

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

Established 1861 "Learning and Caring"

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**The Summit** Term 4 Week 10 Tuesday 15 December 2020

## Upcoming events

<b>Wednesday 16 December</b>	<b>Last day of term for students and Year 6 Farewell Assembly</b>
<b>Thurs/Fri 17/18 December</b>	<b>Staff Development Days</b>
<b>Wed/Thurs 27/28 January</b>	<b>Staff Development Days</b>
<b>Friday 29 January</b>	<b>Students Years 1-6 return</b>
<b>Monday 1 February</b>	<b>Kinder students commence</b>
<b>Tuesday 9 February</b>	<b>School swimming carnival 12-3pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 16 February</b>	<b>P and C meeting 7pm</b>
<b>Friday 19 February</b>	<b>Welcome BBQ 5pm</b>
<b>Saturday 20 February</b>	<b>Working Bee 8am</b>
<b>Monday 8 March</b>	<b>School photo day</b>
<b>Friday 12 March</b>	<b>P and C Disco</b>
<b>Saturday 13 March</b>	<b>Progressive Dinner</b>

Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that this is the last Summit of the year. It truly has been an eventful year full of unexpected challenges. But with every challenge we have overcome it together.

### Year 6 Farewell lunch

Year 6 will be having their farewell lunch at school this coming Wednesday. It will commence at 11:15am. Our outdoor area will be transformed for the students to celebrate and recognise the great contributions our Year 6 students have made to the school over the past seven years. I look forward to celebrating this luncheon with them.

**Congratulations to all of our Year 6 graduating students.**

### Farewell

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell the following families whose children will now be moving on to high school. Thank you for sharing so many wonderful memories with the Mount Keira School Community:

- The Berlanda Family (Narelle)

- The Bosilkovski Family (Cruz)
- The Francis Liscombe (Dalby)
- The Lucas Family (Joseph)

We wish both the departing students and families all the best for the new year and the future.

### **Talent Quest**

Yesterday, we held our annual Talent Show and as usual we saw our talented students performing some absolutely outstanding acts. Congratulations to all of our performers.

### **Reports**

Semester 2 reports went home on Friday 11 December. Please sit with your child and discuss his/her report with them. If you have any questions regarding the report please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an interview time.

### **P and C**

I would like to officially thank the P and C for their kind donation towards our new interactive board that was recently installed in the Waratah classroom. The feedback from students and teachers has been overwhelmingly positive. A huge impact on student learning. Thank you to all parents/carers that donated or raised funds for this donation to take place.

In preparations for 2021 events, the P and C have tentatively booked the following dates:

- 19 February-Welcome BBQ
- 12 March-School disco
- 13 March-Progressive Dinner

Please pencil these dates in to your calendars.

We are hoping that restrictions will ease to allow these events to take place. More information will be sent home to families regarding these events at the beginning of next year.

### **2021 Class Requirements-Guide only for Years 1-6**

Teachers are currently organising classroom requirements for 2021. These requirements will be finalised by the first 'meet and greet' session early in 2021, however we are mindful that parents like to get organised during the school holidays. If you are wanting to purchase some items to begin 2021 with, please consider the following:

- 4 large glue sticks - white glue, Bostik brand (1 per term)
- 1 boxes of tissues for shared classroom use
- 1 packet whiteboard markers (1 per term)
- HB pencils (regular supply throughout the year)
- 1 packet of coloured pencils
- Erasers

- Ruler

\*All belongings should be clearly marked with your child's name.

**Please note the above is only a guide and is done completely voluntarily. Teachers will issue any specific class requests when classes are finalised early in 2021.**

### Library books and other resources

Please ensure all books are returned to the library this week. Overdue notices were sent home today. Please also have a search for home readers or any other school resources as well and return them as soon as possible.

### Last day of school

The last day of school for students is this Wednesday 16 December. Staff will have a half day Staff Development Day on Thursday 17 December before finishing up for the year. Staff completed a series of additional professional learning hours throughout the year in lieu of the usual two school development days at the end of the year.

### 2021 commencement

We look forward to seeing students in Year 1-6 back at school on Friday 29 January. Kindergarten will begin on Monday 1 February. Staff will begin the 2021 school year with two School Development Days on Wednesday 27 January and Thursday 28 January.

It has been a highly satisfying, productive and enjoyable year. I would like to wish you all a happy holiday and we all look forward to another educational year in 2021.

### 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.**

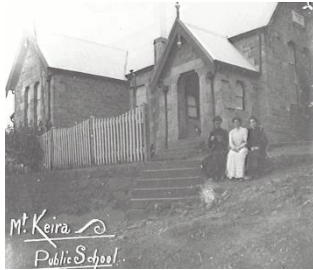
Keep Safe, Keep Smiling 😊

**Tenae Carroll**

**Principal**

### What's Due?

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Library books, home readers and school resources	All students	16 December



## SAVE THE DATE – WHAT'S ON IN 2021!

All dates are tentative and some later in the term to allow for Dept of Education COVID-19 restriction changes to be incorporated into the event.

**Welcome BBQ & Working Bee – Friday 19 Feb 5pm and Saturday 20 Feb at 8am:** Our traditional welcome BBQ will be held in week 4 of Term 1 next year with our Working Bee the following morning.

**P&C Term 1 meeting – Tuesday 16 Feb 7pm:** The P&C Term 1 is a great opportunity to support our school and contribute to new and existing initiatives that benefit our children. We will be planning the annual progressive dinner and school disco.

**School Disco and Progressive Dinner 12 and 13 March:** We are now looking for donations of raffle and auction items for the progressive dinner on Saturday the 13 March.

## NEWS AND REMINDERS

Ashlee has organised a market stall of Christmas bush tomorrow afternoon on the corner of Mt Keira Rd and Yates Ave. Let her know via WhatsApp if you would like to purchase some for \$10 with all proceeds going to maintaining the kitchen garden.

## Thank you!

Thank you to Nicki McNamara for hosting the new Kindy families for morning tea in November and all the parents who supported the event.

Thank you to Stephanie for continuing to do a great job as uniform coordinator it is always greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Ms Travis on your permanent appointment at MKDS. We are incredibly happy to hear the news.

Thank you to the garden fairies who maintained the gardens in the school holidays and throughout the term.

Thank you to the leaving families of 2020 and the leaving students of Year 6. Your presence and contributions will be missed and we wish you all the best for the future please stay in touch.

Thank you to the staff at MKDS, we are lucky to have had your support in this difficult year and we are grateful for the care and love you have shown our children.

Thank you to Heather, Lili, Lisa and Maddy. You do an amazing job as P&C committee with so many big and small tasks carried out without recognition or need for thanks. Our community appreciate and benefit from all your hard work

Enjoy the break everyone, stay safe, have fun, hug the kids and we will see you all in 2021

### **The P and C Committee**





## Minnamurra Rainforest January Holiday Program



### Junior Ranger – things that sting - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Time:** 9:30 -11:00

**Cost:** \$12 / child 4 -12 years (adults free)

**Meet:** Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

**Bookings essential:** 42360 469

Junior rangers are born to explore. If you have an interest in nature, animals and the outdoors then this is the activity for you. Discover the secrets of the rainforest on a fun junior ranger activity this school holidays, learning about the plants and animals of the rainforest.

### Junior Ranger - birds of the forest - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Time:** 9:30 -11:00

**Cost:** \$12 / child 4 -12 years (adults free)

**Meet:** Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

**Bookings essential:** 42360 469

Have you ever wondered why birds' beaks, feet and wings look so different? Come along on this fun activity to learn all about the birds of the forest in their natural habitat.

### Summer Nature journalling - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Time:** 9:30 - 11:00

**Cost:** \$12 /child 4 -12 years (adults free)

**Meet:** Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

**BYO nature journal or purchase on arrival for \$5.00**

Join our guide on a fun way to document your outdoor adventure at Minnamurra Rainforest. Learn how to observe and draw leaves, patterns, colours and shapes using nature journaling techniques. BYO nature journal or purchase on arrival for \$5.00

### Nature in resin - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Time:** 9:30 -11:00

**Cost:** \$20 / child 7 -12 years (adults free)

**Meet:** Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

**Bookings essential:** 42360 469

Join us on the great holiday activity to get creative. We will be creating old school paper weights, preserving specimens in resin for eternity.

### Kokedama Balls - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Time:** 9:30 -11:00

**Cost:** \$20 / child 7 -12 years (adults free)

**Meet:** Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

**Bookings essential:** 42360 469

Get your hands dirty joining us to make your own kokedama moss ball. Book in for this fun and engaging workshop where you will make a beautiful hanging creative display to take home and enjoy. All materials will be provided.

### Junior Ranger – life in the leaf litter - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Time:** 9:30 -11:00

**Cost:** \$12 / child 4 -12 years (adults free)

**Meet:** Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

**Bookings essential:** 42360 469

Join us on an activity where we will look closely at the life in the leaf litter. We will use magnifiers and trays to closely investigate our discoveries.

Note to participants: Bookings are required to ensure places in the activities. Printed finish times are approximate, and activities may be cancelled or altered due to unforeseen circumstances. Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult. When attending activities, please bring drinking water, appropriate clothing and footwear, sun protection and snack. COVID safe rules apply.

**Bookings required for all activities. Phone 02 4236 0469 or email**

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