

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

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**The Summit** Term 4 Week 8 Tuesday 4 December 2018

## Term 3 Week 8

Wednesday 5 December	End of Year Performance from 5pm (performance at 6pm)
Thursday 6 December	Aboriginal Cultural Day at Killalea- wear sports uniform
Thursday 6 December	WCC Enviro Awards Presentation 6.00pm at WCC- selected students

## Term 4 Week 9

Monday 10 December	Smiths Hill High drama performance 9.30am- <u>please send in \$2 per child</u>
Monday 10 December	Monday Munchies- Klarie's Kitchen
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

Monday 17 December	Talent Quest from 9.30am
Tuesday 18 December	Class Parties
Wednesday 19 December	Last day of school for students/Year 6 Graduation Ceremony from 2.15pm
Wednesday 19 December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner 6.30pm
Thursday 20 December	Staff Development Day- teachers ½ day
Friday 21 December	Staff Development Day- No teachers

## Other important dates for 2019

Monday weekly	Various sports programs- wear sports uniform
Tues/Wed/Thurs weekly	No fitness- wear summer uniform except as listed above
Friday weekly	Sport program- wear sports uniform

Dear Parents

Wow! What a fabulous and busy few weeks it has been at Mount Keira Demonstration School. I cannot believe we are already in Week 8 of Term 4 and there is only 2 weeks left of the school year for 2018!

## Class of the week-Wattle

This term, the students in Wattle have been investigating weather and its impact on our everyday lives. We have been predicting and recording the forecast in our weather journals and thoroughly enjoying looking at the BOM radar.

We have written poems about the seasons and have dressed up in clothes that suit different weather patterns. We were most excited when the dust storm came to Wollongong. We have been watching Behind the News to find out how meteorologists forecast phenomena like dust storms. Here are some of the reasons why we like our favourite seasons:

“I like Summer because you can swim at the beach” Fletcher

“I like Winter because it can snow and it is cold” Keira

“I like Autumn because the leaves change colour” Kieran

## Mini Working Bee

A very big thankyou to everyone involved in the mini working bee on Thursday 22 November. Once again there was a huge turn out with the work being completed in record time. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to add the finishing touches to our Stage 2 play space.

## Science Fair UOW

What a wonderful week it was for our Stage 3 class! On Wednesday 28 November, Mrs Gehrke and her class entered the Science Fair at the University of Wollongong. The students were able to showcase their creatively and problem-solving skills while exploring the world of science with their projects. They were also invited to watch a science show at the university, which was all about different types of experiments.

It was wonderful to see the talent at Mount Keira Demonstration School and the ideas the students presented. Their attitude, behaviour and presentation was outstanding and should be commended for their efforts. They represented our school with such pride. The event is an amazing showcase of the talent we have in the Illawarra. Well done and Congratulations to all involved.



## **School Fees-reminder**

Term 4 invoices were due yesterday. Reminders were sent home last week however a large number remain outstanding. Reminders have been sent again today. Please ensure they are finalised over the next few days if you have not already made arrangements for a repayment plan. If you are unable to meet the payment please see me to discuss the matter.

Our preferred method of payment is via our website using the “Make a Payment” tab. 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”.

## **Flame Tree Vocal Group for Year 3-8 2019 students**

The Flame Tree Project is an exciting opportunity for talented singers from NSW Public Schools to perform original choral works based on the amazing landscape of the Illawarra. Students will attend two weekend workshops in Term 1 2019 at Minnamurra under the direction of professional composers and choreographers. Auditions will take place on various dates this December. If students are interested contact the office as a matter of urgency. For more information visit the Facebook page Flame Tree Project.

## **A VERY busy end to Term 4!**

As the end of year is fast approaching, there are many events planned to celebrate another fantastic year.

## **End of year concert**

This Wednesday 5 December, we will be holding our annual concert. There will be a family picnic commencing at 5pm followed by a number of performances at 6pm. The students have been practising their dancing and singing and are all very excited to showcase their talents on the night. We invite as many parents/carers to come along and join in what I’m sure will be a fun filled night. Fingers crossed the weather holds off! Hope to see you all there for another memorable night 😊

## **Aboriginal Day**

Unfortunately our Aboriginal Cultural day at Killalea had to be postponed yet again due to weather. Our new date for this whole school excursion will be Thursday 6 December. 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.

Please ensure you have submitted the epermission note on Skoolbag as a matter of urgency. Mrs Christlo has sent individual emails to 15 families today who are yet to submit them. The students are to wear their sports uniform.

## **Wollongong City Council Rise and Shine**

This Thursday evening, Miss Ford, Riley G and Sequoia will be attending the “Rise and Shine” awards presentation at the Salvation Army Conference Centre. These awards recognise schools and

community groups who are improving our local environment. Hopefully our school will be recognised for its achievements again this year.

### **Smith Hill Performance**

Next Monday the 10 December, a group of students from Smiths Hill High School will be coming to perform their annual school production. This year's production is called "Billie and the Mischief Machine" and it's for all students in K-6. The story is set in a magical cardboard factory and deals with themes like working together and negotiating disagreement. The cost for this performance is \$2 per student. This amount did not appear on the Term 4 invoice as it was arranged after they were distributed. **Please send in \$2 per child in an envelope marked with your child's name by Thursday 6 December.**

### **Jamberoo Action Park**

On Tuesday 11 December, Mrs Gehrke and the Stage 3 class will be attending Jamberoo Action Park. Please ensure that students pack their bags with appropriate items on the day, a list was included on the information sheet. This event is sure to be a fun day where students can celebrate their achievements together.

### **Leadership Speeches for 2019**

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.

On Friday 23 November a group of students met with myself 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.

### **Reports**

Over the past several weeks, teachers have been busy writing student reports. We are now in the editing stage of report comments. Reports will be sent home to parents/carers on Thursday 13 December. This is a great opportunity to sit down with your child and discuss your their progress throughout the year.

## Hawks Visit

To wind down from what has been a very busy Term 4, we will be hosting the Illawarra Hawks on Monday 17 December and Tuesday 18 December. All students will participate in a range of activities to help promote the Healthy Habits Program.

## Talent Quest

We will be holding our end of year talent show on Monday 17 December commencing at 9:30am. Singers, dancers, musicians, poets, gymnasts, circus skills, novelty items are all welcome to enter. Miss Green has already conducted auditions and a program of the acts/performances will be sent home shortly.

The students and teachers love the end of year talent show, so start rehearsing now! I am looking forward to another event to showcase the wonderful talent here at Mount Keira Demonstration School.

## Class parties

Class Parties will be held on Tuesday 18 December. Your child's teacher will send out more information through Class Dojo. A reminder to all parents: **Please do not send in products containing nuts and choose healthier options where possible.**

## Farewell Assembly

The end of year Farewell Assembly for our graduating Year 6 students, will be held on Wednesday 19 December commencing at 2.15pm in Mrs Gehrke's classroom. All parents, grandparents and community members are welcome to attend this important event to farewell our graduating students.

## Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Following the Graduation Ceremony, all Year 6 students are invited to attend the farewell dinner to take place at Corrimal RSL at 6:30pm. Official invitations have already been sent home. We look forward to a fun and enjoyable night celebrating the wonderful memories made here at MKDS.

## School Security

Please remember that if you ever hear noise or notice unwanted visitors in 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.**

## Students last day for 2018

The students last day for 2018 will be Wednesday 19 December. Please ensure all students belongings are collected on this day before a long and happy Christmas break.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming important events happening here at school. Have a great fortnight.

Keep Smiling!  
Mrs Tenae Carroll ☺

## Principal

### What's Due?

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Aboriginal Cultural Day- revised permission note on Skoolbag last week	All students	Overdue
Term 4 invoices- reminders sent home again today	All families	Overdue
Smiths Hill performance - \$2 per child	All children	Thursday 6 December
Monday Munchies- refer P & C news- order on your own paper bag	Interested students	Thursday 6 December 3.15pm
Toy Drive for Ryan Park's office	Interested families	Friday 14 December



### CREATIVE KIDS PROGRAM A STEP CLOSER

Families across NSW will soon be able to access the new **\$100 Creative Kids voucher** unlocking the creative abilities of a new generation across the State **from 1 January 2019** when the program takes effect.

All relevant providers have been asked to register with Service NSW so they can participate in the program.

Parents will be able to use **one voucher for every school-age child per year** to help meet the cost of structured creative and cultural activities, such as **music lessons, languages, coding, drama and theatre, photography and graphic design**.

So far more than \$200 million has been returned to households this calendar year through various cost of living incentives. Creative Kids will provide parents with even more hip pocket relief.

There are thousands of organisations out there who could be eligible for the program. I am calling on them to register with Service NSW so that parents can claim their \$100 vouchers with them in the New Year.

This is a fantastic initiative that is only made possible because of the strong economic position of the NSW Government.

We can afford to deliver real savings that help the working families of NSW and reduce barriers to healthy activity.

This program compliments the hugely popular Active Kids voucher and for a family with two children, Creative and Active Kids combined will save them \$400 a year.

Creative Kids is one of a raft of NSW Government initiatives helping to ease cost of living pressure for households. Others include cheaper Green Slips and refunds, free car registration for regular toll users and the FuelCheck app.

Further information including guidelines for providers is available at [www.service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids). I encourage parents to speak to the providers of their children's creative activities and ensure that they register.

GARETH WARD MP  
Member for Kiama  
Parliamentary Secretary for Education



## WHATS ON!

**MKDS End of Year Concert: Wednesday 5 December from 5pm.** The end of year concert is here!! This is a highlight of the school calendar and an opportunity for parents and extended family to watch our amazing children sing, dance, act and work behind the scenes to bring us an exciting show 'At The Movies'. BYO picnic/ dinner from 5pm to 6pm and the P&C will have a movie snacks stall with drinks, chips, popcorn and more. Items will be between \$1 and \$3. See roster of helpers below.

Thank you to our amazing teachers who work hard to bring this show to our school community each year.

**Monday Munchies Monday 10 December.** We are trialing a new Monday Munchies provider 'Klaries Kitchen' next Monday. See below for ordering details.

## NEWS AND REMINDERS

**Working Bee:** A big thank you to the families who attended the working bee on the 22 November. Your commitment to improving the learning spaces of all students at MKDS is greatly appreciated.


**End of Year Concert:** Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help on our Movie Snacks Stall on Wednesday evening:

4.20pm to 5pm	Set up	Minh, Alison
5pm to 5.25pm	Serving	Paula, Lili, Kylie
5.25pm to 5.50pm	Serving	Natascha, Miyako, Susan
After concert	Pack up	Nick/Chris, Dean

Please assist where you can on the night by ensuring all rubbish is put in bins or taken home, helping staff to put props away and ensuring your children collect their costumes and clothing from the classrooms.

**Monday Munchies – Klarie’s Kitchen:** Our last Monday Munchies for 2018 will be a trial of a new provider – **Klarie’s Kitchen**.

Klarissa is local and produces great fresh food without MSG and preservatives. Gluten free options are available upon request and each of the options below are nut free. Perhaps you have seen her Food Truck?

<i><b>KLARIE'S KITCHEN</b></i>	
<i><b>MONDAY MUNCHIES ORDER</b></i>	
	
<i><b>Items</b></i>	<i><b>\$5 each pack</b></i>
Rice Paper Rolls (2 per pack) - Chicken	
Rice Paper Rolls (2 per pack) - Tofu	
Fried Chicken & Rice	
Spaghetti Bolognese	
Stir Fry Hokkien Noodles w/ Chicken & Vegies	

### **Ordering instructions:**

Put order details on a brown or white paper bag. Orders are due by 3pm Thursday afternoon (December 6). Menu options are \$5 each – please specify if you want sweet chilli dipping sauce with the rice paper rolls.

Ensure the following is clearly written on the front of the bag –

- Child’s full name
- Child’s class
- Order details (remember, one \$5 ‘pack’ of Rice Paper rolls is 2 rolls)
- Total \$

Please ensure you have provided the correct money.

If you want to know more about Klarie’s Kitchen, you will find her on Facebook and Instagram.

For those that do order, we look forward to hearing your feedback, so please feel free to let anyone in the P&C know, or email [mkds.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:mkds.pandc@gmail.com).

### **Toy Drive**

Information is included at the end of this newsletter regarding the Ryan Park Toy Drive for the Women’s Refuge and the Homeless Hub. Please drop donations off to the library by Friday 14 December.

**Progressive Dinner 2019 Fundraising:** The MKDS Progressive Dinner will be held on March 16 2019. Fundraising is an important component of the progressive dinner 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. We are looking for all families to consider how they can contribute next year:

- do you have connections with a business that can donate auction/ raffle items for the Progressive Dinner? This can include free or discounted services. Try to consider any opportunities where your workplace or businesses you support can help.
- can you make or donate good quality items for auction/ raffle?
- can you sell raffle tickets to family, friends, workplaces?
- do you have fundraising ideas that can support the event and generate funds from outside the parent community?

Please see Heather V or Kerry if you can help.

### What's coming up in Term 1 2019

Term 1 2019 - 30 Jan 2019 to 12 Apr 2019		
Welcome BBQ	Friday 8 Feb 5pm	Volunteers needed for shopping and set up from 4pm, serving, pack-up (dessert / salad donations)
Working bee	Saturday 9 Feb 9am to 12pm	Volunteers needed
P&C AGM and Term 1 meeting	Tuesday 19 Feb 7pm	AGM: P&C positions open for 2019 Agenda items to be emailed to <a href="mailto:mkds.pandc@gmail.com">mkds.pandc@gmail.com</a> by Friday 15 Feb
School Disco	Friday 15 March	Volunteers needed to plan theme, student consultation, music, food and activities. Budget to be set
Progressive Dinner	Saturday 16 March	Volunteers needed to plan theme, food, invitations/ RSVP's, set up, pack up roster, decorations
Easter Egg Hunt	Friday 12 April	Volunteers needed to assist easter bunny with egg hunt

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 office by Friday 14 December. There is a shortage of donations for children 9 years and over so a focus on that age group would be appreciated but all donations welcomed.

### 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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