

Mount Keira Demonstration School

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The Summit Term 1 Week 6 Tuesday 19 February 2019

Term 1 Week 6

Monday 4 March

Premier's Reading Challenge opens

Friday 8 March

K-2 Soccer Program and 3-6 UOW sport program continues each Friday until end of term

Term 1 Week 7

Monday 11 March

Monday Munchies- Sushi

Thursday 14 March

Cricket Program Years 3-6 - 2-3pm

Thursday 14 March

Years 3-6 to wear sports uniform

Thursday 14 March

Selective High School testing

Friday 15 March

P and C School Disco from 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Friday 15 March

Year 7 2020 – Year 6 forms due

Saturday 16 March

P and C Progressive Dinner

Other important dates for Term 1 2019

Tuesday 19 March

Years 3-6 Ranger Jamie Excursion to National Park

Wednesday 20 March

Interrelate Personal Development parent/child sessions- Details in this Summit

Thursday 21 March

Years 3-6 to wear sports uniform

Friday 22 March

Harmony Day Celebrations- wear something orange

Monday 25 March

Monday Munchies- Subway

Tuesday 26 March

Term 1 INVOICES due

Tuesday 26 March

Years 3-6 to wear sports uniform

Thursday 28 March

Ozharvest Presentation from 2pm

Tuesday 2 April

School Photos

Thursday 4 April

Years 3-6 to wear sports uniform

Friday 5 April

Musica Viva Performance

Monday 8 April

Monday Munchies- Klaries Kitchen

Wednesday 10 April

Whole School Rich Task "Kindness" excursion to Woonona Nursing Home

Thursday 11 April

ANZAC Service and Showcase Assembly from 2pm

Friday 12 April

Last Day of Term and Easter activities

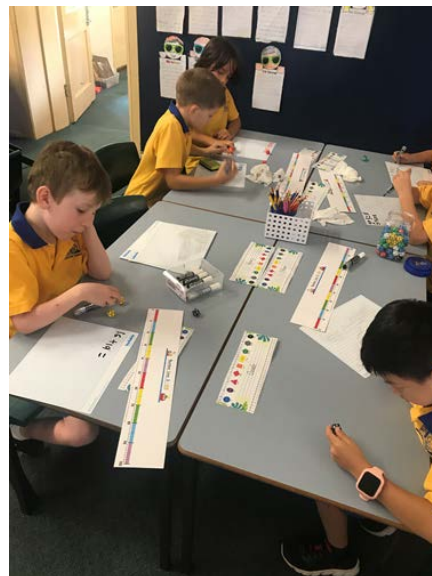
PLEASE NOTE: WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS EACH WEEK REQUIRE SPORTS UNIFORM FOR SPORT AND FITNESS. OTHER DATES WILL BE ADVISED AS REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS.

Dear Parents

Autumn is a lovely time of the year and the autumn weather has definitely arrived this week. As the weather during this season is often unpredictable it is advisable to put a school jumper into your child's school bag. Please ensure all belongings have your child's name clearly printed on them so they can be returned if they are misplaced.

Class of the week-Lilli Pilli

Students in Lilli Pilli love Math groups! In weeks 5 and 6 we are exploring addition and subtraction and 2D Space. Some of our favourite activities these past two weeks have been friends of ten go fish, dice addition and subtractions and using 2D shapes to create pictures of everyday things. In math groups we enjoy exploring new concepts using hands on materials and games. It is one of our favourite times of day.



Welcome Mrs Megan Arblaster

I would like to wish a warm welcome to Mrs Megan Arblaster who will be working in our front office while Mrs Christlo is on leave. I have no doubt you will make her feel very welcome and show her how wonderful Mount Keira Demonstration School is. Mrs Arblaster in a Senior Administration Officer at Mount Warrigal Public School and brings a wealth of knowledge to her role here at MKDS. I look forward to working with her over the upcoming weeks.

Cyber Safety

Last Friday your child received the schools 'Bring your own Device' (BYOD) policy. In light of recent events that have been occurring, it is vital that all children understand the importance of cyber safety. Please ensure that you discuss the importance of accessing the internet and using digital technologies safely at all times.

Technology is a great way to inspire learning when the technology is used correctly for learning purposes. Please discuss the BYOD policy with your child to ensure that both your child and self, understand the schools and departments guidelines.

There are many online resources that can be accessed to support parents in keeping your child safe. Whilst here at school, your child is **unable to access inappropriate material** due to blocking systems put in place by the department, however, unless your child has the same 'blocking systems' in place at home, they will be able to access all material online.

I have attached the below information to assist in setting up safe systems in your household.

A reminder for ALL parents that: **Children Under 13 ARE NOT ALLOWED on Facebook, Instagram, Kik, SnapChat, iTunes and many more. Don't support your child to break the rules. Learn to say NO!**

Helpful tips:

- Parental monitoring is vital – walk past and see what your child is doing, who they are talking to and what sites they are on....be aware if their mood changes. This is NOT invading their privacy at all...it is parenting in the digital space.
- Advise your child to immediately exit any site that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried
- Make sure that your children understand that they will **not get in trouble** if they tell you about a problem.
- Spend time online with children, just as you would with many other activities such as sport, board games and walking the dog – learn and explore together
- Teach children that information on the internet is not always reliable.
- If your child is playing online games it is YOUR responsibility to make sure that YOU know how to play the game too in case of problems.
- Surf the internet safely together!

SETTING UP A DEVICE SAFELY FOR KIDS

YOUTUBE
SETTINGS → TICK SAFE SEARCH FILTERING → TICK STRICT

TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES
SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES (NOT GREEN)

DISABLE SAFARI BROWSER
(IF YOU DON'T WANT THEM SEARCHING ANYTHING!)
SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → ALLOWED CONTENT

MAKE ITUNES SAFE
(TO KEEP DEVICES SEPARATE WHERE YOUR ITUNES ACCOUNT HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO)
ITUNES ON YOUR COMPUTER → EDIT → PREFERENCES → DECIDE WHICH SHOWS AND RATINGS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THIS DEVICE AND OTHER DEVICES

SAFARI
SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → SET IT UP THE WAY YOU WANT IT AND APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR CHILDREN

DISALLOW UPLOADING OR DELETING OF APPS
SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → INSTALLING APPS OR DELETING APPS

GUIDED ACCESS
(FOR KIDS TO STAY WITHIN AN APP, TO AVOID GOING TO OTHER APPS AND WEBSITES)
SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → SCROLL DOWN TO LEARNING & ACCESSIBILITY → GUIDED ACCESS → TOGGLE ON

When your children use the Internet to search for images for projects or anything related to school work, please encourage them to use _Kiddle_ instead of Google.

Kiddle is a child-specific search engine supported by Google, which prevents the appearance of things that are not suitable for them.

www.kiddle.co

Kitchen Project

At the end of 2018, MKDS was successful in receiving a \$26000 grant from Mr Ryan Park, for an outdoor kitchen. I am happy to say that this project has commenced with a servery being constructed underneath the weather shed. This is the very first stage of construction. Once this servery has been completed, measurements can then be submitted for the kitchen, appliances, doors etc. We are estimating this project will be completed by the end of Term 2.

Selective High School testing

This testing will take place on Thursday 14 March from 9am to 1.30pm at Smiths Hill High School, Gipps St, Wollongong. Parents of children in Year 6 who have applied for a selective high school and have children participating in this test should have already been advised of the necessary information. Please contact Mount Keira Demonstration School or Smiths Hill High School if you have any further questions

Disco/Progressive Dinner

Pencil it into your diaries. The school disco is upon us again along with the Progressive Dinner. The students disco will be on Friday 15 March from 5:30-6:30. This year's theme is 'Fairy tales and Fables.'

The Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday 16 March. This is always a fun filled night; forming new friendships, creating memories and raising funds for the students at MKDS.

I look forward to seeing you all on the night!

Stage 2 and 3 Excursion

On Tuesday 19 March, our Stage 2 and 3 students will be attending an excursion to develop their knowledge and link their understanding to their units of work for Term 1. This day is sure to be an educational, fun filled day for all involved. Please ensure you have returned the permission note by Friday 15 March. I look forward to hearing all about the students adventures upon their return.

Emergency Drills

A WH&S requirement of all schools is that we conduct regular evacuation and lockdown drills. During the coming weeks we will be having an **emergency evacuation drill** to ensure that the process we have in place is adequate in the event of a 'real' emergency. Please don't be alarmed if your child comes home talking about a drill. In the event of a 'real' emergency, the school community will be officially notified.

Harmony Day

Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

The message of Harmony Day is '*everyone belongs*', the Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster sense of belonging for everyone.

Mount Keira will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 22 March.

Teachers are currently planning events for the day along with the SRC who will be running their first event for 2019, to raise funds for our Whole School Rich task on 'Kindness'. Students will also be able to **wear orange** on the day (colour of Harmony) for a **gold coin donation**. More information will be sent home closer to the day.



Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The 2019 challenge will open on **March 4, 2019**. We encourage ALL students at Mount Keira Demonstration School to participate in this great initiative. Further information can be found at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



P&C Meeting

On Tuesday 19 February, the P&C held its AGM and I would like to congratulate Kerry, Lilly, Heather, Lisa and Kelly who will fill the President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary roles this year. It was great to see such a large turnout of very enthusiastic and motivated parents. Thank you to all of our sub-committee volunteers as well-there are some great things planned for 2019!

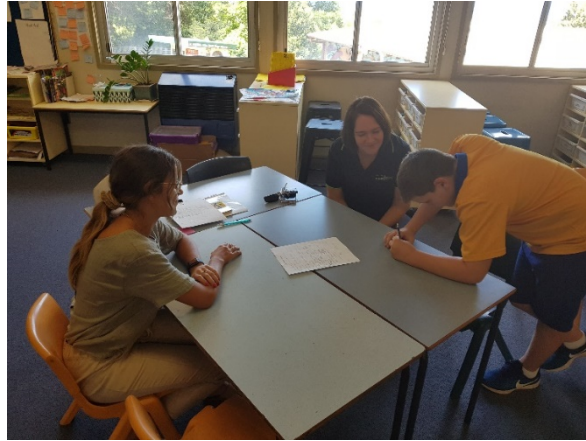
Clean up Australia Day

Last Sunday 3 March was Clean up Australia Day and on Friday 1 March the students were involved in our school clean-up day. It was great to see the students picking up rubbish, weeding, cleaning their own learning space etc and generally tidying around our playground area. Each class was designated a small section of our playground for their clean up area. Thank you for equipping your children with gloves for this event. Our school grounds are now looking beautiful and we hope to maintain our school grounds regularly. Well done to everyone on the day!



Goal Setting Sessions

Goal setting sessions are now wrapping up. It was wonderful to see so many students and parents involved in these valuable session. Your child's teacher is now busy programming to meet each and every individual's needs. If you were unable to attend a goal setting session, please contact your teacher to arrange a time to discuss your child's development and future learning.



District Swimming Carnival

The school recently sent a team to the District swimming carnival at the Western Suburbs pool. All competitors gave it their best and showed wonderful sportsmanship. A big congratulations to the swimmers who competed and represented Mount Keira Demonstration School. Well Done to Bethany who was successful in making it through to the next level. A great achievement!



Government Vouchers

Active Kids and **Creative Kids** are programs designed to encourage more children to participate in sport, active recreation and creative and cultural activities.

Each year, parents, guardians and carers can receive a \$100 voucher to go towards both creative and physical activities for school aged children. That's \$200 worth of savings per year for each child.

A **Creative Kids** voucher will help parents to cover some of the registration, participation and tuition costs on activities such as singing, drama, coding, languages, music, writing, drawing and photography.

The **Active Kids** voucher can be used on sports, fitness and physical activities for registration, participation and membership costs.

The vouchers can be used once with an approved provider. To find out more, parents need to visit service.nsw.gov.au.

School Terms in 2019

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

Please consider the above dates when planning holidays or leave in 2019.

Great attendance at school increases your child's chances of success.

School Safety- It's Everyone's Business!

In addition to the Departments guidelines in ensuring student's safety when entering and exiting the school, under **NO circumstances** are you to drop off or pick up your child in the school driveway. This area is not a point for turning and is considered an **Out of Bounds** area for all students. Please discuss these rules with your child. We thank you for your support in keeping all students safe at Mount Keira Demonstration School.

No Hat, No Play

This year the school will continue to enforce the No Hat, play underneath the COLA rule. Please ensure your child comes to school with the correct school hat. Students who do not have hats will be directed to play under the COLA. As the weather is extremely hot please ensure students have been protected with sun screen before coming to school. A full water bottle is also another daily essential. Thank you for supporting our Sun Safe program.

School Fees

Invoices have now been sent home. It would be greatly appreciate **if you could please ensure prompt payment of fees by the due date.** If you are experiencing ongoing financial difficulties, please contact me for a confidential meeting to discuss payment options.

High School information for 2020

Wollongong High School of Performing Arts (WHSPA) is the partner school for students of Mount Keira Demonstration School as they transition from Year 6 to Year 7 in 2020. If you would like your child to apply for placement through the Creative Arts avenue, information and application forms are now available online only, through the WHSPA website. Creative Arts includes Drama, Music, Dance and Visual Arts. Auditions will be held from Monday 25th March to Friday 12th April, the last 3 weeks of Term 1.

If your child will be moving to High School in 2020, we will do our very best to inform you of any upcoming information sessions as soon as possible. We advise all parent to check their local High Schools website for regular update as we do not always receive the information about the schools upcoming events.

Illawarra Sports High School will be conducting their 'Sports Program Trials' on 26-27 March 2019. This program is aimed at students interested in attending Illawarra Sports High School in 2020. If your child is interested in attending ISHS please register for the sports trial program through www.illawaspor-h.school.nsw.gov.au

Have a great fortnight everyone!

Keep smiling ☺

Mrs Tenae Carroll ☺

Principal

What's Due?

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Monday Munchies- Sushi	Interested students	Thursday 7 March 3.15pm
Scholastic Book Club Orders	Whole School	Friday 22 March
Banksia Canberra Excursion \$50 deposit	Year 5 and 6	Overdue
Soccer Term 1 Sport - \$50	Year K-2	Overdue
PSSA Sporting Fee	Year 3-6	Overdue
K-2 Sporting Fee Term 1	Year K-2	Overdue
School Swimming Carnival 2019	Year 3-6	Overdue
UOW Term 1 Sport - \$80	Year 3-6	Overdue
Coding-Scope It	Whole School	Overdue
Stage 3 Camp – Balance \$378	Stage 3	Tuesday 26 March
Interrelate Program for families 20 March	Interested 3-6	Tuesday 12 March
Ranger Jamie Excursion 19 March - \$31	Year 3-6	Friday 15 March
Musica Viva Visit 5 April - \$9	Whole School	Tuesday 26 March



WHATS ON!

School Disco Friday 15 March 5.30pm to 6.30pm Time to dust off the dress ups and get ready for the Fairytales and Fables themed school disco! Return your RSVP's and let us know if you can help with set up from 4pm and pack up from 7pm.

Progressive Dinner Saturday 16 March 6.30pm Invitations are out so organise the babysitter and join us for the Enchanted Forest Progressive Dinner. All the information we need from you is on the RSVP so return it as soon as you can.

NEWS AND REMINDERS

P&C AGM: At the AGM on Tuesday 19 Feb we voted in our new P&C committee and sub-committee positions:

P&C President – Kerry Sorensen. Kerry has been on the P&C committee for a few years and this is her 2nd year as President. Kerry's daughter Sienna is in yr3.

P&C Vice President – Heather Vucenovic. Heather is taking on the role again and is helping coordinate many of our fundraising events. Heathers children Savannah and Claudia are in yr 5 and yr 2

P&C Vice President – Lili Zlojutro. Lili has been part of the P&C committee and almost every event held at our school since her arrival in 2009. Lili's children Sequoia and Quade are in Yr 4 and Yr 2.

P&C Treasurer – Lisa Cooney. Lisa is in her third year as treasurer and has handled the extra work of a little school trying to get a lot done. Lisa's children Callum and Kieran are in yr 4 and Yr 1.

Secretary – Kelly Rewell. Kelly is also back in the role as secretary. It is a busy role with lots of extra tasks that pop up from time. Kelly's children are Riley, Luca and Keira in yr 5, 3 and Yr 1.

Uniform Coordinator - Stephanie Viles: This is Stephanie's first year as uniform coordinator and has been working hard to improve the quality and functionality of our uniforms. Stephanie's son Thomas is in Kindergarten.

Monday Munchies – Maddy Morris: Maddy is taking on the role coordinating Monday Munchies for 2019 with the support of **Imogen Stewart**. It is a great program for a school with no canteen but does take a bit of organising so let Maddy know if you have any time to assist. Maddy's daughter Ella is in yr 1.

Lots of families contribute in a significant way to our school even if they do not hold a position on the committee and those who hold a position also have significant family, work and other organisational commitments. Please look out for requests for help – any contribution you can make is important and welcome.

P&C membership: P&C Membership forms will go out this week. Membership is \$20 per family and covers important items including insurance for volunteers and children while they are at school. Fees can be paid directly to the P&C account. See the fee notice for further information.

Raffle Tickets! Raffle tickets are out and we have received some amazing prizes. We are also giving away a 8" Samsung Galaxy Tab A to motivate you to keep selling books. We have \$10000 to raise towards partition doors in the Stage 2/ Stage 3 classroom. Please continue to bring in silent auction items. It would be great to have all families help out this year.

Monday Munchies: Sushi orders are due in this Thursday

How to order – Sushi and/or frozen yoghurt

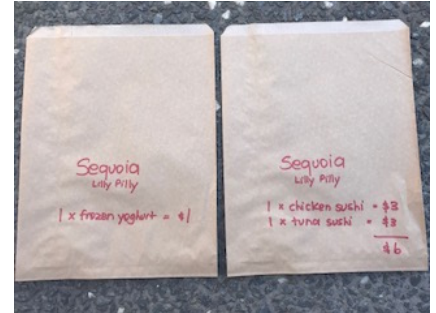
- write your name, class, order and price directly on a brown paper bag (parents must provide their own brown paper bags).
- one bag for lunch.
- one bag for recess.
- place one bag inside the other and put correct money in an envelope or plastic bag inside the paper bag so the bag is not contaminated.
- orders close Thursday 3:15pm. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Mud Kitchen Treasures The mud kitchen has baskets of great items for the kids to play with but will need to be regularly restocked. Can parents collect and bring in interesting finds in nature including seed pods, twigs, bark, dried flowers, fronds etc.

Monday Munchies-Sushi

How to order – Sushi and/or frozen yoghurt

- write your name, class, order and price directly on a brown paper bag (parents must provide their own brown paper bags).
- one bag for lunch.
- one bag for recess.
- place one bag inside the other and put correct money in an envelope or plastic bag inside the paper bag so the bag is not contaminated.



What's coming up in Term 1 2019

Term 1 2019 - 30 Jan 2019 to 12 Apr 2019		
Monday Munchies	Monday 11 th March	Orders due Thursday 7 March
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
Monday Munchies	Monday 25 March	Orders due Thursday 21 March
Monday Munchies	Monday 8 April	Orders due Thursday 4 April
Easter Egg Hunt	Friday 12 April	Volunteers needed to help the Easter Bunny.

Monday Munchies Ordering process- Updated February 2019

Dates will be available in the Summit. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Item- Prices as at February 2019	Price
Frozen yoghurt (only on sushi days)	\$1
Sushi roll – chicken teriyaki	\$3
Sushi roll – tuna	\$3
Sushi roll – vegetarian	\$3
Subway – kids pack (includes drink & dessert)	\$6.50
Subway – foot long sub pack (includes drink & dessert)	\$9.50
Kebab	\$5
Klarie's Kitchen – chicken rice paper rolls (2 per pack)	\$5
Klarie's Kitchen – tofu rice paper rolls (2 per pack)	\$5
Klarie's Kitchen – chicken fried rice	\$5
Klarie's Kitchen – spaghetti bolognese	\$5
Klarie's Kitchen – stir fry hokkien noodles w chicken & veg	\$5

How to order – Subway kids pack

- your child will have to collect a Subway bag from the library.
- circle your selection on the form which is attached to Subway bag.
- return your bag and correct money (**no change given**). Do not place loose money in the Subway bag please put it in an envelope inside the bag so that the Subway bag is not contaminated
- orders close Thursday 3:15pm **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

How to order - Kebabs

- your child will have to collect a kebab bag from the library.
- fill in your selection directly on the bag.
- Please write child's name and class on the side of the bag, not the top as it is rolled down when the kebab is put inside.
- return your order and correct money (**no change given**). Do not place loose money in the kebab bag please put it in an envelope so that the kebab bag is not contaminated.
- orders close Thursday 3:15pm, **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

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
- return your order and correct money (**no change given**). Do not place loose money in the bag please put it in an envelope so that the bag is not contaminated.
- orders close Thursday 3:15pm, **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

How to order – Sushi and/or frozen yoghurt

- write your name, class, order and price directly on a brown paper bag (parents must provide own brown paper bags)
- one bag for lunch
- one bag for recess
- place one bag inside the other and put correct money in an envelope or plastic bag inside the paper bag so the bag is not contaminated.
- orders close Thursday 3:15pm, **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

*If you have more than one child ordering, you can pay the total amount for all your children rather than paying for each child individually.

We are always on the look out for volunteers, please assist where you can. Some of the jobs can be done outside of school hours and this frees up other volunteers to assist during school time.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">MONDAY MUNCHIES ROSTER Term 1, 2019</h2>

<p>Please contact Jacqui Cousins (0400187764) ASAP if you are going to be unavailable, so that a replacement can be arranged.</p>

Date/time	Name and phone number	Duties
Friday 22 February 9:15am	Nicki McNamara 0403737203 Jacqui Cousins	Kebabs - Collate orders, count money, place in class tubs ready to be delivered

Friday 22 February 3:15pm	Nicki McNamara 0403737203	Deliver orders in class tubs and money to Star Kebabs Figtree (near Dominos & Subway on Princes Highway) pick up more bags if needed
Monday 25 Feb 11am	Melanie Woodhouse 0407493547	Pick up lunches from Star Kebabs at Figtree and deliver to classrooms (lunch starts at 11.15)
Friday 8 March 9:15am	Madeleine Morris 0431019650	Sushi - Collate orders, count money, phone through order to Sushi Shop and to yoghurt buying volunteer.
Friday 8 March before 3:15pm	Nicki McNamara 0403737203	Purchase frozen yoghurts & place in school freezer. Check if more bags are needed
Monday 11 March	Kera Bruton 0413028326	Sushi is delivered to school, place sushi in prepared bags, deliver class tubs to each classroom before 11.15am
Monday 11 March 1pm	Jacqui Cousins 0400187764	Place frozen yoghurts in prepared bags then deliver class tubs to classrooms just before recess at 1.30pm
Friday 22 March 9:15am	Kylie 0438422798	Subway - Collate orders, count money, staple orders to bags, place in class tubs
Friday 22 March 3:15pm	Kylie 0438422798	Take order, class tubs and money to Subway Figtree (Near Dominos & Star Kebabs on Princes Highway)
Monday 25 March 11am	Heather Vucenovic	Pick up lunches from Subway Figtree and deliver to classrooms (lunch starts at 11.15am)
Friday 5 April	Madeleine Morris 0431019650	Klarie's Kitchen - Collate orders, count money. Phone/text orders through to Klarie.
Monday 8 April	Kera Bruton 0413028326	Lunches are delivered to school, place orders in prepared bags, deliver class tubs to each classroom before 11.15am