

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

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**The Summit** Term 3 Week 8 Tuesday 11 September 2018

## Term 3 Week 8

**Wednesday 12 September**      **Wollongong High Science Fair- years 5 & 6- departing 9am**

## Term 3 Week 9

**Monday 17 September**      **Monday Munchies- sushi**  
**Monday 17 September**      **Synthetic grass project commences**

## Term 3 Week 10

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

## Other important dates for 2018

**Monday 15 October**      **Students and staff return to school**  
**Wednesday 14 November**      **Kinder Orientation**  
**Wednesday 5 December**      **End of Year Performance**  
**Friday 19 December**      **Last day of school for students**

Dear Parents

### Class of the Week-Waratah

*In Stage Two this term we have done many things from excursions to Killalea State Park to learning about informative texts. We have also been working on "Film By The Coast". "Film By The Coast" has been our main unit of work and our Rich Task. "Film By The Coast" is a fun, skill building activity which Stage Two have enjoyed. We first started by learning about visual literacy and planning our short films. We have filmed our movies and we are currently editing them to be submitted later this week!*

*Sarah T*

*This term Stage Two has hit the target with the opportunity to enter the "Film By The Coast" festival. The "Film By Coast" festival is when a bunch of schools enter short films to be selected, and if they are, there is a festival*

*day/night where the public can go and watch them all! Our topic for the Rich Task is based on our writing, science and geography units which means that our films need to be based on the environment.*

*Sequoia M*

*“Film by the Coast” is a company that run film festivals for school kids. Short films are submitted by students to be selected and shown at the local festivals run by a bunch of schools. For our films in Waratah we have been remaking TV shows such as Shark Tank and Ninja Warrior, plus many more. Many schools have applied for this, hopefully some of our films get selected!*

*Saul D*

*On Thursday last week we had a lifeguard come in and talk about being safe at the beach. She told us information like where to swim, what to do if there are no flags, what different signs mean, what to do if you get stung by a bluebottle, how to spot a rip and what to do if you get caught in one. We got workbooks to do activities in and even got some time to complete them. At the end of the day we went home after saying thanks to Holly the lifeguard and thought about what they would tell us next year.*

*Oliver E*

## **Synthetic Grass**

September 17 is slowly creeping upon us. As this is the commencing date for the synthetic turf, I would like to remind all parents and students that during this time, a large portion of our school playground will be fenced off. This will allow the contractors the ability to complete the project in the specified timeframe and ensure all students are safe whilst at school. This project will take approximately four weeks to complete depending upon weather and various factors throughout the build.

At the completion of the project all students will have a 12m x 36m lined, multipurpose field to enjoy for many years to come. I cannot wait to sharing this new and exciting space with you all. **Please be patient during this time.**

## **Mrs Robinsons Return**

It is with great pleasure to inform the school community that Mrs Allira Robinson will be returning to Mount Keira Demonstration School at the beginning of Term 4 2018.

Mrs Robinson is currently on maternity leave however, she will be returning one day per week (Wednesday) in Term 4. She will be doing an RFF role (Release from Face to Face) where she will work across a number of classes. We look forward to having her back here at Mount Keira working with the wonderful students, staff and parent community.

## **NAPLAN Results**

In the coming days parents of our Year 3 and Year 5 students will receive individual student reports (ISR) outlining their child's achievement in the NAPLAN testing which took place in May this year. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. If you have any concerns regarding your child's performance, please make an appointment to discuss this further with your child's teacher.

## Golf

From Tuesday 11 September until Thursday 13, Callum will represent Mount Keira Demonstration School at the South Coast School Sports Golf Tournament. We wish him the very best of luck. I'm sure he will do us all proud!



## Spelling Bee

Last Monday 3 September Sarah, Oliver, Liam and Bella attended the Regional Spelling Bee finals at Austinmer Public School. All students involved did such a wonderful job stepping out of their comfort zone spelling many unfamiliar (rather tricky) words. I would like to congratulate them all on their performance and look forward to what is ahead in their spelling adventures. A very special mention goes to Bella who placed second on the day. What a huge achievement placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the region!



## Botanical Gardens

On Monday 3 September the students in Banksia visited the Botanical Gardens for World Environment Day- 'Enviro 2018'. They participated in a number of workshops throughout the day. The various workshops focused on bush fire survival, the importance of putting rubbish in bins to protect our ecosystem and discussing issues such as biodiversity where students created a landscaped garden to provide adequate shelter for native animals. Unfortunately the weather was not on our side and the students returned to school earlier than expected. All in all the students had a fantastic day

## Treasure Hunt

Last Tuesday '**TREASURE HUNT**' performers visited Mount Keira Demonstration School! This was an interactive and educational in-school performance that explored the issues of sustainability and the relationship with the natural environment. It also celebrated how books and reading can create understanding and bring people of different backgrounds together. The story line was highly engaging with outstanding performers. A really enjoyable show that had the students singing and bopping along.



## Japanese students

On Monday, Wattle were lucky enough to have visiting Japanese teachers in their class. They taught some basic Japanese to the students, shared stories about life in Japan and participated in an origami lesson. Thank you to Ms Matsui for organising this cultural exchange.

## SASS Week

Last week we celebrated SASS Recognition Week. A week to recognise the amazing work done by our School Administrative and Support Staff and the many valuable and significant ways in which SASS staff contribute to the everyday life of our school.

This band of hard workers do a lot of 'behind the scenes' work that ensures the school runs efficiently.

Mount Keira Demonstration School is definitely a great team- students, teachers, SASS staff and parents all working together in the best interests of students.

**Thank you SASS staff for the wonderful job you do each and every day.**

## Father's Day Stall

A very successful Father's Day stall was held on Thursday and Friday. The stall was overwhelmingly supported by the students, with many special gifts being sold. Thank you to the parent helpers who organised and ran the stall. We appreciate the amount of effort put into an event like this. I am sure all dads or special someone loved the gift they received.

## Science Fair

Our Stage 3 students have been busy designing, making, testing and drawing conclusions to their projects for the upcoming Science Fair.

This Wednesday 12 September, the students will participate in the Wollongong Performing Arts High School Science Fair, where they will have the opportunity to showcase their research projects. Each group of students will present their ideas and display their findings on large poster boards. Judges will be walking around on the day asking students questions and discovering all about their findings whilst giving all students positive feedback.

The Science Fair is a great opportunity for students to develop their scientific skills and investigate the incredible universe around us.

I look forward to seeing the weird, wacky, wonderful world of science come alive.

## Rich Task Showcase

On Thursday 27 September, 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 underneath the COLA. This will then 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.





## PEX Teachers

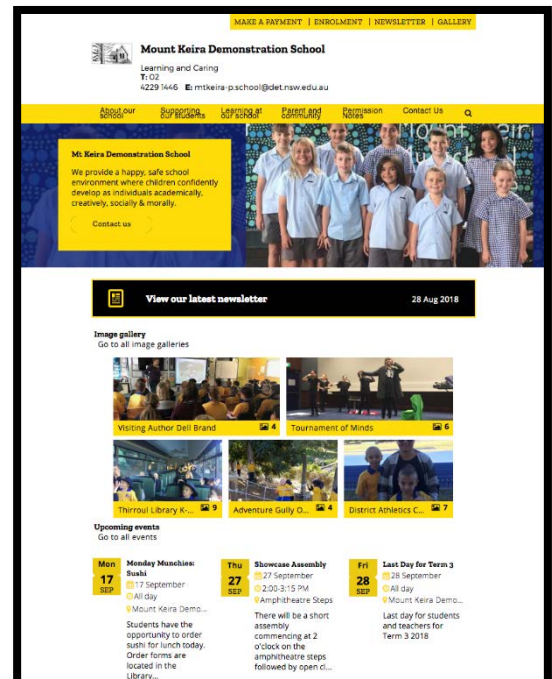
During the past 5 weeks we have been very fortunate to have four **PEX teachers** from the University of Wollongong working with us. These Professional Experience teachers are of a **very high calibre** and finish their degree next week. We wish them well in their teaching career and thank them for their hard work, dedication and professionalism whilst at Mount Keira Demonstration School. **Good Luck!**

## New School Website

As some of you may have noticed, our school website has had a facelift recently. We have been working hard to make our website user friendly with lots of new features!

From our homepage you can make a payment, view our latest newsletter, check out the latest photo galleries, see what events are coming up and read some great news articles. These features and more will be updated regularly to keep our school community informed about the exciting things happening at Mount Keira Demonstration School. Please take the time to explore our new webpage as we will be sending out a survey later this week seeking your feedback on the layout and usability of the site.

Happy browsing!



## Absenteeism

We have had many children off school in recent weeks due to illness. Please be mindful that you must inform the school when your child is absent by submitting a Skoolbag notification or a written note within 7 days of the absence occurring. We recommend you do it on the day the absence occurs as it is so easy to overlook submitting the notes when things get busy.

Please also ensure your child arrives at school on time each day. Arriving before classes commence ensures your child does not miss out on important learning and information about activities scheduled for their class later in the day. It also helps students to learn the importance of punctuality and routine, gives children a chance to greet their friends before classes commence and reduces disruption to the class. If your child is late for school you must accompany them to the office to obtain a late notice or you may send in a written note explaining their lateness.

## Term Invoices

Term 3 invoices are due today. Almost half of our families are yet to pay their fees. Reminders have been sent with your children. Please ensure you finalise the payment by Friday as we have already paid most of the suppliers for their services.

If you are not in a position to finalise the payment please contact Mrs Carroll to discuss the matter. Student assistance may be available to eligible families.

## 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.

Have a great week. Keep smiling 😊

**Mrs Carroll**  
**Principal**

## What's Due?

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Term 3 Invoices- reminders sent home today	All families	Tuesday 11 September
Monday Munchies Sushi \$3 & Frozen Yoghurts \$1- see P & C news	Interested students-	Thursday 13 September 3.15pm

## P and C News



## WHATS ON!

There are no P&C events for the rest of Term 3. Thank you to Heather, Hailey and Lili for your help on the Father's Day stall and for all of the families who helped out during the term.

## NEWS AND REMINDERS

**Monday Munchies:** Sushi orders are due Thursday afternoon.

Frozen yoghurt (only on sushi days)	\$1
Sushi roll chicken teriyaki/ tuna/ vegetarian	\$3

### How to order – Sushi and/or frozen yoghurt

- write your 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.



\*If you have more than one child ordering, you can pay the total amount for all your children rather than paying for each child individually.

**TerraCycle:** We still need more toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, floss containers etc to reach the 2 kg required to enter the competition for a veggie garden. Please drop items off to the library this week.

**[pandc.org.au](http://pandc.org.au):** See the Parents' & Citizens' Association website for news regarding effectiveness of online Naplan, Fair Funding Now campaign and information on Gonski Review Report released in April 2018.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting in Term 4.

Your P and C Committee