

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

Established 1861 "Learning and Caring"

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**The Summit** Term 4 Week 6 Tuesday 20 November 2018

## Term 3 Week 6

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| Thursday 22 November | Soccer clinic at Illawarra Sports High- selected students    |
| Thursday 22 November | P & C Working Bee 2.00*-5.00pm to move mulch (*earlier time) |

## Term 4 Week 7

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| Monday 26 November    | Monday Munchies- Kebabs   |
| Wednesday 28 November | Banksia UOW Science Fair  |
| Thursday 29 November  | Whole school Aboriginal Cultural Day at Killalea- wear sports uniform |

## Term 3 Week 8

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| Monday 3 December    | Full dress rehearsal for End of Year Performance          |
| Monday 3 December    | Term 4 fees due   |
| Tuesday 4 December   | Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation at local Public High Schools |
| Wednesday 5 December | End of Year Performance from 5pm (performance at 6pm)     |
| Thursday 6 December  | WCC Enviro Awards Presentation 6.00pm at WCC              |

## Term 3 Week 9

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| 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                   |

## Term 3 Week 10

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| Monday 17 December    | Talent Quest (details TBC)                                  |
| Wednesday 19 December | Last day of school for students/Year 6 Farewell from 2.15pm |
| Wednesday 19 December | Year 6 Farewell Dinner 6.30pm                               |

## Other important dates for 2018

|                       |  |
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| 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                     |

Dear Parents

Here we are in Week 6 of Term 4 and the year is rapidly coming to an end. How did we get here so quickly?

### Class of the Week - Waratah

Last week, our class and Lili Pili attended the 'Film By The Coast' Festival at Anita's theatre. At the festival we saw some absolutely amazing films and also some very random films that had been made from local schools. Jensen and I went to the premier and walked the red carpet with our families. We both received a certificate of participation as two of our films from Waratah got selected! The award was given to Mrs Christlo if you want to see it on our notice board!

*By Sequoia and Jensen*



One of my favourite things I am learning this term is Coding. Every Tuesday we get to participate in Scope IT. So far we have learnt to use a lot of programs including Javascript, Scratch and Scratch Junior.

*By Sarah*

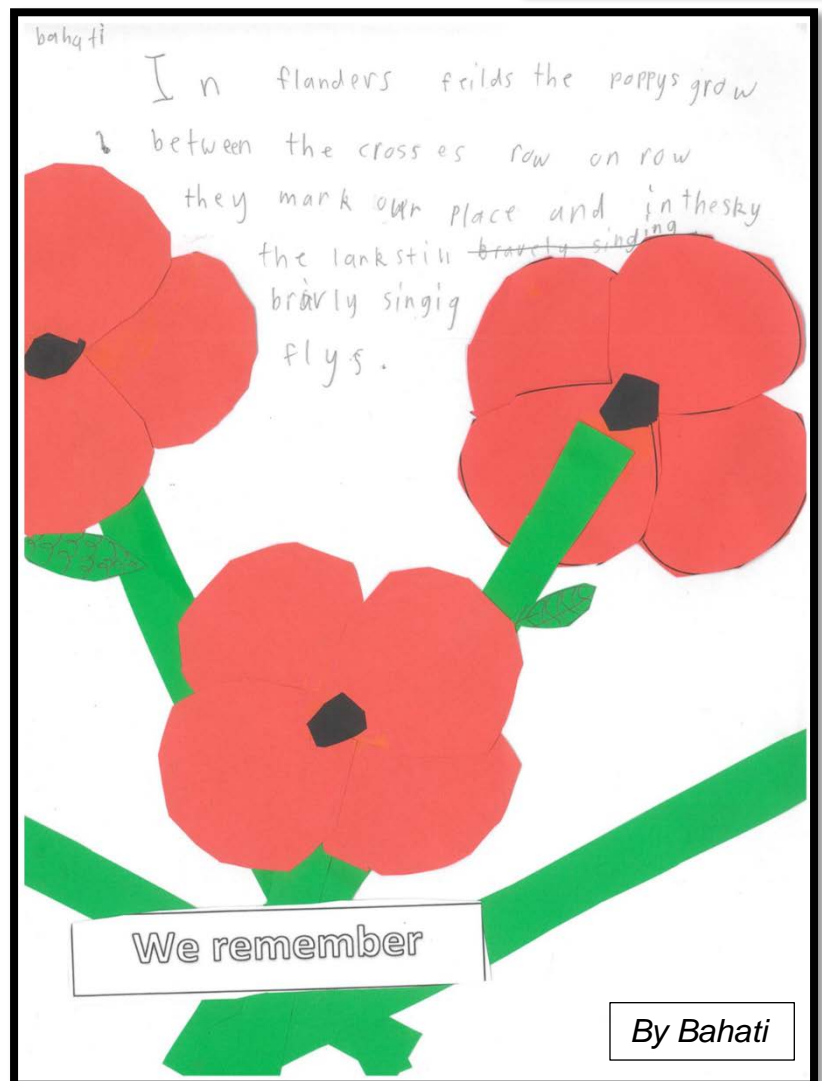
Every day after lunch Waratah does meditation. We need to close our eyes, listen to our breathing and sit quietly. Meditation helps you relax and feel happy.

*By Cruz*

Waratah have been learning about Remembrance Day to acknowledge the people who fought for our country. We made 3D poppies in art because they are the symbol of this special day as they were the first flower to grow on the battlefield.

Our class also participated in a minute of silence at 11am to think about the men, women and families who are still affected by the spine-chilling war. Waratah will continue to remember our brave Australian soldiers.

*By Riley B and Saul D*



In mathematics we have been working on division including short division and long division. We are enjoying this challenge!

*By Kyle and Xavier*



## Opening ceremony

WOW what an amazing turn out we had for our official opening ceremony for our multipurpose field. The sun was shining, the students were beautifully behaved and the ceremony went off with a bang! I would like to thank each and every person and family involved in this project. This project would also not have been possible without the continuing support of the parents and wider school community. That never give up attitude, the purchase of your first or 10<sup>th</sup> cookbook, the sponsorship many families contributed, the setting up at market after market, the persistence to keep on going and are still going or just the word of mouth about our schools need for a useful play space. All of this (no matter how great or small) has made the project happen.

A big thank you to the NSW Government for the initial Community Building Party Grant of \$15000.00 which supplemented P and C and school funds to make this project possible. We thank Ryan Park and his team for attending our opening ceremony in what I am sure was a very busy time in his schedule. The students haven't stopped talking about Ryan's soccer skills and were very impressed he joined in, scoring the first official goal (a memorable event for us all.)

We look forward to sharing many more community events celebrating our wonderful school.







### **\$26000 Grant success**

We are thrilled to announce that our application for another NSW Government Community Building Partnership Grant has been approved and we are the recipients of \$26000.00 to convert the weather shed into an outdoor kitchen. This area will be used for lessons in nutrition, health and student wellbeing. This grant will further compliment the next stages of our play space refurbishment which will include a kitchen garden.

We look forward to this exciting innovation becoming a reality in 2019.



### **Kindergarten orientation**

Last Wednesday, Mount Keira welcomed our newest school members at our Kindergarten Orientation Day. What a great day was had by parents, teachers and most importantly the students themselves. The Year 5 buddies who have been instrumental in helping them settle in to school life.

Orientation Day is the beginning of such a special journey for the children and their families and it is such a privilege to be a part of it. We are so lucky to have such a welcoming and supportive community that help us bring the day together. We look forward to many more years sharing the new children's journey with them and look forward to welcoming them all again in 2019.



### **Mini Working Bee this Thursday**

Our new learning area is looking fabulous. One of the final stages of the development will be to mulch the area. We will be holding a mini working bee on Thursday 22 November from 2-5pm to assist Ben to move the mulch as we are unable to get it delivered over the synthetic turf. Please note we have brought the time forward by one hour to give more flexibility to parents.

If you are available to assist please bring a wheelbarrow, gloves and shovels to make this process quicker. Don't feel you have to stay the whole time even half an hour of your time will be invaluable. Many hands make light work!

### **Trespassing needs to be taken seriously!**

As much as we would love for our Mount Keira families to be able to fully utilise our grounds outside of school hours it is a Department of Education ruling that the grounds must not be accessed by anybody during non-school hours. It has been reported to the school on a number of occasions that MKDS families have been accessing the school grounds and school property outside of hours despite numerous messages about this in the Summit. We were particularly disappointed when we were informed that students and past students have been riding their electric bikes/scooters on the synthetic turf which could damage our new surface.

Whilst we know the majority of our school members would take great care whilst using our grounds if outside community members see our families using the grounds they think it should be accessible for them too and sometimes their behaviour is not respectful of our property. Over the past two weeks we have had a number of security callouts, toilets have been left untidy and some school equipment has been vandalised. As you can imagine this is coming at a large cost to the school and taking away much needed funds for the students.

With the continuing incidences, the Department may look to stop this behaviour by installing high security fences around our school. This is something our community really does not want.



Please support us in helping to combat this issue. Security services who regularly patrol our grounds will be calling the police if anyone is found on school grounds outside of hours.

If you are in the vicinity of the school and notice anyone in the grounds being school members or others **please call school security on 1300 88 00 21. Community watch is the best form of security.**

### Aboriginal Cultural day- Change of dates

Unfortunately our Aboriginal Cultural day at Killalea had to be postponed due to weather. Our new date for this whole school excursion will be Thursday 29 November. On this day, the students will be travelling to Killalea to participate in an Aboriginal traditional 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 a fabulous educational day. I look forward to being involved in a great event.

Please ensure you have submitted a **new epermission** on Skoolbag or return a printed copy by Friday 23 November 2018. The new notice went out last week.

### Name the Crane “Orion”

It is with such delight to announce that the crane being used for the construction at the Uni has been officially named **Orion**. After the overwhelming response from the students, in the “name the crane competition”, the judges were blown away by the support of the school with a unanimous decision that the crane would be named Orion. On Thursday 15 November, Orion and his family attended the official launch. Thank you to all of the wonderful students and parents who supported this competition. An exciting day Orion and his family will remember.



### End of Year Concert

Our end of year concert is fast approaching. The students have been practicing tirelessly to master their dances for the night's events.

We are asking all students to bring in a **white pair of gloves** for the finale. Please keep an eye out on Class Dojo for other specific costumes/props for individual class items.

We are still looking for the donation of a few old Christmas trees for props if you have one.

The grounds will open from 5.00pm for a BYO family picnic. Please note that there is to be no alcohol brought on site and also no smoking.

The P and C will be selling snacks and drinks on the night. They need your help with purchasing and sales of these goods so please help where possible.

The children will need to be in their classrooms ready to get changed by 5.45pm with the performance starting at 6.00pm.

The performance will be followed by a few speeches, some carols and a visit from Santa. We hope that parents, grandparents and siblings can join us for this special event. If your child is unable to attend, for any reason, please let your teacher know as soon as possible.

In the event of bad weather we will let you know if we are postponing as early as possible on Skoolbag and Class Dojo.

We look forward to what will be another wonderful community event.

### ICAS Mathematics

Congratulations to our competitors in the ICAS Mathematics competition. Students will receive their certificates this week. Our results were as follows:

| Participation  | Credit   | Distinction |
|--|--|-------------|
| Callum<br>Xavier G<br>Ewan<br>Narelle<br>Savannah<br>Lily B<br>Jack<br>Lachlan G<br>Sebastian<br>Xavier MZ | Riley G<br>Alyssa<br>Sarah<br>Bella<br>Thomas<br>Keita<br>Ella S | Cheney      |

### Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation

On Tuesday 4 December, all Year 6 students attending a public high school in 2019 will have their orientation day. These schools include Wollongong High School of Performing Arts, Keira High School and Figtree High School. Please check with your school regarding their parent information sessions as some will be held the evening before.

Principals from these schools have asked parents to allow sufficient time when dropping off and picking up your child, particularly around WHSPA and Keira High School, as these times are always very busy and there is limited parking available.

We hope all the students attending have a wonderful day and look forward to hearing about their experience when they return.

### UOW Science Fair-Stage 3

Next 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.

Students need to be at school ready to leave on the bus at 9.00am. They should wear full summer uniform with a hat. They will also need to bring plenty of food and drinks for the day in a small backpack.

I look forward to seeing many wonderful experiments on the day.

### 2019 School Leadership

In the coming weeks, Year 5 students will have the opportunity to nominate themselves for a school leadership position at Mount Keira Demonstration School for the 2019 school year.

All Year 5 students will meet with Mrs Gehrke and myself on **Friday 23 November** to discuss the role of leaders and the nomination process. Nominations are open to all Year 5 students. Nominees will have until **Thursday 13 December** to prepare a short speech outlining the reasons they believe they should be elected as a school leader for 2019. They will present their speech to their peers K-6, who will then vote to select our leaders for 2019.

The nominees will be advised of the outcome on **Friday 14 December**. Our current school leaders will then officially hand over their title to our newly appointed leaders for 2019 during the graduation ceremony on **Wednesday 19 December**.

Good luck to all those students seeking to develop their leadership skills by working in the leadership team for next year.

### Soccer Clinic

This Thursday 22 November, a selected group of Stage 2 students will be attending the Illawarra Sports High/ Sydney FC soccer clinic. This is a great opportunity for the students to showcase their sporting and soccer ability. We wish them the very best of luck on the day and look forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return.

### School Fees-reminder

Term 4 invoices were sent home last fortnight. A friendly reminder that invoices are due to be **finalised 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. 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 make an appointment to see me if you require or are in need of financial assistance or you are unable to make the payment by the due date.



## Reports

Teachers have been very busy analysing data and beginning to write 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.

## Attendance

Each semester the Department of Education states that all school must submit their student attendance reports. Last week, Mount Keira Demonstration School submitted their school attendance report and had a staggering amount of student's absences-majority due to family leave/holidays. Please be mindful that attendance at school is vital in your child education. I have attached the 2019 calendar to help plan any upcoming holidays. Thank you for working with the school and following Departmental policies.

## School Terms 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<br>Friday 20 December 2019-staff | 10 Weeks        |
| <b>School Holidays</b>   | Wednesday 18 December 2019  | Monday 27 January 2020  |                 |

## Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

We have had another case of hand, foot and mouth disease at the school. Please look out for the following symptoms:

- Blisters inside the cheeks, gums and the sides of the tongue.
- Blisters on the palm of the hands and soles of the feet. Infants may have it in the nappy area.

- Low level fever, irritability, sore throat, tiredness, feeling off colour and off their food.

For more information visit:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/factsheets/pages/handfootmouth.aspx>

## 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 your 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.

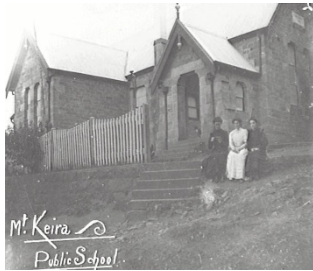
Please also stress to your child that they should not touch any other children's wounds, blood or sores. If their friend has an injury or illness they should be taken to the office to receive the appropriate treatment.

**Mrs Carroll**  
**Principal**

## What's Due?

| Activity/ Note   | Students Involved   | Due Date                    |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| UOW Science Fair- forms sent home last week                            | Banksia             | Overdue                     |
| Monday Munchies- kebabs \$5  | Interested students | Thursday 15 November 3.15pm |
| Aboriginal Cultural Day- revised permission note on Skoolbag last week | All students        | Friday 16 November          |
| Scholastic Book Club- last one for year                                | Interested students | Friday 23 November          |
| Term 4 invoices- sent home with eldest child today                     | All families        | Monday 3 December           |

## P and C News



## WHATS ON!

**MKDS End of Year Concert: Wednesday evening 5th December** This year we will **not** be holding a P&C BBQ on the concert night so please BYO picnic. We will be selling hot and cold drinks, snacks and cakes.

Volunteers are required. Please email the P and C at [mkds.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:mkds.pandc@gmail.com) or see Lili if you wish to help with purchasing items for sale, setting up during the day or serving on the night. If all families could assist with just one of these activities it would be greatly appreciated.

We ask all families to please take the time to clean up the rubbish in the grounds before they leave on the night and to assist staff to return props, chairs and tables to the classroom after the performance.

## NEWS AND REMINDERS

**Playgrounded Stage 2:** Students are already enjoying the stage 2 play ground/ learning and making area next to the stage 3 classroom. It has a beautiful seat under the tree where the children have already had outdoor lessons.

Please assist us to complete the project by helping to move the mulch on Thursday afternoon between 2.00pm and 5.00pm. Even if you can only spare half an hour before school pick up it will make a difference.

**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.

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)

**Event planning 2018 – 2019:** Thank you to the families who attended the P&C meeting on the 30 October. We have finalised the event dates for most of next year.

The MKDS Progressive Dinner will be held on March 16 2019 with an “enchanted forest” theme. This is our major fundraiser for the year and generates a large percentage of the funds we contribute to school needs and P&C events. Heather V worked hard last year to collect prizes for auctions and



raffles and needs more support from the families of MKDS. Our aim for 2019 is to generate more of our fundraising money from the wider community. Stay tuned for more information next year about how you can help. Any fresh ideas about fundraiser would be appreciated.

| MKDS P&C Events Calendar (dates can be tentative – use Summit to confirm)          |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Term 4 2018 - 15 Oct 2018 to 19 Dec 2018   |   |  |
| End of year concert  | 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br>Wednesday                  | Volunteers required for shopping, setting up and serving   |
| Term 1 2019 - 30 Jan 2019 to 12 Apr 2019   |   |  |
| Welcome BBQ  | 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb Friday<br>5pm                 | Volunteers needed for shopping and set up from 4pm, serving, pack-up (dessert / salad donations)   |
| Working bee  | Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb<br>9am to 12pm       | Volunteers needed  |
| P&C AGM and Term 1 meeting   | Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb<br>7pm               | AGM: P&C positions open for 2019<br>Agenda items to be emailed to <a href="mailto:mkds.pandc@gmail.com">mkds.pandc@gmail.com</a> by Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> of Feb |
| School Disco   | Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March                     | Volunteers needed to plan theme, student consultation, music, food and activities. Budget to be set  |
| Progressive Dinner   | Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March                   | Let us know if you would like to join the organising committee.  |
| Easter Egg Hunt  | 17 <sup>th</sup> or 18 <sup>th</sup> of April     | Volunteers needed.   |
| Term 2 2019 - 30 Apr 2019 to 5 Jul 2019  |   |  |
| Working bee  | 11 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Saturday                  | Jobs list/ volunteers needed.  |
| Mother's day stall   | Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> and Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May | <b>Stall ideas – Angela K</b> Volunteers needed  |
| P&C meeting  | 14 <sup>th</sup> May Tuesday                      | Agenda items via <a href="mailto:mkds.pandc@gmail.com">mkds.pandc@gmail.com</a>  |
| Charity Breakfast  | TBA   | Contact Homeless Hub for collection items.<br>Volunteers needed  |
| Term 3 2019 - 23 Jul 2019 to 27 Sep 2019   |   |  |
| Working bee  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> August<br>Saturday                | Jobs list/ volunteers needed.  |
| P&C Meeting  | 6 <sup>th</sup> August<br>Tuesday                 | Agenda items via <a href="mailto:mkds.pandc@gmail.com">mkds.pandc@gmail.com</a>  |
| Father's Day stall   | 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug and 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug     | Stall ideas? Volunteers needed   |
| Term 4 2019 - 14 Oct 2019 to 18 Dec 2019   |   |  |
| Working bee  | 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct Saturday                     | Jobs list/ volunteers needed.  |
| P&C Meeting  | 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct Tuesday                      | Agenda items via <a href="mailto:mkds.pandc@gmail.com">mkds.pandc@gmail.com</a>  |
| Kindy Orientation  | TBA   | Volunteers needed  |
| End of year concert  | TBA   | Decide on food options/ volunteers needed  |
| Additional fundraiser's to be discussed and planned to meet school wish list items |   |  |

We are happy to collect donations at the school and take them each week to Mr Park's office on behalf of our community. Please leave donations in the library by Friday 14 December.

### A message from Ryan Park State MP

Hi there,

For most of us in the community Christmas is a great time of year.

Unfortunately, for some children and their families the festive season is anything but a time of happiness.

Hundreds of children in our local community will be in temporary accommodation this year as their family is torn apart as a result of domestic violence, a lack of stable accommodation or family breakdowns.

### They need our help.

For the last 7 years I have been running the "Ryan Park Xmas Toy Drive" to give these children something special to wake up to on Christmas Day.

This initiative has brought smiles and a few tears to thousands of families in our community since it began in 2012.

We would love it if you and the members of your organisation have would be willing to contribute to our Toy Drive by purchasing **new unwrapped gifts and dropping them off at my office in Corrimal or at Mount Keira School**. You can also help just by forwarding this information to family and friends.

I know personally how much this very kind gesture makes to the children and families who receive support from the Women's Refuge and Wollongong Homeless Hub during the most difficult time of their life.

Thanks so much for your support and thank you for everything you do to make our community even better.

If you would like more information please contact my office on 4285 1588.

Regards

### RYAN PARK MP

**Member for Keira | NSW Shadow Treasurer | Shadow Minister for Illawarra**

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