

# Gerringong Public School Term 4 Week 5



Weekly Newsletter Term 4 Week 5 2020

9th November





### 2020

#### Term 4, Week 5

Tuesday 10th November

2nd 2021 Kindy Orientation 9.30am-10.30am

Cultural Immersion Day

Thursday 12th November

Stage 1 History Walk

#### Term 4, Week 6

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

Book Week

# Looking further ahead

Tuesday 1st December Tuesday 8th December Kiama High School Orientation Day—Year 6

Year 6 Jamberoo Day

Wednesday 16th December

Last Day of Term for students 2020

#### Principal's Message

This week is **NAIDOC Week** and we have celebrated with a flag raising ceremony followed by activities that provide students with an opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture. Our Bush Tucker garden with links to Culture, our Gamarada room and resources from our library will provide some amazing resources for students and staff.

National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week is usually held every year in early July. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NAIDOC Week was postponed and the National NAIDOC Committee announced that this year celebrations will be held from 8 to 15 November.

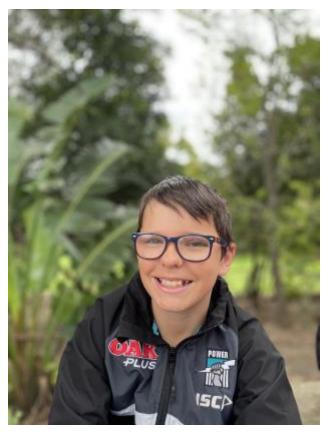
NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. This year, the theme for NAIDOC Week is 'Always Was, Always Will Be'.

Tomorrow, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from across the Kiama Community of Schools will join in our Dharawal Cultural Immersion Day. This day is held at Werri Beach and provides an opportunity to learn more about the local Aboriginal Culture of our area.

I would like to thank Ms Berwick for her organisation of this week's events. I am sure all of our students and staff will enjoy the activities planned and extend their knowledge of the history, culture and contributions of Indigenous Australians.

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Last week I had the pleasure of welcoming our **2021** *Kindergarten students* to our school. The weather was a bit wet and cold but there were still smiles all around as they made their way to kinder classrooms to listen to a story, do some craft and mingle with friends. Our next Kindergarten Orientation session is tomorrow and I am looking forward to meeting more families.

Thank you to Mrs Morris and Mrs Lea for the organisation of the morning. A very big thank you to the Kinder teachers, Admin staff and School Learning Support Officers for contributing to making the morning a success

I was very fortunate last week to be entertained by some of *our talented senior students* who wanted to share with me their performance of "From Little Things Big Things Grow". WOW! I was so impressed by their singing and their ability in playing the guitar and ukuleles. I shared with them how I have definitely been in the learning pit myself lately in trying to learn the ukuleles o I was in awe of what they could do. Mr Campbell has purchased a class set of ukuleles and is keen to teach the students. I really enjoyed the performance and they inspired me to not give up on my ukulele. I think I need to join Mr Campbell's ukulele lessons to increase my skills.



#### Arrival Attendance

Last week, the Class of the week was chosen on the most improved arrival attendance. Congratulations to 4E who have made major improvements on all students arriving to school on time. 4E will choose this week's bell song. Arrive before 8:55am to ensure you are in class for roll marking!

Joy Fullagar

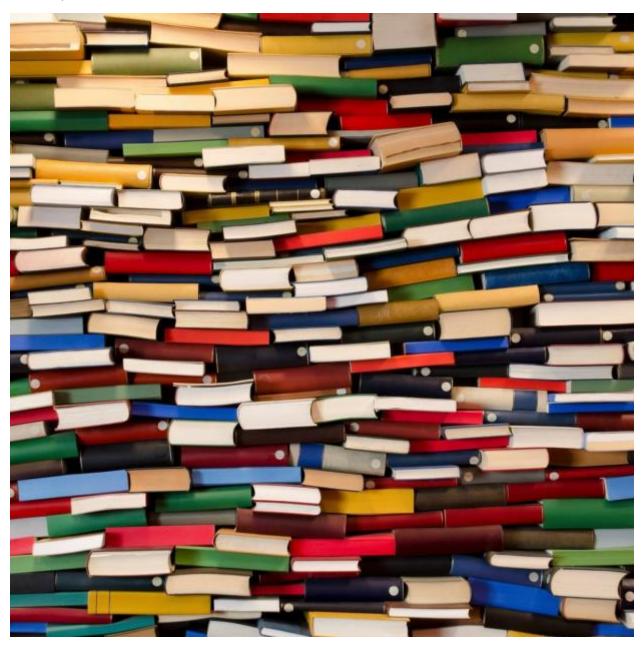
Principal

### Office News

Summer is approaching - don't forget to bring water bottles and wear sunscreen!



### Library News



Book Week

Book Week is next week!! On Thursday 19th November children are invited to dress as a book character or in mufti and each stage will parade around the playground. Classes will be celebrating with fun activities related to books and we will be having our book swap all week. Children can be involved by:

- dressing as a book character (or children are welcome to come along in mufti)
- entering the curious creature competition entries must be sent to the library by Thursday 12th November

• taking part in the book swap - bring along any preloved books and buy a new to me book during Book Week.

Unfortunately parents cannot attend.

#### **Curious Creatures**

Wow! We have so many creative families and children in our community. The curious creatures with very wild minds keep sneaking into the library. Entries will be judged next Monday, so if you are still creating please ensure your creature is in the library by Monday 16th November.





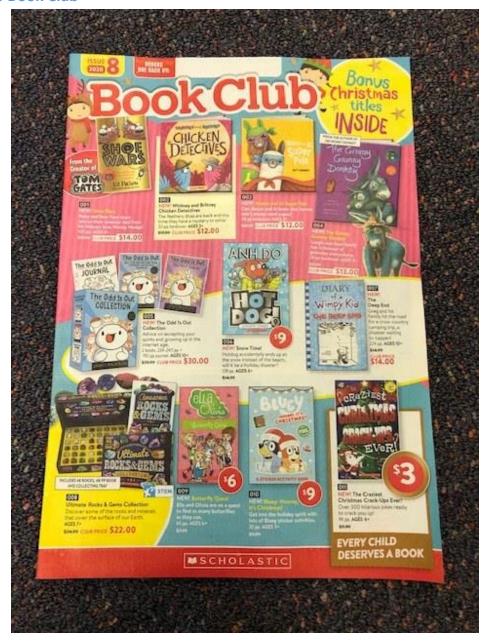








#### Scholastic Book Club



Thank you to everyone who made an order from issue 7. Orders have now been distributed, however a few books are on back order and will be distributed as soon as they arrive. If you have any questions or problems with your order, please do not hesitate to call me. Gift orders have arrived and can be collected from the school office. Scholastic has delivered issue 8 to school, which we feel is very soon after issue 7! If you would like a catalogue or would like to order online from issue 8, please feel free to do so. Children can collect catalogues from the library if you would like to have a browse.

Thank you

Margaret Herbert (Teacher Librarian)

# 2020 P&C Annual General Meeting

# Monday 7th December @ 7.00pm in the staff room.

### Come and join us at the 2020 P&C AGM.

We would love to see some new members for the 2021 P&C. All positions will be declared vacant.

There are many different ways to being involved with Gerringong PS P&C; including coming up with new ideas, organising fundraisers, gardening support, uniform shop, president, treasurer, secretary and more...

Current committee members happy to train you up and assist you in your role. So please come along and be involved in the fundraising for our school.



#### APPROPRIATE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND DEVICES

Please be reminded that students who choose to bring mobile phones to school are required to place these in their school bags at the beginning of the school day and can only access these again at the conclusion of the school day. Mobile phones are NOT to be used throughout the day.

Further to this, if your child has access to a mobile phone or device, please ensure that you have set up appropriate levels of parental control and restrictions. The following commonly accessed apps, and their age recommendations are outlined below:



Source: Commonsense Media<sup>1</sup>

The recommendations are there to protect your children. You are urged to acknowledge these and we refer you to the following links for further useful information:

www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-parental-controls<sup>2</sup>

www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/parents/3

www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews4

www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/a-parents-ultimate-guide-to-youtube<sup>5</sup>

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Commonwealth School Banking has temporarily ceased for 2020. Returning 2021!



#### Canteen News







This week we visit United States of America - Hamburgers and Milkshakes!

### **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.



### **Free Community Walk**

# Kiama 5x5

# 5km, once a week, 5 weeks.

5×5 is a free, non-competitive community walking event for people at all levels of fitness and ability. Participants walk and talk over a 5km course (or comfortable distance) one morning a week for 5 weeks.

- Wednesday 18 November
- Wednesday 25 November
- Wednesday 2 December
- Wednesday 9 December
- Wednesday 16 December

10am - 11.30am

Joyce Wheatley

Community Centre

107 Terralong St, Kiama

#### Register:

kiama5x5.eventbrite.com.au

For enquiries: Jessica Seymour Healthy Cities Illawarra t. 4283 8111 or e. jessica@healthycities.org.au

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# Live Life Well @ School

# **KEEPING KIDS ACTIVE AT HOME**



Looking for ideas to keep your kids active at home?

Download a copy of our 'Keeping Kids Active' guide: nshp.com.au/KeepingKidsActive



Developed by Northern Sydney Local Health District

# **FITFORLIFE** in KIAMA!

Lake Illawarra PCYC are coming to KIAMA and running a FREE fitness session open to all school aged children every Tuesday morning!

Where: Black Beach Reserve (just across from The Sebel Kiama) When: Every Tuesday morning Time: 7:00am to 8:00am

Cost: Free (Breakfast bars and water provided)
Transport to school can be provided if required

Hope to see you there, it's a powerful way to start the day!

For any enquiries contact Senior Constable Keating

on 4296 4448.





# What's on in January



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