

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

Established 1861 "Learning and Caring"

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**The Summit** Term 4 Week 9 Tuesday 8 December 2020

## Upcoming events

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| <b>9-11 December</b>            | <b>WWC Art Gallery workshops- nominated students</b>              |
| <b>Monday 14 December</b>       | <b>Talent Quest and Class Parties</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

## Staffing News

Wow it is that time of year again where classes are being finalised for the following year and structures are being put in place to ensure each and every student's educational, social, emotional and wellbeing needs are at the forefront of every decision made.

Class structures and student makeup for 2021 are now finalised. I am excited to announce that Mrs Lanyon, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Travis, Miss Ford, Mrs Gehrke, Mrs Newton and Mrs Sartori will all be returning to Mount Keira Demonstration School in 2021.

I am also thrilled to advise Mrs Travis, our very experienced and outstanding classroom teacher, was successful through the merit selection process. She has been offered and has accepted the permanent teaching position at Mount Keira Demonstration School. Mrs Travis will commence her permanent role at the beginning of the 2021 school year. This position was previously held by Brad Hicks. A very big congratulations to Mrs Travis on her appointment.

## Class structures for 2021:

- Wattle (Early Stage 1/Stage 1) - Mrs Sharon Newton (M-W) Mrs Rebecca Sartori (Th-F)
- Lilli Pilli (Stage 1) Miss Abbey Ford
- Waratah (Stage 2) Mrs Ashlea Travis
- Banksia (Stage 3) Mrs Kate Gehrke

I look forward to welcoming you all back into the school grounds in 2021. I have no doubt 2021 will be an amazing year at Mount Keira Demonstration School. I thank you all for a productive and wonderful 2020. I look forward to the 2021 school year.

### School Leaders 2021

What a close contest the election of our school leaders was. The students gave inspiring speeches and showed both their skills and their passion for our school.

We are thrilled to announce our 2021 leaders are:

School Captains: Callum and Cailin

Sports Captain Keira: Lyla

Sports Captain Nebo: Haven

Congratulations to them all. We are sure they will be a wonderful leadership team. I look forward to working with them all in 2021.



### End of year class performance

The children worked so well to bring together their class performances on Friday. Despite not having the usual support and cheering from our amazing community on concert night, they still managed to do a wonderful performance which can be viewed via the Class Dojo app. Well done everyone!

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

Thank you to those families who supported the book and toy drives at the mufti day on Monday. We had a wonderful selection of toys and books donated that will be taken down, by our school leaders and the P and C, to the MP's offices later in the week. If you wish to add to our collection you may still send in unwrapped gifts until tomorrow.

### Rise and Shine 2020 Awards

We received the exciting news today that our school was awarded second place in the Wollongong City Council Rise and Shine Awards Best Ongoing Initiative section. A video showing some of the exciting initiatives and the awards is available at <https://youtu.be/T23tp9XFYAE>.

### Class Parties 2020

Due to the Covid restrictions we are unable to have the usual shared foods at class parties. As a treat for the children they may order Subway, which they will eat in their class group. If they chose not to order subway they can bring their usual meal. Thank you to the P and C for coordinating the orders.

#### 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 10 December 3:15pm (**No late orders accepted**)

The children may receive a small lolly treat on the day. If you do not wish for them to participate please contact your class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

### 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

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

### Term 4 Fees

Reminders have been sent home with families several times. Please finalise payments as a matter of urgency.

### 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               |
| Library books, home readers and school resources   | All students        | 11 December           |
| Monday Munchies for class parties- collect order bags from library- 6 inch \$6.50 Foot long \$9.50 | Interested students | 10 December at 3.15pm |