

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

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**The Summit** Term 4 Week 7 Wednesday 17 November 2021

## Upcoming events

<b>Saturday 27 November</b>	<b>P and C Bunnings BBQ- volunteers required</b>
<b>Wednesday 8 December</b>	<b>Showcase Concert 2-3pm (TBC)</b>
<b>Thursday 9 December</b>	<b>WHSPA Orientation Day for Year 6 students</b>
<b>Wednesday 15 December</b>	<b>Year 6 Graduation Assembly 2.15pm (TBC)</b>
<b>Thursday 16 December</b>	<b>Last day of term for students – Mufti day and fun activities</b>
<b>Friday 17 December</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>

## What's Due?

<b>Activity/ Note</b>	<b>Students Involved</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
<b>Selective High School Yr 7 2023 applications</b>	<b>Year 5 students</b>	<b>Online application closes 17/11/2021</b>
<b>Photos for Year 6 Yearbook via ClassDojo</b>	<b>Year 6 families</b>	<b>As soon as possible</b>
<b>P and C Cookie fundraiser orders due</b>	<b>Interested families</b>	<b>26 November</b>

Dear Families

Wow! What a fabulous and busy few weeks it has been at Mount Keira Demonstration School. I cannot believe we are already in Week 7 of Term 4 and we are quickly approaching the end of the 2021 school year!

### **Class of the week – Wattle**

Last week in Maths, we were learning all about fractions. We practised finding one half of a whole object and one quarter of a whole object. We also learned how to find a half and a quarter of a collection of objects.

We really enjoyed making these colourful fraction robots and are loving being back in our classroom with all our friends.



## Kindergarten Orientation

Today we welcomed 14 new children into our school as part of our Kindergarten orientation. As always, our Year 4 and 5 buddies greeted the children at the front gate then accompanied them to the Kindergarten classroom. Our buddies take these responsibilities seriously and enthusiastically and are wonderful role models for our younger students.

Sadly, as a result of Covid, the buddies were unable to stay in the classroom to work together on activities as we have done in the past. However, the new kindergarten children were able to meet their teachers and participate in “big school” activities which were designed to assist in acclimatising them to their new classroom.

We welcomed back some of our ‘old families’ and trust that our new families will enjoy this special journey in their childrens’ lives. As a community, we look forward to many more years sharing in this journey together. We cannot wait to welcome the children back on Wednesday 2 February 2022.

Thank you to the P and C for providing a wonderful morning tea at Byarong Park. Hopefully by next year we may be able to use our beautiful new kitchen and enjoy the school environment when hosting social events.

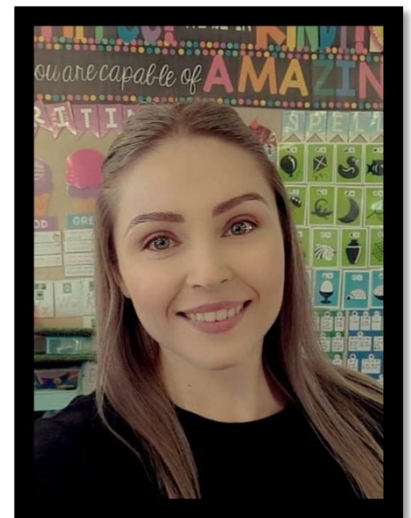


### Wattle staffing for 2022

Mrs Sharon Newton has made the very difficult decisions to retire (again) from the Department of Education to enjoy some quality family time with her husband, children and grandchildren and take care of her mother who is unwell. Mrs Newton has brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to our team and has been a valued member of our staff and school community for the past three years. I have no doubt this next chapter in her life will be one of relaxation with some peace and quiet and hopefully no alarm clock. We wish her the very best in this next adventure and thank her for her time and commitment to Mount Keira Demonstration School.

I am absolutely 'over the moon' to welcome Miss Melissa Reskic to our school. Miss Reskic was greeted today by some of our fabulous students during our Kindergarten Orientation and already feels part of our beautiful school community. She brings with her years of experience teaching across K-6 in local primary schools and I look forward to the value she will be adding to our team and your child's life each and every day.

I have no doubt you will welcome her with open arms and show her the Mount Keira way.



### 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 myself this **Friday 19 November** to discuss the role of leaders and the nomination process. Nominations are open to all Year 5 students. Nominees will have until **Wednesday 2 December** to prepare a short speech outlining the reasons they believe they should be elected as a school leader for 2022.

Unfortunately due to current restrictions, cohorts are still unable to mix so our speeches will look a little different this year. Our leadership speeches will take place in front of our Year 3-6 cohort and will be filmed for and viewed by our K-2 students. Voting will then take place once all speeches have finished.

### **End of year celebrations**

This year we are 'changing things up' and ending the year on a bang. After initial consultation with our Year 6 students, we have decided to celebrate our last day of 2021 with a day filled with fun for all students K-6. We are currently finalising our plans however we are happy to announce that on Thursday 16 December students will be involved in multiple fun activities. Some of the activities include, an inflatable obstacle course, jumping castle, biscuit decorating, movies and a class party. Our Year 6 students will also be celebrating their Year 6 Farewell with a catered lunch during their lunchtime.

After a very unusual year and the students missing many key excursions, we hope that by celebrating in style, 2021 will be remembered for all of the wonderful things we have achieved. On the day, students are able to come to school dressed in mufti clothes to enjoy the year that was. There will be a small cost to families and we hope this small event will make 2021 a positive year to remember.

### **Tell Them from Me Survey for Years 4-6**

This term we are taking part in the 'Tell Them From Me' student survey. This survey will provide us with valuable feedback from a student's perspective in our Year 4, 5 and 6 cohorts. This survey is completed online and is run by a research team coordinated through the Department of Education.

Students have already participated in our original survey in Term 2 and we are looking forward to triangulating this data with our Term 4 survey results in order to make whole school improvement. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this survey, please contact the front office by Tuesday 23 November.

### **WHSPA Orientation Day Year 7 2022**

On Thursday 9 December our students who are attending Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts will attend their orientation day at WHSPSA.

Details regarding drop off and pick up have already been sent home but please contact the school if you are unsure of how and where to proceed.

We hope that all of the students attending have a wonderful day and look forward to hearing about their experience when they return to school.

### **Special Education in Ethics (SEE)**

The Ethics program needs some volunteers to teach the classes at Mt Keira. We will only be able to offer the Stage 3 class in Term 4 as a number of our volunteer teachers are no longer available. We rely on parents, grandparents and community minded people to become volunteer ethics teachers in

at our school. It is a rewarding way to be involved in your local community, learn new things and help children develop skills for life. Comprehensive training, access to lesson materials and classroom support are all provided. Previous teaching experience is not required.

Ethics classes support children to develop the skills they need to voice their opinions, consider the ideas of others and to make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure. In Ethics classes, children discuss ethical issues using an approved curriculum designed for each age group and include topics such as laziness, voting, empathy and how can we work out what is true?. Volunteers are needed now to teach ethics classes at Mt Keira. Training and support is provided.

Grant Ellmers is the Mt Keira Ethics Coordinator and he would be very happy to talk about what is involved. He can be contacted on [grantellmers65@gmail.com](mailto:grantellmers65@gmail.com). It is a really rewarding experience with very real topics discussed.

Have a great week.  
Keep Safe, Keep Smiling

Mrs Tenae Carroll  
**Principal**



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