

Mount Keira Demonstration School

Established 1861 "Learning and Caring"

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The Summit Term 4 Week 9 Wednesday 1 December 2021

Upcoming events

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 (see notification)
Thursday 16 December	Last day of term for students – Mufti day and fun activities including Monday Munchies Subway
Friday 17 December	Staff Development Day

What's Due?

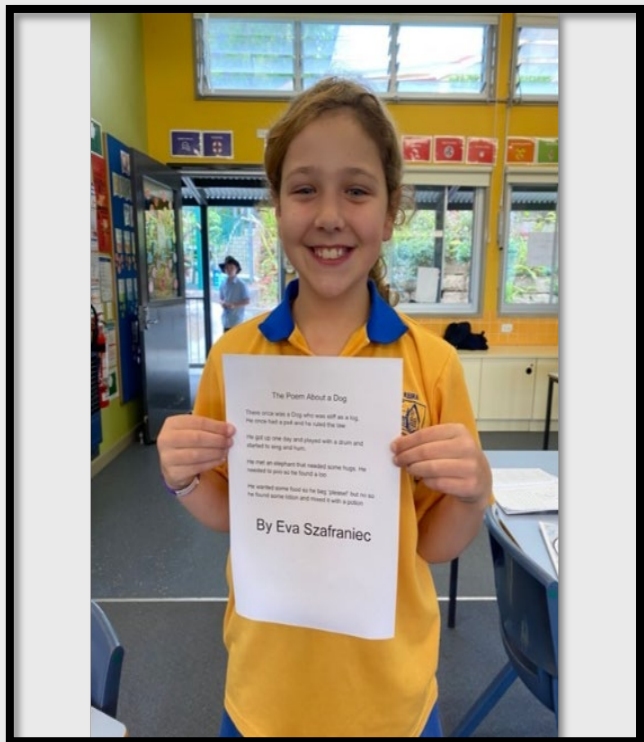
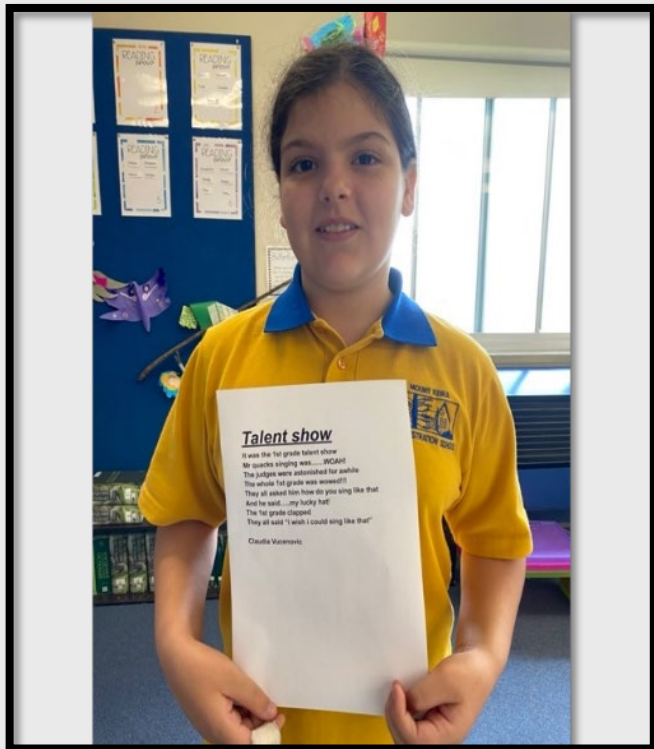
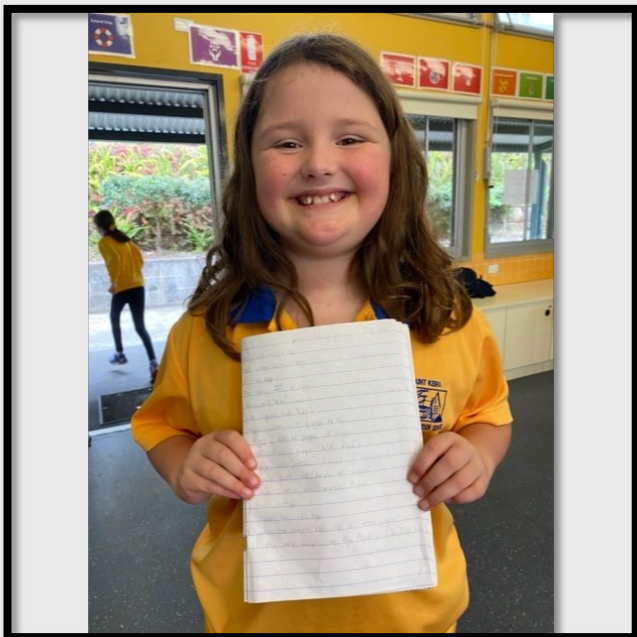
Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Photos for Year 6 Yearbook via ClassDojo	Year 6 families	As soon as possible
School concert- wear dance costume to school	All students	8 December
Library books to be returned	All students	10 December
Monday Munchies Subway order for class parties 16 December	Interested student	Thursday 9 December 3.15pm
Class party and end of year celebration permission note and payment	All students	Thursday 9 December

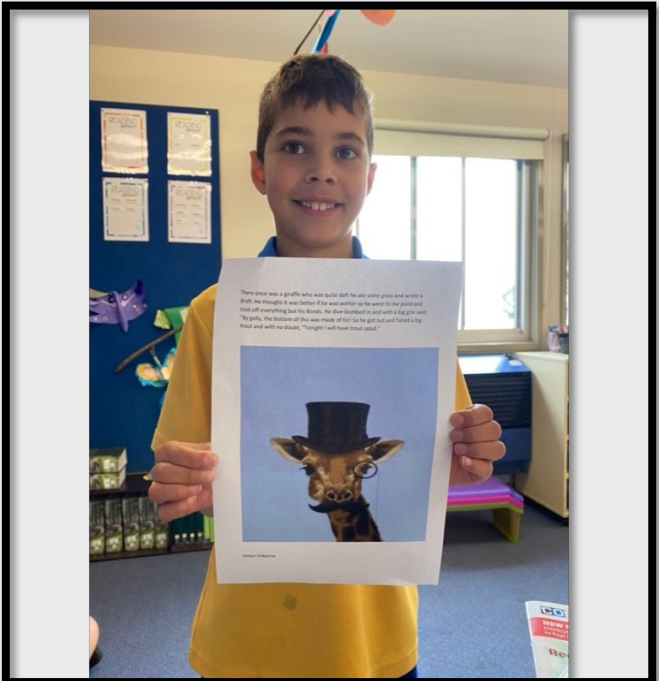
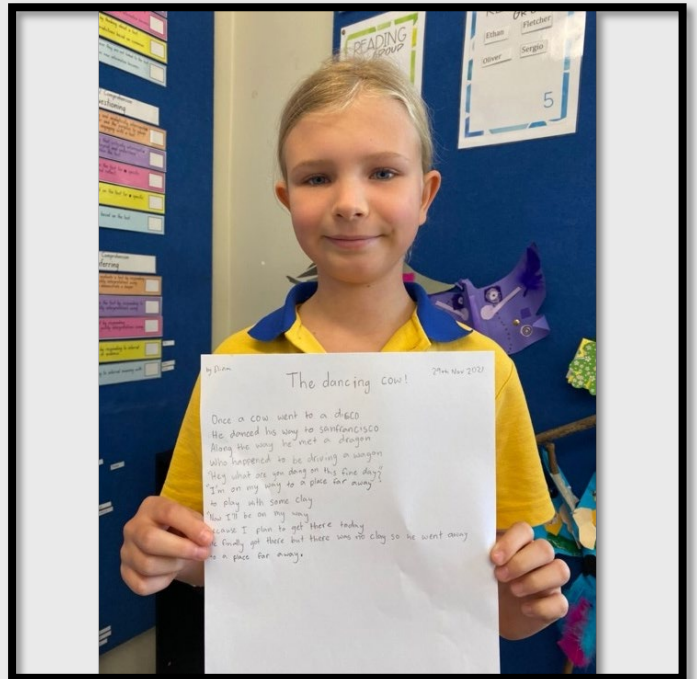
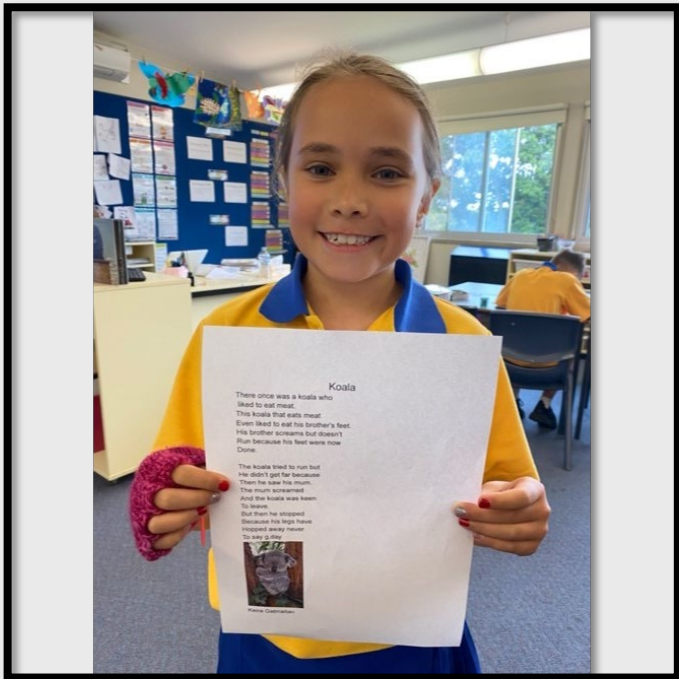
Dear Parents, carers and families

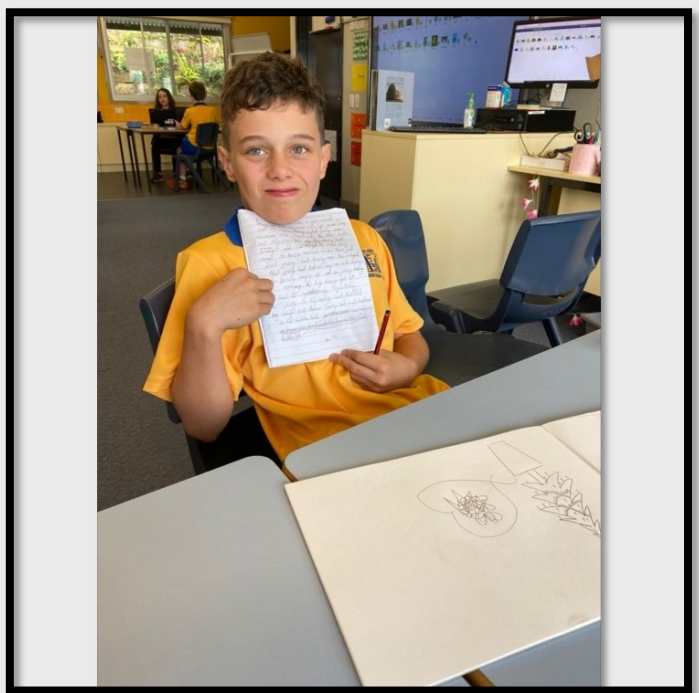
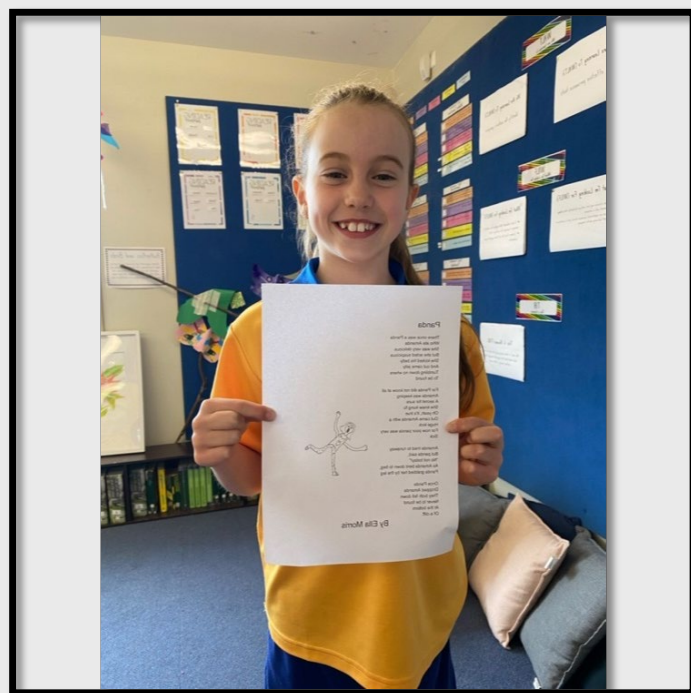
Wow! What a fabulous and busy few weeks it has been at Mount Keira Demonstration School. I cannot believe we are already in Week 9 of Term 4 and there are only two weeks left of the school year for 2021!

Class of the Week

In Waratah, we have been learning about different types of poetry and poetic devices. We were inspired by Roald Dahl's poem, *The Pig*, and have been very busy writing, editing and publishing our own storytelling poems that experiment with rhyme. Here are some pictures of us working on our latest project... a class collection of poems that is being made into a book! We cannot wait for you to see our work.







Welcome Vanessa May to Relieving Principal in 2022

I am so excited to announce that Mrs Vanessa May from Keiraville Public School will be joining the Mount Keira community as Relieving Principal in 2022. Mrs Lanyon will continue to support her in that role on a Monday.

I am thrilled with the skills, strategies and knowledge she will bring to the school community, parents, teachers and students.

Vanessa will be working closely with myself and the staff to ensure a smooth transition. I have no doubt, she will have a huge impact on the teaching and learning at Mount Keira Demonstration School and I look forward to my return in 2023.,

I am sure you will all welcome Vanessa with open arms when she joins us from Term One 2022.

Mount Keira Demonstration School's 160th Birthday

Today marks the 160th year of quality education being provided at Mount Keira Demonstration School.

We had humble beginnings as the "old slack heap school" in the mining village 200m further up the mountain. The school relocated to the present site in November 1877. Enrolments at one stage peaked at 259 all housed in terraced desks in the main school building. The office building was used as the Principal's residence.

In the 1960s, with numbers down to 22, the school almost closed but a community uproar saw the development of a training scheme in conjunction with the new Teachers' College and the school gradually increased in popularity with numbers remaining stable in recent years.

We are eternally grateful to the many staff who have been dedicated to providing the highest quality education to the children of Mount Keira. We are thankful for the parents and community who have supported us throughout the years and of course the students of the school who have each contributed to make Mount Keira a unique learning environment.

We look forward to another 160 years of quality teaching and learning at Mount Keira.

Thank you to our P and C who arranged cupcakes for the children to allow them to celebrate this wonderful milestone.



School Leaders' speeches

Students running for leadership positions in 2022 will be presenting their speeches to our student body this Thursday 2 December. Our 3-6 cohort will be present during the speeches however due to current restrictions our K-2 students will view the speeches via recorded sessions. All students will vote once the speeches have been finalised.

Ethics and Scripture

Today we held our final sessions of Ethics and Scripture for 2021. We would like to say a big thank you to the wonderful volunteers who offer their time each week to bring the programs to our students. It has been lovely having them back and we look forward to working with them again in 2022.

As mentioned in the previous Summit, the Ethics coordinators are looking for more volunteers to run the programs. If you are interested please contact Grant Ellmers at grantellmers65@gmail.com.

School of Excellence

On Wednesday David Lamb, Director Educational Leadership, presented our staff with a Certificate of Excellence! The award recognises the outstanding work of all staff at Mount Keira Demonstration School.

The award reads: *Certificate of Excellence: In recognition of the exceptional leadership demonstrated within the entire school learning community. Acknowledging each and every student, parent, teacher, support staff, community member and school leader for unrelenting commitment, perseverance and contribution throughout 2021.*

A HUGE achievement for our small school. Congratulations to our amazing team for their dedication and commitment to our beautiful little school.



Showcase Concert

Over the last eight weeks students have been learning the choreography for their end of year routines. 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 our teachers for choreographing their class dance as, due to the restrictions, we were unable to engage a dance teacher to fulfil this role.

The filming of our end of year concert will take place next Wednesday 8 December. All students will need to come to school dressed in their costumes that day and will not need to change back into their uniforms.

If your child does not have a Permission to Publish form in place they will be excluded from the filming of the performance. Please send your child's teacher a message via ClassDojo if you are happy for them to be filmed on this occasion.

Following the filming of our dances, students will also be involved in our traditional carols. Students will sing a variety of Christmas carols to celebrate the festive season. We are hoping to have a special visitor presenting our students with something small during their carols.

Keep your 'eye out' on your ClassDojo for notifications of your child's dance.

Changes to our Year 6 Farewell Assembly

On Friday the Department updated their advice in regards to parents and carers. The advice received states:

Assemblies and presentations will be allowed outdoors on site. Cohorts will be separated with physical distancing in place where practicable.

*Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if **invited by the school to complete** a specific role (such as presenting). All visitors must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination.*

However, after consultation with the Director, David Lamb, we are now allowed to have two fully vaccinated parents onsite to celebrate their child's Year 6 Graduation Assembly.

In order for this event to go ahead we must adhere to a number of requirements. These requirements are:

- Two fully vaccinated parents/carers are allowed to attend per graduating Year 6 student
- Cohorting must be adhered to. This means only our 3-6 cohort will be able to attend the graduation assembly
- Parents/carers on school grounds MUST adhere to physical distancing at all times
- Parents/carers are not to mingle or congregate with other parents/carers or students whilst on school grounds
- Students must be seated separately from parents/carers and maintain physical distancing at all times
- Time on site is to be reduced to a minimum
- All parents/carers must check in using the school visitor check-in QR code and show proof of vaccination on arrival
- This event will no longer be filmed

If the weather does not permit us to hold our Graduation Assembly outside in the amphitheatre, we will move the assembly to take place underneath the COLA. This event must take place outdoors in order to meet the current restrictions.

I am so happy that parents/carers are now allowed on site to celebrate such an important event alongside their children. I have no doubt this event will bring many smiles to our students' and parents' faces and will create memories to be treasured for a lifetime.

Reports

Over the past few weeks, teachers have been busy writing student reports. We are now in the editing stage. Reports will be sent home to parents/carers on Friday 10 December. This is a great opportunity to sit down with your child and discuss their progress throughout the year.

Class Parties 2021

Due to the Covid restrictions we are unable to have the usual shared foods at our annual class parties. As a treat for the children the P and C have kindly offered to run a Monday Munchies Subway order. On Thursday 16 December students may order Subway, which they will eat in their class group. If they choose not to order Subway they can bring their usual lunch. 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 the 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 9 December 3:15pm (**No late orders accepted**)

The school is also currently coordinating some small treats to celebrate their traditional end of year events. As Thursday 16 December will be our school fun day, students will have the opportunity to receive some small class party items. This will come at a small cost to parents/carers as the school will be purchasing all 'party food' items for the day instead of parents donating items to be shared.

A permission note for the activities with payment details will be sent home shortly. Please ensure payment is finalised promptly.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in the class party or they have special dietary needs please indicate it on the permission note.

Please take the time over the holidays to label all your children's clothing as we have a lot of unlabelled clothing in lost property.

Library

The last week for library borrowing will be this Monday 6 December. Please ensure any library books are returned by next Friday 10 December or earlier if your child does not need them. We sent home overdue notices last week. If your child has received an overdue notice 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.

Keep Safe, Keep Smiling

Mrs Tenae Carroll
Principal



MKDS Newsletter
1 December 2021
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Dear families

Cookie dough fundraiser

Our Cookies raised a wonderful profit towards our teachers wish list... in excess of \$1000 profit from over 320 tubs of cookies sold.... these will be ready for collection on 10 December at school pickup.

Thank you to our whole community and helpers for making this a wonderful success. We are looking for volunteers to help separate the tubs into groups on the afternoon of the 10th. Please contact Jes or Angie if you are able to help.

Bunnings BBQ

The Bunnings BBQ was also a success despite the rain, cold and wind.. our volunteers raised over \$400 and we hope to make this a regular community fundraising event. We booked Saturday 5/03/2022... so get your apron ready.

Thank you for your ongoing support during this difficult year. How wonderful that we are part of such a supportive community.

The P and C Committee