

Gerringong Public School Term 4 Week 7



Weekly Newsletter Term 4 Week 7 2020

23rd November



Principal's Message

2021 Staffing News

I would like to share with you a few staff changes that will be occurring next year in relation to some of our staff.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Mr Eastham, who has been successful in gaining an Assistant Principal position, through merit selection, at Mullumbimby PS. Mr Eastham has contributed so much to our school in the time he has been at Gerringong both in a leadership role and as a classroom teacher. I would like to thank him for the wonderful work he has done and I know he will be very much missed by

staff, students and parents. Mullumbimby PS is certainly fortunate to be gaining such an outstanding professional.

I would also like to announce that after 14 wonderful years at Gerringong PSI have decided to take long service leave in 2021 with a view of retiring. After 46 years with the Dept. of Education, I feel it is time for me to move on to other "things" in my life. Life is a journey and at some time, I believe you need to stop, reset and move to the next phase / adventure. Little did I know or could have imagined, when I received my first appointment as a young teacher at Cabramatta PS in 1974, where my love of teaching would take me. I have had so many experiences in my career and have made so many friendships, I am truly blessed. I have loved every minute of my time and have worked with so many outstanding teachers, school leaders and staff, as well as so many wonderful students and their families over the years who have not only made an impact on me but also have been part of my life. I know I will miss being part of an organisation that makes a difference to so many but also know that Gerringong PS is in excellent hands with Mrs Morris relieving in my position throughout 2021. I would like to thank all of the wonderful Gerringong families that I have had the pleasure of working with over the last 14 years. I have been so fortunate to work in such an amazing school and community.

I would like to wish Mrs Carlie Chapman all the best in the future. Mrs Chapman has been a highly valued member of our teaching staff and although I am sure she is looking forward to the move to Sydney with her family, we will miss her very much. I would like to thank her for her contributions to our school. Her professional approach, dedication to students and her ability to work so well with staff and families has always been evident both in school and throughout the community. I am sure you join with me in wishing her all the best.

Mrs Brooks will be taking long service leave in 2021 to spend time with family and friends. I have worked with many teachers over the years but I can honestly say that Mrs Brooks is one of the best. Her commitment to making every minute a learning experience for students is amazing to watch. A true professional in every way! She will certainly be missed in 2021 however I am sure, during her time away from Gerringong PS, we might see her on a few TV quiz shows.

Mrs Herbert will also be on leave in 2021. We will certainly miss her in the library as she provides such a positive and exciting learning space within our school. We are currently looking for a replacement for next year and although it will be a tall order, we are confident that our 2021 teacher / librarian will do an excellent job. (I wonder if we should have included a "requirement to dress-up in a variety of costumes" in the job description?)

Mrs McDonald will be continuing in her role as a Literacy and Numeracy Advisor in 2021. This is a wonderful professional opportunity and I am sure Mrs McDonald will have a lot of information to share with the staff at Gerringong when she does return.

Mrs Murray will be taking up the relieving role of School Admin. Manager at Illaroo Rd PS. next year. We have a wonderful office team and Mrs Murray will be missed by students, staff and parents. Mrs Murray will certainly be an asset to Illaroo Rd PS. and we wish her all the best in her new role in 2021.

What a Great Book Week Parade

Although parents could not be part of our Book Week Parade this year, the students and staff certainly enjoyed the day. There was a lot of amazing costumes and lots of smiles and laughter as students and

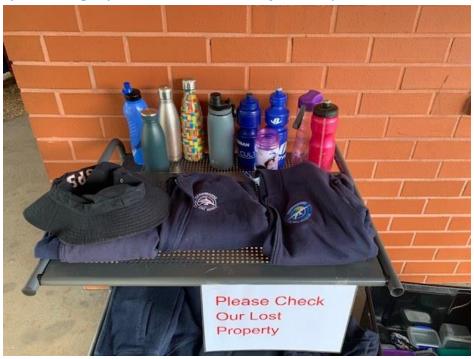
staff paraded to their favourite songs. A very special thank you to Mrs Herbert for another amazing event and to Mr Donougher for his assistance with the music.

Joy Fullagar

Principal

Office News

Lost Property! Please get your child/ren to check for their possessions.



Mosquitoes are out and about. Please be aware that no creams or repellants are provided by the school.



Library News



BOOK WEEK

What a fun celebration we had last week. Our boys and girls looked amazing in their dress ups and so did our staff. What a wonderful way to celebrate books and reading.





















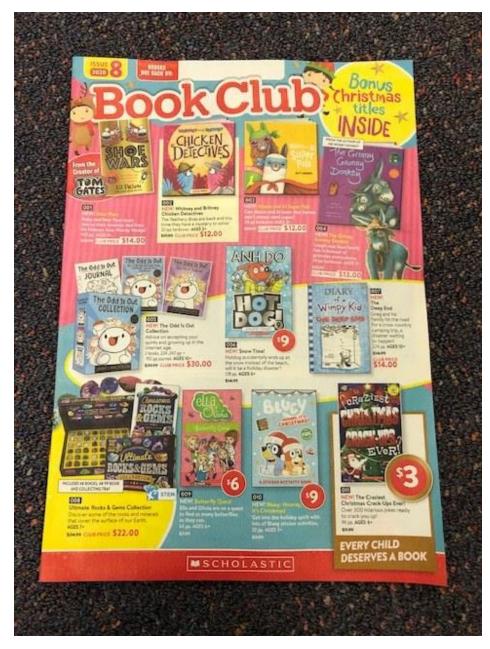


BOOK SWAP

Our book swap was very successful. Children were able to purchase a new to me book and we raised \$300 which will be used to purchase new library resources. A huge thank you to Mrs Nicole Davies for organising this event and to everyone who donated books.

Scholastic Book Club

If you would like to purchase any book from Scholastic Book Club issue 8 please ensure your order is made before this Wednesday 25th November. Orders can be made online through the Scholastic's LOOP site or cash can be brought to the school office.



BORROWING

Class borrowing has now finished. Please can any books on loan be returned as soon as possible.

The first class to return all their loaned books will win a prize!

Overdue notices will be sent home with students this week. If you are positive the book has been returned to the library, please write a note on the slip and return to me in the library. I will then check and see if the book is on our shelves. If your child thinks the book is in the classroom, please write a note to the classroom teacher who will help to look for the book. Lost or damaged books will need to be paid for.

Mrs Herbert (Teacher Librarian)

School News

Congratulations Wave Winners-Week 5





Congratulations Wave Winners -Week 6





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 (see job descriptions in the latest newsletter).

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.



Canteen News





This Thursday in the canteen we are off to Israel. We are serving up Lamb or Falafel Kofta plates. Get your orders in early through flexischools to avoid dissapointment.



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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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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