

# Mount Keira Demonstration School

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**The Summit** Term 4 Week 6 Wednesday 16 November 2022

## Upcoming events

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17 November</b>	<b>P&amp;C Disco – 5:30-7:30pm.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>22 November</b>	<b>Parent Information Session - New K-2 Syllabuses – 6:00-7:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30 November</b>	<b>K-6 End of Year Concert 6:00pm (Picnic at 5:00pm)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6 December</b>	<b>Jamberoo Excursion (Banskia)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>13 December</b>	<b>K-2 Science Space Excursion</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>14 December</b>	<b>Talent Quest</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>14 December</b>	<b>Semester two reports go home</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>15 December</b>	<b>K-6 Hoyts Movie Day Excursion</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>16 December</b>	<b>Year 6 Graduation</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>16 December</b>	<b>Last day of term for students</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>19 December</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20 December</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>

## What's Due?

<b>Activity/ Note</b>	<b>Students Involved</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Term 4 Invoice	All students	Immediately
K-2 Science Space Centre permission	Wattle & Lilli Pilli students	Immediately
Selective High School Year 7 2024 Registration – See Intention to Apply form	Year 5 students	Wednesday 16 November
Hoyts Movie Day Excursion	All students	Thursday 8 December

Dear parents and carers,

It's hard to believe we are halfway through the term already.

Last week, our SRC announced the K-6 Hoyts Movie excursion day. A note about the excursion will be coming home this week.

Each week, the students have been earning Class Dojo points based on our school values. We set a target of 8 000 points for this term, and the students have already exceeded this target. This has meant that our school captains, Emma and Nathan, have had to add more cardboard to our reward point thermometer! We can't wait to see how many points our students achieve this term. Well done MKDS!!!

## K-2 English and Mathematics Syllabuses

We will be holding an information session on the upcoming changes to the K-2 curriculum. Thank you to everyone who has already sent in an RSVP.

**Date:** Tuesday 22 November

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

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

## Remembrance Day Ceremony

Last Friday, we commemorated Remembrance Day in a ceremony organised by Miss Reskic and presided over by our school captains, Emma and Nathan. It was a beautiful and very moving morning with the Acknowledgement of Country read by Ariana and poems by Lola and Sienna, where we reflected on the sacrifices made by those who went to war. All the students demonstrated our school values during the 1-minute silence at 11 o'clock, where Luca rang the bell 11 times. Classrooms made poppy badges that they wore to the ceremony and wreaths, which the SRC members placed under our flag with our school captains to pay our respects to the fallen soldiers. Students engaged in learning about Remembrance Day in their classrooms, and Wattle decided to commemorate by writing a poem about 'poppies'.

### 'Poppies' - poem written by Wattle

Poppies are red and black,

They grew in the fields after the attack.

We wear them for respect and for we are sad,

Because the war was very, very bad.

We wear poppies on Remembrance Day,

To thank the soldiers that we can do as we may.

Thankfully the war has ended,

But it's important that we remembered,

The many lives that were taken away,

So we can be safe, happy and play.



### 2023 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 2023 school year.

All Year 5 students have met with Mrs Gehrke and Mrs May 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 2023. They will present their speeches to their peers K-6, who will then vote to select our leaders for 2023. The presentation of speeches will be on Thursday 24 November at 2pm.

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

### End of Year Concert

Our End of Year Concert is fast approaching. It will be held on Wednesday 30 November and will begin with a 5pm picnic dinner. The concert will begin promptly at 6pm.

The school is buzzing with choir and dance rehearsals each week in preparation for our end of year concert. We have been so impressed with all students in how they have mastered their dance choreography. Brooke from Dance2BFit and our Stage 3 leaders have been amazing choreographers!

Just a reminder we are finalising and checking costumes in preparation for dress rehearsals so could your child's costume be brought into school by the end of this week in a bag with their names on it. Shoes can be worn on the actual concert night. Students are to arrive with their hair and makeup done.

Please let your classroom teacher know if your child will not be attending.

Any questions, please see Mrs Robinson or your class teacher.

### Stage 3 Science Fair

When Banksia went to the Wollongong High School Science Fair on Thursday 10 November. We were very excited and happy. We got to show off the projects we had worked on for over a term, meet new people from other local primary schools and dance to music. It was so much fun and we would love to do it again. We would also like to congratulate Kobi, Eligh and Jayden on their 4th place win.

By Emma and Nathan





### ICAS Double Medal Winner

A huge congratulations to Paolo from Waratah who was successful in achieving not one, but two medals for his outstanding performance in the ICAS Digital Technologies and Science assessments earlier this year.

Paolo gave us some words of advice for any students wanting to participate in the ICAS assessments in the future:

“The best advice for students sitting ICAS is just to try your best. Even if you don’t get all the questions right, be happy about your results.”

Well done Paolo!



### HPAG Expo

Harry, Pippa, Claudia and Luka in Year 5 have been participating in the High Potential and Gifted Class at Coniston Public School on Tuesdays since the beginning of the year. Last Tuesday 8 November, parents/carers and Principals were invited to attend the ‘Curiosity and Creativity Expo’ presented by the HPAG class.

It was incredible to see the amazing acting skills these students had in their play, ‘Macbeth’, and to see the culmination of their work for the individual projects they’ve been working on throughout these classes. A huge congratulations to these students on their efforts and achievements in the HPAG class this year. You made us all very proud!

If your child will be in Year 5 in 2023, they will have the opportunity to try out for next year’s HPAG class. Students will be able to sit the entry test early in Term 1 next year – keep your eye out for this information.



Have a wonderful week!  
Kind regards,

Vanessa May  
Relieving Principal



# Class of the Fortnight – Lilli Pilli

Lilli Pilli's MAPPEN topic this term is *Through Generations*. The past 5 weeks we have been learning about the lives of people in the past and what the world looked like in different generations. Last Thursday the students brought in an object from the past that this generation do not use. Some students had never even seen the objects so this sparked great discussions within our classroom. The students enjoyed this so much that on Friday they brought in more objects to share and we continued the discussions and sharing of objects. There was a range of objects that came in. These included telephones, records, a record player, cassette tapes, tape player, a wind hat, a basketball singlet, a Chinese paint pen, Russian Pelmeni Maker Machine Mold, a camera, egg beaters, a washing brush, an iron and a football jersey.

Our class has thoroughly enjoyed sharing and learning about these objects and the past times. Our next focus is interviewing someone from a past generation to share their knowledge with us. We are excited for the coming weeks with our MAPPEN lessons!





# 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