

Mount Keira Demonstration School

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The Summit Term 4 Week 6 Wednesday 10 November 2021

Upcoming events

Wednesday 17 November	Kindergarten Orientation
Wednesday 17 November	Opportunity Class Yr 5 2022 placement test
Saturday 27 November	P and C Bunnings BBQ- volunteers required
Wednesday 8 December	Showcase Concert 2-3pm (TBC)
Thursday 9 December	WHSPA Orientation Day for Year 6 students (details sent today)
Wednesday 15 December	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 2.15pm (TBC)
Thursday 16 December	Last day of term for students
Friday 17 December	Staff Development Day

What's Due?

Term 2 Fees were sent home last term and reminders have been sent home throughout this and last term. If you are having trouble meeting the payment by the end of the week please let us know via email or telephone.

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Kindergarten 2022 Orientation RSVP to school and P and C	Kindergarten 2022 families	Overdue
Scholastic Book Club- sent home last week	Interested families	12 November
Selective High School Yr 7 2023 applications	Year 5 students	Exp of interest to school 10/11/2021 Online application 17/11/2021
Photos for Year 6 Yearbook via ClassDojo	Year 6 families	As soon as possible
P and C Cookie fundraiser	Interested families	26 November

Dear families

The past two weeks, since our children have returned to school, have been satisfying and productive indeed, in terms of learning and community. Classrooms are hives of activity once more and it has been most gratifying to see the way in which the children have revelled in socialising with their friends and also with their teachers!

Teachers rely and depend on face-to-face interactions with their students in order to glean valuable information to inform their teaching and, although Zoom was a means to an end, it is certainly preferable and far more enjoyable to have the children present in the classroom.

Class of the Week

In Lilli Pilli we have been learning about fractions. Last week we participated in lots of hands on mathematical experiences involving halves, quarters and eighths of a whole object. Our favourite activity was designing a pizza for our pizza boxes. The most popular flavour was pepperoni and meatlovers.



Celebration/Togetherness day

Yesterday our students participated in a Celebration day to mark the return to school.

All students participated in fun activities within their classroom and were treated to a sausage sizzle, popcorn and an ice block.

It is such a pleasure to see how our students are enjoying being together and so wonderful to hear our school resound with laughing and giggling children again!



Check in assessments

Our teachers are currently working with your children to assess and finalise teaching/learning programs and are beginning to write reports which will be given to your children at the end of this term.

Last week our Year 1 children participated in a Phonics “Check-in” assessment and our Years 3-6 have also completed literacy and numeracy “Check-ins”. This is an initiative implemented by the NSW Department of Education.

The assessment seeks to identify how students are performing in the areas of literacy and numeracy and will assist the teachers to identify individual student needs and thus inform teaching/learning programs for the remainder of the year.

Remembrance Day

Today we commemorated a Covid-safe Remembrance Day in a ceremony organised by Mrs Gehrke and presided over by our school captains, Cailin and Callum. Students observed a minute’s silence at 11am which is significant as it marks the time that the guns on the Western front in WW1 fell silent after four years of continuous warfare.

Our old black bell was rung 11 times at 11am by our youngest student, Elsie after the minute’s silence. The ringing of the bells occurs in England and in Europe and is a beautiful and meaningful tradition.



Kindergarten Orientation

Next Wednesday our brand-new Kindergarten students for 2022 will be welcomed into the school. Our Year 4/5 buddies are ready and willing to ensure that their transition to school is smooth and perhaps a little less daunting.

On Tuesday a Zoom parent information session will take place at 10am with Mrs Carroll where she will discuss school programs and any other questions and concerns.

We hope you can join the P and C at Byarong Park on Wednesday to welcome our new parents. Please see the P and C news section for more details.

Orientation Day is the beginning of such a special journey for the children and their families and it is such a privilege to be a part of it. We are so lucky to have such a welcoming and supportive community

that help us bring the day together. We look forward to many more years sharing the new children's journey with them and look forward to welcoming them all again in 2022.

Thank you to Mrs Christlo, Mrs Oyston and Mrs K for their preparation behind the scenes for our new Kindergarten families. Please ensure you have sent your RSVP to the school and the P and C by Thursday 11 November.

OC class Placement

Next Wednesday two of our students in Year 4 will take part in the OC class placement tests which this year will be held at our school.

We wish them well.

2022 School Leadership

In the coming weeks, Year 5 students will have the opportunity to nominate themselves for a school leadership position at Mount Keira Demonstration School for the 2022 school year.

All Year 5 students will meet with Mrs Gehrke and Mrs Carroll in the next few weeks to discuss the role of leaders and the nomination process.

Nominations are open to all Year 5 students. Nominees prepare a short speech outlining the reasons they believe they should be elected as a school leader for 2022. They will present their speeches to their peers K-6, who will then vote to select our leaders for 2022.

At this stage the presentation of the speeches may be in a slightly different format owing to our restrictions as a result of Covid. More information will be forthcoming about the process and dates will be confirmed in coming weeks.

Good luck to all those students seeking to develop their leadership skills by working in the leadership team for next year.

Reports

Teachers have been very busy analysing data and are beginning to write Semester 2 reports. These reports will go home on Friday 10 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 2022 school year. Our Semester 2 reports reflect the learning and achievement of students only during Term 3 and 4, 2021.

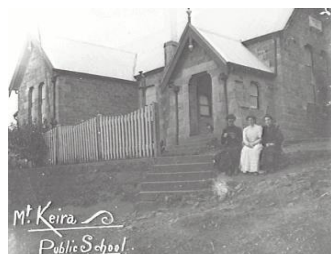
Enrolments for 2022

We are currently in the planning stages for our 2022 class structures.

If your child is not returning to Mount Keira Demonstration School in 2022, please notify the school office as soon as possible. The staffing of schools is based on the number of students enrolled and this information is vital for our school organisation for 2022.

Keep Safe, Keep Smiling

Tenae Carroll
Principal



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Uniforms

The uniform stall scheduled for last Friday, which was cancelled due to the rain, has been rescheduled to this Friday from 3-3.30pm in front of the driveway. Due to Covid restrictions you can only visit the store if you have made a booking. Please email the P and C mountkeirapublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or message them on the What's App to make your booking.

Due to Covid restrictions there is to be no mingling in the area and masks must be worn at all times to keep our community safe.

Kindergarten 2022 Orientation 17 November 2021 with welcome morning tea 10.30-12.00

Just a reminder that you are invited to welcome our new parents at our Kinder Orientation morning tea which will be held at Byarong Park next Wednesday.

We would also appreciate donations of cakes or slices.

Please indicate on the attached Skoolbag eform if you can assist.

Fundraising Initiatives

We have organised a fun ONLINE Cookie dough fundraiser just in time for Christmas to raise funds for the teachers' wish list, which has many wonderful items for all our students to benefit from.

A brochure will be sent home with your child today so please check your child's bag!

Its easy! Go to <https://cookiedough.com.au/>

Then

1. Select the - PARENT tab
2. Select the - ADD NEW PAGE tab
3. Then fill in - Your name or your child's name
4. The Organisation - Mt Keira Demonstration school
5. Ask your friends and family if they would like to buy some cookie dough!

Please submit orders by Friday 26 November 2021 with delivery taking place mid December before school concludes.

Please read the information on the website and brochure and if you have any questions please ask myself, Jessica or any member of the P & C.

Bunnings BBQ 27 November

Families were asked to nominate as volunteers in last week's Summit. If you can assist please nominate on the attached eform. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!

Sub-committees

We are still looking for nominations to form sub-committees for uniforms and outdoor projects. If you would like to assist please nominate on the attached eform or contact a member of the P and C committee.

MKDS P& C

Thank you for your support,
Angie and all the Committee

