

Mount Keira Demonstration School

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The Summit Term 1 Week 10 Wednesday 30 March 2022

Upcoming events

Thursday 1 April	School Athletics Carnival (K-6) – POSTPONED
Monday 4 April	School Photo Day
Tuesday 5 April	Easter Hat Parade and Sausage Sizzle
Friday 8 April	Last day of Term 1
Monday 25 April	Public Holiday
Tuesday 26 April	Staff Development Day – Staff only
Wednesday 27 April	Term 2 Commences – Students return
Wednesday 27 April	ANZAC Day Ceremony
Monday 2 May	School Athletics Carnival (K-6)

What's Due?

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Easter Hat Parade Sausage Sizzle order	All students	Thursday 31 March
Easter Egg Donations & Raffle Tickets	All students	Friday, 1 April
School Photos need to be paid online (see order form). Sibling photos have a separate online order form – this needs to be collected from our office.	All students	Friday 1 April
Y5/6 Berry Camp note/online registration	Year 5/6 students	Immediately
Emergency contact sheet (orange), Permission to Publish form and Student use of Digital Device and Online Services Policy and Agreement	All students	Immediately
Big Permission Note and Gardening and Food Related Activities note	Kindergarten and new students	Immediately

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this will be the last Summit for the term, I wanted to wish you all a wonderful Easter and school holiday break and hope that you enjoy the break with family and friends. School finishes this term on Friday, 8 April. Students will return to school on Wednesday, 27 April next term. Our teachers will be participating in a Staff Development Day at Keiraville Public School on Tuesday, 26 April focused on the new K-2 English Syllabus.

Goal setting sessions have commenced this week at MKDS. It was wonderful to see so many students and parents involved in these valuable sessions. If you were unable to attend a goal setting session, please contact your teacher to arrange a time to discuss your child's development and future learning.

Wellness Wednesday

We are seeking more parent and community volunteers for our Term 2 Wellness Wednesday program. If you are interested in volunteering to assist our students with yoga, cooking or gardening, we'd love to hear from you. Please fill in this [form](#) and Ms Brglevski will contact you.

School Athletics Carnival

Beaton Park have informed us that their grounds and facilities are unable to be used this week for our School Athletics Carnival due to the ongoing rain. We have rebooked our carnival for Monday, 2 May at Beaton Park.

School Photos

Our School Photo Day is Monday, 4 April. Students were issued with their individual MSP Photography order forms with a unique ShootKey. Photos packages are ordered online, as per instructions on the photo form. As detailed by MSP Photography, it is no longer necessary to return any paperwork to school on photo day for individual photo orders.

All students will have their photo taken, regardless of whether an online payment has already been made or not. Orders placed before photo day will be at a discounted bulk rate: orders made after photo day will not receive the discount. Some additional photo envelopes are available at the office for those families that require separate orders.

If you would like your children to have a sibling (family) photo taken, please collect a sibling order envelope from the school office, which will also have a unique ShootKey for online ordering. Sibling envelopes must be returned to school on photo day.

All students must wear their full summer uniform including black shoes with white socks for girls and grey socks for boys. Hair styles should be simple, and accessories should be in keeping with the school colours. School Leaders and SRC members are to be at school at 8:45am on this day for their leadership photo.

Easter Celebrations

With Easter approaching fast we are planning our Easter hat making session. It will be held at school on Monday, 4 April in the afternoon session. We are asking all students to bring in a hat and anything they would like to stick onto a hat to create their Easter hat. Please make sure the bag you bring your items in is labelled clearly with your name. Students can start bringing their supplies in now.

Mrs Brglevski and Mrs Sartori have been working hard to organise our Easter hat parade which will be held on Tuesday, 5 April at 10:00am. This will be a K-6 assembly and we are welcoming parents and visitors to come up for our Easter Hat Parade if they are available. After our hat parade we will draw our raffle tickets and hand out any winning prizes. We are inviting parents to stay for a sausage sizzle picnic. Order forms and raffle tickets have already been sent out. If you wish to purchase a sausage sizzle and drink, you will need to return your order form back to the office on Thursday, 31 March so we can order enough food and drinks. The SRC will be running this fundraiser. We hope to see you there.

NAPLAN Practice Test

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All NSW schools will sit NAPLAN online in 2022.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN between 10 and 20 May 2022.

In preparation for NAPLAN, our school will also be participating in practice tests this week. The practice test is a trial run and key preparation activity for NAPLAN in May. It is not an assessment of student ability, and the tests will not be marked.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not recommended. Students can use the public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in NAPLAN.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

Selective High School Test

The Selective High School Test will take place tomorrow. All students who are participating in the test are required to arrive by 9:00am. We wish these students all the very best!

High Potential and Academically Gifted Program (HPAG) Class

Some of our Year 5 students sat the AGAT test earlier in the term for a position in the 2022 High Potential and Academically Gifted Program Class. The program aims to provide additional enrichment for high potential and academically gifted students in Year 5 to assist them to optimise their learning, especially critical and creative thinking skills. We are excited to announce that Harry, Luka, Pippa and Claudia have been offered a position in one of the classes. Congratulations to these students on a wonderful achievement!

ANZAC Service

The school will be conducting our annual ANZAC Service on Wednesday, 27 April. The ceremony will take place from 10.30 am with all students participating in this special event. Parents and caregivers are invited to attend our ceremony to commemorate our ANZACs. Please ensure you sign in via the QR code.

GRIP Leadership

The GRIP leadership session that all of Year 6 attended on Thursday, 17 March was a fun yet educational experience. We all learnt how to STEP up in leadership techniques. In STEP the S stands for Serving others, the T stands for Taking initiative, the E stands for Exemplify school values and the P stands for Purpose. As a school community, we all do these things, but what year 6 learnt was how to take the next step with these initiatives. "It was really fun, working with other schools, and learning more about leadership," said Lola. "We all enjoyed it, and can't wait to put these in place at our school!"

We also learnt how to take our ideas for the school to the next level, showcasing everything at its full potential. Not only that but stepping up our teamwork by making sure everyone contributes, helps, and gets a say. So all in all, GRIP taught us that even if you are not one of our four captains, you can still be a leader in so many other ways.



By Emma, Lola and Ayda

Harmony Week

Wow! What an amazing day at MKDS last Friday for Harmony Day. Even though it was wet, it was still a great turn out. Everyone looked fantastic dressed in their orange mufti clothes. The students spent the afternoon session doing Harmony and Multicultural activities as they rotated around to all the classrooms. The activities

were run by our leaders. It was a very successful and fun afternoon. Thank you to Mrs Sartori and Miss Klasson for organising the Harmony Day activities.

A HUGE thank you to all the families who bought in cakes for our SRC to sell at school bake stall. Another HUGE thank you to Mrs Brglevski and the SRC students for running our bake stall sale at lunch, recess and after school, at the gate. The SRC raised \$360 from the bake stall alone! Another \$100 was raised from the gold coin donation which will be donated to the Australian Lions Foundation Emergency disaster charity.



Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who competed in the Cross Country Carnival on Monday. A huge thank you to Mrs Gehrke and our leaders for their organisation of this event. The District Cross Country Carnival will be held early next term.

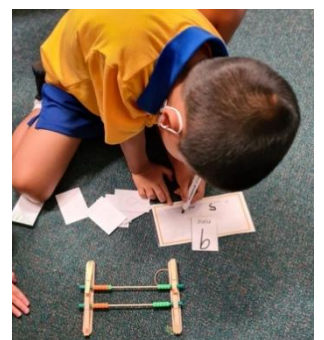
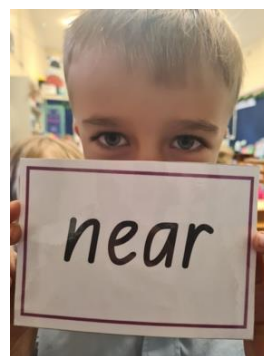
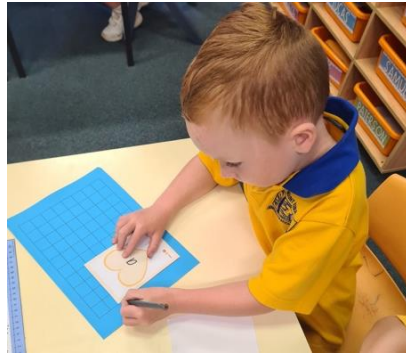


Vanessa May
Relieving Principal

K/1 Wattle

They say a picture can say a thousand words; well, look at these fantastic snapshots of the wonderful learning happening in the Wattle Room! This term, K/1 has thoroughly enjoyed engaging in rich, hands-on investigations that encourage the students to explore, take risks, reflect, and enhance their mathematical thinking. We have been exploring and learning many concepts during our math lessons, including; partitioning

of numbers, length, area, mass, position, attribute patterns, to name a few. I can't wait to see more from these mathematicians in Wattle!



Information for parents and carers

NAPLAN 2022



What is NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Students participate in NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN provides an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. The tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools and education authorities with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

NAPLAN online

All NSW schools will sit NAPLAN online in 2022. The move to NAPLAN online brings new benefits for teachers and students.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN online?

More precise results with an adaptive design:

Tailored tests adapt to a student's performance and ask questions that match the student's achievement levels.

Better engagement: Research into online assessment indicates that students engage well with online tests as the questions are tailored to their achievement levels.

Tailored testing

Tailored testing provides a more precise assessment of a student's performance. Students at each year level start with a similar set of questions. Depending on the number of questions they answered correctly, the next set of questions may be more, or less, difficult.

A student's NAPLAN result is based on both the number and difficulty of questions the student answers correctly. A student who completes a more difficult set of questions is more likely to achieve a higher score.

Watch a video (3:06 length) to learn more about tailored testing: <https://youtu.be/oGFseJAM3Ew>

Supporting your child

The best approach for preparing your child for NAPLAN is to encourage your child to do the best they can on the day.

Excessive preparation or the use of coaching providers is not recommended.

Students can use the public demonstration site to familiarise themselves with the tools and type of questions they will experience in NAPLAN: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

NAPLAN 2022 test window

NAPLAN test window: 10 to 20 May 2022

The 9-day test window accommodates schools with fewer devices that require flexibility in scheduling.

Practice tests

NSW schools will participate in practice tests towards the end of Term 1.

The practice test is a trial run and key preparation activity for NAPLAN in May. It is not an assessment of student ability.

Participation in the practice tests is highly beneficial as it allows schools and students to become familiar with the online assessment platform tools and processes.

What if my child was absent on the day of a scheduled NAPLAN test?

Where possible, schools may arrange catch-up tests for individual students who were absent on the day of a scheduled NAPLAN test.

All Year 3 writing catch-up tests must be completed by Friday 13 May 2022. All other catch-up tests must be completed by Friday 20 May 2022.

COVID-19 advice

Parents should keep students at home if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

Your child's school will be required to conduct NAPLAN testing in accordance with the latest NSW Government COVID-19 advice.

Year 3 writing test

The Year 3 writing test is conducted on paper. All other Year 3 NAPLAN tests will be online tests.

Students' digital skills

The digital skills required to complete NAPLAN are skills that students use in everyday classroom activities.

Students do not need to be able to touch type to complete the test. The online test is not about keyboard skills (just as the paper test was not about handwriting skills).

Withdrawals and exemptions

You can withdraw your child from NAPLAN tests.

A student may be granted a formal exemption if they have:

- significant intellectual disability and/or students with significant comorbidity that severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests, or
- a language background other than English, arrived from overseas and have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the test.

Contact your child's school for further information and to complete the parent/carer consent form.

Privacy

NESA is responsible for the collection of personal information from NSW schools to be used during NAPLAN testing and reporting.

All data collection for NAPLAN is managed in accordance with NSW and Federal privacy legislation described in NESA's privacy management plan, which can be found on the NESA website:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/who-we-are/privacy/naplan-privacy>

Results

Parents receive two reports showing their child's achievements in NAPLAN: the individual student report (ISR) and additional student report (ASR). The ISR and ASR should always be interpreted with care. Teachers will have the best insight into a child's educational progress.

Reports are usually dispatched to schools towards the end of Term 3. Schools then distribute the reports to parents.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.



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