gallery Enrichment Program nominated Year 4 students
Thursday 30 August	Fathers' Day Stall
Friday 31 August	Fathers' Day Stall
Friday 31 August	Southern Stars Performance as WEC

Term 3 Week 7

Monday 3 September	World Enviro Day at Botanic Gardens- Yrs 5 & 6
Tuesday 4 September August	WCC Art Gallery Enrichment Program nominated Year 5 students
Wednesday 5 September	WCC Art Gallery Enrichment Program nominated Year 6 students

Other important dates for 2018

Thursday 27 September	Showcase Assembly 2pm
Friday 28 September	Last Day Term 3

Dear Parents

Wow, we are already nearly half way through Term 3. Where has that time gone!

Class of the Week-Wattle

This term we have been exploring Indigenous culture and beliefs looking at art, stories, music and objects. Next week we are stepping back further in time to explore fossils and creatures from the past. We can't wait for everyone to see all our hard work at our Open Classrooms on 23 August and our Showcase Assembly on 27 September.

We welcome Miss Hokin, our intern from UOW, who will be with us for the next six weeks.

From the students:

This term are learning about "How the Birds got their Colours". For Maths we are doing growing patterns. *Julian*

I have brought in lots of Indigenous stories and art. We are singing Tiddalik. We are making music. *Lilly*

We are working on Indigenous things. Lilly has been bringing in Indigenous objects. This week we have been singing Tiddalik and we have also been reading Indigenous books. *Ariella*

This week we have been singing Tiddalik and learning about Indigenous things. We have been learning about growing patterns. We have also been doing art and Lilly has also brought in Indigenous things. *Ella*

We are singing Tiddalik and we are playing clapping sticks. We are doing growing patterns and reading Indigenous stories. We are learning capital letters and full stops. *Oliver*

Issues with Skoolbag

Several parents have reported issues with the Skoolbag App. As per the notification sent home via Skoolbag last week all parents should check to ensure that the App icon they have for Skoolbag is the blue bag not the Mount Keira School icon. If you still have the Mount Keira icon it is important that you uninstall that App and reinstall the new one as per the instructions sent home last week. Should you have any further issues please see Mrs Christlo as a matter of urgency.

Waratah 3/4 Excursion to Killalea State Park- by Miss Ford

Last Monday, Waratah had an awesome day exploring the environment at Killalea State Park. Students encountered both rainforest and beach climates where they learnt what our local area is made out of and how it was formed. They had challenges including making maps and identifying how to read them. They also learnt how to sustain and care for our



coastline. I was extremely impressed with the students' good manners and keen interest in the program.

P&C Contributions

Thank you to the many families who joined us last Saturday afternoon at our Working Bee who spread mulch in our "Adventure Gully", cleaned up the PE shed and did some general gardening. We appreciate your efforts to improve our school grounds.

Many thanks to the P&C, for their continual support in making Mount Keira Demonstration School great. I would like to acknowledge the significant financial contribution the P&C has made to our school so far this year; we are very lucky.

So far this year the P & C have pledged:

\$4000 to purchase maths resource kits for each classroom

\$5000 to purchase new readers

\$27000 for our Adventure Gully

\$15000 towards our next playspace

\$350 for the Kidsafe inspection for the Adventure Gully

Thank you to everybody involved in raising the funds and participating in P and C events.

District Athletics Carnival

Good luck to our District Athletics Team who will compete in the District Carnival on Wednesday and Thursday this week. We know you will do your best and represent our school with pride. Many thanks to Miss Green and Miss Perks who will accompany the team.

Life Education

Our annual visit from Healthy Harold and the Life Education team will take place next Monday and Tuesday. The students will explore a variety of topics which will provide them with information and strategies that will assist them to make safe decisions about their own health and well-being now and into the future. Information about the program and resources for parents are available at <https://www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents/>. Should you have any questions about the program please see your class teacher.

The cost of the program is \$5 per student and this amount will appear on your Term 3 invoice. If children would like to purchase merchandise to support Life Education they should record the items they wish to order on an envelope and include correct money. Please submit orders by Monday 20 August. Available items include:

Tattoo	0.50	Large Harold Soft Toy	15.00
Harold Post it Note	1.50	Small Harold Soft Toy	5.00
Harold Handball	3.00		

Tax deductible donations can also be made to this wonderful service by placing a cash donation in an envelope with your name, email and postcode listed or visit the website <https://www.lifeeducation.org.au/support-us/donate>.

Education Week, Book Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week

Term 3 is always a busy term celebrating and recognising many wonderful things happening in Public Education. At Mount Keira we have decided to recognise the three great initiatives (Education Week, Book Week, Literacy and Numeracy Week) with a week of activities in Week 5.

This is a time for parents, carers, grandparents and community members to connect with our school and join in to celebrate student, staff and school achievements. We have planned a number of events to showcase our wonderful community.

On Wednesday 22 August our K-2 students will be visiting Thirroul library and park to participate in a variety of activities based around Book Week. Please ensure you have submitted the permission note that came through on a Skoolbag notification last week. On the same day our Years 3-6 students will be visited by author Dr Dell Brand who has written a number of adult and children's books including the History's a Mystery series. Students will be involved in a number of other activities throughout the week including a book trivia quiz, reading afternoon and buddy games.

Our special community celebration will be held on **Thursday 23 August** when members of our community are invited to join us for:

- A Welcome assembly- 9:30am under the COLA
- Open classrooms- 10:15am-11:15am
- Picnic sausage sizzle lunch-11:15am-12:05pm
- Book character dressup parade-12:05pm in the amphitheatre (children should come to school dressed as a favourite character)

Our final activity, as part of these celebrations will be an inschool performance of 'Treasure Hunt' by Echelon Performances which will be held on 4 September. This high quality performance based around the Book Week theme has been receiving great reviews from schools across the state. We were able to secure the performance at a very competitive rate and it should prove to be a great finale for our celebrations. Cost of the performance will be \$ \$6.80 per child, which will appear on your Term 3 invoice.

We really look forward to seeing you all at some stage on Thursday 23 August.

Other Upcoming activities

We have a number of activities coming up in the next few weeks that will require permission notes.

If you have nominated for your child to attend the WCC Art Gallery enrichment programs or the Southern Stars performance please check your child's bag for permission notes. We are unable to send these notes via Skoolbag due to the mix of children attending. Notes should be returned to school before the due dates.

Our Banksia class will be participating in the annual Wollongong City Council Enviro day on Monday 3 September. This is a fabulous day that brings together schools from across the region to learn about sustainability and caring for our environment. Topics of the day will include Living with Fire, Backyard Diversity, Plastic Rubbish that Impacts our Local National Parks and the Importance of Native Bees. We look forward to the day. Please check Skoolbag and submit the permission note by 22 August.

Tournament of Minds

Our Tournament of Minds team is working hard to finalise their challenge to present to the judges in the coming weeks. They have been working tirelessly with Miss Green before school, during their recess and lunch times. Tournament of Minds is a fantastic program that provides students with the opportunity to develop their higher order and critical thinking skills. I wish the students all the very best in the last few weeks of preparation. Our TOM team will be displaying their knowledge and teams challenge at the University of Wollongong on Sunday 26 August. It would be fabulous to see you there to cheer on our team.

Good luck to Ella, Alyssa, Sarah, Savannah, Saul, Lilly and Sophie.

I'm excited to see what you have come up with!

MKDS Spelling Bee

It was wonderful to see so many children competing in the Mount Keira Spelling Bee. After a quick chat and a run through of the rules, 39 eager students from Years 2 to 6 began to compete. Congratulations to each and every student that competed; as many students stepped out of their comfort zone and gave the challenge a go.

A huge congratulations to Sarah, Oliver, Bella and Liam who will now represent Mount Keira Demonstration School at the Regional Spelling Bee Finals on Monday 3 September. Well Done!

NAPLAN Online School Readiness

On Monday 27 and Wednesday 29 August, all students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the NAPLAN Online school readiness trial.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to participate in a trial NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability but will allow schools to:

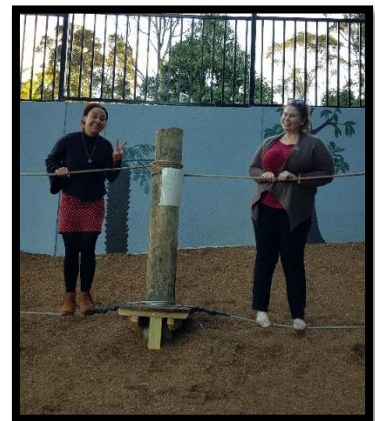
- become familiar with the NAPLAN online test format and processes;
- check MKDS has the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online;
- and provide students in NAPLAN years 3 and 5 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

Information has already been sent home however if you require additional information please access the NAPLAN Online website which provides more information about the school readiness test: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/nsw-transition-approach/readiness-activities>

Teachers are learner too

On Wednesday afternoon, our weekly staff meeting turned into an afternoon of adventure and play taking teachers back to their younger days. Some teachers stepped out of their comfort zone giving challenges 'a go' that they were originally daunted by, others were in their element competing for the next round of "Ninja Warrior". It was a hands on, fun and enjoyable afternoon 'learning the ropes' of the new Adventure Gully.

KidSafe inspected the Adventure Gully on Monday with some minor alterations to take place. We aim to have these small adjustments made by the end of next week. With the teachers having the amount of fun they did on Wednesday afternoon, I cannot wait to see what the students can do.



Adventure Gully transition rules for safety

Thank you to those parents that attended last week's parent session in our new playspace – 'The Adventure Gully'

As you can imagine the students are eager to start playing in our new 'Adventure Gully.' In order to keep each and every student safe whilst learning 'how to play' in the new area, a few rules have needed to be implemented. Please discuss the following rules with your child to ensure a smooth transition and fun for all.

GULLY RULES

OPEN AT LUNCH ONLY	
1 st Half of Lunch Years 3-6	2 nd Half of Lunch Years K-2
You MUST line up along the fence until the teacher on duty says you can play	
The teacher will ring the bell at the beginning of second half to swap	
The COLA will be closed at lunch, but open at recess	
Food is NOT allowed in the gully	

**Safety. It's
Everyone's
Business**

Parents at Play



Rubbish

Our school grounds are very attractive. Lots of seating, shady areas, beautiful views and lovely gardens. Unfortunately, these beautiful areas are currently being swamped with rubbish.

Last week all students were spoken to about 'Caring' for their school by putting their rubbish in the bins and looking after our school grounds. To combat these issues the students will be involved in a regular clean up. Every Wednesday afternoon (5 minutes after Fitness) and every Friday (5 minutes before the end of lunch) students will do a quick 'run around' to clean up our school and do their part in saving our environment.

Please discuss this issue with your child and be mindful of the packaging being sent to school.

Lost Property

Our lost property basket is well and truly overflowing. Please ensure **that all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.** Lost property can be returned to children quickly and easily if they are clearly labelled.

Please encourage your child to take responsibility for their own items and pick up after themselves as many items are being left behind on a regular basis. This makes our classrooms and playground, messy places to be. We take pride in our schools appearance and encourage children to be independent in looking after their belongings.

Second Hand Clothing

We have a huge amount of second hand clothing currently available for just \$2.00 per item. Please pop in and see what is available. Now is the time to stock up for summer.

Welcome to our Bachelor of Education Interns from UOW

A warm welcome to our PEX students who have commenced their Internship at MKDS. Please ensure you say a big hello to all of the students and make them feel very welcome. Our interns will be working on ES1, S1 and S3 from the 13 August until the 21 September. This will be their final year of their Bachelor of Education before officially graduating as teachers.

Enrolment 2019

We will be finalising our Kindergarten 2019 enrolments in Term 3. If you plan to send your child to Kindergarten in 2019, it is important that we know now. Please call into the school office and pick up enrolment forms. Alternatively, if you know someone who wants to send their child to this school in 2019, please pass on this message. The process for enrolling a child in a school (particularly your first one) can be confusing. If you know someone in this position, please ask them to call the school and we will be only too happy to help.

Alternatively, if your child is not returning to Mount Keira Demonstration School in 2019 could you please notify the school office as soon as possible. The staffing of schools is based on the number of students enrolled and this information is vital for our school organisation for 2019.

Premiers Reading Challenge

The Challenge concludes on 31 August which is not far away. Can you please ensure you have gone online to <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html> and recorded any books your child has read at home. These cool winter nights are a great opportunity for families to sit together near the heater and share the wonderful books on the reading list or your family favourites as free choice. We would love to have every child completing the Challenge this year.

Have a great fortnight! Until then....

Keep smiling ☺

Mrs Carroll

Principal

A message from the producers of Southern Stars

Southern Stars ICONIC

The biggest performing arts spectacle in Southern NSW will be taking to the stage at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 31 and Saturday September 1 in a show that will be truly **ICONIC**.

This year's show **ICONIC** will feature the best of music, dance and drama from 3000 public school students around the state and will showcase the talents of three circus troupes, the NSW Public School Millennial Marching Band, a rock band, 600 strong choir, 100 strong Aboriginal dance ensemble, a teachers' choir, 50 member orchestra, digeridoo ensemble, boys' vocal ensemble and signing choir, to name just a few.

ICONIC embraces many of the iconic songs that make up the soundtrack of our lives, as well as featuring iconic moments, concepts, ideas and fashions throughout the ages.

You don't have to know anyone in the show to come along. **ICONIC** is great family entertainment for all ages. It is a professional and high quality two-hour, non-stop extravaganza that will surprise, inspire, delight and entertain. It is a show not to be missed!

Three shows are open to the public: Friday 31 at 7.30pm and two shows on Saturday 1 September – a matinee at 2pm and final show at 7.30pm with tickets available through Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.au

Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/www.southernarts.nsw.edu.au/> for more information about the show and the chance to win tickets.



What's Due ?

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Thirroul library and playground excursion- notice sent home on Skoolbag last week	K-2 students	Overdue
Monday Munchies Sushi- see P & C news sushi \$3 frozen yoghurt \$1	Interested students	Thursday 16 August 3.15pm
WCC Art Gallery Enrichment permission notes (various dates)- notes sent home today with the children	Nominated students Years 3-6	Wednesday 22 August
Southern Stars Matinee 31 August- notes sent home with the children today	Nominated students K-6	Wednesday 22 August
WCC Enviro Day 3 September- notification will be sent via Skoolbag today	Banksia (Yrs 5-6)	Wednesday 22 August
P & C Volunteers required for BBQ 23 August- contact P & C if you can help	All parents	17 August

P and C News



MKDS Newsletter
14 August 2018
mkds.pandc@gmail.com



WHATS ON!

Education/Book/Literacy & Numeracy Week Celebrations BBQ: Thursday 23 August 11.15 – 12.05

- Two volunteers needed to help set up and cook BBQ from 9am to 9.30am.
- Two volunteers needed to serve from 11.05 to 11.30 and two volunteers from 11.30 to 11.55. Please see Kerry or let the P & C know via WhatsApp or email mkds.pandc@gmail.com if you are available to assist.
- All sausage sandwiches will be \$2 and all drinks \$1.50 (water, poppers and soft drink).

Fathers' Day Stall: Thursday 30th and Friday 31st of August

- Heather V has sourced some great Fathers' Day gifts for the stall this year. Prices and request for volunteers will go out in the next Summit. Keep an hour or two free on either of these days if you would like to help out.

NEWS AND REMINDERS

Working Bee: Thank you to the many parents who attended the working bee last Saturday. The great turn out led to the mulch going down in half the allocated time. School children and their younger siblings also worked hard and they made a significant contribution to their new play area.

P&C Meeting: If you are a financial member of the P&C but were unable to attend the P&C meeting you can request a copy of the reports by emailing mkds.pandc@gmail.com. The minutes from the meeting will be posted on the P&C section of the school website later in the term.

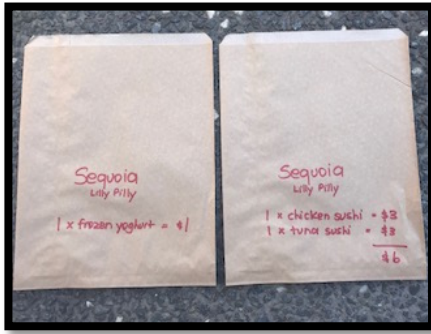
Pavers: Mount Keira School invites you, your child, or your family to become a permanent part of our school's history. For as little as \$35, your name or message will be engraved on to a paver that will be laid permanently in our "Pathway of Learning & Memories".

Details were included in last fortnight's Summit. Offer closes Friday August 31st 2018. Additional order forms are from the noticeboard outside the office.

WhatsApp Group: If you are not yet on the parents' WhatsApp group and would like to be included, message Kerry on 0421480441.

Monday Munchies: Sushi and frozen yogurt orders are due by this Thursday afternoon at 3.15pm. Cost is \$1.00 for a frozen yoghurt and \$3 per sushi (tuna, chicken and vegetarian).

How to order – Sushi and/or frozen yoghurt



- write your child's 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
- place order in payment box in office

Thank you to our volunteers who have offered to assist with

Monday Munchies in Term 3. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. The new roster is included with this Summit.

Playground rubbish, nude food and lost property: On Friday 3 August, Kindy mum Bec N completed a working bee task and did a quick one hour tidy up of the school playground. This is an image of the rubbish collected in that one hour clean up:



The rubbish was in plain view, in gardens and sometimes hidden under rocks. Along with the rubbish was sports equipment, lunch boxes, drink bottles and school uniform items.

There are two key areas of focus for our P & C community:

1. How do we reduce the waste that children bring to school?
2. How do we reduce the mismanagement of waste, personal items and school property at school?

A few parents have agreed to investigate options that will be relayed to the community via the Summit and Mrs Carroll has agreed to raise the issue at their staff meeting to discuss opportunities for improvement.

Colgate Community Garden Competition: Please continue to send in your recycled toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and boxes, floss packaging etc. which will go towards our entry in the Community Garden Competition. Items can be left in the box in the library.

Child mental health: At the 2018 P&C conference many of the guest speakers discussed child mental health including issues facing children and how they differ from previous generations and nurturing positive mental health. As a parent community we can invest some resources including time into strategies that support our children and each other in fostering good mental health.

We will start by using the Summit to provide information to parents that may come via the P&C Federation of NSW or other publications. We would also like your feedback on the topic and if you see opportunities for the P&C and parent community to facilitate more resources. You may find some of the books in our parent library helpful. See Mrs Christlo if you would like to borrow a book.

Please see Kerry or contact the P and C via email or WhatsApp if you have any feedback or suggestions.

MONDAY MUNCHIES ROSTER Term 3, 2018

Please contact Jacqui Cousins (0400187764) ASAP if you are going to be unavailable, so that a replacement can be arranged.

Date/time	Name and phone number	Duties
Friday 3 August 9:15am	Kylie Beckett (0438422198)	Subway - Collate orders, count money, staple orders to bags, place in class tubs
Friday 3 August 3:15pm	Kylie Beckett (0438422198)	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	Alison Colquhoun (0401505531)	Pick up lunches from Subway Figtree and deliver to classrooms (lunch starts at 11.15am)
Friday 17 August 9:15am	Madeleine Morris (0431019650)	Sushi - Collate orders, count money, phone through order to Sushi Shop and to yoghurt buying volunteer.
Friday 17 August before 3:15pm	Jacqui Cousins (0400187764)	Purchase frozen yoghurts & place in school freezer.
Monday 20 August	Miyako Matsui (0406166307)	Sushi is delivered to school, place sushi in prepared bags, deliver class tubs to each classroom before 11.15am
Monday 20 August	Jacqui Cousins (0400187764)	Place frozen yoghurts in prepared bags then deliver class tubs to classrooms just before recess at 1.30pm
Friday 31 August 9:15am	Heather Vucenovic (0421231766)	Kebabs - Collate orders, count money, place in class tubs ready to be delivered
Friday 31 August 3:15pm	Heather Vucenovic (0421231766)	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	Hayley Simpson (0404470951)	Pick up lunches from Star Kebabs at Figtree and deliver to classrooms (lunch starts at 11.15)
Friday 14 September 9:15am	Madeleine Morris (0431019650)	Sushi - Collate orders, count money, phone through order to Sushi Shop and to yoghurt buying volunteer.
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