

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

Established 1861 "Learning and Caring"

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**The Summit** Term 4 Week 4 Wednesday 2 November 2022

## Upcoming events

Thursday	10 November	Science Fair at Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts
Friday	11 November	Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday	14 November	Monday Munchies - Sushi
Wednesday	16 November	Kindergarten Transition – 9:30am-11am
Thursday	17 November	P&C Disco – 5:30-7pm.
Tuesday	22 November	Parent Information Session - New K-2 Syllabuses – 6:00-7:30pm
Wednesday	30 November	K-6 End of Year Concert
Tuesday	6 December	Jamberoo Excursion (Banskia)
Tuesday	13 December	K-2 Excursion
Wednesday	14 December	Talent Quest
Wednesday	14 December	Semester two reports go home
Thursday	15 December	K-6 End of Year Reward Day
Friday	16 December	Year 6 Graduation
Friday	16 December	Last day of term for students
Monday	19 December	Staff Development Day
Tuesday	20 December	Staff Development Day

## What's Due?

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Term 4 Invoice	All students	Immediately
K-2 Science Space Centre permission	Wattle & Lilli Pilli students	Immediately
WHSPA Science Fair	Banksia students	Tuesday 8 November
Monday Munchies Sushi Orders due	All families	Thursday 10 November by 3:15pm
MKDS - School Disco	All families	Monday 14 November
Selective High School Year 7 2024 Registration – See Intention to Apply form	Year 5 students	Wednesday 16 November

Dear parents and carers,

A huge thank you to all our families who completed the Tell Them from Me Survey. We've received the survey results and we have had a great response rate. The students in Years 4-6 have also completed the survey. This information is very valuable in helping us identify areas for improvement and we thank you for the time you have taken to give us this information.

### K-2 English and Mathematics Syllabuses

As mentioned in the P&C meeting, we will be holding an information session on the changes to the K-2 English and Mathematics syllabuses coming into effect in all schools at the beginning of next year. This will give parents an opportunity to ask questions and see some examples of what the new syllabuses look like in practice. If you'd like to come along, the information session details are below:

**Date:** Tuesday 22 November

**Time:** 6:00-7:30pm

**RSVP:** Monday 21 November - Please fill in this [form](#) to RSVP

### MKDS Uniform - 2023

A huge thank you again to Holly Tootell and the P&C Uniform Sub Committee for all their work on the new uniform proposal. At the P&C meeting, it was decided that all uniform items will be available to purchase for next year. However, families have **three years** to transition to the new uniform.

The main goals of the sub committee were to make the uniform simple, comfortable and affordable for all families. The items can be worn all year round. There will no longer be a 'Summer' and 'Winter' or a separate 'Sport' uniform. Poppets will remain our uniform supplier and they have been made aware of the changes to our uniform for next year.

## New MKDS Uniform



*Navy and gold polo with white trim embroidered with school logo*



*Navy polyester/viscose shorts*



*Navy polyester/viscose culotte*



*Dress (optional)*



*Polyester/viscose long pants*



*Beanie*



*Sloppy joe embroidered with school logo*



*Microfibre jacket embroidered with school logo*



*Black shoes*



*White socks*



*Navy hat embroidered with school logo*

### P&C Disco

The P&C have decided to host a Term 4 disco after school on Thursday 17 November from 5:30-7pm. This will replace the SRC disco we had scheduled during school hours. The SRC will be assisting with the P&C disco. A permission note will be sent home with students this week. Permission note and payment are due by Monday 14 November 2022.

### Aboriginal Cultural Education

Sarah Hanlon has started working with all our students on learning the Dharawal verse of the National Anthem over the past two weeks. We look forward to having the opportunity to share this with you later this term.

This week our teachers participated in a professional learning session at Keiraville Public School on Aboriginal Education led by Leanne Veitch, a teacher and Northern Illawarra AECG member. During this session our teachers engaged in learning about local resources to support our curriculum and how to write an Acknowledgement of Country.



### Teacher Professional Learning

Yesterday, our teachers were lucky enough to have a visit from Associate Professor Cathrine Neilsen-Hewett. Cathrine is the Academic Director of the Early Years at the University of Wollongong and has been working with NESAs on the curriculum reform that is currently underway. She shared research on play-based pedagogy and ways that this approach can be used in the first few years of primary school to support transitions and student learning and development.

### High Potential and Gifted (HPAG) Class

Next Tuesday, Claudia, Harry, Pippa and Luka will be sharing their learning journey at the Curiosity and Creativity Expo at Coniston Public School. We can't wait to see what they've been learning about in this class throughout the year.

**Stage 3 Science Expo**

Next Thursday our Stage 3 students will be participating in the Science Fair at Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts. The students will be presenting the individual research investigations they have undertaken this semester. We look forward to seeing their work on display for the wider community to engage with and wish them every success for the prizes on offer.

**End of Year Concert Costumes**

This year we have tried to simplify outfits and costumes with what you most likely have at home already and what we can do at school with the students. Please keep an eye out for your child's class dojo this week for outfit details that you will be required to bring in by Week 6 or prior. We can't wait to show you all the children's hard work on Wednesday 30 November.

**Kindergarten Transition – Morning Tea**

We will be having our Kindergarten Transition Session for our 2023 students on Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 9:30am. Each year our P&C kindly organise a morning tea for our new families on this day. If you are able to contribute a plate of food for this morning tea, can you please let Angie know.

Have a wonderful week!

Kind regards,

Vanessa May  
Relieving Principal



# Class of the Fortnight – Waratah

Over the last few weeks, Waratah has enjoyed doing special maths lessons with Mrs Brglevski and Miss Klasson team teaching in the classroom. These activities are helping the teachers and students become familiar with the new mathematics syllabus being implemented for Years 3-6 in 2024.

Our Term 4 collaborative team teaching focus is mass, and we have enjoyed doing lots of hands-on investigations with objects of different masses and measuring tools, such as scales and equal arm balances. Here are some pictures of us completing an investigation where we brainstormed what we already knew about mass, estimated the masses of objects around us and used kilogram weights to identify classroom objects that have a mass of less than, equal to and more than a kilogram. We showed excellent cooperation skills in our groups and had a lot of fun hefting our belongings in the classroom!



# Our School Values

## RESPECT

*Showing that you care for yourself and others*



- Wait for your turn
- Listen carefully and follow instructions
- Speak kindly to others
- Allow others to learn and work

## RESILIENCE

*Having the ability to bounce back after challenges*



- Keep on trying
- Be a problem solver
- 'Bounce back' when an issue has been resolved

## RESPONSIBILITY

*Making good choices and accepting your actions*



- Be ready for learning
- Keep the classroom tidy
- Look after your belongings

## EXCELLENCE

*Always trying your best*



- Always try your best
- Find ways to improve
- Learn from mistakes

## COOPERATION

*Working together to solve problems*

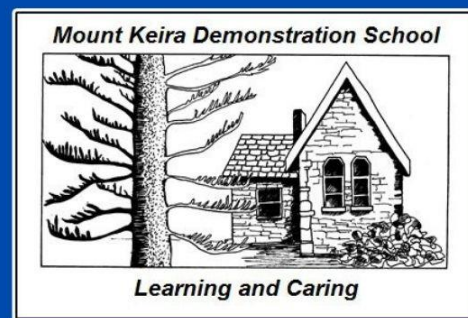


- Give everyone a turn
- Contribute to learning
- Work well with others



# Mount Keira

## DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL



## ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2023



### ENROLMENT

To begin the enrolment process, please visit our school website to complete an online enrolment application form or contact our school office.

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### PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Please join us on Wednesday 16 November at 9:30am for a parent information session about our school. This will be followed by a parent morning tea.



### KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

Our 2023 Kindergarten students are invited to attend a transition session on Wednesday 16 November from 9:30-11am. Your child must be enrolled at our school to attend this event.

Please contact our school office on (02) 4229 1446 if you would like to organise a school tour or require any further information about our school.