

Mount Keira Demonstration School

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The Summit Term 3 Week 4 Wednesday 10 August 2022

Upcoming events

Thursday	18 August	Surf Sense Program Yr1-6
Friday	19 August	Illawarra Hawks Visit
	19 August	Premier's Reading Challenge Closes
Wednesday	24 August	Southern Stars Rehearsal
Thursday	25 August	Southern Stars Dress Rehearsal
Friday	26 August	Southern Stars Performance Day 1
Saturday	27 August	Southern Stars Performance Day 2
Mon-Frid	5-9 September	Combined Education Week & Book Week Celebrations
Monday	5 September	Story Quest K-6
Tuesday	6 September	Book Parade and Picnic Lunch with parents
Thursday	8 September	Minnamurra Excursion Stage 2 & 3
Saturday	17 September	Bunnings BBQ - P&C
Friday	23 September	Final day of Term 3
Sat/Sun	24-25 September	MKDS Watch Party – UCI/Road World Championships
Monday	10 October	Term 4 - Students return

What's Due?

Activity/ Note	Students Involved	Due Date
Term 2 Invoice	All students	Immediately

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Week 4. We've had a great start to this term and have many exciting events planned for the students. COVID-19 measures have meant that we haven't been able to engage our parent community in as many school programs this year as we would have done prior to the pandemic. We have delayed our Education Week celebrations to combine with Book Week later in the term, and hope that by then, we'll be able to involve you in some face-to-face activities with your children here at school. We will also be hopefully holding another rich task showcase in Week 9 this term.

Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction

We have advertised an Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction role for Mount Keira Demonstration School. This is a one day a week role and the successful candidate's position description is about improving the literacy and numeracy achievements of our students through teacher professional learning and mentoring and coaching in classrooms. They will not have a class. All primary schools across the state will have an Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction in their schools at the beginning of next year.

Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Schools Policies

The Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability and the Student Behaviour Policy become operational in Term 4, 2022 and the Restrictive Practices Policy becomes operational in Term 1, 2023. The teachers have been engaging in professional learning on the new policies and reviewing our school-based procedures. The new school behaviour management plan is not due until the end of Term 1 next year. When a draft has been completed, we will share with the P&C and community for feedback.

New Curriculum

The teachers have been continuing to engage in professional development on the new English and Mathematics syllabuses through collaborative planning days and professional learning sessions after school. All the teachers have engaged in user-testing with the new documents for mathematics through a co-planning, co-teaching and co-evaluating approach. This has provided opportunities for the teachers to team teach and see the progression of the new outcomes across stages.

This term, we also have some plans for Mrs Sartori and Mrs Brglevski to visit Keiraville PS to observe some Stage 1 classes who have been trialling the new syllabus. Here at Mount Keira, Miss Reskic has been using the new syllabuses and we've had teachers from Keiraville and Wollongong West visit to see it in action.

We will be hosting our second Curriculum Reform Network meeting for the Wollongong network of 20 schools in a few weeks' time.

UCI World Championships

Over 8 days, 11 World Championship races will take place on public roads between 18 – 25 September, within the Wollongong Local Government Area. Our school will be open and operational; however, access will be limited due to a significant number of roads in Central Wollongong being closed. A website with more information regarding the road closures was sent to all families via Skoolbag yesterday.

District Athletics

The District Athletics carnival was held last Friday at Kerryn McCann Athletics Track, Beaton Park. We had 26 competitors, and they all did an amazing job of representing our school well. A big congratulations to Beau L who made it to the next level of competition in the 100m dash. On Monday we had 2 students attend Bulli High School for the shot put and discus events. Congratulations and a great effort from all our students!

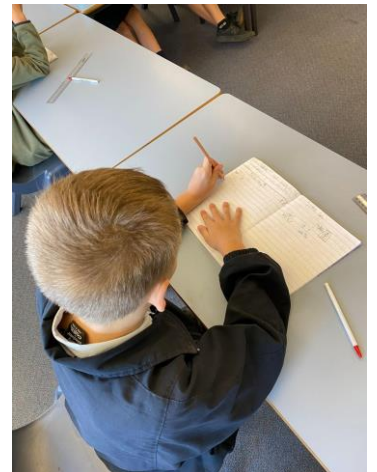
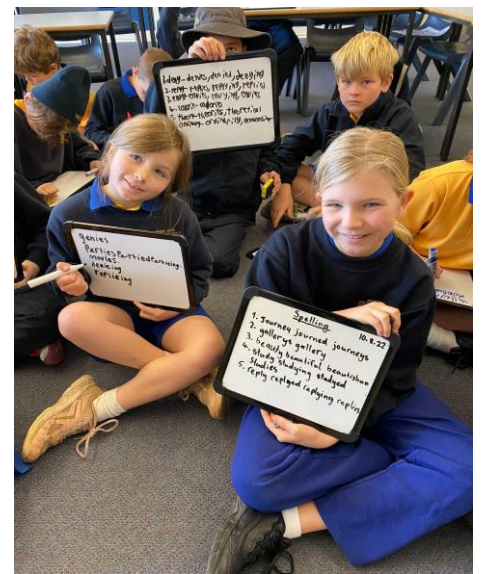


Class of the Fortnight – Waratah

Waratah has had a great start to the term so far. We have been making a lot of improvements in our spelling by learning about the bases of words and adding different prefixes and suffixes. This helps us understand how words are built and builds our vocabulary, which helps us with our reading and writing!

This week, we focused on the spelling of words that end in -y, -ey and -ie and the different sounds and letter patterns we noticed. We practised adding suffixes and explaining how that changed the meaning of the base word.

Here are some pictures of Waratah working hard in their spelling activities this week.



Southern Stars update

A reminder that costumes (white tops and bottoms only) need to be brought to school by the end of the week. We will be spray painting them next week.

If any families are available to help with spray painting costumes, it would be much appreciated! Please speak to Miss Klasson.


Tickets are still available and can be purchased at the following link: <https://wsec.com.au/event/southern-stars>

Return and Earn

We will be starting a Return and Earn collection service at our school soon which will be organised by one of our amazing P&C members. This will provide opportunities for our students to learn more about recycling and its importance. Families will be able to bring bottles, cans and cartons from home and place them in a special Return and Earn bin and tub we will have here at our school. As this is a P&C initiative, the money raised through this program will go to our P&C. You can find out more on the Return and Earn website.

Vanessa May

Relieving Principal




School Community Charter

Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide
NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.
The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022.



Positive environments
It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with respect

We prioritise the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work together with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

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DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL

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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.



An update from your P&C Team:

Father's Day Stall – Collect your jam jars – Dates set – Tuesday 30 August and Friday 2 September

We will be running our famous “jar drive” to treat dad this year.

What this means, is every family is asked to bring in two jars from home filled with something fun for dad, pop or even mum. This can be UNO, or cards, or lollies, or even jokes. Anything to make dad smile.

Please start collecting your sauce and jam jars at home to help us spoil dad.

Please return all filled jars by Monday 29 August.

UCI / Road World Championships – “MKDS Watch Party” Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September

We will send a letter home in your child's school bag next week, asking for ways you can help us in this event, where our goal is to raise the tens of thousands of dollars needed for our playground.

Volunteers wanted for absolutely everything you can imagine.

We genuinely need all hands-on deck.

Lego / Lego / Lego – Need I say more??

MKDS has joined forces with our new fundraising partner “Bricktastics”. Bricktastics provides sustainable, affordable Pre-Loved LEGO® products and building bricks which come in a variety of exciting packs they make.

Click on and share this link with friends and family: <https://shop.bricktastics.com/?rfsn=6626739.8eab02>

Or use code **“MKDS-PP”**

Bricktastics is kindly offering to share with the school 20% of the total value of every order that you make with them. Simply visit www.bricktastics.com Be sure to use the school's code "MKDS" at checkout, just before paying, so that the sale is credited to the school. There is no limit on the codes use and you can share it with your friends and family too So the next time you need LEGO® or any creative building supplies, think of Bricktastics and help support your school in the process.

Great Christmas gifts!!

Pie Drive:

Wow! What a yummy fundraiser this was... and together, we ate our way to a profit of over \$1,350!!!! Amazing effort from Ash and everyone in our community who shared the link and purchased a treat. THANK YOU.

School Disco – Friday 4 November:

Date is set for Friday 4 November. More details to come

Progressive Dinner – Saturday 5 November:

Organise a babysitter, bring the partner, and join us to relax and unwind with your amazing community, get to know the parents of your children's friends, in a super relaxed environment, we will have dinner together and enjoy the beautiful view from our school by night. Note, we are moving away from this being a fundraising event so all families are able to join us for a relaxed conversation without any pressure!

P&C \$100 Levy:

We are due to send out our Levy letter in the next week or two. Keep an eye in your child's school bag. A reminder that this is to replace fundraising at our Progressive Dinner, and will be going straight to the playground. Whilst optional, this is highly recommended, and we will likely send reminders to families in the future. We have considered offering alternatives, such as attendance at meetings or working bees, but due to limited administration support this won't be an option for this year.

Air Purifiers:

With thanks to the P&C and Vanessa, we now have air purifiers in each classroom and the front office. This was a fantastic effort by mum Natascha who inspired and educated the P&C to the benefits of providing our children with clean breathing air in our classrooms.

Recycling Bins:

P&C efforts by our Vice President Ash, has now seen multiple bins added to our school playground for 1. food scraps and 2. bottle recycling. Our children are now learning the value of recycling and making a conscious change to reduce the landfill.

Playground:

This popular equipment is now permanently closed due to occupational health and safety. The Department of Education and the Government and Assets Team will provide clear information on what the P&C can do for our children's wish to have it returned.

In the meantime, we are fundraising our little hearts out, to reach the target of over \$70,000 for a replacement. This is the highest priority for our SRC, teachers, and parents combined, so please help us fundraise.

Take care, and contact me any time, Angie.

Angie Neira

P&C President

WE HAVE A NEW FUNDRAISING PARTNER!

Help us get funding, clean up the environment and boost your kid's creativity all at the same time!

Our exciting new partner Bricktastics are Australia's largest recyclers of Pre-Loved LEGO® products and Building Bricks. Each purchase from them now helps us! Their Creatively focused LEGO® and building block packs are a great addition for encouraging creative play and education.



LEGO® FOR YOU FUNDING FOR US

Use the below code at checkout, just before payment, to **have us earn 20% of your order total**

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You can also share this code with friends and family!

