

Mount Keira Demonstration School

Established 1861 "Learning and Caring"

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The Summit Term 4 Week 2 Wednesday 19 October 2022

Upcoming events

Monday	24 October	Aboriginal cultural program with Sarah Hanlon commences
Monday	31 October	Monday Munchies - Subway
Thursday	10 November	Science Fair at Wollongong High School of Performing Arts
Friday	11 November	Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday	14 November	Monday Munchies - Sushi
Wednesday	16 November	Kindergarten Transition – 9:30am – 11am
Wednesday	30 November	K-6 End of Year Concert
Tuesday	6 December	Jamberoo Excursion (Banskia)
Tuesday	13 December	K-2 Excursion
Wednesday	14 December	Talent Quest
Wednesday	14 December	Semester two reports go home
Thursday	15 December	K-6 End of Year Reward Day
Friday	16 December	Year 6 Graduation
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 3 Invoice	All students	Immediately
2023 GRIP Leadership EOI	Year 5 students	Wednesday 19 October
Uniform Survey	All families	Extended to Friday 21 October
Tell them from Me – Parent Survey	All families	Friday 21 October
Book Club Orders (Online)	All families	Wednesday 26 October
Monday Munchies Subway Orders due	All families	Thursday 27 October by 3.15pm
K-2 Science Space Centre permission	Wattle & Lilli Pilli students	Tuesday 1 November
Selective High School Year 7 2024 Registration – See Intention to Apply form	Year 5 students	Wednesday 16 November

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to Term 4!

As we are currently looking at how the school will be structured next year, it is essential that we have **accurate numbers of students who will be attending MKDS in 2023**. If your child **will not** be returning next year, **please notify the school office as soon as possible**. If you are aware of other families **enrolling** their child please ask them to **contact the school office as soon as possible**. Our staffing allocation is based on these numbers.

In preparing for our coming school year, we have our **Kindergarten Orientation Day on Wednesday 16 November**. We will be working with our Year 5 students to prepare them for their roles as Kindergarten Buddies this term.

UCI Road World Championships

A huge congratulations to our P&C for their amazing organisation of the Watch Party on 24-25 September. It was so great to see our community come out and support this event. A special thank you to all the families who helped before or at the event to help make it a huge success. It was certainly a very memorable experience for everyone involved!



Invoices

Thank you to all the families who have paid their invoices for Term 3. Term 4 Invoices will be coming home next week and will be due by Friday 18 November.

To attend the excursions this term, invoices will need to be paid prior to your child attending.

We are currently organising a K-6 Reward Day for the last week of term. Any costs associated with this will not appear on your Term 4 invoice and will be paid for separately. You will receive more information about the Reward Day later this term.

Selective High School test – Year 7 2024

Students in Year 5 have received an Intention to Apply form for the Year 7 2024 Selective High School Test. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on 4 May 2023. The test will be paper-based.

For Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2024, the online applications open on 18 October and close on 16 November 2022. Find out about the [placement process](#).

Tell Them from Me - Parent Survey

The Tell Them from Me survey opened last Monday for Parents/Carers. This survey is done annually and provides valuable information and feedback to the school about your perspectives on your child's education and experiences. I encourage all families to complete the survey. We carefully consider the feedback in these surveys as it helps us look for ways to improve.

Uniform Plan

We have had an excellent response to the uniform survey that was sent out to parents and carers last term. If you haven't had a chance to complete the survey, it will be open until the end of this week.

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Dance2BFit program

Our whole school dance program commenced last Friday and runs for eight weeks. This program will supplement our PDHPE component of the curriculum. Each class will participate in a lesson each Friday. Dance is a mandatory component of the curriculum and it is expected that all students participate. The cost of the program is \$30 per student. This cost will appear on the Term 4 invoice. The dances the students will be learning are part of our **end of year concert**.

Coding Program

Once again this term all students will participate in a five week Coding program with our contractors Scope IT. Lessons commenced last Tuesday. The cost of the program (\$60 for the older students and \$30 for Kindergarten) will appear on the Term 4 invoice. We are excited to see the growth of the students over the past few years as they build on their knowledge to complete more complex projects. We look forward to seeing what they achieve this term.

End of Year Concert Save the Date

It is with great excitement and anticipation that we will once again be having our end of year concert at Mount Keira Demonstration School. Our theme this year is appropriately named 'Together Again', with Dance2bfit teaching each class their dance every Friday as part of the PE curriculum for Term 4. Please lock in Wednesday 30 November in your diaries for the concert. More details will be sent out in the coming weeks. Our Choir ensemble (K-6) has also begun rehearsing on Tuesdays and Fridays with Mrs Robinson.

Our school concert incorporates many elements of the Creative Arts syllabus and provides opportunities for senior students to be involved in the planning and creative process of a whole school performance.

NAPLAN

At the end of last term, NAPLAN results were sent home to our Year 3 and Year 5 parents of the students that sat the NAPLAN assessment in May this year. These results provide information to teachers and parents on

what students know and can do. NAPLAN is a point in time diagnostic assessment. NAPLAN assesses aspects of literacy including reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and writing, as well as numeracy.

For information to assist in understanding your child's results visit:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/understanding-the-curriculum/naplan>

Aboriginal Cultural Program

This term students will be working with Sarah Hanlon to learn the Dharawal verse for the National Anthem. Sarah will be working with classes for one hour each Monday. We look forward to welcoming Sarah to our school.

AECG Deadly Awards

A huge congratulations to Ariana (Wattle) and Eligh (Banksia) for their nominations for the Northern Illawarra AECG Deadly Awards. Ariana was recognised for her incredible achievements in literacy and Eligh received his award for his cultural engagement from work with Auntie Julie this year. We are very proud of these students and what they have achieved this year.

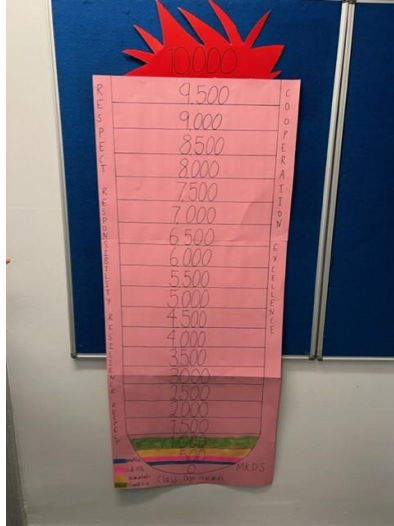


Halloween

The SRC will be running a variety of Halloween activities on Monday 31 October at 2pm as one of their student leadership initiatives this term. The SRC will be selling glow sticks for 50c each that students may purchase if they wish, ready for the spooky Halloween disco. It is a normal school day and students are expected to wear full school uniform.

Reward Day

This term we are working towards a whole school mystery reward. The SRC has made a visual thermometer to track weekly whole class Dojo points across the school. Our goal to receive this reward is 8 000 Dojo points as a whole school. Each class is already working hard to earn Dojo points based on our school values; Responsibly, Respect, Resilience, Excellence and Cooperation. Each week the class with the most amount of Dojo points will receive a small reward. The reward day will be revealed in Week 5.



NED Show

On Monday all our students participated in a virtual NED Show focused on the following key messages:

- **Never give up**
- **Encourage others**
- **Do your best**

These key messages will be revised with students throughout our Wellness Wednesday program this term.

There was no cost for the program. However, there is NED Show merchandise available to purchase at our office for the rest of this week.



Have a wonderful week!

Kind regards,

Vanessa May
Relieving Principal

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

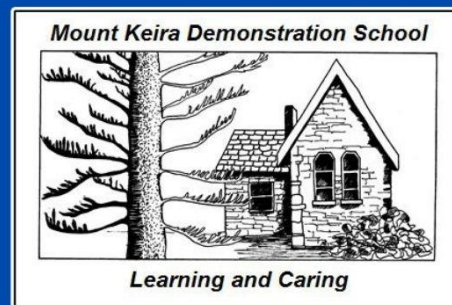
Working together to solve problems



- Give everyone a turn
- Contribute to learning
- Work well with others

Mount Keira

DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL



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:

Monday Munchies Week 4 Term 4 – October 31

All Subway orders are due in by Thursday October 27 - cut off time is 3.15pm.

Item- Prices as at May 2022	Price
Subway – kids pack (includes drink & dessert)	\$6.50
Subway – foot long sub pack (includes drink & dessert)	\$9.50

How to order – Subway kids pack

- your child will have to collect a Subway bag from the library.
- circle your selection on the form which is attached to Subway bag.
- return your bag and correct money (**no change given**). Do not place loose money in the Subway bag - please put it in an envelope inside the bag so that the Subway bag is not contaminated
- orders close Thursday 3:15pm **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

We also need help with Volunteers to fill the Monday Munchies Roster for Term 4. Details of the help required, and the time involved is outlined over the page. Please contact Maddy Morris if you can help at all!! Thank you.

Monday Munchies Roster Term 4 2022

We need your help!

Thank you so much to all the new volunteers who came on board last term. Many hands make light work!

If you are available on a Friday or Monday throughout the term (no more than half an hour is needed), we would love your time! You will be paired with someone to talk you through the process if you haven't volunteered before.

Please contact Maddy Morris (0431019650) if you are available to help out!

***Please note frozen yoghurts are now only available for recess purchases on Kebab days (formerly Sushi days)**

Date/time	Name and phone number	Duties
Friday 28 th October 9:15am (Subway)		Collate orders, count money, place order bags in class tubs. Take orders/class tubs and money to Subway Figtree (Near Dominos & Star Kebabs on Princes Highway)
Monday 31 st October 10.45am (Subway)		Pick up lunches from Subway Figtree and deliver to classrooms (lunch starts at 11.15am)
Friday 11 th November 9.15am (Sushi)		Sushi - Collate orders, count money, text through order to Brian at Bento House (0412 140 150)
Monday 14 th November 10.30am (Sushi)		Lunches delivered from Bento House. Pack lunches in to order bags, deliver class tubs to each classroom before 11.15am.
Friday 25 th November 9.15am (Klarrie's Kitchen)		Klarie's Kitchen - Collate orders, count money, text through order to Klarissa (0414 607 928).
Monday 28 th November 10.45am (Klarrie's Kitchen)		Lunches are delivered to school, place orders in prepared bags, deliver class tubs to each classroom before 11.15am.

<p>Friday 9th December 9.15am (Kebabs & Frozen Yoghurt)</p>		<p>Collate orders, count money, place Kebab order bags in class tubs.</p> <p>Collate frozen yoghurt order bags (brown paper bags), count money, place order bags in piles and store in back storeroom Monday Munchies box.</p> <p>Check staffroom freezer for frozen yoghurts and text through frozen yoghurt quantity needed to yoghurt-buying volunteer.</p> <p>Take orders/class tubs to Star Kebabs Figtree</p>
<p>Friday 9th December Before 3.15pm (Frozen Yoghurt)</p>		<p>Purchase frozen yoghurt and deliver to staff freezer.</p> <p>Place receipt in office for Treasurer.</p>
<p>Monday 12th December 11am (Kebabs)</p>		<p>Pick up lunches from Star Kebabs and deliver to classrooms (lunch starts at 11.15am)</p>
<p>Monday 12th December 1.15pm (Frozen Yoghurt)</p>		<p>Place frozen yoghurts in prepared bags then deliver class tubs to classrooms just before recess at 1.30pm</p>