

Mount Keira Demonstration School

Established 1861 "Learning and Caring"

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The Summit Term 2 Week 8 Wednesday 15 June 2022

Upcoming events

Wednesday 15 June	Southern Stars Dance Group Rehearsal
Thursday 23 June	Klarrie's Kitchen orders due
Monday 27 June	Monday Munchies – Klarrie's Kitchen
Tuesday 28 June	Rich Task Showcase K-6
Thursday 30 June	Southern Stars Dance Group Rehearsal (WEC)
Friday 1 July	Last day of term

What's Due?

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Term 1 Invoice	All students	Immediately
Term 2 Invoice	All students	21 June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term is flying by and the students are very busy getting prepared for the Rich Task Showcase on Tuesday 28 June. This showcase will give our students the opportunity to show the knowledge, understanding and skills that they have acquired over the past term. The afternoon will commence at 2:15pm with a short assembly underneath the COLA. This will then be followed by an open class session, where parents can visit classrooms and outdoor areas to view student work.

This is a great opportunity to get involved in your child's learning and celebrate their success and hard work. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day.

On Wednesday 29 June (Week 10), you will receive a copy of your child's Semester One report. Teachers make professional judgements, based on assessment data and teacher observation, about student achievement against the state-wide syllabus standards, particularly the syllabus outcomes and content. This professional judgement is done at key points in the learning cycle. The report will outline areas of student strength and learning progress as well as areas for further development and what can be done to support their learning growth. As always, we encourage you to speak to your child's teacher if you require any further information about how you can support your child with their learning.

Ethics Teacher – Volunteer Required

We have recently been informed that our current Ethics teacher, Franca, who teaches Early Stage 1 and Stage 2 Ethics on a Wednesday will not be able to do the role in Term 3 and Term 4. If you know anyone who may be interested in taking on this role for the remainder of the year, please contact our school office for more information.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2023

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten in 2023. If you know of anyone who may be enrolling their child at Mount Keira Demonstration School next year, please let them know they can [enrol online](#) via our school website or contact our school office for more information.

Attendance

Attendance at school is important for all students. When your child misses one day per fortnight, it equates to four weeks per year and by the end of their schooling, they will have missed over one year.

One day per week results in 2.5 years of missed education from K-12. It has long been known that for students to connect, succeed and thrive, they must have excellent attendance patterns.

Late arrivals and early departures also have a detrimental consequence on learning.

We understand that, on occasion, students may arrive late or need to depart early, but these must be kept to a minimum.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight 	= 4 weeks	= Over 1 year missed
1 day per week 	= 8 weeks	= Over 2.5 years missed

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SRC Network Meeting

Today, I had the pleasure of attending the first SRC Network Meeting for Wollongong schools at Lindsay Park Public School with our school leaders, Emma and Nathan. It was an opportunity for them to listen to ideas from other SRC representatives from a range of schools and to share the initiatives being coordinated by our school's SRC. One of our former students, Velvet, is now Vice Captain at WHSPA and gave an inspirational speech to all of the students who attended and successfully led the student groups through a range of activities focused on SRC leadership within schools. Congratulations to all the students involved today; they represented all their schools so well. We look forward to our next SRC Network Meeting in September.



Staffing News

Mrs Allira Robinson will be returning from maternity leave next term, and will be working two days a week for the remainder of the year. Miss Klasson will be teaching Waratah from Monday to Thursday. Mrs Robinson will be teaching Waratah on a Friday and she'll also be teaching RFF to Banskia and Waratah on a Tuesday. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Robinson back to our school next term.

UCI World Road Championships

The UCI World Road Championships is being hosted by the City of Wollongong from 18 to 25 September 2022. This is an exciting event for our city and will attract people from right around the globe. The event will take place during the last week of Term 3, and the time trials running along a city circuit from Monday 19 to Friday 23 September, will affect the operations of a number of schools in the Wollongong area, to varying degrees.

Representatives from the NSW Department of Education are currently working with affected schools, UCI, Wollongong City Council, the State Government and Transport on a plan to support the event and minimise disruption to each school as much as possible.

Schools impacted will have a unique plan developed in consultation with key stakeholders, factoring access for students and staff. Special arrangements will be communicated when finalised. We ask for your patience, understanding and support while these arrangements are decided upon.

To learn more about this upcoming event, you can visit the UCI 2022 Road World Championships -Frequently Asked Questions page at [UCI FAQ](#).

Term 2 Invoices

Term 2 invoices have been distributed. The invoices include (depending on your child's scholastic year) fees for Scope IT, Chodat soccer, UniActive sports, the upcoming stage 2 and 3 Minnamurra Rainforest Centre Excursion, etc. Invoices are due for payment by Tuesday 21 June 2022.

Thank you to those families who have paid their Term 1 Invoices or have contacted the school to make suitable arrangements. Please note that any amounts outstanding from Term 1 will also appear on the Term 2 invoices.

Vanessa May

Relieving Principal

5/6 Banksia – Class of the Fortnight

Earlier this term all students in Stage 3 were able to enjoy some fun filled, adventurous experiences at Berry Sport and Rec Camp. Here are some of their thought and reflection.

Berry camp was very fun and enjoyable, we learnt a lot of new and useful skills while working together in a team. Some of the activities included: Kayaking, Pool Games, Rogaining, Cookout, Archery, and Dark Maze. The actual facility stretches over 100 acres! They also have a rope course, initiatives course, a giant swing and cable gliding. Overall, I loved this experience and hope to do something like it in the future.

By Emma

Camp was fun, the activities were good a lot of the time. The food was decent, some of it was disgusting but it was mostly all good. The instructors were patient and easy going and they helped me with some of the tasks. My favourite activity was either archery or the number hunt. It was a good experience bunking with my friends and doing everything with them.

By Eva

I loved Berry Camp because we did kayaking and archery plus the night activities were so fun. Overall, I had a great time.

By Christopher

My absolute FAVOURITE thing in Berry Camp was rogaining. Rogaining was using clues and a map to find orange papers the size of my hand, whatever number was on it was how many points you got. My team won!

By Emily

I absolutely loved camp, the thing I liked the most was cooking damper. It was so fun and delicious. I ate some of it raw and it tasted disgusting like rotten egg. It was horrible but when I cooked it wow it tasted amazing. I also loved kayaking, going through water. It was so relaxing and wet. Ari and I crashed into the bushes lol. It was an amazing experience and I highly recommend it.

By James

I enjoyed Berry Camp. I loved the canoes because we could go wherever we wanted most of the time. I didn't really like that when we had free time we had to play with the other school that was basically triple the size of ours. That's why I prefer Canberra Camp.

By Luca

We liked Berry Camp because it was exciting and adventure filled. The only thing that we wish we could change about camp would be if we could do aerial activities. Overall, it was a great experience.

By Lola & Ayda

I enjoyed Berry Camp because it had lots of fun activities like pool games, a cookout, rogaining, archery, the dark maze and canoeing. I also loved the delicious food and especially the pancakes and bunking with my friends.

By Dane





An update from your P&C Team:

P&C AGM

We had such a wonderful turnout at our P&C AGM this term, where a combined Zoom and in person meeting was a success. It was great to brainstorm and become creative for the year ahead. Thank you so much to the Teachers and Citizens alike, who shared their voice and offered to help, this support is AMAZING.

Our New Look Committee:

As a result of being voted in, we have the most wonderful team of P&C representatives, who are here to listen and help raise your ideas and focus of enhancing our children's opportunities. Welcome aboard to the best P&C team in the world (I'll have an exciting "About Us" in the next Summit):

Secretary:	Maddy Morris
Treasurer:	Nicki McNamara
Vice President:	Ashlee Jameson
Vice President:	Kera Bruton
President:	Angie Neira

Outstanding Insurance / Membership fees \$25

Over the next few weeks, our Treasurer Nicki will be reaching out to parents with outstanding annual membership fees. This year, our fee is set at \$25 per family and contributes to our ever-increasing "Public Liability Insurance and Student Injury cover" which costs over \$1,000pa. Each family's contribution is important.

If it has slipped your mind, please transfer \$25 to:
 MKDS P and C Association
 BSB: 062 644
 Account Number: 0090 0820
 Please reference your family name and "Membership" as a description.

KEY FUNDRAISING FOCUS "OUR PLAYGROUND"

I'm sure we each share the sad emotions of our playground being taped off, which is due to it no longer adhering to Work Health and Safety requirements. Our SRC have voiced their dream with the P&C, to have this replaced as their number one focus, and the P&C unanimously agree we want to help.

And so we begin our 'fundraise for a focus', in the hope of offering every child (young and old) the chance to climb again.

Pie Drive:

This is our next exciting fundraiser to begin “Our Playground” fundraising quest. What better a time than now, for some yummy pies. Watch this space (via WhatsApp and notes to come home).

Bunnings BBQ 17th September

Prep your tongs and save the date!! Volunteers wanted. We will reach out in the coming weeks for volunteers via WhatsApp.

*Remember if you aren't on our School WhatsApp group chat, please reach out to the Office and they will share your details with me. Or please message Angie on 0413 605 066

Playground Sub-Committee

In our AGM, a Playground Sub-Committee was formed, with a key focus of applying for Grants across the community. If you see any grants, or companies willing to donate... please email us (or message me privately on WhatsApp). Many hands make light work

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In the coming months, we will be introducing “operation playground’ which is hoping that each family can hand out an amazingly prepared letter to a local business. More ideas welcome and hopefully we can raise the funds to make this dream a reality.

New Letterhead

Wow Wow Wow. Our local amazing Artist (and Vice President) Kera Bruton has designed this stunning new personalised and unique artwork, for our fresh new look P&C Summit updates. Kera, your talent is amazing, and we are so fortunate to have your skill in our letterhead! Thank you so very much!!

Angie Neira
P&C President