



Newsletter

A small school where big things happen...

Week 6, Term 1

Wednesday, 7 March 2018

Upcoming Events

March

Wed 7	Life Education
Thu 8	Fresh Start Presentation
Tue 13	P&C AGM
Wed 14	KHS Expo evening
Fri 16	Anti-bullying day
Tue 20	Rugby 7s
Wed 21	Harmony Day
Thu 29	Easter hat parade

April

Tue 3	Parent/teacher interviews begin
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ANTI-BULLYING DAY

Our school will once again be participating in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday 16 March. Activities are planned to reinforce the key message that bullying and any form of violence are always unacceptable. The day is part of a much broader focus to have a school in which everyone feels safe and happy, and all children have the skills to deal appropriately with any form of unacceptable behaviour.

Our [anti-bullying policy](#) is available on our website.

FRESH START

Pip Budgen from NSW Health is visiting our school on Thursday 8 March (tomorrow) to deliver a 10 minute presentation on healthy lunch choices for kids. Pip will meet interested parents in the library just after 9:00am. The "Get a Fresh Start" presentation is designed to instil healthy eating habits in children from a young age. Please join us!

BAND

The band has kicked off for 2018 and we're very excited to see so many new students wanting to be involved. It's especially wonderful to have an expanding brass/woodwind section.

If you'd like your child to join the school band, please contact us for more information. The more, the merrier! Band is available to all students K-6. Younger students including Kindergarten are welcome to join the percussion/drumming group, which is a great introduction to learning important musical concepts. Band tuition costs \$10 per week and the Term 1 fee of \$70 may now be paid.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as SRC members for their class.

Kinder Belong: Eleni F, Ayrton Z
 K/1 Grow: Arayna J, Joel H
 1/2 Inspire: Penelope T, Jacob F
 1/2 Wonder: Amber H, Marcus R
 3/4 Explore: Holly P, Jack K
 3/4 Shine: Ada W, Billy B
 3/4 Create: Stefanie R, Elijah Z
 5/6 Unite: Amelia R, Max B
 5/6 Together: Shelley C, Harry L

SRC badges will be handed out at assembly on Monday 19 March. Please join us at 2:20.

LIFE EDUCATION

Happy Harold and the Life Education van are visiting this week. Life Education delivers important messages about healthy living and how to make appropriate choices that benefit children's overall health and wellbeing.

Thank you to those families who have returned permission notes and money. For anyone else, please visit [our website](#) to access a copy of the note that was sent home. The cost of the visit is \$5 per child.



KEIRA HIGH SCHOOL EXPO EVENING

Keira HS is holding their expo evening on Wednesday 14 March between 5:00 and 8:30pm. Families with students in stage 3 (and even stage 2 if you're already starting to think about high school) are encouraged to attend.



P&C AGM

The P&C will again meet on Tuesday 13 March at 7:00pm, in Mr Bramsen's 3/4 Explore classroom. The first part of the meeting will be the AGM at which the 2018 executive will be elected. Are you interested in nominating for a position? Perhaps you'd like more information on what the various roles entail? If so, please contact the school or chat to any one of the [current P&C executive](#).

The AGM will be followed by the general March meeting, at which we'll discuss our school science and empathy initiatives, as well as some other exciting projects that are happening.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ruby P who was successful at the Brokers District swimming carnival and will now compete at the regional carnival in Dapto later this month in both freestyle and backstroke events. Good luck!

EASTER HAT PARADE

It's still a while to go until the Easter hat parade, but you may want to put the event onto your calendar, so that the creation of a hat doesn't become a last minute rush. Our parade will be held on Thursday 29 March, just before Good Friday.

THANK YOU

We had a fantastic roll up to the parent/teacher information afternoons last week and we're very appreciative of the effort that so many parents made to attend. Thank you for making school events such as these a priority.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Class teachers will soon be coordinating interview times with parents, for interviews that will take place towards the end of term. Teachers will ask you to nominate which day and time suits best. The purpose of the interview is twofold. It is an opportunity for you to receive a brief snapshot of how your child is progressing this year and how they've settled into their new class.

Importantly, the interview is also an opportunity for you to share with teachers what you want them to know about your child. The more information we have, the better we can provide for them. If the allocated time is insufficient, you are of course welcome to schedule a longer interview at another time.



CHATS WITH TEACHERS

One of the most important aspects of what we do is to have open and regular communication with parents. Teachers are always keen to speak with parents, as long as it's at an appropriate time.

Generally, our busy time is in the mornings before school, preparing for the day ahead. If, however, something comes up that needs to be communicated in person, we ask that you see teachers before 8:45am. When classes line up at 8:55, teachers are focused on getting children settled and then getting children to class when the bell rings at 9:00am. Please avoid trying to have chats with teachers at this time.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

School contributions are voluntary fees we ask to be paid by each family once a year. The fees are spent on classroom resources such as pencils, pens, paper and books.

For many years the contributions have not increased. The fee is \$25 for any family with one child at school, and \$40 for families with two or more children. The contributions are not mandatory, but the more families who pay, the more resources we can provide. Contributions may be paid at anytime from now.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Read the latest post on the [Principal's blog](#). It's a look back on 2017 at some of our school's major achievements (and there were many)!

CANTEEN ROSTER

MARCH

Wed	7	Jessica T
Thu	8	Tareyn V, Katrina O
Fri	9	Latrina L, Ally H

Tue	13	Anthea G
Wed	14	Kate H, Sarah B
Thu	15	Sarah S
Fri	16	Andy L, Greg F

Tue	20	Anthea G
Wed	21	Amy W
Thu	22	Jenny L
Fri	23	Leanne N, Mel H

I tweeted this week how beautiful it is to be able to constantly acknowledge students for always thinking of others. It's a great school we have!

Peter Holmes
Principal



RED MERIT AWARDS

- K Belong:** Toby S, Sabrina B, Aila P, Lachlan T
- K/1 Grow:** Sienna G, Brody C, Chi D, Abdullah A
- Year 1/2Inspire:** Samuel W, Alana B, Lance M, Abood A
- Year 1/2Wonder:** Hannah T, William T, David B, Mara B
- Year 3/4Shine:** Qaseur A, Zac S, Max N, Emma B
- Year 3/4Explore:** Keira G, Jeremiah S, Breanna R, Gensun M
- Year 3/4Create:** Nicholas H, Hunter W, Elijah Z, Zali W
- Year 5/6Unite:** Max B, Hunter G, Alexis P, Brenda M
- Year 5/6Together:** Isabel G, Rade D, Francine S, Jinning Z
- Library:** Ari P, William T



GOLD AWARDS

Gold awards were awarded to Fatimah A, Savannah C, Hussein A, Oliver G, Alexander B
 Congratulations!



ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

Congratulations Phoenix B (3/4Explore) for being a caring and generous student.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations Georgia T, Sharna H and Darius G for each receiving the Principal's Award, for putting the needs of others in front of their own.



CLASS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Congratulations to Kindergarten for being named Class of the Fortnight!



CLASS ITEM

Class items have not yet been scheduled for 2018. We will, however, be handing out SRC badges at our next assembly. Please join us.



MOPS FM

The MOPS FM crews are hard at work and will soon have some entertaining news stories for you.



KIDSPACE

The Empathy Project

Showing empathy is big at Mount Ousley! This year we've embarked on an empathy project, in which every student K-6 is learning about acts of kindness around the globe, and deciding how they too can show compassion for others.

Jumana A: "Having empathy for others is very generous. For example, there was a child from Africa carrying his books to school in a plastic bag. A local lady saw this and decided to make schoolbags from recycled plastic bags. The lady now gives the bags to children who can't afford a schoolbag. The bags are also fitted with a solar panel which charges as the children walk to school. This then powers a light for them to use at home, instead of having to rely on candlelight. I'm really impressed that this lady decided to do something remarkable for others."



Butterfly Garden

Hey! What has 3/4 Explore been doing in the butterfly garden this year?

We've been looking out for monarch butterflies that only live on the milkweed. We've also been looking to find other sorts of insects like assassin bugs, lady bugs, aphids and other species of butterflies. In fact, Jeramey brought in a painted lady butterfly today. It was really pretty and we just let it go!

Have we seen any caterpillars or eggs?

We have seen a few small caterpillars and lots of tiny eggs on the underneath part of the leaves. Surprisingly, we have also seen one pupa, but we think the assassin bugs might be eating it!

And how will we be able to control the pests?

There are so many aphids at the moment. The ladybirds eat some but not all. We are trying to work out how to control the pests without killing the eggs and caterpillars.

Keira G: "We love seeing the butterflies and plants!"

Holly P: "We love checking out the ladybirds!"

Breanna R: "We love looking after the living things that make up nature in the garden!"





Keira High School

The school of choice for our local community



EXPO Evening 2018

*We look forward to meeting you on
Wednesday 14 March 5:00 – 8:30pm*

Find out why Keira is *your* outstanding local school



Event Program

- Official welcome by the Principal and student leaders at 6:00 pm in school auditorium
- Guided faculty tours, student demonstrations and performances, interactive experiences and interviews
- Presentation of Special Programs and interest clubs in central quadrangle from 5:00 to 5:50 pm



For further information please contact the school on 4229 4644
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Our Year 6 Fundraising Committee - Easter raffle

We are asking for donations of easter eggs, soft cuddly bunnies or chickens, boxes of chocolates..... basically anything your heart, or your stomach desires. Donations will be collected by the 28th of March to create some amazing raffle prizes.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with the eldest child of each family on Monday 12 March. Spare raffle tickets will be available at the school office should you require more.

All tickets are due back at the school office, by 28 March. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of our Easter Hat Parade on 29 March.

We thank you in advance for your donations. Our raffle can only go ahead with the aid of our wonderful MOPS community.

Egg-ards,
Year 6 Fundraising Committee

