

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

Established 1861 "Learning and Caring"

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**The Summit** Term 4 Week 2 Monday 22 October 2018

## Term 3 Week 2

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| Tuesday 23 October   | P and C Meeting 7pm                                    |
| Tuesday 23 October   | Coding Program commences                               |
| Wednesday 24 October | No fitness- wear summer uniform                        |
| Thursday 25 October  | Gymnastics program make up lesson- wear sports uniform |
| Friday 26 October    | Dance program continues- wear sports uniform           |
| Saturday 27 October  | Working Bee 9am until 12noon                           |

## Term 4 Week 3

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| Monday 29 October | Monday Munchies- Subway                      |
| Monday 29 October | Lifeskills Yoga program- wear sports uniform |
| Friday 2 November | Dance program continues- wear sports uniform |

## Term 3 Week 4

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| Monday 5 November       | Lifeskills Yoga program- wear sports uniform       |
| Tues/Wed 6 & 7 November | Life Education visit                               |
| Wednesday 7 November    | Film by the Coast excursion- Lilli Pilli & Waratah |
| Friday 9 November       | Dance program continues- wear sports uniform       |

## Other important dates for 2018

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Monday weekly         | Lifeskills Yoga program- wear sports uniform                |
| Tues/Wed/Thurs weekly | No fitness- wear summer uniform                             |
| Friday weekly         | Dance program- wear sports uniform                          |
| Monday 12 November    | Monday Munchies- sushi                                      |
| Wednesday 14 November | Kinder Orientation- join us for morning tea from 11.15am    |
| Thursday 15 November  | Whole school Aboriginal Cultural Day at Killalea            |
| Thursday 22 November  | Soccer clinic at Illawarra Sports High- selected students   |
| Monday 26 November    | Monday Munchies- Kebabs                                     |
| Tuesday 4 December    | Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation at local Public High Schools   |
| Wednesday 5 December  | End of Year Performance                                     |
| Tuesday 11 December   | Year 5/6 Jamberoo Action Park                               |
| Wednesday 19 December | Last day of school for students/Year 6 Farewell from 2.15pm |

Dear Parents

**Welcome Back.** Term 4..... Here we come!!!!

I'm sure Term 4 promises to be a busy and productive term. It was terrific to see lots of smiling and happy students returning to school this week after enjoying a relaxing and fun two week break.

I hope you had a fantastic break and enjoyed your family time.

The holidays certainly went by very quickly and Term 4 has started in gusto. This term is extremely busy with lots of things planned. We are also currently in the planning stage for 2019- classes, staffing, room allocations, specific programs... the list is endless.

As we are currently looking at how the school will be structured next year, it is of vital importance that we have **accurate numbers of students who will be attending MKDS in 2019**. If your child **will not** be returning next year **please notify the school office as soon as possible**. If you are aware of other families **enrolling** their child please ask them to **contact the school office as soon as possible**. Our staffing allocation is based on these numbers.

In preparing for our coming school year, we have our **Kindergarten Orientation Day on Wednesday 14 November**. This is always an exciting time, often tinged with some nervousness from both the 'new' kindies and their parents. The Year 5 buddies are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their little 'buddies' and can't wait to help them settle in to school life.

I would like to officially welcome Nathan, James and Bahati and their families to Mount Keira Demonstration School. I am sure they will be wonderful assets to Lilli Pilli and Waratah respectively.

### **Showcase Assembly**

Our Showcase Assembly was a fabulous community afternoon. Thank you to all of the families who celebrated our children's learning in Term 3 by attending the Showcase Assembly. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the students learning and acknowledge their hard work and dedication over the past term. A great way to finish Term 3!

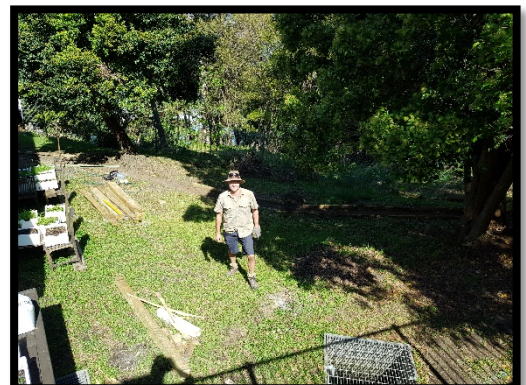
Our Showcase Assembly and end of year concert for Term 4 will be held on Wednesday 5 December from 5:00pm. Please save this important date in your diaries as we have a show not to be missed!

### **P&C Meeting**

Our Term 4 P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 October in the Library at 7pm. I look forward to seeing you all there.

### **Play Space update**

Ben from PlaygroudED has been busy working on our outdoor learning area. He has started building a practical-hands on learning space where students can create and experiment. It contains a number of cubby building areas, natural paths, a mud kitchen and shop front, small parts play area, sensory paths and much more. It will be a wonderful addition to our



growing playground and experiences for the students. This space is expected to be completed in the coming weeks (weather permitting).

Our synthetic turf was finally laid during the school holidays. The students and teachers have been having plenty of fun, using our new space for many educational activities. It has been great to see so many students playing together during recess and lunch to compete in the Mount Keira soccer match. A space that has already created many wonderful memories and formed many new friendships.



## Debating

On Thursday 18 October, our debating team competed against Figtree Height Public School in the inter zone final for the Premier's Debating Challenge.

The team presented a strong case and did a fabulous job engaging with the points presented from the opposition. Unfortunately, they were unable to convince the adjudicator on this occasion and they will not be progressing in the competition.

I am extremely proud of their commitment and effort this year. I hope all of the debaters continue debating in years to come.



Congratulations Gabrielle, Bella, Ella and Lachlan.

## Deadly Awards

Last Thursday 18 October, Bronte attended the DEADLY awards at Waniora Public School. The Deadly Awards are an important event on the educational calendar to recognise and celebrate the efforts and achievements of Aboriginal students, staff and members of the community. It was a wonderful afternoon acknowledging Bronte's efforts and sharing this special event with her family.



## Film by the Coast

Last term Lilli Pilli and Waratah worked extremely hard to design, perform, produce, edit and film a variety of movies/films for the 2018 Films by the Coast festival. After submitting a number of the students' films to the festival, it is with great pleasure to announce that two of our films have been selected to be showcased at the festival. The festival will be held at the Anita's Theatre on Wednesday

7 November. Please keep an eye out on Skoolbag for details of the excursion that Waratah and Lilli Pilli will be taking to the premier.

A very big congratulations to: Finley, Riley B, Dalby, Xavier, Joesph and Callum for their film 'Nature Warrior' and Alyssa, Sarah, Savannah, Sequoia, Saul, Cruz, and Jensen with their film 'Shark Tank Out of Water'. Families of those students should have received details regarding the red carpet evening showing last week.

I look forward to seeing their films on the big screen in the coming weeks.



## Coding Program

The popular Coding Program will continue again this term. Cost for the coding program is \$50 for Lilli Pilli, Waratah and Banksia classes and \$25 for Wattle. This amount will appear on the Term 4 invoice.

## Sport for the Term

The children will be participating in the Lifeskills Yoga program each Monday and the Dance to be Fit Program each Friday.

Our whole school dance program commenced last week and will run for seven weeks. This program will supplement our PDHPE component of the curriculum. Each class will participate in a 40 minute lesson each Friday.

Dance is a mandatory component of the curriculum and it is expected that students participate.

Our Lifeskills Yoga program also began last week and will continue for eight weeks.

Cost of the program will be \$28 for dance and \$46.50 for Yoga. This amount will appear on the Term 4 invoice.

Children will need to wear their sports uniform on Mondays and Fridays this term. There will be a Gymnastics make up lesson this Thursday 26 October so the children will require their sports uniform that day as well.

### Life Education

Our Life Education program has been rescheduled for Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 November. All students will participate in a quality program that will **empower them to make safer and healthier lifestyle choices**. 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 4 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 5 November. 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 donations in an envelope with your name, email and postcode listed or visit the website <https://www.lifeeducation.org.au/support-us/donate>.

### Attendance

All students in Kindergarten to Year 6 are required to attend school until Wednesday 19 December, the last day of teaching for 2018.

Please ensure you submit a Skoolbag notification for all school absences on the day they occur if possible. If notifications are not received within 7 days of an absence occurring the absence is consider to be unjustified and we cannot change it even if we receive a notification. Regular attendance is a key component of learning.

### Ethics Program

Primary Ethics is the organisation that runs ethics classes at our school. Their latest newsletter covers some of the topics students are currently discussing in ethics classes. Read about it at <https://mailchi.mp/primaryethics/ethicshome-october2018>.

Would you like to teach Ethics at MKDS?

We are looking for more volunteers to teach Ethics at Mount Keira Primary. Classes are 30 minutes and are timetabled for each Wednesday 12.05 and 12.35pm. All the teaching material is supplied.

Please contact the MKDS Ethics coordinator Grant Ellmers for further information at [grantellmers65@gmail.com](mailto:grantellmers65@gmail.com), or feel free to chat with some of the current Ethics teachers Kerry Sorensen or Angela Milic. There is also comprehensive information on the Department of Education Primary Ethics website <https://primaryethics.com.au/>

Please note we currently offer Ethics classes across all years, however some of the Ethics teachers are no longer available. Unless we get some more volunteers soon we will have to be cancel some classes.

### **Selective High School Placement for 2020**

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly based on the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2019**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at [https:// education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7). The application website opens at that link on **9 October 2018** and closes on **12 November 2018**. **You must apply before the closing date.**

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 9 October 2018.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

### **UOW Learning Labs**

The University of Wollongong would like to invite your students to LITTLE AND EARLY LEARNING LABS, an academic enrichment holiday program. They are targeting students from Year 1 to 6 during 2018, who are passionate, self-motivated and curious learners.

**Dates:** Little Learning Labs (Years 1 and 2): 7 – 9 January, 2019  
Early Learning Labs (Years 3 to 6): 15 – 17 January, 2019

**Venue:** University of Wollongong (Wollongong campus)

**Applications close:** 6 November, 2018. The program books out quickly so please register asap. Visit <https://www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway/learninglabs/index.html> for more information or talk to your class teacher.

### **School Security**

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. The school staff and students appreciate your help with this. We want to come back to our school the way we leave it!

**Community watch is the best form of security.**

Have a great fortnight.  
Keep smiling ☺

**Mrs Carroll**  
**Principal**

**What's Due?**

| Activity/ Note  | Students Involved       | Due Date            |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Film by the Sea Premier- to come via Skoolbag this week | Waratah and Lilli Pilli | Friday 2 November   |
| Monday Munchies- Subway                                 | Interested students     | Thursday 25 October |

**P and C News**



**WHATS ON!**

**P&C Meeting: Tuesday 23 October 7pm to 8.30pm-** Term 4 is our 2019 planning meeting. Please join us to help plan our events for 2019 and look at ideas to meet the resource needs of our school.

**Working Bee: Saturday 27 October 2018 9am to 12pm-** Stage two of the play spaces project has begun. To prepare for stage three we will be clearing the creek and around the Stage 3 classroom. Wear gum boots if you have them and bring whipper snippers and shovels – children will not be allowed in the creek area so we will have some smaller jobs if you have small children with you. Stay for a BBQ lunch.

**Kindy Orientation: Wednesday 14 November 2018 Morning Tea-** Come and meet the Kindy families and children of 2019. We need three parents to set up the tea and coffee table and food table. We ask that parents contribute a plate of food and attend if possible. Please reply on WhatsApp or to Heather on 0421 231 766 if you can assist.

## NEWS AND REMINDERS

**Welcome back Orion:** It is great to have you back at school Orion and we are very happy to hear that your recovery is going well.

**Playgrounded Stage 2:** Work is well underway on Stage 2 of the play spaces project. The area beside the Stage 3 classroom will be a practical, hands on learning space. It will contain cubby building areas, mud kitchen and shop front, small parts play area, barefoot paths and a sandpit with rock placement to symbolically represent the first people's creation story of Mt Keira and the five islands.



Take the opportunity to go down to the area (walk between the Stage 2/3 classroom and the COLA) and if Ben from Playgrounded is there, he would be happy to show you the space. Our working bee on the 27 October will help prepare the stage three quiet study/learning in nature area.

**Sports surface/ turf:** It was amazing to see the children playing on the sports surface before the rain on Monday morning. You all contributed to that space every time you participated in a fundraising event over the last 3 years. Well done!

An on site handover was conducted yesterday with the Department's representatives, myself and the builder all in attendance. Several issues were discussed and the project was signed off on.

**School Uniforms:** Summer school shorts/culottes for girls were introduced to our uniform earlier this year. The navy culottes and short sleeved blue shirts are available at Poppets-31 Montague St North Wollongong or you can order online and have the uniforms delivered to the school. Royal blue sport culottes are also available as part of the sports uniform.

**Monday Munchies:** If you can help with Monday Munchies on Monday 26 November please contact Jacqui C on 0400187764. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who are helping this term and thank you Jacqui for all of your hard work in coordinating Monday Munchies in 2018.

This week's Monday Munchies is Subway. Order forms are available from the library. Cost is \$6.50 for a six inch and \$9.50 for a foot long.

**2018 NSW Curriculum Review:** The NSW curriculum is undergoing its first comprehensive review since 1989. The review aims to equip students to continue to contribute to Australian society in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Unfortunately the information roadshow for Wollongong occurred last Tuesday however if you would like to provide feedback on what you think the key issues are that the NSW Curriculum Review should address you can do so until the 30 November at the following links:

<https://bit.ly/2Q5S0g6> (quick feedback) <https://bit.ly/2M61Dbj> (online submission)



**P&C Meeting:** The calendar of events will be discussed at the P&C meeting night. Dates and as much additional planning as possible will occur at the meeting then the events calendar will go out in the next Summit with a request for volunteers. Additional fundraiser items will be added to the calendar as they are planned.

| Volunteers required                      |                  |  |
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| Term 4 2018 - 15 Oct 2018 to 19 Dec 2018 |                  |  |
| P&C Meeting                              | 23 Oct Tuesday   | Planning meeting for 2018/ 2019  |
| Working bee                              | 27 Oct Saturday  | Jobs list/volunteers needed.   |
| Kindy Orientation morning tea            | 14 Nov Wednesday | Three volunteers needed, morning tea donations and parents to attend                           |
| End of year concert                      | 5 Dec Wednesday  | Decide on food options/request volunteers for shopping, cooking, serving, pre-order management |

**MKDS Friends Facebook Group:** MKDS parents, past parents and community can use a Facebook group called 'MKDS Friends' to post useful information to the MKDS community. Please remember that this group is public (and visible to all of your FB friends) and should not be used to post information specific to the children and their activities. If you have questions regarding excursions, school activities and events then use the private parents WhatsApp group.

### MONDAY MUNCHIES ROSTER Term 4, 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 26 October 9:15am        | Heather Vucenovic (0421231766) | Subway - Collate orders, count money, staple orders to bags, place in class tubs   |
| Friday 26 October 3:15pm        | Heather Vucenovic (0421231766) | Take order, class tubs and money to Subway Figtree (Near Dominos & Star Kebabs on Princes Highway) pick up more bags.      |
| Monday 29 October 10:45am       | Angela Koljanin (0405002328)   | Pick up lunches from Subway Figtree and deliver to classrooms (lunch starts at 11.15am)                                    |
| Friday 9 November 9:15am        | Madeleine Morris (0431019650)  | Sushi - Collate orders, count money, phone through order to Sushi Shop and to yoghurt buying volunteer.                    |
| Friday 9 November before 3:15pm | Bernie McKeon (0413377359)     | Purchase frozen yoghurts & place in school freezer.  |
| Monday 12 November              | Miyako Matsui (0406166307)     | Sushi is delivered to school, place sushi in prepared bags, deliver class tubs to each classroom before 11.15am            |
| Monday 12 November              | Jacqui Cousins (0400187764)    | Place frozen yoghurts in prepared bags then deliver class tubs to classrooms just before recess at 1.30pm                  |
| Friday 23 November 9:15am       | Kylie Beckett (0438422198)     | Kebabs - Collate orders, count money, place in class tubs ready to be delivered  |
| Friday 23 November 3:15pm       | Kylie Beckett (0438422198)     | Deliver orders in class tubs and money to Star Kebabs Figtree (near Dominos & Subway on Princes Highway) pick up more bags |
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