

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

Established 1861 "Learning and Caring"

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**The Summit** Term 4 Week 4 Tuesday 6 November 2018

## Term 3 Week 4

Wednesday 7 November	Life Education visit continues
Wednesday 7 November	Film by the Coast excursion- Lilli Pilli & Waratah- summer uniform
Friday 9 November	Dance program continues- wear sports uniform

## Term 4 Week 5

Monday 12 November	Monday Munchies- sushi
Monday 12 November	Official opening of multi-purpose field 10am- join us for light morning tea
Wednesday 14 November	Kinder Orientation- join us for morning tea from 11.15am
Thursday 15 November	Whole school Aboriginal Cultural Day at Killalea- wear sports uniform

## Term 3 Week 6

Thursday 22 November	Soccer clinic at Illawarra Sports High- selected students
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## Other important dates for 2018

Monday weekly	Lifeskills Yoga program- wear sports uniform
Tues/Wed/Thurs weekly	No fitness- wear summer uniform except as listed above
Friday weekly	Dance program- wear sports uniform
Monday 26 November	Monday Munchies- Kebabs
Wednesday 28 November	Banksia UOW Science Fair
Tuesday 4 December	Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation at local Public High Schools
Wednesday 5 December	End of Year Performance
Monday 10 December	Smiths Hill High drama performance 9.30am
Tuesday 11 December	Year 5/6 Jamberoo Action Park
Wednesday 12 December	Last day for Scripture and Ethics
Thursday 13 December	2019 Captains' speeches
Friday 14 December	Talent Quest
Wednesday 19 December	Last day of school for students/Year 6 Farewell from 2.15pm

Dear Parents

### **Class of the week-Lilli Pilli**

This term Lilli Pilli are excited to be back at school as we 'officially' start using our outdoor learning space which we have decided to call 'The Courtyard'. We have been enjoying working outside in the warmer weather, especially during our 'Daily 5' literacy activities. Don't take my word for it though, this is what the students had to say!

"The Courtyard is very comfortable and it is very exciting to have." - Eva Sz

"I do like the rainbow bench because it makes it really cheerful." - Harry

"It is kind of peaceful out there and it is easier to work. It is quite nice to use because it is silent and everyone works nicely and kindly." - Dane

"I love using The Courtyard." - James

We will be adding to "The Courtyard" over the coming weeks, so feel free to come and check it out!

Happy learning,  
Miss Green and Lilli Pilli.



### **Official Opening of our multi-purpose field**

Next Monday, 12 November, we will be officially opening the multi-purpose field (synthetic turf.) A short assembly will commence at 10am. Ryan Park will be in attendance and will officially open our new play space.

We would like to invite you all to this wonderful celebration as without the hard work and dedication of all parents and community members at MKDS, this project would not have been possible. Following the assembly, we welcome parents and community members to a light refreshment underneath the pine tree. It would be fabulous to see you all here on the day to celebrate a project that has been in the making for many years. Please RSVP on the Skoolbag app or let Mrs Christlo know if you are attending for catering purposes.

## World Teachers Day

Last Friday we celebrated World Teachers' Day-A day to recognise and acknowledge the wonderful work of ALL teachers here at Mount Keira Demonstration School. I would like to personally thank the teachers for their passion, dedication and commitment to ensuring that each and every child at our school achieves their very best on a daily basis.

## Film by the Coast

As mentioned in the last Summit Lilli Pilli and Waratah will be attending the "Film by the Coast" Festival at Anita's Theatre. The students will leave school at 9.15am sharp and will return around 12.30pm. The children are to wear full summer uniform. They may take a drink and a snack with them in a small bag. Please ensure bag and all containers are labelled. They will have lunch when they return.

## Kindergarten Transition

Our Kindergarten Orientation will take place next Wednesday 14 November. Children and parents have already been sent invitations and information packs. Please ensure you have RSVP'd to Mrs Christlo to confirm your attendance.

If you know of a family who has not yet enrolled their child in Kindergarten for 2019 or have recently moved into the area, please ask them to contact the school office immediately.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new students and families into our school community. Please join us for morning tea to welcome the new parents. If you could bring a plate to share that would be greatly appreciate. Please let Mrs Christlo know if you are attending to assist with catering.

## Reports

Teachers have been very busy analysing data and beginning to writing Semester 2 reports. **These reports will go home on Thursday, 13 December.** Reports will not be completed prior to this date. If your child is absent during this time and will not be here to collect their report before the end of the semester, we can post it to you at your request. Alternatively, you can collect it at the start of the 2019 school year. Our Semester 2 reports reflect the learning and achievement of students only during Term 3 and 4 2018.

## Aboriginal Cultural Day

On Thursday 15 November all students at MKDS will be travelling to Killalea to participate in an Aboriginal cultural day run by Richard Campbell-a local Aboriginal man. The students will be involved in a range of activities including a traditional smoking ceremony, cultural talks and traditions, boomerang and spear throwing and looking for local Aboriginal bush tucker.

**ALL costs will be covered and funded by the school.**

This is sure to be an educational day. I look forward to being involved in a great event. Please ensure you have submitted the Skoolbag epermission note that went home last week.

## Blocked Toilets

Over the past few weeks we have had many call outs to fix the student toilet block as the systems were not functioning correctly. Unfortunately over the weekend it was brought to our attention that the toilet pipe was blocked; having over two metres of hand towel blocking the pipe.

We are asking for your assistance in raising awareness. Please discuss with your child that **under NO circumstance are paper or hand towel to be flushed down the toilets**. In addition, if you are sending your child to school with wet ones or paper sanitisers, please make them aware that these items **MUST be placed in the toilet bins at all times**.

This gradual build up is costing the school a large amount of money and a huge amount of work for our local neighbours who are unfortunately left to clean up after the pipe has been blocked and exploded in their yard.

Thank you for your support in discussing this issue at home.

## Hygiene at School

School children are exposed to all kinds of germs and bacteria that they wouldn't usually come into contact with at home. It is vital that students understand the importance of hygiene and are ensuring they are practicing good hygiene whilst at school.

There are many viruses going around our school at the moment. Please remind you child to:

- Wash their hands correctly with soap
- Cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing
- Place tissues in the bins immediately after use
- Avoid sharing personal items eg hats
- Avoid sharing food and drinks
- Have regular baths or showers
- Wear clean clothes regularly
- Cover any open wounds with bandaids or other dressings to avoid contamination

If your child is unwell or contagious, please contact your local doctor to seek further advice and keep your child home until they are well enough to return to school.

Please also stress to your child that they should not touch any other children's wounds, blood or sores. If their friend has an injury or illness they should be taken to the office to receive the appropriate treatment.

## Life Education

Our Life education program commenced today and will be completed by tomorrow afternoon. All students will have participated in a quality program that will **empower them to make safer and healthier lifestyle choices**.



### Science Fair-Stage 3

On Wednesday 28 November, Stage 3 will be participating in the UOW's Annual Science Fair. The University of Wollongong Illawarra Coal Science Fair is a great opportunity for primary school students to develop their scientific skills and investigate the incredible universe around them. I look forward to seeing many wonderful experiments on the day.



Please ensure you return the permission note which was sent home with students last week.

### Year 6 Farewell to Jamberoo Action Park

Thank you to the many parents who offered to assist on the day. Orion's mum Paula will be joining us on the day.

### School Fees

Please check your oldest child's bag for Term 4 invoices which will be sent home today. The term fees include the cost of excursions, life skills, sporting and technology programs, shows etc... generally everything that will be happening during the coming term. We are very mindful that the school year can be an expensive time and have tried to **keep costs to a minimum**.

To assist you in reconciling your invoice we advise:

- Banksia have attended two Science Fair amounts- WHSPA 12/9 (which was not on Term 3 invoice) and they will attend UOW on 28/11
- Banksia Enviro Day is the WCC fee for the activity. Bus fee was charged in Term 3
- Banksia Year 6 Farewell activity is Jamberoo Action Park
- Year 6 Year Books are being supplemented by the P & C (full price is around \$50)
- Life Skills is the wellbeing program that incorporates yoga, mindfulness and more
- Whole school sport is the Dance Program

Please see Mrs Christlo if you need to clarify any other amounts on your statement.

Please finalise payments by Monday 3 December. Our preferred method of payment is via our website using the "Make a Payment" tab. Feel free to make partial payments of any amount each week or fortnight. There is no need to list students individually or individual amounts just list the payment under one child's name and the amount you wish to pay under "other". Please see Mrs Carroll or Mrs Christlo if you need financial assistance or you need to extend the payment terms. Student assistance may be available.

## End of Year Performance

We are looking for donations of Christmas trees (approx 5 ft would be preferred size) to be used as props for the Christmas concert. If you are looking to update your tree please consider donating your old one to the school.

## School Terms in 2019

Please consider these dates when planning holidays or leave in 2019.

<b>School Terms 2019</b>			
	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Duration</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 29 January 2019-Staff return</li> <li>Wednesday 30 January 2019-students</li> <li>Thursday 31 January 2019-Kindergarten</li> </ul>	Friday 12 April 2019	11 Weeks
<b>School Holidays</b>	Saturday 13 April 2019	Sunday 28 April 2019	
<b>Term 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 29 April 2019-Staff return</li> <li>Tuesday 30 April-students return</li> </ul>	Friday 5 July 2019	10 Weeks
<b>School Holidays</b>	Saturday 6 July 2019	Sunday 21 July 2019	
<b>Term 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 22 July 2019-Staff return</li> <li>Tuesday 23 July-Students return</li> </ul>	Friday 27 September 2019	10 Weeks
<b>School Holidays</b>	Saturday 28 September 2019	Sunday 13 October 2019	
<b>Term 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 14 October 2019- staff and students return</li> </ul>	Wednesday 18 December-students Friday 20 December 2019-staff	10 Weeks
<b>School Holidays</b>	Wednesday 18 December 2019	Monday 27 January 2020	

## Wollongong High School of Performing Arts 2019 Auditions

WHSPA audition applications for Year 6 (2019) into Year 7 (2020) will be available for parents to access in Week 2, Term 1 in 2019. These applications are submitted through the Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts website. The auditions will be held in the last three weeks of Term 1, 2019. Please note this date on your calendars for early 2019.

Forms for regular enrolment in High Schools will be sent home late February 2019.

## Illawarra Junior Vocal Ensemble Auditions for 2019

The Illawarra Junior Vocal Ensemble is an exciting opportunity for Public School students in Years 3 – 6 to excel in vocal performance.

Students (Years 3-6) will be selected by audition. Successful students will represent the Illawarra with a variety of performances throughout the school year. In 2018, students performed at Southern Stars,

Spring into Corrimal, The Festival of Choral Music at the Opera House and The Kiama Festival of Choirs and many more events across the Illawarra.

In 2019, the Illawarra Junior Vocal Ensemble will be expanding into a Home and Satellite Division:  
**Home Division:** Rehearsals at Corrimal East Public School on Thursdays from 4-5pm during term.  
**Satellite Division:** Rehearsals at Minnamurra Public School most Thursdays from 4-5pm during term and will travel to Corrimal East Public School twice a term for combined rehearsals.

The participation cost for students is \$30 per term.

If your child is interested in auditioning for the ensemble in 2019, please follow the links on the below address:

Audition Process: Download the audition piece from the following link:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JDQf7HFhxBczqu9Pw3cdeUzsgBnMr10?fbclid=IwAR2LGVBbCGPzKszxLHpurljVTNIKmNladJM\\_NHO9Npgf1suF1Lz4CFiOZZk](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JDQf7HFhxBczqu9Pw3cdeUzsgBnMr10?fbclid=IwAR2LGVBbCGPzKszxLHpurljVTNIKmNladJM_NHO9Npgf1suF1Lz4CFiOZZk)

Students must commit to their position by Monday 3 December, 2018. Applications are due by Monday 19 November, 2018.

For further information, please contact Sonia Milgate on [sonia.milgate@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sonia.milgate@det.nsw.edu.au)

### **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 will be available from mid-September 2018 at <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.** As requested in the notice sent home last term please advise our school if you are applying so that we can ensure your application is received in the system.

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.

## 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!

A reminder that the new multi-purpose field is **NOT** to be used after hours or on the weekends. This space has cost the school and parent community a lot of money and any damages that occur during these times will come at an additional cost to the school. Please keep an eye out for any trespassers that are using school property and report them to the school security number above.

## Community watch is the best form of security.

Get out those summer clothes as the weather is starting to warm up. Have a great fortnight everyone. Until then.....

Keep smiling 😊

**Mrs Carroll**  
**Principal**

## What's Due?

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Aboriginal Cultural Day- permission note on Skoolbag last week	All students	Friday 9 November
Monday Munchies- sushi \$3 frozen yoghurt \$1	Interested students	Thursday 9 November 3.15pm
UOW Science Fair- forms sent home last week	Banksia	
Term 4 invoices- sent home with eldest child today	All families	Monday 3 December

## P and C News



## WHATS ON!

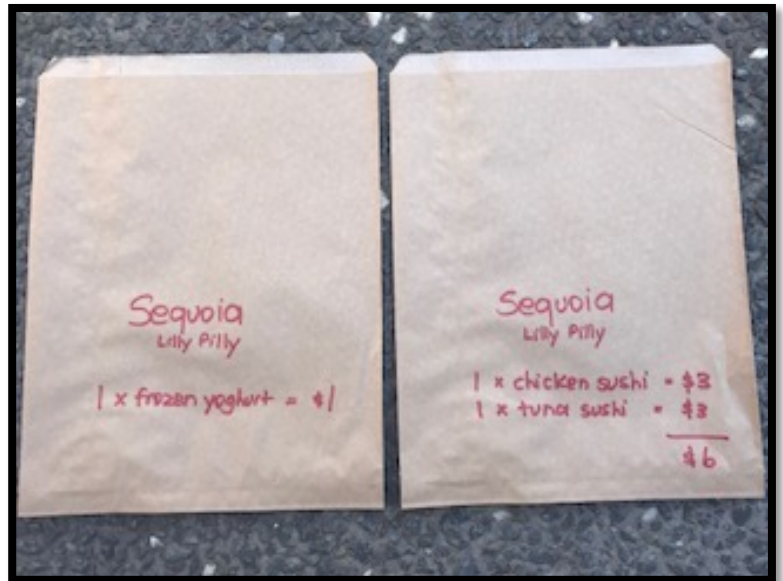
**Thank you:** Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for the P and C meeting on 23 October. A copy of the minutes will be available on the school website in the next few weeks.



**Working Bee:** Thanks also to the many families who joined us at the working bee on 27 October. We achieved a lot and the grounds are looking great. Ben from Playgrounded was very happy with the work carried out.

**Multi-purpose Field opening: Monday 10 November 2018** We hope you can join us for the opening of this project. If you can assist with morning tea on the day please see Mrs Christlo or Lili. Don't forget to RSVP on Skoolbag so we have numbers for catering.

**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.



**Monday Munchies:** This week's Monday Munchies is sushi. Please fill out an order on a paper bag as per the picture below. Sushi are \$3 and frozen yoghurts are \$1. Orders must be placed by 3.15pm on Thursday.

Our gorgeous students are already enjoying use of the new Learning Space. They heard that it was Ben's (from Playgrounded) birthday so they set to work decorating the area and making a "rock" cake. How special!



