

# Gerringong Public School Term 4 Week 6



Weekly Newsletter Term 4 Week 6 2020

16th November



## Principal's Message



#### Remembrance Day 2020

On Thursday, students from our school attended the Gerringong RSL Remembrance Day service on the Werri Beach Headland. Ruby P, Ruby B and Charlotte P were fantastic representatives for our school. Remembrance Day is dedicated to Australians who died, as a result of war, protecting our nation. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, our students participated in Remembrance Day activities in their classrooms this year.







#### Staff Changes

Mrs Kellie Miller will be on leave for the next four weeks and Mrs Sue Hassler will be on leave for the rest of the year. Mrs Jenna Sauvao will be taking care of 3M throughout this time. Mrs Sauvao has worked closely with 3M's teachers to ensure continuity of learning.

#### **Book Week**

This week we will be celebrating Book Week and I am sure there will be many interesting costumes on Thursday. I would like to thank Mrs Herbert for her organisation of another outstanding event. I would also like to thank a hard working group of mum's who have covered hundreds of books for our library which has resulted in some fantastic resources for our students. A big thank you to:

Jack and Lily's mum - Michelle

Edward"s mum - Tracey

Ian's mum - Narelle

Pierah and Kyran's mum - Angie

Nicola and Gemma's mum - Kate

Millie's mum – Leonie

Tessa, Ryan and Harry's mum - Kate

Thank you so much for giving your time. It is very much appreciated.



#### Maths Trains Brains

Throughout 2019 and 2020 our staff have engaged in professional learning to further engage students in Maths. Our students have been given a wide range of learning opportunities through programmed maths lessons but also the connection of maths in other Key Learning areas. Even before your child starts school, you can explore maths together – whether you're organising the day, cooking or playing games..

Parents may be interested in a link being provided through the Dept. of Education which provides activities with your child or teen to investigate, use and play with mathematical ideas at home

https://education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/mathematics.html?fbclid=IwAR2sqRIDWiWPowRf01xbr5FoMx6DEB-f1UDcaPN48OmSYi5MHMCP4eUZVj8

#### Our Last Kinder Orientation Session

Today was our last Kinder orientation session. It was wonderful to once again see our 2021 Kindergarten students at school and today having a guided tour by their buddy. WellI done Year 5. Thank you to the staff for organising the orientation sessions and to other staff for assisting within the school.

#### A Wonderful NAIDOC Activity

Last Tuesday, Ms Berwick and Miss Sherritt attended the Dharawal Cultural Immersion day for NAIDOC Week at Werri Beach, organised by Jane Littrich from Kiama High School and Trish Levett from Kiama Council. Our Aboriginal students chose a buddy to attend with them. The day commenced with a traditional Welcome to Country performed by local Aboriginal elder, Gwenda Jarrett. The next activity was building sand sculptures on the beach which everyone really enjoyed. Other activities of the day included Traditional Indigenous games, painting canvases, making beaded bracelets, making dream catchers and the most popular activity was making damper with maple syrup. It is a really important day

for our students as they build connections and create friendships with other students from our Kiama Community of Schools, and the role of the buddy cannot be underestimated.

Ms Berwick stated "A highlight for me was seeing Wally S. and Ethan K. in Year 1 deciding to go and join in a game run by Savannah D, an ex-student of GPS, and participate with students from other schools and have a really great time. That's what these days are all about, and we are already looking forward to next years' event. A big thank you to all of those who helped organise the day".

I would also like to congratulate Ms Berwick and the K-2 Aboriginal Educational group as the mural they have been working on has been been shortlisted for the NSW Premiers Challenge Words and Art Competition!











### Arrival Attendance

The Class of the week was chosen on the most improved arrival attendance over the year.

Congratulations to 5S who have made major improvements on all students arriving to school on time. 5S will choose this week's bell song. Let's keep up the great arrival attendance for the last half of the term!

#### **CPR and Anaphylaxis Training**

All of our staff will participate in CPR and Anaphylaxis training this week. The training will incorporate practical and theory components to ensure we are well equipped to deal with a situation that may arise.

#### Joy Fullagar

#### Principal

#### Office News

If it is necessary to pick your child up early from school please give the office ample notice to arrange for collection of your child/children. Thank you.

## Library News



This week at GPS we are celebrating books!

Children are invited to dress up as a curious creature....



or as a book character.....



We will be parading around the playground in stage groups and having as much fun as is possible!

Book Swap

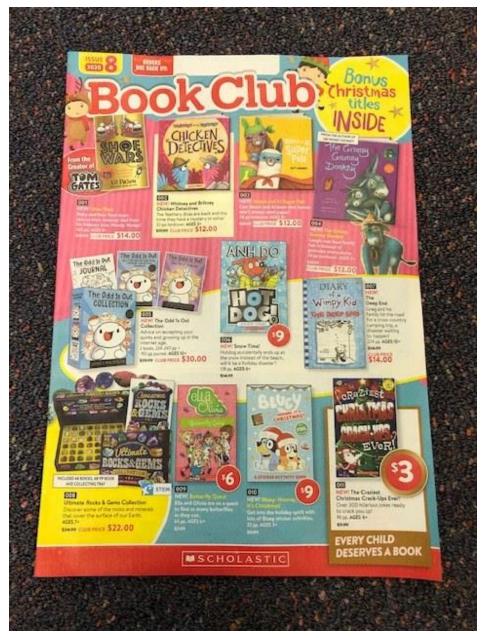




Children can come along to the library to buy a "New Book To Me" all this week. Books can be purchased for 10c, 20c, 50c and \$1 and all proceeds will be used to purchase new books for the library. Please can children bring loose change in preference to notes.

We are still accepting preloved books to add to the book swap. A big thank you to Mrs Davies who has organised this event.

#### Scholastic Book Club



Quite a few parents have already made an order from issue 8, thank you. We decided not to give each child a booklet as issue 8 was delivered to the school straight after the close of issue 7. If you would like to browse their catalogue, please ask your child to collect a brochure from the library or you can look online at <a href="https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/BrowseCatalogue.aspx">https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/BrowseCatalogue.aspx</a>. Orders need to be made before Wednesday November 25th.

#### **Curious Creatures**



Today, Mrs Fullagar, Mrs Morris and our lovely office ladies judged the curious creatures competion. They found the task very difficult as there were so many creative designs. Well done families!

The winners are:

Kinder: Tully A

Year 1: Jasper K

Year 2: Edward Y

Year 3: Naomi P & Annie M

Year 4: Gretel B

year 5: Lucy D

Year 6: Harper & Ruby P



#### **School News**

Congr	atulations to:		
KL	Louis A - For wonderful mathematical thinking this week.  Jack D - For contributing great ideas in class discussions.  Ava M - For writing detailed Information Reports.  Eden R - For being an expressive and fluent reader.	1/2BC	Rexy C - Por the effective strategies that she has been using in addition! WOW!  Amalie F - For her wonderful recitation of "My Teacher Ate My Homework"! WOW!  Eliza L - For her amazing use of adjectives in her writing! WOW!  Isaac W - For his amazing use of adjectives and adverba in his writing! WOW!
KM	Eve B - For W-O-W phonics reading and writing.  James M - For being a humble class member and a good friend.  Layla N - For consistent achievement in maths.  Leilani W - For great phonics reading and writing.	2K	Lian B - For being an engaged learner in discussions about artwork in texts.  Zoyn E - For working hard to achieve his learning goal in spelling.  Jake J - For being a co-operative and supportive learner in ZK.  Emerson P - For interpreting information presented in Data tables and Graphs.
K5	Leray B - For flexible thinking with number combinations in Moths.  Arche F - For his flexible thinking when solving maths problems.  Evelyn K - For beginning to write longer texts in writing.  Lexi U - For always being an active listener and following instructions.	SF	Franki L - For always being a kind and coring friend to athers.  Sophie A - For her wonderful poem presentation performance!  Henry M - For his outstanding dance moves in Sport. Looking good!  Hugh M - For working hard to produce quality work in Mathal
K/1 5	Lewis 8 - For being a respectful, responsible and resilient learner.  Matilda H - For gaining confidence when completing Maths problems.  Ruby N - For her commitment to learning.  Ity P - For her focused and mature approach to learning tasks.	2/30	Camilla A - For being a responsible learner and putting an enormous effort into everything she does.  Tai L - For being a focussed learner who is able to reflect on his work to improve.
10	George F - For being a respectful and responsible student on our school excursion!  Phillippa D - For being a respectful and responsible student on our school excursion.  Ethan K - For his fantastic writing on his Curious Creature', well done!  Keira N - For working hand to read fluently. Great world		

#### **EXCITING NEWS**

On Tuesday we saw the arrival of our new outdoor play kitchen. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Fullagar for making this amazing outdoor kitchen for all of our students at Gerringong Public School. Within an hour of it arriving, we had students making blueberry muffins made out of sand and pebbles, pancakes and mud pies. We've seen the students washing up in the sink, playing 'cafes' and working together to cook. But most importantly the students are having an absolute ball and loving their new kitchen. We can't thank you enough Mr Fullagar.







Please find attached to this Newsletter the latest P and C meeting minutes along with the executive role descriptions.

# 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 week we are off to China. Honey Soy Chicken Noodle Stir fry or 5 x pork and chive dumplings. Available to purchase through flexischools.



## **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.

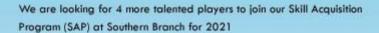






#### **Southern Branch SAP SQUAD**

**UNDER 10s for 2021** 



- · We train twice a week in Nowra
- · We play our games in Nowra on Sundays
- · You will be trained by FFA qualified coaches

Other clubs/associations that are participating in the 2021 FNSW Skills Acquisition Program include APIA Leichhardt FC, Football South Coast, Macarthur Rams FC, Manly United FC and Wollongong Wolves FC, just to name a few....

If you are interested in joining the squad in 2021 (born in 2011) please contact Troy on 0412 648 621

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity!



## **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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