

Mount Keira Demonstration School

Established 1861 "Learning and Caring"

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The Summit Term 1 Week 8 Tuesday 19 March 2019

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Monday 18 March	2020 High School Forms Overdue – Year 6
Wednesday 20 March	Interrelate Personal Development parent/child sessions- Details in this Summit at 6pm & 7.15pm- held in the Stage 1 Classroom
Thursday 21 March	Wear Sports Uniform-Cricket Program 2-3pm - Years 3-6
Friday 22 March	HARMONY DAY – DRESS IN ORANGE (gold coin donation)
Friday 22 March	K-3 Soccer Program and 3-6 UOW sport program continues each Friday until end of term

Term 1 Week 9

Monday 25 March	NAPLAN Practice Test Years 3 and 5 Only
Monday 25 March	Monday Munchies- Subway
Tuesday 26 March	Student Term 1 fees due
Tuesday 26 March	Wear Sports Uniform-Cricket Program 2-3pm – Years 3-6
Tuesday 26 March	Debating Challenge at Keiraville Public
Thursday 28 March	Oz Harvest Presentation from 2pm
Friday 29 March	K-3 Soccer Program and 3-6 UOW sport program continues each Friday until end of term

Other important dates for Term 1 2019

Monday 1 April	Ranger Jamie Excursion Years 3-6 –Arrive at school by 8.05am
Tuesday 2 April	School Photos
Thursday 4 March	Wear Sports Uniform-Cricket Program 2-3pm - Years 3-6
Friday 5 April	Musica Viva Performance - 2.15-3.15pm (after Cross Country)
Friday 5 April	K-3 Soccer Program and 3-6 UOW Cross Country
Monday 8 April	Monday Munchies- Klaries Kitchen
Wednesday 10 April	Whole School Rich Task "Kindness" excursion to Marco Polo Nursing Home
Thursday 11 April	ANZAC Service and Showcase Assembly from 2pm
Friday 11 April	K-3 Soccer Program and 3-6 UOW sport program
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

The school community at Mount Keira Demonstration School is a wonderful place to be involved in and to become a part of. This was evident at the past few events, with so many people banding together to volunteer their time. I feel such a sense of pride each and every day that I step foot into the school gates. It is important that this sense of community continues to build and that we continue to create a positive partnership between home and school. This school really is a great place to be!

Christchurch Tragedy

Today and over the coming weeks, you may be concerned about the reactions of your child to the news of the terror attack in Christchurch. Two important messages to promote are that all of us should seek help from others when we feel upset and that young people should tell an adult if they are worried about a friend or themselves. We will also reinforce these messages at school.

Our school will be concentrating on supporting our students and staff. This means, among other things, keeping the school to normal routines while also recognising that students can be affected by this event for some time.

School counselling staff will be available to support students. If students would like to speak with someone anonymously confidential sources of support are:

- Kids Helpline (1800 551 800 or www.kidshelp.com.au)
- Headspace (1800 650 890 or www.eheadspace.org.au)

If you would like to speak to someone at school please contact myself or your child's classroom teacher.

NAPLAN Practice Test

Next Monday, 25 March ALL students in Year 3 and 5 will sit a practice test to help with the transition to NAPLAN online. This test is for students to familiarise themselves with the test layout, types of questions that may be asked and help with any issues that may arise with technology whilst transitioning to the online portal.

We ask that students in these years bring a **pair of headphones** on the day, as audio is vital in the new NAPLAN online format.

If you have any questions please either contact myself for Miss Green (our NAPLAN Online Coordinator.)

Many thanks

A brief update on Mrs Christlo

As you may be aware, Mrs Christlo has currently been on leave due to surgery for pre-cancerous breast cancer. During this process, it was discovered that further treatment was required. She will commence preventative chemotherapy in the coming weeks and will hopefully be making a return to her beloved school as soon as she is feeling up to it. Mrs Christlo is feeling very positive and missing you all. She is looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces in the near future. Sending love and support during this time.

Class of the week-Waratah

This term Waratah have been involved in a lot of exciting learning activities. We have been working hard on our Rich Task. Students created a list of questions based on our inquiring lines, they interviewed their community/family members and are using the interviews as inspiration to write and publish a novel. Students have been working on their feedback skills to help improve their own and each other's stories. Waratah's classroom will be turned into a library, hosting a book launch for our talented authors during the showcase.

Waratah have also been taking advantage of our amazing learning environments around our school. We have used the new play spaces to collect leaves for our measurement lessons and used the space to measure each other. We also started our Cricket program, on our multi-purpose field!



Interrelate Evening Family Programs

Interrelate Family Evening is happening tonight-Wednesday 20 March! This program is aimed at students and parents/carers from Years 3-6. The session will include a range of workshops to improve understanding on personal development, reproductive systems and puberty. Sessions will be held at 6pm "Where did I come from?" and 7.15pm "Preparing for Puberty." For more information please contact the front office. Payment may be made in cash or via the school website "Make a payment" tab.

Tonight's sessions will take place in the Stage 1 classroom

NAPLAN Online

Information received last week stated that Mount Keira Demonstration School will transition to **NAPLAN Online** in 2019. As part of this transition, students will partake in practice tests in order to familiarise themselves with the test layout.

More information has been sent home today to all students in Year 3 and Year 5 regarding the NAPLAN assessment. Please look in your child's bag if they have not passed this information on. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN, please make an appointment to discuss this further with me.

In advance of our Year 3 and Year 5 students taking NAPLAN online in 2019, students, teachers and parents are invited to use the demonstration site to familiarise themselves with the type of questions, and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online Assessment. Some of the key features of NAPLAN Online include interactive navigation, timers and drag-and-drop functionality. Students are encouraged to try all the tests for their year level to experience the complete range of question formats and interactive features available in the online NAPLAN assessment.

While it is helpful for students to become familiar and comfortable with the format of the online test, ACARA does not encourage students to study separately for NAPLAN and answers to the demonstration tests are not provided. The demonstration tests only cover a sample of possible questions and do not reflect the range of curriculum content or skills NAPLAN Online will assess.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Harmony Day-This Friday

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 **this 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 have been asked to **wear orange** on the day (colour of Harmony) for a **gold coin donation**.



Bake Sale for Harmony Day-SRC

As part of our Harmony Day activities the SRC will be having a bake sale THIS Friday as a way to raise funds for our whole school rich task excursion to Woonona Marco Polo. The funds raised will help the school pay for the bus on the day.

We are asking anyone who is keen to help out to bring in a plate of baked goods on Friday morning to the Library for the SRC to sell at lunch and recess time. Please ensure there are no nuts in any items!

All items will be priced for 50c, \$1 or \$2. If there are any leftover items we will be selling them in the afternoon during pick up time.

Friday 22nd of March is also a MUFTI day where students are wearing orange for Harmony Day with a gold coin donation.

Thanks in advance for your generosity and assistance!

Stage 3 Debating Training Day

Next Tuesday 26 March a selected group of Year 5 and 6 students will be attending Keiraville Public School for a debating training day. Students will learn about the techniques of debating including rebuttal, arguments, definitions and speakers' roles, as well as a few games and activities. I have no doubt the students will return to Mount Keira School with an in-depth knowledge on debating and be able to put these skills learnt into good practice for the Premiers Debating Challenge later in the year.

Stage 2 and 3 Excursion

Unfortunately our excursion to Ranger Jamie had to be rescheduled due to the weather on the day.

The new date for this excursion will be Monday 1st April. There will be a new note with the new date and details going home today.

School photos

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 2 April. Please ensure your child returns his/her envelope before or on photo day. If the payment envelope is not at school on the photo day, your child will not have their individual photo taken. If you would like your children to have a family photo taken, please collect a family envelope from the school office. All students must wear their full summer uniform including black shoes on photo day. I'm sure these photos will become treasured memories in years to come.

Cross Country

On Friday 5 April, we will be having our annual cross country. We encourage all students in Stage 2 and 3 along with those students in Stage 1 turning 8 this year, to attempt the track. It will be a great day out; cheering on the students participating, all whilst enjoying some physical activity. Parent and Carers are also invited to come along and encourage all students at Mount Keira.

Kindness Excursion-Grand Friends

On Wednesday 10 April our school will be visiting Marco Polo Nursing Home as part of our whole school rich task. Each week all students have been participating in lessons about the value of Kindness. Students have been working in groups to create letters, artworks and other objects to evoke good memories for the residents. Our children will entertain the residents (Grand friends) through song, conversation and performances!

Travel to the nursing home will be by bus. The bus will depart the school at 9.15am and return to school around 11am. Please ensure your child is at school ready to go by 9.15am on that morning.

There is no cost for this excursion.

The children should wear sports uniform and hair should be neatly groomed with hair trimmings in the appropriate school colours.

Please complete the permission note and return to school by Friday 5 April 2019.

ANZAC Service

The school will be conducting an Anzac Service on Thursday 11 April at school as ANZAC Day falls within the school holidays. This ceremony will take place from 2pm with all students participating in this special event. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

On Thursday 2 May at 11am, the school leaders will be representing Mount Keira Demonstration School at the City of Wollongong ANZAC Day Commemoration. Mrs Robinson will be proudly accompanying our leaders to the commemorative event.

Rich Task Showcase

On Thursday 11 April following our ANZAC Ceremony, our classes will be showcasing their rich task for Term 1. Students have been working hard to complete their unit of work that showcases the wonderful learning that has been happening in all classes across the school. This is a great opportunity for each and every student to take ownership of their learning and develop a project that develops deep knowledge in order to investigate and solve problems. Parents are invited to attend the schools showcase of their child's rich task and continue the collaborations between parents, students and the school community to inform and support the learning for all students.

Kitchen Project

The 'Kitchen Project' is nearing design completion with layout, appliances, design and colours all being chosen and finalised in the past few weeks. The next stage of this project is to begin plumbing and electrical works. If you would like to see the layout, design and colours selected please see the office notice board.

We are estimating this project will be completed by the end of Term 2.

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 be do 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.

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>



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.

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!**

Regional Swimming-Abbey to send re Bethany

On Wednesday 13 March, Bethany Cross attended the Primary School Regional Swimming Carnival in Dapto. She competed against the top swimmers in our region in the Senior Girls 100m Freestyle and the 12 years Girls 50m Freestyle. What a massive achievement it is to make it this far in regional sport and we are so proud of Bethany for representing Mount Keira. Well Done Beth!

Goal Setting Sessions

Goal setting sessions have now wrapped 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.

Professional Experience-PEX students

For the next 10 weeks we are very lucky to have a number of Professional Experience teachers visiting our school. As we have a strong partnership with the University of Wollongong we will continue to have a number of PEX students throughout the year. This term we will have first year Primary Education students visiting and working in our classrooms. This will occur every Thursday with a three week practicum beginning in June. If you see our PEX students please introduce yourselves and make them feel very welcome, as they will be a part of the school community for 2019.

Disco

It was wonderful to see so many students and parent 'boogying' away on Friday afternoon at our school disco. The students had a great afternoon and it was great seeing so many smiling faces. A very big thank you to the volunteers that assisted and the staff that attended.



Progressive Dinner

WOW what a fantastic night!!! Once again it was wonderful to see so many families attend this annual event. It was a fabulous event where the community came together to not only to support our children but to also create friendships that will be lifelong. Well done to all involved on what was a very successful evening.

'It's for the kids!'



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.

National Bullying Day

On Friday 15 March, Mount Keira Demonstration School along with many other Australian schools stood united to celebrate the ninth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). Each class discussed this year big idea of 'take action everyday-Bullying NO WAY!' and completed a number of activities to raise awareness about being kind.

Bullying. No Way!

Friday the 15th of March was National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. As a school, we decided to make a pledge against bullying. Every student in the school signed the following pledge with their handprint:

I am a kid against bullying. By leaving my handprint, I agree to:

- Speak up when I see bullying
- Reach out to others who are bullied
- Be a friend whenever I see bullying.

Each class discussed and defined bullying before signing the pledge, and they are displayed in the hallway near the office. The National Definition of Bullying for Schools is as follows:

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening. Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records) Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

As a school community we are proud to take a stand against bullying. Will you stand with us?



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

Keep Smiling ☺

Mrs Tenae Carroll

Principal

School Terms in 2019

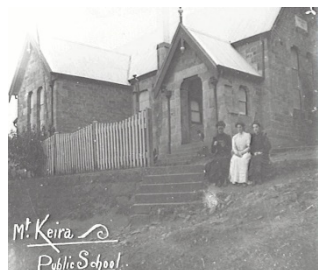
School Terms 2019			
	Start	Finish	Duration
Term 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 29 January 	Friday 12 April 2019	11 Weeks
School Holidays	Saturday 13 April 2019	Sunday 28 April 2019	
Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 29 April 2019-Staff return Tuesday 30 April-students return 	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.

What's Due?

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Monday Munchies- Subway	Interested students	Thursday 21 March 3.15pm
Scholastic Book Club Orders	Whole School	Friday 22 March
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
Ranger Jamie Excursion 19 March - \$31	Year 3-6	Overdue
Stage 3 Camp – Balance \$378	Stage 3	Tuesday 26 March
Musica Viva Visit 5 April - \$9	Whole School	Tuesday 26 March
Marco Polo Nursing Home Visit 10 April	Whole School	Tuesday 26 March



MKDS Newsletter
5 March 2019
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WHATS ON!

NEWS AND REMINDERS

School Disco and Progressive Dinner: Wow, what an amazing weekend at MKDS. Our school was totally transformed by the 'Enchanted Forest' theme and by all reports a great time was had by the kids, parents, teachers and life members.

We set ourselves a huge target of \$10,000 to raise. We still have lots of donation and auction money to come in but it looks like we will reach our target.

A big thank you must go out to the P&C committee, Progressive Dinner subcommittee, our new in-house DJ, Kim and Megan in the office and all the parents who donated prizes and helped set up and pack up both events.

You can pop into the ES1 and S1 classrooms till the end of the week to see some of the amazing decorations. We will do a final pack up in the next week or two.

See Lili if you can help

WE DID IT!!

**We
reached
our
fundraisin
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\$10,000**





Easter Egg Hunt – Friday afternoon 12 April The Easter Bunny is looking for some helpers to hide eggs in the playground on Friday 12th of April. It's a quick process (to stop the crows flying off with eggs before the kids come out) so a few helpers would be great.

Monday Munchies: Subway orders are due in this Thursday
 Subway – kids pack (includes drink & dessert) \$6.50
 Subway – foot long sub pack (includes drink & dessert) \$9.50

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.

Thank you to Jacqui Cousins for all your hard work coordinating Monday Munchies for the last 2 years. It is such a great program for the kids and wouldn't have been possible without your hard work. Thank you!

What's coming up in Term 1 2019

Term 1 2019 - 30 Jan 2019 to 12 Apr 2019		
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.