

## Gerringong Public School Term 4 Week 2



Weekly Newsletter Term 4 Week 2 2020

19th October





## Term 4, Week 4

Thursday 5th November 1st 2021 Kindy Orientation 9.30am-10.30am

#### Term 4, Week 5

9th November NAIDOC Week

Tuesday 10th November 2nd 2021 Kindy Orientation 9.30am—10.30am

## Looking further ahead

Monday 16th November 3rd and final 2021 Kindy Orientation 9.30am to 10.30am Thursday 19th November Book Week

Tuesday 1st December Kiama High School Orientation Day-Year 6

Wednesday 16th Last Day of Term for students 2020

December

## Principal's Message

#### Week 2 message

#### Dear Gerringong families

I have now returned from leave and am delighted to be back with the staff, students and Gerringong families. My time away from Gerringong was not as originally planned, which included a lot of travel within Australia, however I have still had an opportunity to travel within NSW for short trips away and have enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

I have been in regular contact, with what has been happening at school and am so thankful to all of our amazing staff who have done an outstanding job over the last 2 terms in ensuring that the academic, social and emotional wellbeing needs have been addressed for all of our students. Gerringong families have been at the forefront of all decisions within an ever changing world of new guidelines, regulations and updates.

I would like to thank Mrs Morris for the outstanding work she has done as Relieving Principal. When I first spoke to her about relieving in my position at the start of 2020, little did she dream of the work she would be undertaking and the challenges she would be facing. I would like to recognise and share with you my enormous respect and gratitude for her professional approach and her determination to fulfil her responsibilities to students, staff and parents. This year has not been easy but Mrs Morris has displayed outstanding leadership at all levels. A true professional who we are so fortunate to have as part of the Gerringong team. I would like to thank the Executive team and the Administration team for the work they have done and contributions they have made in relation to the leadership and management of the school. We are so fortunate to have such outstanding, dedicated people within our school.

I am looking forward to having a chat with all of the students and hearing about "everything and anything" they want to share with me and catching up with parents when opportunities arise.

Term 4 is certainly going to a busy one. Mrs Morris will continue in an off class position as we continue with this term's activities and work towards finalising our next Strategic Improvement Plan which will provide initiatives for 2021 and reflect the School's Excellence journey for the future.

#### P & C Meeting

Come along and join in the discussions tonight about what is happening at school and in the the P & C. We will continue to meet online via Zoom to ensure we are following Covid -19 regulations. Please email the P & C to get your zoom link so that you can join in the fun! P & C Meetings begin at 7pm and usually take an hour of your time. Email: www.geringongpandc@gmail.com<sup>1</sup>

Please find attached to this newsletter the previous P & C minutes.

#### Writing Enrichment Opportunity

This week we will begin our Writing Enrichment Opportunity classes. Students have been chosen based on their effort and application in class, a school writing task and NAPLAN data (if applicable). Students

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>http://www.geringongpandc@gmail.com/

and parents will be notified in writing this week and lessons will begin on Friday. We look forward to reading some wonderful pieces of writing at the end of term.

#### Arrival Attendance

Last week, KL, KMG, K/1S, 1C, 1/2BC, 2K, 2/3C, 3M, 5DMc, 4/5M, 5S, 6B and 6C had fantastic arrival attendance. Congratulations to 2K who have been chosen as the Class of the Week which in turn lets them choose the bell song for Week 2! Keep up the great work everyone!

#### Community Crusader

Last week, I was notified by a member of the public about a GPS student who had stopped to help a family who had been involved in a scooter accident on their way to school. Congratulations Sasha from 5DMc for demonstrating such care and responsibility to our community. She has been awarded a special Principal Award this week.



### Principal's Awards

Inspired by Sasha's display of responsibility, the following students were given a Principal's award for demonstrating responsibility in the school community.

Alice C 6C

Brodie A 3M

Annabel R 2/3C

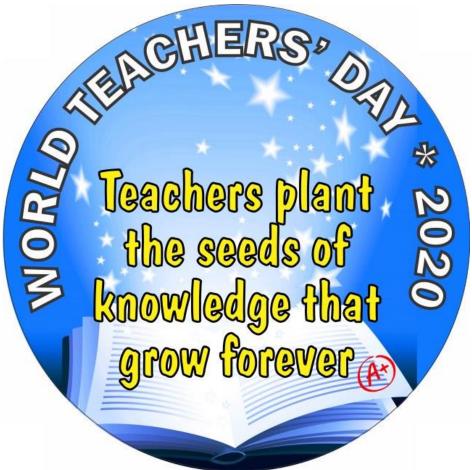
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**Principal** 

## Office News

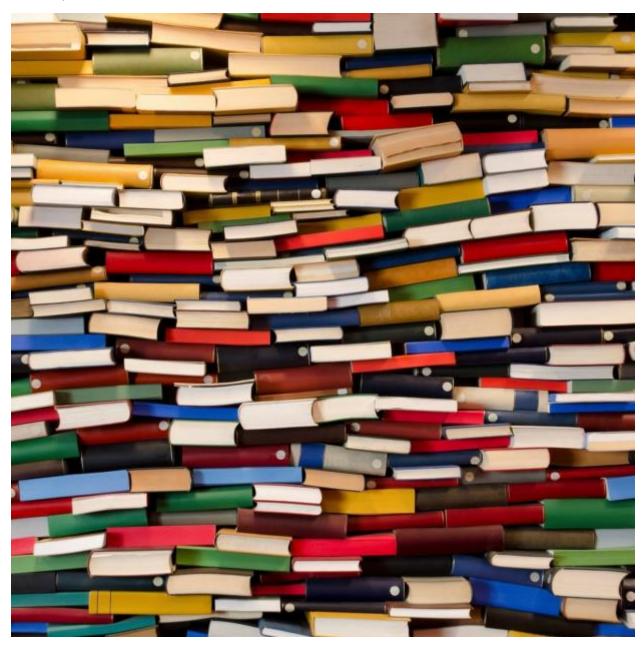




The weather is getting warmer and the school bubblers are still not able to be used - Drink bottles are essential! Please remind all students to pack a drink bottle each day.



## Library News



#### Book Week

Book week will be celebrated on Thursday 19th November. Children have already begun to discuss their costumes. There are no prizes for best dressed and children are invited to dress as any book character or in connection with the Book Week theme "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds" Children can wear mufti if they prefer. We aim to enjoy the day and have fun!

The Big Book Swap will take place during Book Week. Children can bring along any of their preloved children's books and for a small donation purchase another. Preloved books can be brought into the library at any time. Thank you to everyone who has already brought in preloved books, we are gathering quite a collection!

Book Week Curious Creature Competition. We have had some amazing entries already. Mums, Dads, Grandparents and friends can get crafty and help to create a fun, book loving creature.

Here are some of the clever entries so far.



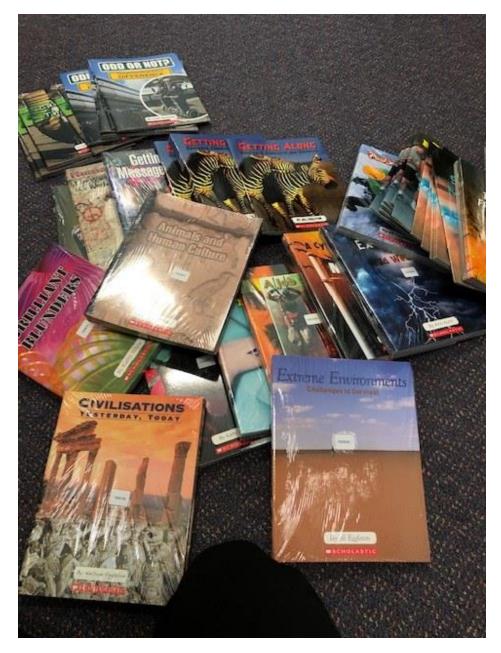
#### **Book Club**

Book Club Magazines - issue 7 have been sent home today. There are some great books to purchase and payments can be made online through the LOOP system or you can send cash to the school office. Thank you for supporting the school library through Scholastic Book Club.

Please order by Wednesday 28th October.



Early Stage 1 and Stage 2 have just received lots of new classroom reading resources. If you are able to help cover books (in your own time at home) please let me know. If you would like a lesson in how to cover with sticky plastic, please call into the library on Thursday afternoon between 2pm and 2.45pm. You will need to sign in at the office and Covid safe procedures will be followed.



Finally, if your child receives an overdue notice for their library book this week, please can the book be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you

Margaret Herbert (Teacher Librarian)

## **School News**

High Performance Gifted Education Review

This year welcomed a new Kiama Community of Schools initiative catering for our Year 6 talented, creative and critical thinkers. Twenty students were chosen from across feeder schools to attend Kiama High School one day a week. Students worked with teachers (Anna Mundey and Emma De Heaume) on a rich program of learning and new experiences.

Covid 19 saw learning transfer on-line and the students rose to the challenge to work independently throughout Term 2. They made connections with each other via Zoom and worked in teams on research projects, escape rooms and literature studies. Parents thought it was wonderful to see their children connect with like minded students from across the community and that they were certainly challenged in their thinking. Students thought it was great to meet students that they would be in high school with next year.

Term 3 saw the HPGE class move to Kiama High School on Wednesdays. The welcome by the staff was excellent and in particular principal, Mrs Catherine Glover showed overwhelming support. It was a great opportunity for the students to meet up and work together. Teamwork was a priority and results were outstanding.

#### I thought it was amazing!

"I also think experiencing high school is an amazing opportunity."

"I got more of a challenge because at school I don't always feel challenged."

Students embraced their new learning and interacting with KHS teachers including experiencing Japanese language, computer coding and working in the library and the Art rooms. Ms Roslyn Jaeger from the high school was an exceptional liaison negotiating rooms and teachers.

"Mrs Mundey and Mrs De Heaume we're both amazing teachers and were definitely the right fit for this job. They were amazing when we had to adapt to learning via ZOOM. I really wish we were at high school the whole time, but it was really fun and I really enjoyed the experience. Ms Jaeger was also amazing. She was so kind and really nice especially when she started booking different classes for us to participate in. I definitely recommend this class. I thought it was amazing! Thank you!"

"The experiences have been great and increased my child's confidence and readiness to participate in High School"

It is hoped that this initiative will continue in future years.

Anna Mundey (Gerringong Primary School)













KL	ratulations to:  Kian B - For a positive attitude	1/2BC	Som 8 - For fantastic use of
KL.	towards learning!  Nell H - For reading with fluency in the Engine Room.  Lee 6 - For writing a wonderful description of a dragor!  Hallie D - For fabulous mathematical thinking during place value.	1/EBC	adjectives in his writing WOW!  Grace H - For wonderful work on her Must bo's! WOW!  Georgia H - For fabulous use of adjectives and adverbs in her writing! WOW!  Byron M - For fantastic participation in class discussion!  WOW!
KM	Tully A - For great informative writing.  Isabelle B - For great progress in phonics decoding and encoding.  Harry D - For being the happiest class member and friend.  Tem H - For great progress in phonics decoding and encoding.	5K	Hunter C - For being a friendly, settled learner in his new school.  Ava H - For a focused learner in Number Activities.  Hamish M - for displaying leadership and teamwork skills in group activities.  Oily S - For being an active learner in Literacy Activities.
K5	Poppy G - For writing a fabulous description of Sebastian the wambat. Taylah G - For her wonderful effort to write longer, detailed sentences. Gus S - For his enthusiastic participation in our PE dance sessions. Riley S - For always having a positive attitude and persevering with his work.	2L	Jake H - For his amazing enthusiasm and contributions during class discussions.  Nicole 5 - For always trying her best and persevering through challenges.  Archer V - For his excellent enthusiasm and resilience when faced with mathematical challenges.  Edward Y - For his excellent enthusiasm and attitude when attempting mathematical challenges.
K/1 S	Edie 8 - For her gaining confidence when completing Math problems.  Liam F - For his beautifully presented bookwork.  Ada M - For a fontastic start at Servingong Public School  Jacob J - For a settled start to Term 4.	2/3C	Tarner W - For his enthusiastic approach to all learning. Dallas D - For his no fuss attitude to all areas of school life.
10	George F - For his great mathematical thinking in our Maths games!  Jasper K - For his fartnatic start to Term 4! Keep working hard!  Lilly O - For her awasome holiday recount. Great work Lily!  Isabella DV - For her great holiday recount on her trip to the farm!	ai .	

#### Primary Ethics updates: 2020 Term 4 and planning for 2021

Below are the topics that will be covered in Ethics in Term 4. We will be finishing this year's classes on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Kindergarten	Stage 1 (years 1 & 2)	Stage 2 (years 3 & 4)	
<ul> <li>Making things up, being cross and hurting someone</li> </ul>	Courage or being brave     Forgiving and being forgiven	<ul> <li>Should we keep animals in captivity? Reasoning for and against</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Showing off, telling or someone and finding reasons</li> <li>Disagreeing</li> </ul>	Another kind of courage     Coming to grips with deductive reasoning	Bragging     Imagining how others feel – example: child labourers     Understanding diversity	

If you would like to continue discussion on these topics with your student at home further information about curriculum topics can be found at <a href="https://primaryethics.com.au/parents/">https://primaryethics.com.au/parents/</a>

#### Registering for Ethics in 2021

We are pleased to announce we have been able to recruit and train additional teachers for the Ethics program at Gerringong Public School so that in 2021 we will be able to provide classes for all Years (Kindergarten through Year 6) at GPS. While continuing with current students we look forward to welcoming a new class of Kindergarten students and to be able to introduce students in Year 6 who have not previously had an opportunity to select Ethics.

You will be receiving information later in Term 4 from GPS about how to register. All registrations will be managed through the school's front office.

All students who are currently in Ethics will be carried forward into next year's classes and if you were previously on a waiting list or could not be accommodated please feel free to re-register for Ethics in 2021.

For more information on the Primary Ethics program go to:

- https://primaryethics.com.au/parents/
- https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/
- or locally email Carrie at gerringongethicscoordinator@gmail.com

#### Check-in assessment for Year 3

Year 3 students will participate in a new reading and numeracy check-in assessment in Term 4, 2020.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy as sessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 3 student learning following the period of learning from home.

The Check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 3 students from **Week 1 Term 4**. Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB.

If your child needs earbuds provided by the school or you have any further questions, please contact Ryan Eastham (Stage Two Supervisor)



#### Intention to apply for Year 7 Placement in a Selective High School 2022

#### Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7.

The application website opens at that link on 6 October 2020 and closes on 9 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 6 October 2020.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely, Lisa Morris (Relieving Principal)

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by November 9, 2020

#### THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes

Cut here and return the note below to the school

#### Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Student's name:	Class:
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Signature of parent/carer:	18

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WAVE WINNERS!**



## Canteen News



This Week the canteen is going to Japan! Sushi or Chicken Katsu meals are available.

Please put your child's order in by Wednesday 21st October 10am.

Also, rhubarb and custard available this week.

All orders to be placed on Flexischools.



# GERRINGONG PUBLIC SOHOOL Cauteen Menu - winne fer

Sensonal Super Salad	\$3.50
(Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot and Beetroot)	
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add crurebed chicken strip	52.00
Sessonal Soup & Rail	\$4.00
Crumbed chicken strip	\$2.00
Hat Chicken Wreg	\$4.00
Flame Griffed Chicken Burger	54.50
Mac's' Cheese	\$4.00
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Penne Bolognese	\$4.00
Penne Bolognese GF (Carteen mede)	54.50
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Tuesday Chicken Nuggets a 6 \$4.00

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Snack Specials Changing worthy
Weekly special leaves or mist media: 50.50
Seasonal fruit with yeghert or contard 51.50

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SNACKS	
Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00
Veggie Sticks	\$1.00
Papcorn	\$1.00
Sea Salt Red Rock Sell Chips	51.50
Mined Coreal Cup	\$0.50

EDOTEN CHACKE	
FROZEN SNACKS	
Small quelch stick	\$0.50
Large quelch stick	\$1.00
Fromen Fruit & Yoghurt (canteen reade)	\$1.50
Procen Milk Cup (currosen made)	\$0.50
Propen Aulice (content made)	\$0.50
Twisted Frozen Yoghsa't	\$2.50
Frozen Juice	\$1.00

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## **Community News**



Disclaimer: Gerringong Public School advertises in this column as a service to parents. Gerringong Public School does not endorse or accept responsibility for the management or organisation of the advertised events or services. Please note: The community deadline is 12 noon on Friday. Items received after this time will not be published until the following week.

# HOT SHOTS CLASSES

KIAMA TENNIS CLUB



// KIDS 'HOT SHOTS' GROUP CLASSES NOW OPEN @ KIAMA TENNIS CLUB

// CLASSES TO SUIT ALL AGES AND LEVELS

// WE ALSO OFFER PRIVATE AND SEMI PRIVATE CLASSES MON- FRI, ADULTS AND KIDS

For more information and to book email Daniel HELLO@JONESCOTENNIS.COM



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Children and young people are expected to spend more time online during COVID-19, including staying connected to friends and family, playing games or for online learning.

Even with face to face classes resuming young people are still spending a great deal of time online and now more than ever, it is important that parents and carers remain aware of potential challenges, and equip themselves with the tools needed to protect their children from online child sexual exploitation and cyber bullying.

By understanding what young people **SEE**<sup>2</sup>, **SAY**<sup>3</sup> and **DO**<sup>4</sup> online and the challenges they may face, parents and carers are more equipped to help their children navigate some of these issues and know what to do if their child needs help.

Our youth officers at Lake Illawarra Police District are committed to educating and empowering young people in this space. A part of this commitment is face to face cyber bully talks in schools and providing teachers and parents with information to assist.

#### Crime Prevention Unit, Lake Illawarra Police District

ThinkUKnow was started in the United Kingdom by the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) and was developed for Australian audiences by the AFP in 2009.

The program is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP), Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank, and is delivered in collaboration with New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police Service, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police and Victoria Police as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australia.

The Thinkuknow site is full of useful information for both police and parents/carers to educate themselves further to help keep our young people safe. **www.thinkuknow.org.au**.

We hope this information is helpful to you and look forward to working together.

Jo Cummins & Taryn Jones

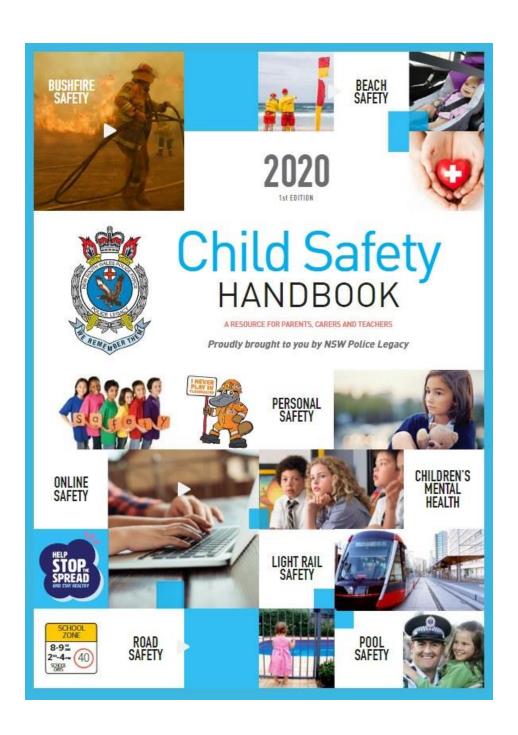
**Youth Officers** 

Crime Prevention Unit, Lake Illawarra Police District

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/what-we-see-online

<sup>3</sup> https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/what-we-say-online

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/what-we-do-online



# Please use the follow link to access the digital copy http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/5



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## What's on in January



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