

Mount Keira Demonstration School

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The Summit Term 4 Week 7 Tuesday 24 November 2020

Upcoming events

Tuesday 1 December	NSW Public High School Orientation Day
Wednesday 2 December	School Captains nominees' speeches
Thursday 3 December	Sports Captains nominees' speeches
Wednesday 16 December	Last day of term for students and Year 6 Farewell Assembly
Thurs/Fri 17/18 December	Staff Development Days
Wed/Thurs 27/28 January	Staff Development Days
Friday 29 January	Students Years 1-6 return
Monday 1 February	Kinder students commence
Tuesday 9 February	School swimming carnival 12-3pm
Monday 8 March	School photo day

Dear Parents/Carers

Wow! What a busy few weeks it has been at Mount Keira Demonstration School. I cannot believe we are already in Week 7 of Term 4 and there are only three weeks left of the school year for 2020!

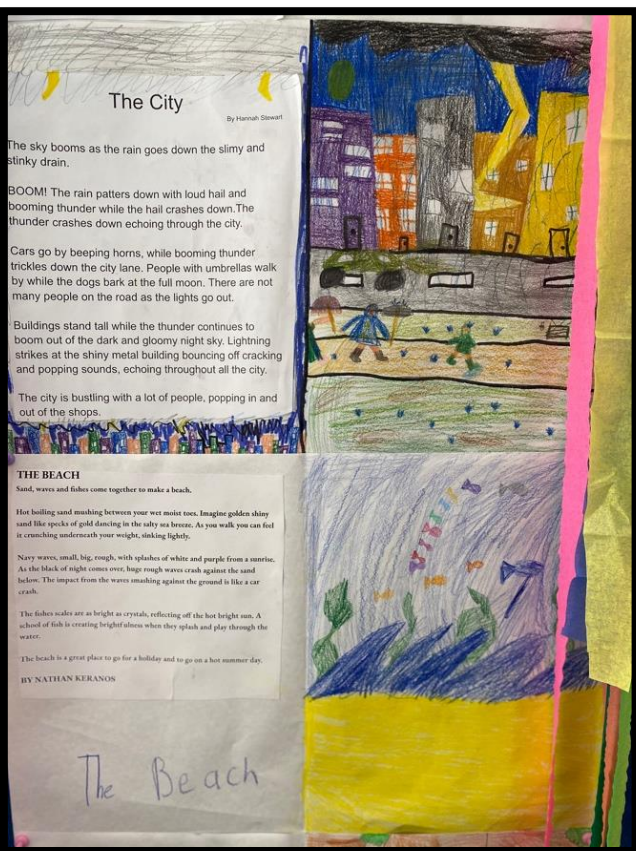
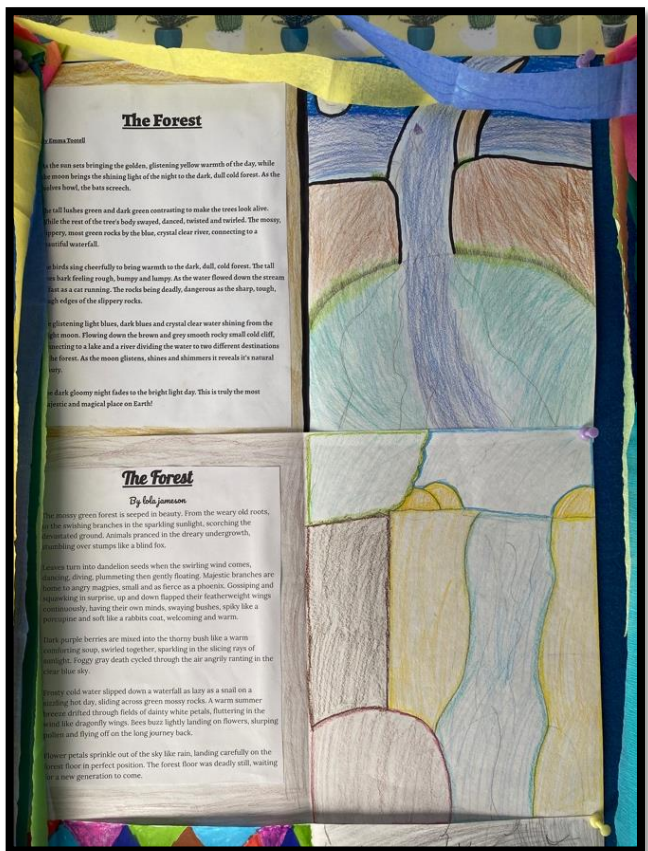
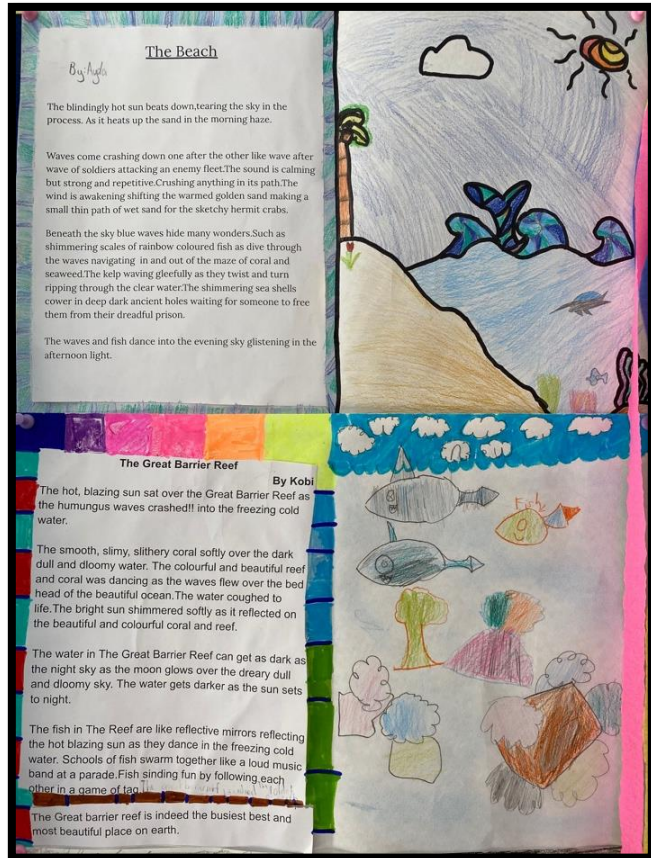
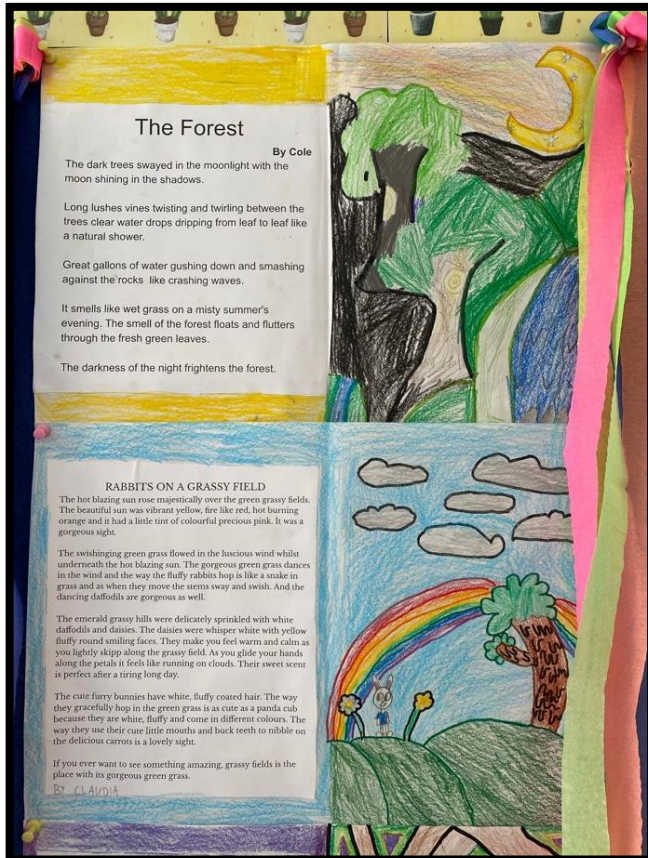
National award winners

Further to our story last week about the **NATIONAL** Playground Design Award for Infants and Primary Schools and the Leicester Meares Memorial Award. Here are our trophies!



Class of the week- Waratah

This term we have been looking at different types of imaginative writing including literary descriptions and poetry techniques. Have a read of our writing samples and the creative spine poetry we have created.





End of year activities

We are currently finalising our end of year events, ensuring they meet the most current COVID guidelines. The new guidelines allow for parents to be involved only when the physical space allows for 1.5m distancing and 4m² per individual. This included students, staff and visitors.

To be COVID safe and compliant, we need to plan all arrangements on the total number of students and staff likely to attend before we can invite visitors. This requirement means, we will only be able to invite Year 6 parents to our end of year **Graduation Assembly**. There will be a limit of two adults per child to ensure we maintain social distancing. More information on the exact details will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Mrs Gehrke and our Year 6 students have been busy planning our **Year 6 Farewell Dinner**. Unfortunately this event will look different to previous years as it will now be taking place at school during lunchtime. The students will still be able to celebrate in style and reflect on their time here at Mount Keira Demonstration School.

Information will be sent home with your child this week. Please ensure you read this information and send your child's RSVP back as soon as possible to enable us to finalise plans and catering.

A very big thank you to Jess James who has kindly volunteered her time to decorate our outdoor eating area and Deb Stewart who was 'quick off the mark' in volunteering to make the students graduations cupcakes. It is wonderful to have such supportive parents in our school community.

School Leaders' speeches

Like most things in 2020 our leader's speeches will look a little different than they usually would. To ensure we adhere to current restrictions our leaders' speeches will take place over a two day period. This way all leaders will be able to present their speeches to the entire student body face to face.

On Wednesday 2 December, students running for **school captain** will present their speeches outlining the reasons they believe they should be elected as a school leader for 2021 to all student during a short assembly.

On Thursday 3 December, students nominating for **sports captain** will present their speeches once again in a short whole school assembly. We are currently limited to the duration of an assembly and this structure ensures all students are able to present their speeches, face to face, to the entire student body. I look forward to working with some amazing school leaders in 2021.

2020 Concert

As you would have read in last week's Summit, our 2020 end of year concert will be running a little differently. All students have been working so hard learning all of their dances, with many classes adding finishing touches to their choreography this week. Students will be performing their dances on Friday 4 December, the dances will be filmed and sent home to parents via Class Dojo.

We still want these performances to be a celebration of the hard work our students have been putting in each week so we are still asking students to dress up for the filming of their performances. This year teachers have asked students to have the following costumes for their dances:

Wattle: red and black clothing (to represent Mickey Mouse theme)

Lilli Pilli: party style clothes i.e. bright colours, fluoro, tutus, sequins, sunglasses, caps/hats etc.

Waratah: denim bottoms with a bright coloured tee shirt

Banksia: all black-pants and tee shirt

Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation

On Tuesday 1 December, all Year 6 students attending a public high school will have their orientation day. These schools include Wollongong High School of Performing Arts, Keira High School and Figtree High School.

Principals from these schools have advised parents to allow sufficient travel time when dropping off and picking up your children around the high schools as these times are always very busy with 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 PEX students

Over the last three weeks we have had PEX students from UOW in our classrooms working on their skills as future educators. We would like to thank Miss Tatnell, Miss Gentle and Miss Stevenson for their hard work and dedication to our students. We wish you well in your future teaching career.

Reports

Teachers have been very busy analysing data and beginning to write Semester 2 reports. **These reports will go home on Friday, 11 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 2021 school year. Our Semester 2 reports reflect the learning and achievement of students only during Term 3 and 4 2020.

Early arrivals to school

Please also be mindful that supervision of the students in the playground commences at 8.45am. We currently have a large number of children regularly arriving before this time. If your child needs to be

dropped off early please instruct them to wait on the verandah with their bags, outside the office until the teacher on duty arrives. Please note this should only be occurring in special instances and should not be a regular occurrence. If your child needs to be at school early on a particular day please send a Class Dojo to your child's teacher with the reason for their early attendance.

Return to school in 2021

School Terms 2021			
	Start	Finish	Duration
Term 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 January 2021- Staff Development Day Friday 29 January 2021- Yr 1-6 students Monday 1 February 2021-Kindergarten 	Thursday 1 April 2021	10 Weeks
School Holidays	Friday 2 April 2021	Sunday 18 April 2021	
Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 19 April 2021-Staff Development Day Tuesday 20 April 2021-Students return 	Friday 25 June 2021	10 Weeks
School Holidays	Saturday 26 June 2021	Sunday 11 July 2021	
Term 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 12 July 2021-Staff Development Day Tuesday 13 July 2021-Students return 	Friday 17 September 2021	10 Weeks
School Holidays	Saturday 18 September 2021	Monday 4 October 2021	
Term 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 5 October 2021-Staff and students return 	Wednesday 15 December-students Friday 17 December 2021-staff	10 Weeks
School Holidays	Wednesday 16 December 2021		

Please note your calendars that the first two days of term next year are Staff Development Days therefore the Years 1-6 students will not return until Friday 29 January with our Kindergarten students commencing on Monday 1 February 2021.

Term 4 Fees

Term 4 fee invoices were sent home with your eldest child on Friday 13 November. Please check you have received your invoice or contact Mrs Christlo if you need another copy. Fees are due this Monday 30 November. There is no need to breakdown payments to individual children or fees to activities just list the full amount under one child's name. Our preferred payment method is via online via the school website however cash or cheques may be paid at the office.

If you are unable to meet the payment by the due date please let the office know and we can discuss a repayment plan. Should you be having financial difficulties financial assistance may be available, please make an appointment with me to discuss.

MP Paul Scully book drive donations

Our SRC have decided to support the Paul Scully book donation drive. This initiative distributes books to children in our local schools to assist them to maintain their literacy skills over the summer holidays. If you have any new or good quality used books that are no longer needed and you would like to support a local child with their reading, you can send your books in to the history room at the school or you can donate them directly at Paul Scully's local office on Crown Street until 10 December.

Keep Safe, Keep Smiling ☺

Tenae Carroll

Principal

What's Due?

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Term 4 student invoices- sent last week	All families	30 November



POP-UP BIKE FEST

Sunday 29 November
10am to 12noon
Lang Park
Marine Drive

- Try your bike skills
- See a display of vintage, all ability and high-tech bicycles
- Race against a local champion
- Get coaching and safety tips
- Take home some free giveaways

BYO bike, helmet and parent

This is a COVID Safe Event:

- Hand sanitiser and regular wipe down of equipment
- Physical distancing
- Registration required for contact tracing prior to event and on arrival.

Register here <https://www.ridenation.com.au/promo/ride-nation-wollongong>



SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY activities

JOIN US FOR SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT PCYC!

Workshops run weekday | Cost is per session, per child

AGE GROUP: 7 – 14 YRS **TIMINGS: 9am-12pm / 1pm-3pm**

GET IN TOUCH TO BOOK TODAY. SPACES ARE LIMITED!

JANUARY SPECIAL COURSES
FILM \$80 | DRAMA \$250

SPECIAL COURSE – INTRO TO FILM MAKING
THURS 7th & 14th – Morning ages 12-14 / Afternoon ages 15+

SPECIAL COURSE – DRAMA with SCOTTY MCCRAE
MON 18th to FRI 22nd JAN - 10am to 3pm - Ages 10 to 15

CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS
accepted for Christmas Craft, Parkour Arts & Craft, Film & Drama.

GENERAL PROGRAM FEES
\$20 per half day / \$40 per full day

MONDAY 21ST DEC - CHRISTMAS CRAFT/MULTISPORT

MONDAY 11TH JAN - PARKOUR/ ARTS & CRAFTS

WEDNESDAY 13TH JAN - PARKOUR/ ARCHERY/ARCHERY TAG

FRIDAY 15TH JAN - PARKOUR / MULT-SPORT

MONDAY 18TH JAN- PARKOUR/ ARTS & CRAFTS

WEDNESDAY 20TH JAN - PARKOUR/ ARCHERY/ARCHERY TAG

FRIDAY 22ND JAN - PARKOUR / MULT-SPORT

WEDNESDAY 27TH JAN - PARKOUR/ ARCHERY/ARCHERY TAG

CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PCYC MEMBERS (\$10 ANNUAL FEE) | ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR CLOSED IN SPORTS SHOES | ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE SIGNED IN & OUT AT RECEPTION EVERYDAY | PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS SUCH AS MOBILE PHONES, IPODS, IPADS OR OTHER GAMING DEVICES | PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CHILDREN WITH MORNING TEA & LUNCH, SNACKS, WATER, HAT & SUNSCREEN EACH

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