

Mount Keira Demonstration School

Established 1861 "Learning and Caring"

255 Mount Keira Road
MOUNT KEIRA NSW 2500
Ph 02 4229 1446 E mtkeira-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website www.mtkeira-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



The Summit Term 4 Week 8 Tuesday 3 December 2019

Term 4 Week 8

Wednesday 4 December	End of Year Performance from 5pm
Thursday 5 December	Smith's Hill High inschool performance
Friday 6 December	Coding Makeup Session- 1-6

Term 4 Week 9

Monday 9 December	Monday Munchies- Klaries Kitchen
Tuesday 10 December	Year 6 Farewell at Jamberoo Action Park- Banksia
Tuesday 10 December	Hawks visit- K-4
Friday 13 December	Students reports to be sent home

Term 4 Week 10

Monday 16 December	Talent Quest
Tuesday 17 December	Class Parties
Wednesday 18 December	Last Day of School- Year 6 Farewell Assembly and Farewell Dinner after school
Thursday 19 December	Staff Development Day- no students
Friday 20 December	Staff Development Day- no students

PLEASE NOTE: WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS EACH WEEK REQUIRE SPORTS UNIFORM.

Other important dates

Tuesday 28 January	Staff Development Day- no students
Wednesday 29 January	Year 1-6 students return
Thursday 30 January	Kinder students commence- with welcome morning tea
Wednesday 5 February	School Swimming Carnival 12-3pm- students 8 years & older
Friday 7 February	Welcome BBQ 5-7pm



Our Kitchen and learning space official opening.

Dear Families

Last week was another wonderful celebration at our school as our captains, Mitchell and Charlotte presided over the opening of our new outdoor kitchen and play spaces.

Although it was disappointing on the day that Mr Park was unable to attend the opening, he has intimated that he will attend our showcase/concert night tomorrow along with Dr Margaret Turner who was also unable to attend.

I was so proud of the vocal group and the children who spoke about their love for the new playspaces and the outdoor kitchen.

I would also like to again congratulate our leaders who this year have truly been outstanding and have provided such exemplary role models to the school. I thank them for their dedication and commitment to their leadership role.

My thanks again go to our P and C for their tireless contributions to making these spaces a reality.

UOW Debating- report by Sarah, Savannah and Oliver

On Monday 25 November James K, Sarah T, Savannah and Oliver E went to UOW to participate in the "SWORDS" debating day run by the University's debating society.

We took part in three debates in round 1 we lost against Coniston Public School, in round 2 we won against Woonona East Public School and in round 3 we lost against Wollongong Public School OC class Team.

SWORDS provided fruit and muesli bars for morning tea and chips for afternoon tea.

During the day we had a 45 minute prep time and the debates took 20 - 30 minutes. We got great feedback from the judges.

Over all, the day was a fun experience and we learnt a lot. We hope future years will enjoy it.

Academically Gifted Class

Congratulations to Sarah T who graduated from the Year 5 AG Class last Wednesday. Sarah was selected to attend, the one day a week class at Coniston Public School, earlier in the year. The group explored a variety of enrichment topics which included a unit of work called Big History, acting in a Shakespearean drama and planning and costing a trip to London! They also did preparation for selective High School tests. Sarah enjoyed the program and recommended it to other students.

Year 5 2020 students will receive information about applying for the 2020 program early next year.

End of year concert

This Wednesday 4 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. Students will be summoned by the bell at 5.45 to dress and prepare for their performances. They are to go to their classrooms at this stage. They may wear their shorts and t-shirts to the concert.

We invite parents/carers to come along and join in what I am sure will be a fun filled night. Fingers crossed the weather holds off! Hope to see you all there for another memorable night.

Could I ask that parents please not park in the teacher's parking area or the driveway as we will need this space for our visitors.

Early Arrivals

Students are continuing to arrive at school well ahead of our 8.45am start time. If your child needs to arrive at school for a special reason please contact the school to advise us that they will be arriving early and ensure they wait on the verandah until school commences.

Stopwork Meeting

On Thursday morning 5 December teachers will be attending a stopwork meeting to consider a negotiated outcome for a new Teacher's Award.

Please note that the school is operational at the usual time and there will be minimal supervision for the students. Classes will resume shortly after the meetings conclude.

Smiths' Hill Performance

On Thursday 5 December, a group of students from Smiths Hill High School will be coming to perform their annual school production. The cost for this performance is \$2 per student was included on your Term 4 invoices. This performance will take place later in the morning in order to accommodate the teachers' stopwork meeting.

Jamberoo

On Tuesday 10 December, Mrs Gehrke and the Banksia class will be attending Jamberoo Recreation Park. Please ensure that you have sent in all necessary permission notes and that students pack their bags with appropriate items on the day. This event is sure to be a fun day where students can celebrate their achievements together.

Leadership Speeches for 2020

Nominations are open to all Year 5 students. Nominees will have until Friday 13 December to prepare a short speech outlining the reasons they believe they should be elected as a school leader for 2020. They will present their speech to their peers K-6 on that day and the students will then vote to select our leaders for 2020. Please note that it will be students only listening to the speeches.

The nominees will be advised of the outcome on Monday 16 December. Our current school leaders will then officially hand over their title to our newly appointed leaders for 2020 during the graduation ceremony on Wednesday 18 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 Friday 13 December. This is a great opportunity to sit down with your child and discuss 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 Tuesday 10 December. Students from years K-4 will participate in a range of activities to help promote the Healthy Habits Program. Our Stage 3 children will be enjoying their own activities at Jamberoo.

Talent Quest

We will be holding our end of year talent show on Monday 16 December commencing at 9:30am. Singers, dancers, musicians, poets, gymnasts, circus skills, novelty items are all welcome to enter. Miss Green will be conducting auditions and a timetable 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 17 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 18 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 6:30. Official invitations have already been sent home. We look forward to a fun and enjoyable night celebrating the wonderful memories made here at MKDS. Please ensure orders are submitted by tomorrow.

School Fees-reminder

Reminders for Term 4 invoices were sent home again yesterday via email and with students. Payments are now overdue as they were due Friday 22 November. If you are unable to meet the full payment in the next few days please see myself or Mrs Christlo to discuss a repayment plan.

After School Care

The Kids Uni OSHC, Innovation Campus, North Wollongong will close on 20 December 2019. Big Fat Smile will continue its provision of After School Care and Vacation Care services to students at Mount Keira Demonstration School at their West Wollongong Public School facility.

Big Fat Smile is a not-for-profit, community-owned, industry leading provider of child education, care, recreation, cultural and inclusion services in NSW and the ACT. Currently they operate 16 OSHC service. They strive to deliver their vision to 'enrich and the lives and minds of our children and families in their communities'. Please contact them if your require further information.

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.

Students last day for 2019

The students last day for 2019 will be Wednesday 18 December. Please ensure all students belongings are collected on this day before a long and happy Christmas break.

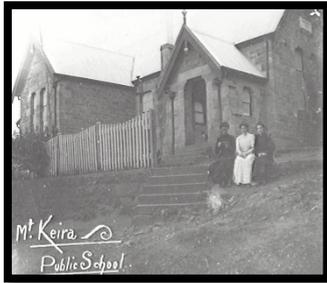
I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming important events happening here at school. Have a great fortnight.

Mrs Lanyon

Relieving Principal

What's Due?

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Monday Munchies- Klaries Kitchen	Interested students	Thursday 5 December 3.15pm
Term 4 invoices – several reminders sent	Selected families	Overdue from 22/11
P & C food orders- payment to P & C account If not already made	Interested students	Overdue form 2/12



Kitchen Opening

Thank you to the staff and children for the wonderful Kitchen opening presentation. Thanks also to the parents who coordinated the afternoon tea. It was a fantastic celebration of our hard work and achievements. We look forward to working together in the coming years to improve our facilities to give our children the best educational opportunities we can.

End of Year Performance - Wednesday 4 December

Thank you to the coordinators of the food for tomorrow night's event. It was a great team effort. We look forward to enjoying it tomorrow. Drinks and snacks will be available on the night. Cash or EFTPOS will be accepted for purchases.



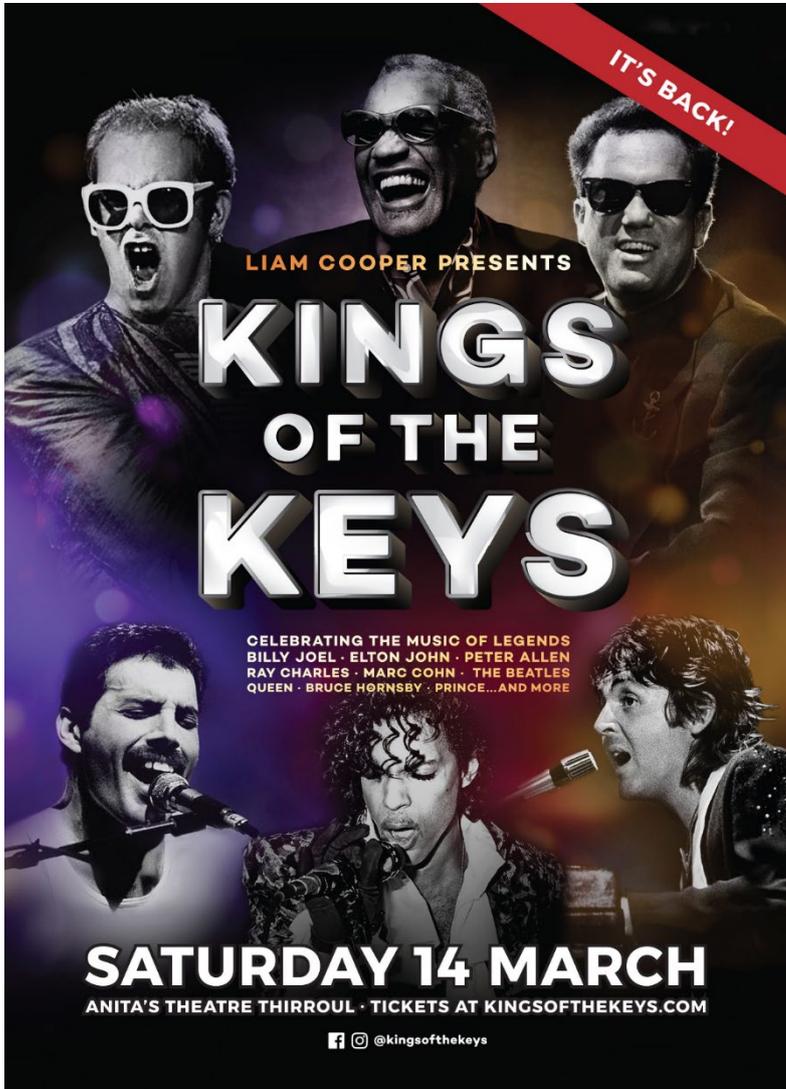
Monday Munchies – Klaries Kitchen Monday 9 December 25 November. Orders due Thursday 5 December at 3.15pm

Klarie's Kitchen – chicken rice paper rolls (2 per pack)	\$5
Klaries's Kitchen – tofu rice paper rolls (2 per pack)	\$5
Klarie's Kitchen – chicken fried rice	\$5
Klarie's Kitchen – spaghetti bolognaise	\$5
Klarie's Kitchen – stir fry hokkien noodles w chicken & veg	\$5

How to order – Klarie's Kitchen

- Write your name, class, lunch order and price directly on a brown paper bag (parents must provide own brown paper bags)
- Please specify if you want hoisin dipping sauce with rice paper rice

- Place one bag inside the other and put correct money in an envelope inside the paper bag so the bag is not contaminated.
- Orders close Thursday 3:15pm (**No late orders accepted**)



Former Mount Keira student Liam Cooper has a performance again next year.
Highly recommended.