

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

Established 1861 "Learning and Caring"

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**The Summit** Term 4 Week 8 Tuesday 1 December 2020

## Upcoming events

<b>Wednesday 2 December</b>	<b>School Captains nominees' speeches</b>
<b>Thursday 3 December</b>	<b>Sports Captains nominees' speeches</b>
<b>Friday 4 December</b>	<b>Dance 2Bfit final session- check costume requirements</b>
<b>Monday 7 December</b>	<b>Mufti Day- Christmas gift or book donation</b>
<b>8-11 December</b>	<b>WWC Art Gallery workshops- nominated students</b>
<b>Monday 14 December</b>	<b>Talent Quest</b>
<b>Tuesday 15 December</b>	<b>Hawks visit- Years 3-6</b>
<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>Monday 8 March</b>	<b>School photo day</b>

Dear Parents/Carers

Wow! What a fabulous and busy few weeks it has been at Mount Keira Demonstration School. I cannot believe we are already in Week 8 of Term 4 and there are only two weeks left of the school year for 2020!

### **Class of the week- Banksia**

The students in Banksia have been learning about different forms of poetry. Here are a few examples of their own compositions. We hope you enjoy them!

#### Clerihew Poems

By Ryan

There was a guy called Johnny  
His friend was Ronny  
He likes to play tennis

But he is a menace.

By Narelle and Tahlia  
There's that girl named Billie Eilish,  
why is she always so stylish?  
She hypes the crowd up,  
because now she's got a new pup.

By Cailin  
Once there was a girl called Ava Lane  
And at her young age she could fly a plane  
She loved to look at the stars above  
And has always wanted to fly like a dove.

By Callum and James  
My Granny, Rosa Drake  
Really knows how to bake.  
Her cakes and cookies are "Oh so fine",  
And that's one reason I'm glad she's mine

### Couplet poetry

By Ivy  
Once I dive into these pages  
I may not come back out for ages.

By Ahmed & Ryan  
The tree in the sunset is so bright  
It is clearer than morning light

### **School Leaders' speeches**

Just a reminder that this week, students running for a leadership positions will be giving their speeches. School Captains' speeches will take place on Wednesday 2 December and Sport Captains' speeches will take place on Thursday 3 December.

### **Ethics and Scripture**

This week is our final session of Ethics and Scripture for 2020. We would like to say a big thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who offer their time each week to bring the programs to our students. It has been lovely having you back and we look forward to working with you again in 2021.

### **End of year class performance**

Over the last eight weeks students have been learning the choreography for their end of year performance. All students have put in a huge amount of effort and are very much looking forward to their performances. Each year we are amazed at what our students can do and I am sure that this year

will be the same. A big thank you to Brooke from Dance2bfit for her patience, time and attention to detail when choreographing these dances.

As mentioned in the Summit last week, the filming of our end of year concert will take place during the final session this Friday 4 December. All students will need to have their costumes at school by Thursday 3 December to ensure everything runs smoothly on Friday.

Just a reminder that students will need to be in the following costumes:

**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

If your child does not have a Permission to Publish form in place they will be excluded from the filming of the performance. Please see your class teacher if you are happy for them to be filmed.

### **Mufti Day for MP Paul Scully book drive and Ryan Park MP toy drive**

In conjunction with the P and C Association our SRC have decided to support the Paul Scully book donation drive and the Ryan Park toy donation drive. Christmas should be a time for celebrating and goodwill, spending time with those you love the most and reflecting on the good times. Yet for many local families across the Illawarra it is a time of hardship and struggle. For too many children, it lacks the happiness and joy we all too often take for granted.

Next Monday 7 December we are asking students to **dress in mufti clothes** in exchange for a book or toy to donate to the collections. These initiatives distribute books and toys to children in need in our local area. Ryan Park's office have a particular shortage of outdoor toys for children 8 years and older so donations of balls, bats, racquets and other games would be especially appreciated. New or good quality used books can be brought in for the book drive. Donations should not be wrapped to allow them to be distributed accordingly.

### **Talent Quest 2020**

The annual MKDS talent show will be held on Monday 14 December. All students have now registered their interest and are busy practising for the show. We will have a rehearsal next week with the performance in Week 10. Like many things this year, unfortunately, parents will be unable to attend the show.

### **Year 6 Farewell Luncheon**

Last week order forms went out for the Year 6 farewell luncheon. Please ensure that these are sent back as soon as possible so that we can continue to organise this special event. This year the farewell luncheon will be held on **Wednesday 16 December** during lunch time at the school. Thank you to Mrs Gehrke for her planning and organisation of this special event. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with them all.

## **Early Arrivals to school**

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.

## **Reports**

Over the past few 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 11 December. This is a great opportunity to sit down with your child and discuss their progress throughout the year.

## **Enrolments for 2021**

If your child will not be returning to Mount Keira next year can you please advise the school in writing detailing which school they will be attending. Please ensure that all home readers and library books are returned to school by 11 December.

## **Library**

This week will be the last week for borrowing. Please ensure all books are returned to the library in the week commencing 7 December. Please have a search for home readers or any other school resources and return them as soon as possible.

## **Term 4 Fees**

Term 4 fee invoices were sent home with your eldest child on Friday 13 November. Fees were due yesterday. Reminders have been sent home today. Please ensure payment is finalised this week.

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.

## **Christmas cards**

Children often like to give Christmas cards to their friends at the end of the year with a small treat attached. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions cards only can be handed out this year- not candy canes or lollies/treats. Thanks for your support.

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	Overdue
Year 6 Farewell luncheon order form	Year 6	7 December
Library books, home readers and school resources	All students	11 December

# School Holiday Program

## FOR READERS + WRITERS

Join the South Coast Writers Centre's School Holiday Program for a day of interactive workshops for primary and high school-aged readers and writers at Coledale Community Hall!



### MINECRAFTING A STORY

with Sandy Fussell - 10am-11am

Ages 8-10: Join children's author Sandy Fussell for a unique writing workshop using elements of Minecraft game play to write a story.



### WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD!

with Helena Fox - 11.30am-1.30pm

Ages 10-13: Join YA author Helena Fox for a lot of fun, relaxed writing prompts, and even do some drawing, as we create wonderful worlds together.

**THURSDAY 14TH  
JANUARY 2021**

Information + enrolments at  
[southcoastwriters.org/upcomingevents](http://southcoastwriters.org/upcomingevents)  
or on 4228 0151



ALSO FOR OLDER KIDS:

**WHO ARE YOU? 2.30PM-  
4.30PM FOR AGES 14-18**

Young Writers Program  
weekly workshops  
beginning in Term 1

Find out more at  
[southcoastwriters.org/ywp](http://southcoastwriters.org/ywp)