

Mount Keira Demonstration School

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The Summit Term 4 Week 10 Wednesday 14 December 2022

Upcoming events

Thursday	15 December	K-6 Hoyts Movie Day Excursion
Friday	16 December	Year 6 Graduation – 10am
Friday	16 December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner – 5-7pm
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
Yr6 Farewell Dinner - note & order	Year 6	Immediately

Dear parents and carers,

It's hard to believe we have reached the end of the 2022 school year!

2022 has been a wonderful year here at Mount Keira, creating opportunities for students to learn, thrive and succeed academically, culturally and socially. During the year, we have been working through two major reforms in education regarding the new curriculum and student wellbeing. With the students returning to face-to-face teaching this year, we have had a strong focus on teaching our school values of respect, resilience, responsibility, cooperation and excellence to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. These values are at the centre of everything we do here at Mount Keira and help our students, teachers and families to have a shared understanding of our expectations for student learning and behaviour.

We held our first parent information session a couple of weeks ago on the changes to our K-2 curriculum next year. It was so wonderful to see parents involved in learning about what will be taught in our K-2 classrooms next year. We will be continuing this work, with the introduction of the 3-6 English and Mathematics syllabuses next year and look forward to providing more opportunities for families to be involved.

I would just like to say that I have been incredibly grateful for the opportunity to come and Relieve as Principal at Mount Keira this year while Mrs Carroll has been on maternity leave. I have enjoyed getting to know each and every child and family, and supporting the teachers and staff in doing what they do best - providing our students with outstanding educational opportunities and experiences. Although my time here has been short, it has been such a rich and rewarding experience and I have truly loved working with the staff here at this school who are so committed and dedicated to this school community.

The children have grown so much in their learning throughout the year and we are so proud of what they have all accomplished. It has been such a privilege and joy to have had opportunities to teach every single class here at this school throughout the year and to see the students demonstrate their love for learning.

I would like to thank everyone here for their support throughout this year and wish you all the very best for your future years at MKDS. Your children are in very good hands.

MKDS End of Year Concert

A huge thank you to our amazing students who shone at our End of Year Performance on Wednesday 30 November. From the opening choir singing 'Brave' through to each class dance, a special Year 6 dance and our grand whole school finale! We even had a visit from Santa! You all did us proud with your commitment and cooperation to the Creative Arts. It was very encouraging to see all hands-on deck in the weeks leading up to the concert with many students helping in choreography, costume and props design. A mighty effort from a small school. Thank you again to our staff, students, Dance2BeFit and parents for all your support.

Class videos and finale have been made available on Class Dojo Whole School Story. These are unlisted links and are not to be shared to others or on social media. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did!



Reports

Your child will be bringing home their Semester Two report today. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's learning achievements with them. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Term 4 Invoices

Term 4 invoices were due by Friday 18 November – if you have not already done so, please arrange for immediate payment. Please contact our school office if you would like to discuss any matters relating to your invoice.

Hoyts Movie Day

On Thursday the whole school will be attending a movie day at Hoyts in Warrawong. Students will be expected to wear full sports uniform with a fruit snack, drink bottle, hat and lunch packed. We will be watching *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile* which is a special session for our school and we have the theatre to ourselves! We should return to school by 12:30pm. All the students are very excited to finish the year off with a special movie experience.

Farewell Assembly

The end of year Farewell Assembly for our graduating Year 6 students, will be held on Friday 16 December at 10am in our COLA. All parents, grandparents and community members are welcome to attend this important event to farewell our graduating students.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

All Year 6 students are invited to attend the farewell dinner to take place at Corrimal RSL at 5pm on Friday 16 December. Official invitations have already been sent home. We look forward to a fun and enjoyable night celebrating the wonderful memories made here at MKDS.

Library Books

Please return any library books you may have at home.

2023 Class Requirements

Teachers are currently organising classroom requirements for 2023. These requirements will be finalised by the first 'meet and greet' session early in 2023; however, we are mindful that parents like to get organised during the school holidays. If you are wanting to purchase some items with which to begin 2023, please consider the following:

- a box of tissues for shared classroom use
- HB pencils (maintain a regular supply throughout the year)
- one packet of coloured pencils
- erasers
- ruler – no metal or bendy rulers please
- white-out tape for Stage 3 (not liquid paper please)
- blue and red pens for Stage 3

Please note the above is only a guide. K-2 students will not require their own pencil case. Items can be brought in to use as communal resources. Teachers will issue any specific class requests when classes are finalised early in 2023.

All personal belongings (bags, hats, clothing, lunchboxes, drink bottles etc) should be clearly marked with your child's name.

Farewells

It is with sadness that we farewell the following families whose children are moving on to high school or moving interstate. You have all played a memorable and important role in the lives of your children at this school and we thank you for being part of our beautiful MKDS community. We wish you all well and hope that you stay in touch so that we can continue to celebrate your children's achievements.

- Tye Family
- Osborne Family
- Blanchard Family
- Bronska and Milic Families
- Krkovski Family
- Newton Family
- Smith Family
- Sorensen Family

Stage 3 - Jamberoo

At Jamberoo I went on the Taipan, Funnel Web, Rapid River, The Rock and Velocity Falls. The Funnel Web was absolutely terrifying but I would definitely recommend it. Overall, I had a great time and I hope we can go back there next year. *By Eloise*

The most exciting excursion I've been on is definitely Jamberoo because of its thrilling rides. My favourite ride is the Taipan due to the floaties you sit on, going extremely fast and being thrown around the walls. The scariest ride I went on was the Perfect Storm, we were being thrown around two cones dropping and going really fast, thunder and lightning effects, absolutely terrifying but fun. *By Emily*

Jamberoo was amazing, especially the Perfect Storm. That was my favourite ride. Eligh, Kobi, Chris and I went on it and I felt like I was about to fall off. It's so fast! My other favourite ride was the Octo-Racer. We went on mats down 8 slides, racing other people or your friends. Going down the Taipan was also fun, in a pitch black tunnel with lights on the side, this was a very fun ride. The day was packed with rides and lots of fun. *By Luka*

The first ride I got on was the Taipan and I did this twice. Then I did the Funnel Web 3 times and the Perfect Storm 2 times. I went into the wave pool and I jumped off the rock 1 time. I also went into Banjo's Billabong. I loved Jamberoo and cannot wait to go back. *By James*

Jamberoo was great. I went on every single ride except for Toboggans because we weren't allowed but I still had so much fun. My favourite ride was Perfect Storm because it was so much fun with my friends and because of the funnels we almost flipped which was really scary. I also went on the new rides Stinger and Octo. Octo was a way better version of Surf Hill and Stinger was where the floor dropped beneath you and you went down a long chute super-fast, it was terrifying but really fun. *By Dane*

Jamberoo was so fun, all the fun rides and all the yummy food. I think we all had so much fun and at the end of the day we were all tired. *By Eva S*

When we went to Jamberoo, I had a great time. I went on a lot of the rides and saw some of my friends from outside of school. Before the day ended, I went on The Taipan, The Wave Pool, The Water Park and the Rapid River multiple times. *By Luca*

At Jamberoo, I had an extremely amazing and action-filled time. I went on the Taipan 2 times and The Rock 8 times. I really enjoyed the water, and I hope to come back in the Summer/Christmas holidays. I had a really great time, and it was worth the money. *By Ari*

Year five and six iconic 2022 Jamberoo trip.

I had a lot of fun on the Jamberoo rides and I had a great time eating and going on rides with my friends. I was too scared to do some of the rides but the rides I did go on satisfied my fun taste buds. *By Theo*

Jamberoo was so fun; we had a lot of independence to go around the park and go on any rides we felt like. I enjoyed the Taipan (not the walk up though) and liked running around with my friends. Jamberoo was a really enjoyable experience and I wish I got to do it last year too. *By Emma*



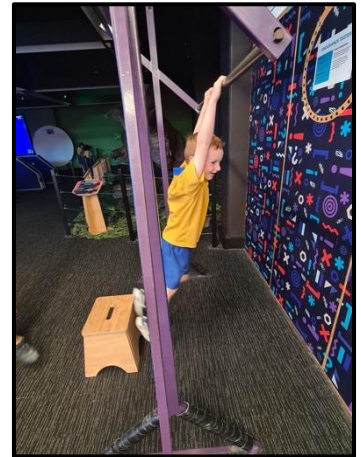
Class of the Fortnight – Wattle

K/1 Wattle has had a fantastic year of learning and building positive relationships; we cannot believe it has now come to an end! Recently, one of our favourite experiences was when we were lucky enough to explore our beautiful outdoor classroom, the Oola-boola-woo, with Waratah. We listened to their amazing poems inspired by the book 'Imagine' by Alison Lester and saw their remarkable artwork. The students and teachers had a wonderful experience exploring the outdoor learning environment while listening to the fantastic poems the students in Waratah wrote that inspired us to use our senses and 'imagine' what it would be like to live in different, natural environments. It was a magical experience that summed up the great learning and connections we have made this year.



K-2 Science Excursion

Wattle and Lilli Pilli had a fantastic excursion to the Science Centre with Mrs Brglevski and Miss Reskic. The students had fun viewing outer space at the planetarium, exploring the wonderful science exhibits, building tall towers in teams, watching an excellent bubble experiment, and having an incredible adventure walking to the park and playing on the equipment in the beautiful sunshine. It was wonderful to see all the students enjoying themselves and finishing the school year and all their hard work with such a fun experience.





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