

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

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**The Summit** Term 4 Week 8 Wednesday 24 November 2021

## Upcoming events

Saturday 27 November	P and C Bunnings BBQ- volunteers required
Wednesday 8 December	End of Year Concert (to be recorded)
Thursday 9 December	WHSPA Orientation Day for Year 6 students
Wednesday 15 December	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 2.15pm (to be recorded)
Thursday 16 December	Last day of term for students – Mufti day and fun activities
Friday 17 December	Staff Development Day

## What's Due?

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Photos for Year 6 Yearbook via ClassDojo	Year 6 families	As soon as possible
P and C Cookie fundraiser orders due	Interested families	26 November
Library books to be returned	All students	10 December

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Plans for the end of the year celebrations and farewells are now well and truly underway. This year we have had to adapt and change many of our usual traditions, such as our end of year concert, in light of Covid restrictions. However, we will attempt to provide the children with many of the experiences that are customary at MKDS at the end of every school year.

### Class of the Week- Banksia

Here are some hopes and dreams for 2022 from our Stage 3 students:

In 2022 I hope to learn to animate. I also hope that my friends and I do not drift apart. My hopes for high school are that I will easily be able to make friends and that they will have similar interests to me. I hope that my high school teachers will push me to achieve my goals. *Bahati*

In 2022 my dream would be to win the FNCS (Fortnite Champion Series) because if you win you get a lot of money and become very famous in the Fortnite community. *Callum*

I hope 2022 will bring the end of Covid 19 and I shall have a wonderful last year at MKDS. I also expect a nice and average year, making 2022 a great year. *Ari*

In 2022 I hope that Covid will go so I can actually play sports with my mates. The sports that I would like to play are basketball and NRL football. *Nathan*

We want the start of 2022 to be the end of Covid. We want to stay in touch with all our friends that go to high school next year. We hope to make lots of new friends that like the same things as us. *Jensen & Luca*

My biggest hope for 2022 at school would be that I can finally have time to practise and master all my times tables and know them off by heart. My dream would be that at home my new dog can settle in and feel at home at my house. At school my dream would be that I can do well in the Smiths Hill test and learn something new. *Lola*

My hopes and dreams for 2022 are not to have Covid and to have a good start to high school. Some other hopes and dreams of mine are to see my dad more often and to be able to travel overseas. I want these things because they will help me in my future and make my life more enjoyable. *Tahlia*

The perfect 2022 year for us would be at school doing whatever we wanted to while learning and school would end at 12 pm. *Dane & Ewan*

My hopes for 2022 will be very similar to everyone else. I hope that Covid 19 will “die down” so I won't have to wear a mask for my first year of high school. *Cailin*

My hope for 2022 is that Covid doesn't occur as a big deal in the world. I would like this so that I can experience Year 6 as a fun and happy experience like those years before. This would give me the chance to go to camp, Jamberoo and ultimately be there with my buddy. *Emma*

My first dream for 2022 is to make the basketball or rugby league teams in high school. *Riley*

My dream for 2022 is to make Wolves under 13 squad. *Xavier*

My hopes and dreams for 2022 is to have Covid and all viruses gone. Another thing that I would love to have is a good start in high school. *Haven*

I hope that 2022 will bring me the time to finally figure out my times tables properly or at least find a cool trick to help me answer them. I wish to go and visit my family in the USA and get a new house so I can finaaaalllyyyy get a dog. *Ayda*

One thing that we hope changes in 2022 is that COVID will just leave us alone because it's been around affecting everyone's lives for just over two years now and we are all sick of it at this point. *Sequoia & Lyla*

I have many hopes and dreams for 2022 but my biggest dream is getting into Smiths Hill High School. Both my sisters go to Smiths Hill and it would be a dream to follow in their footsteps. I really hope I can

achieve my goals and go to Smiths Hill while at the same time staying in touch with my other friends still in primary school. *Sienna*

My future is finding a vbuck gift card on the side of the street, I start my first year at high school at top marks and make a lot of new friends. *Blayne*

What I want in the future is for Covid to stop and never come again, finding a free V-buck gift card in the shop. I also want to have the best Year 7 of my life and the new chapter 3 of Fortnite will be OG map. *Henry*

### **Farewell for now to Mrs Christlo**

It is with great sadness but also so much excitement to announce that our beloved Mrs Christlo will be taking paid Long Service Leave from February until November next year. Mrs Christlo has decided it is time to prioritise her beautiful new grandchildren, take time for herself and enjoy the finer things in life. Mrs Christlo's wealth of knowledge, kind, caring and beautiful nature will be missed during this time. I have no doubt she will miss us all just as much as we will miss her however this long and overdue break is definitely well deserved. I have no doubt Mrs Christlo will be 'popping in' and visiting her beloved school upon the hill and I cannot wait to see her smiling face once again. We wish her the very best of luck on this new adventure. I am sure there will be lots of travel, family time, rest, relaxation and baby sitting.

A lady with a true heart of gold!

### **Reports**

Teachers are now in the final stages of preparing end of year reports for your children. I am sure you can appreciate that it has been a more difficult process and the report format will be a little different to that of previous years to reflect the changes we have experienced this year. Since the children recommenced face-to-face learning, teachers have been evaluating and assessing their progress, particularly in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. Reports will be given to the children in Week 10 on Friday 10 December. If there are any concerns, please contact the school in the last week of term

### **Showcase Concert**

Students are eagerly practicing their end of year showcase dance. Its wonderful to hear the sound of music, footsteps stomping and children's laughter.

Our end of year showcase will be similar to our 2020 Showcase where individual class dances will be recorded and parents/carers will receive a digital version of their child's dance via ClassDojo.

In the coming weeks students will be involved in dress rehearsal. Please ensure you check your child's Class Dojo for more information.

## **P and C Bunnings BBQ and Cookie Dough fundraiser**

A huge thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to take part in the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser this Saturday 27 November. The funds raised from these events benefit our children in so many ways and I trust that the P and C have already earmarked the proceeds for many valuable projects around the school. If there are any interested parents who would like to contribute their time on Saturday, please contact the P and C coordinator Kera on 0413 028 326.

Details of the P and C Cookie Dough fundraiser were sent home via a brochure several weeks ago. Orders are to be finalised by 26 November. Thank you for supporting this initiative.

## **Farewell Assembly**

Unlike previous years, the end of year Farewell Assembly for our graduating Year 6 students will be held on Wednesday 15 December. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, parents and carers will be unable to attend this event. In order for our parents and carers to see their child's graduation and view this event, we will provide a digital version of the Graduation Ceremony for parents/carers and their families so that you can watch it with your child.

This digital copy will be sent home via Class Dojo on Wednesday 15 December and uploaded to each child's USB drive. We understand that this is not the most ideal of situations for parents/carers however we must follow the advice received from the Department.

Our 3-6 cohort will be the only students attending the Graduation Ceremony to avoid students mingling. So that our K-2 students can join in on the fun, they will be meeting on the multipurpose sports field at 3:05pm on the Wednesday afternoon to cheer on our Year 6 students and farewell their friends.

During the Graduation Ceremony, our school captains, Callum and Cailin, will reflect on a somewhat tumultuous period this year, Mrs Gehrke will compose a beautiful yet hilarious poem for each child and I will address our graduating students. The Year 6 children will also be preparing a slideshow to look back on their experiences and time here at MKDS.

As always, our Year 6 graduands will have the opportunity to ring our beautiful black bell to mark the end of their primary school years, after the ceremony has concluded.

We thank you for your understanding and hope you can enjoy your child's graduation digitally.

## **Students' last day for 2021**

The students' last day for 2021 will be Thursday 16 December. Please ensure all students' belongings are collected on this day before a long and happy Christmas break.

## **Library**

The last week for library borrowing will be Monday 6 December. Please ensure any library books are returned by Friday 10 December or earlier if your child does not need them. We have sent home

overdue notices today. If your child has any overdue books please have a search and return them. If you are not able to find them please return the notice to the library and we will have a search here.

### **ICAS testing**

As mentioned in a previous Summit, due to the late return to face to face teaching we will not be able to participate in ICAS testing this year. We have just been advised that the cut off date for refunds is 3 December. If you paid for your child to participate you can arrange a refund directly by emailing the provider at [icasassessments@janison.com](mailto:icasassessments@janison.com). We did try and arrange a refund for everyone on your behalf but this was not an option. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused. If you have any issues call them directly on 1800 931 775.

In the refund request you must specify:

- Order no
- Reason for the refund
- Partial/Full refund
- If it is a partial refund please specify the subject
- Name of the school

### **Annual Community Book Drive**

We have often supported the Paul Scully Annual Book Drive however this year, due to Covid, we cannot accept donations in school so please consider donating as per the details below.

The annual kids book drive is on again this year, and we need your help! Each year Paul Scully runs a book drive to encourage students to keep reading over the summer holidays. The book drive gives students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 at local primary schools, the opportunity to take a book home, build their love of reading, and help maintain their literacy skills. In previous years, with the help and generosity of the Wollongong community, we've managed to donate thousands of books to children across the electorate.

Due to COVID, only new books are able to be donated this year - or you can donate a book voucher if that's easier. Books can be donated to Paul Scully's office which is located on Crown Street until 10 December, or you can contact the office on 4226 5700 if you need to make other arrangements.

Have a great week.  
Keep Safe, Keep Smiling

Mrs Tenae Carroll  
**Principal**

## **Wollongong Conservatorium of Music**

The Wollongong Conservatorium of Music is offering primary school children the opportunity to join a children's choir for 2022, and to sing new Australian works inspired by the place we live in.

The Flame Tree Project returns with Kate Whitworth at the helm and will perform new Australian music such as 'Oola Boola Woo – The Story of Five Islands'. Auditions will run through until Monday 6 December 2021 with workshops scheduled for 19/20 February and 19/20 March 2022 and performances throughout the year.

The new Children's Choir also be managed by Kate Whitworth is part of the ensemble program at WollCon, and will involve weekly rehearsals for each school term. Auditions and applications also closing by 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Please Note: Children are welcome to apply for both choirs

Read More at: <https://www.wollcon.com.au/flame-tree-project-childrens-choir>