



Gerringong Public School Term 4 Week 10



Weekly Newsletter Term 4 Week 10
2020

14th December





<i>GPS Upcoming Events</i>	
Term 4 Week 10	
Wednesday 16 th December	* Last Day of School for students
Term 1 2021	
Wednesday 27 th and Thursday 28 th January	* Staff Development Days
Friday 29 th January	* First Day of School for Years 1 – 6 Best Start commences for Kindergarten 2021
Monday 1 st February	* Best Start continues
Tuesday 2 nd February	* Final Day for Best Start
Thursday 4 th February	* First Day for Kindergarten 2021
Wednesday 10 th February	* Swimming Carnival Yrs 3 to 6 (and Yr 2 if turning 8)

Principal's Message

As the Term ends this week I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support of our school. It has certainly been an unusual year however holidays are just around the corner and I am sure the children are looking forward to the Christmas break.

Thank you to all of the staff for another outstanding year. You are a wonderful team who always focus on what is best for our students.

I would like to congratulate all of the Y5 students who were part of our process to choose the **2021 Student Leadership Team**. Everyone did an outstanding job and it was a difficult choice when it came to voting. Congratulations to our new 2021 School Leaders who I am sure will do a wonderful job in 2021.

Lucy D, Alice S, Amber S, Elysse W, Rocky H, Kaelin S, Darcy T, Hugh M.



Year 6 Farewell

I would also like to congratulate the amazing team of parents who worked with Kylie Buchanan to organise a fantastic Year 6 Farewell last week. What a night! The children certainly had a great time celebrating. Thank you to Mr Campbell for your organisation and leadership. The night was certainly a success.

Lastly I would like to say thank you to students, staff and parents. I have had 14 wonderful years at Gerringong PS and feel very fortunate to have been part of the community. I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas, a happy and safe New Year and all the best for 2021.

Merry Christmas Everyone and a Happy New Year.

Joy Fullagar

Principal



LIBRARY NEWS

2020 has certainly been a very different year. Thankfully there have been so many positives in the library.

- Our borrowing statistics have increased - over 20,000 books were loaned this year! That's a lot of reading.
- Every child completed the Premier's Reading Challenge
- 13 year 6 children received a platinum award from the PRC for completing 7 years of the challenge. Wow! That means they completed the challenge for every year of their primary schooling. Congratulations go to:

Charlotte B,

Isla B,

Alice C,

Thomas D,

Freya F,

Summer L,

Lyla M,

Ruby P,

Chloe P,

Ian R,

Grace S and

Vincent S

- 65 children were awarded with a gold certificate from the PRC for completing four years of the challenge. Great reading boys and girls.
- Despite restrictions due to Covid, we were able to celebrate books and a love of reading with National Simultaneous Storytime, Book Week Fun, Book Swap, book donations, book club, book fair and lots and lots and lots of borrowing and reading.

It's been a great year in the library!

Many thanks go to our volunteers who have been busy all year covering our resources. We wouldn't be able to loan our new resources to children without you!

I am certainly going to miss the library next year and chatting with all our avid readers. Remember:

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr Seuss



Have a wonderful Christmas everyone and a happy 2021 filled with books and reading.

"Keep reading boys and girls!" - Mrs Herbert



Office News

Please be advised that as of Term 1 2021 No EFTPOS payments can be accepted over the phone. Our POP (Parent Online Payment) system via the website is the most efficient method of payment - please call the office on 42 341 376 if you are unsure of the procedure.

LAST CHANCE TO CLAIM ANY LOST PROPERTY FOR 2020!!! All unclaimed items will be donated to charity Thursday 17th December.



Wishing you all a very happy Christmas from the Admin team!



School News

Year 6 Farewell Thank You's!

To celebrate completing their primary school education the Year 6 students had a night to remember where they were treated like stars at the Gerringong Town Hall last Thursday night.

An enormous thank you to all the hard working parents and grandparents who helped make the night possible:

Kylie Buchanan, Allison Stalgis, Jess Flanagan, Danielle Warner, Lisa & Steve Pickens, Bronwyn & Sean Doohan, Sam & Rikki Papesch, Jodie Furlong, Julia Payne, Jane Adams, Brooke Jeffers, Rebecca Courage, Alison Sherrell, Sharon Davies, Brom Smith, Liz Atkins, Emily Bolto, Hope Erokhin, Pauline and Peter Eales, Liz Payne, Carlie Chapman, Cory O'Brien, Michelle Seddon, Angelique Detheridge, Catherine Taylor, Rachel Jackson, and Rebecca Hoare.

Thank also to:

Gerringong Public School P & C, IGA Gerringong, Vanessa Bragg at The Wedding & Event Creators, Fern Street Gallery, Rosalie Rushby Smith, Kristal del Villar & her mum, Simon Black and Lincoln Piper.

Plus of course the fantastic Year 6 teachers, Mr Campbell, Mrs Baines and Mrs Laird.

We wish all of Year 6 2020 the very best for the future!

The Year 6 Farewell team









Congratulations Wave Winners!





Dear Parent/Guardian

Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting the community and individuals from disease.

Adolescent vaccines will be offered for FREE to your child when they commence Year 7 in 2021.

Your child will be given a Parent Information Kit in the first few weeks of Term 1, 2021, which contains information about the vaccines and a consent card that you will need to complete for the vaccines to be offered.

Vaccines offered to ALL students in Year 7:

GRADE	VACCINE	SCHEDULE
7	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa)	1-dose
	Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	2-dose schedule (6months apart)

For further information regarding this program or any other questions about immunisation please contact the Immunisation Team at the Public Health Unit on 4221 6700.

Alternatively, see our website with videos and information on the school immunisation program
<http://www.islhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services-clinics/public-health-unit/immunisation-0/nsw-school-vaccination-program>

Yours faithfully

Curtis Gregory
Director, Public Health Unit

12 December 2020

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.



With COVID-19 restrictions easing, Holiday Fun is back!

This time we have a great two days in the week before Christmas. Celebrate the holidays with games, craft, friends & the Christmas story! Check out the details below...

- **Who?** Your Holiday Fun aged child (Years K-6) is invited to come celebrate!
- **When?** Thursday 17th–Friday 18th Dec from 9am-3pm each day (come either or both days)
- **Where?** Gerringong Anglican Church (corner of Blackwood & Fern Streets)
- **What to wear?** Casual clothes that are suitable for loads of craft & outdoor play
- **What to bring?** A small bag, water bottle and a hat (all clearly labelled)
- **How much will it cost?** \$20 per child for first day then \$15 per child for the second day
- **What's included?** Morning & Arvo tea consisting of one snack & a piece of fruit and a sandwich & fruit for lunch. All materials for separate craft activities each day and stacks more
- **How do I book?** Go to gerringonganglican.org.au and click on the link to **Christmas Holiday Fun**
- **Can I bring a friend?** Feel free to share this invitation with your primary school-aged friends

Any questions, contact Jon Clare on 0408 404 746 or holidayfun@gerringonganglican.org.au

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Changing your mind

Understanding links between Alcohol, Drugs, Mental Health & the Brain **FREE WORKSHOP**



This session is for anyone who:

- ✓ cares about someone who has Drug, Alcohol or Mental Health issues
- ✓ works with people or families impacted by Drugs, Alcohol or Mental Health issues

The workshop will include information on:

- Impacts of Drugs & Alcohol on Mental Health
- Complex needs of people who use substances
- Impact of the brain on getting help and support
- Memory, attention and managing emotions
- Best ways for you to give help and support.



Presented by Jo Lunn. Jo is a registered Psychologist who has been working in the Alcohol and Other Drug treatment for over 25 years. Jo works with people who struggle with drug or alcohol issues and provides consultancy around designing and implementing organizational change with a particular focus on improving service delivery for clients with co-existing AOD and complex needs (e.g. mental health issues, cognitive impairment, homelessness, involvement in the criminal justice system, Indigenous and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse status). Jo currently holds Co-chair positions with both the Agency of Clinical Innovation Drug and Alcohol Network and the Practice Leadership Group (NIADA), the focus of both groups being the fostering and development of innovative treatment for clients with AOD issues. In 2014 Jo was awarded by NIADA with the 2014 NGO Outstanding Contribution to the Industry Award, primarily in recognition for her achievements in her current role at WHOS.

Bookings are essential. Please book directly online. Places may be limited.

Due to COVID requirements tickets need to be booked individually.

Shellharbour Civic Centre (15 College Ave)

Thursday 21st Jan, 9:30-12:00pm OR 12:30-3:00pm www.trybooking.com/BNEOW

Berkeley Caresouth (2 Matilda Way)

Wednesday 3rd Feb, 9:30-12:00pm www.trybooking.com/BNEWD

Shoalhaven Ex-Services Sports (131 Greenwell Point Rd Worrigee)

Thursday 4th Feb, 9:30-12:00pm www.trybooking.com/BNEWE

If you need help to book contact Tina Ph. 4254 2700 or Martina.Camitz@health.nsw.gov.au

If you need help to arrange an interpreter or more information contact Di Ph, 4254 2760





FREE

FAMILY DRUG SUPPORT

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STEPPING FORWARD

Clear & practical information with a safe place to share & to feel supported.

Stages of Change & Balance Pole

- The stages of change for those engaged in using
- The stages of change for families
- How to cope through self-care
- Letting go and still remain supportive and caring

Effective Communication

- What works
- What doesn't
- Some practical and simple changes that will make a difference

Setting Workable Boundaries

- Defining & setting boundaries
- Why setting boundaries are difficult
- Tips on setting boundaries

Each session is designed so that you will have something of value to take away and help you on your journey.

Cost: Workshop is Free to attend – Tea, Coffee and lunch will be available.

Bookings are essential.

NOWRA

Friday March 12th 2021

9.30am – 4.00pm

Nowra School of Arts, Berry St, Nowra 2541

To register: <https://nowra-stepping-forward.eventbrite.com.au>

WOLLONGONG

Saturday March 13th 2021

9.30am – 4.00pm

Wollongong Hospital Auditorium, Level 8, Block C

Loftus Street, Wollongong NSW 2500

To register: <https://wollongong-stepping-forward.eventbrite.com.au>

Or contact: Amy Steven 0457 260 079, amy@fds.ngo.org.au





YOU ARE INVITED!

This workshop is designed for people who work with families, partners or friends who may be concerned about or impacted by someone else's drug or alcohol use. This workshop is useful across a range of workplace sectors.

Objectives:

- Gain Knowledge of successful models of change for supporting families affected by someone's drug issues.
- Identify the stages that families experience and effective ways to respond.
- Learn how to communicate more effectively with families in a work and/or professional situation.
- Develop understanding and gain skills to assist families to build resilience and improve the outcome for both the person who uses the drug and the family.

This is a **FREE** event that requires registration*

Nowra School of Arts

Berry St, Nowra NSW 2541

When: Thursday February 18th

Time: 9.00am -4pm

<https://nowra-support-the-family-improve-the-outcome.eventbrite.com.au>

CareSouth Community Hub

2 Matilda Way, Berkeley NSW 2506

When: Friday February 19th

Time: 9.00am -4pm

<https://berkeley-support-the-family-improve-the-outcome.eventbrite.com.au>

**Due to COVID 19 limited spaces available. To enhance efficient use of limited resources \$20 will be charged to people who register and do not attend the training.*





SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FITNESS, GYMNASTICS & POOL
TOY ROTATION

TIME 11-3PM | AGES 5-12YRS | \$25/
\$23 (FOR 2ND AND 3RD CHILD)

DATES

Mon 21 Dec	Fitness/
Mon 4 Jan	Gymnastics/Pool
Thur 7 Jan	Toy
Tues 12 Jan	
Fri 15 Jan	
Mon 18 Jan	
Thur 21 Jan	

Please arrive in comfortable clothing and pack swimmers and towels to change into sports shoes and drink bottle

LUNCH CAN BE BYO OR MEAL DEAL MEAL DEAL \$6

PARENTS ARE TO SIGN THEIR CHILDREN IN AND OUT ON THE DAY.

PAYMENT IS REQUIRED AT TIME OF BOOKING



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SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY

JOIN US FOR SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT PCYC *activities*



MON 4 JAN - CREACTIVE (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30
TUE 5 JAN - CREACTIVE (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30
WED 6 JAN - CREACTIVE (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30
THU 7 JAN - TIE DYE + WORKSHOP (8-16YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$45
FRI 8 JAN - CREACTIVE (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30



MON 18 JAN - CREACTIVE (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30
MON 18 JAN - DRAMA (6-16YRS) 9.45AM-2.15PM \$30
TUE 19 JAN - CREACTIVE (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30
WED 20 JAN - ARTS & CRAFTS (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30
WED 20 JAN - ARCHERY (8-18YRS) 9.30AM-12.30PM \$15
THU 21 JAN - TIE DYE + WORKSHOP (8-16YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$45
FRI 22 JAN - ARTS & CRAFTS (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30
FRI 22 JAN - ARCHERY (8-18YRS) 9.30AM-12.30PM \$15

**CREATIVE KIDS
VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!**

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PCYC MEMBERS (\$10 ANNUAL FEE) | ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR CLOSED IN SPORTS SHOES | ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE SIGNED IN & OUT AT RECEPTION EVERYDAY | PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS SUCH AS MOBILE PHONES, IPODS, IPADS OR OTHER GAMING DEVICES | PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CHILDREN WITH MORNING TEA & LUNCH, SNACKS AND WATER EACH DAY



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MON 21 DEC - CREACTIVE (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30
TUE 22 DEC - CREACTIVE (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30
WED 23 DEC - ARTS & CRAFTS (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30



**GET IN TOUCH TO BOOK
& PAY TODAY.
SPACES ARE LIMITED!**

MON 11 JAN - CREACTIVE (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30
TUE 12 JAN - CREACTIVE (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30
WED 13 JAN - CREACTIVE (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30
THU 14 JAN - BEAD JEWELLERY (8-16YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$45
FRI 15 JAN - CREACTIVE (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30



MON 25 JAN - CREACTIVE (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30
WED 27 JAN - ARTS & CRAFTS (5-12YRS) 9.30AM-3PM \$30
WED 27 JAN - ARCHERY (8-18YRS) 9.30AM-12.30PM \$15

AFL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The AFL will be running a Holiday Program at Croome Rd Oval between 9.30 & 1.30 on Tuesday the 12th January at Croome Rd Sporting Complex and between 9.30 & 1.30 at Thomas Dalton Oval on Tuesday the 19th January.

Boys & Girls turning 5 to 12 years are welcomed to get along and have some fun.

Skills, drills and lots of fun in a safe friendly environment.

Google Auskick, where to register, pop in the postcode and select Wollongong City (after school) Auskick Centre then select Thomas Dalton or Croome Rd Holiday Auskick Program and follow the prompts.

The cost is \$51.00 includes a sausage sambo, dinks, insurance & AFL footy pack.

More info call John on 0411226086



Junior Ranger – things that sting - Monday 4th January 2021

Time: 9:30 -11:00

Cost: \$12 / child 4 -12 years (adults free)

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

Bookings essential: 42360 469

Junior rangers are born to explore. If you have an interest in nature, animals and the outdoors then this is the activity for you. Discover the secrets of the rainforest on a fun junior ranger activity this school holidays, learning about the plants and animals of the rainforest.

Junior Ranger - birds of the forest - Monday 11th January 2021

Time: 9:30 -11:00

Cost: \$12 / child 4 -12 years (adults free)

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

Bookings essential: 42360 469

Have you ever wondered why birds' beaks, feet and wings look so different? Come along on this fun activity to learn all about the birds of the forest in their natural habitat.

Summer Nature journalling - Wednesday 13th January 2021

Time: 9:30 - 11:00

Cost: \$12 / child 4 -12 years (adults free)

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

BYO nature journal or purchase on arrival for \$5.00

Join our guide on a fun way to document your outdoor adventure at Minnamurra Rainforest. Learn how to observe and draw leaves, patterns, colours and shapes using nature journaling techniques. BYO nature journal or purchase on arrival for \$5.00

Nature in resin - Monday 18th January 2021

Time: 9:30 -11:00

Cost: \$20 / child 7 -12 years (adults free)

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

Bookings essential: 42360 469

Join us on the great holiday activity to get creative. We will be creating old school paper weights, preserving specimens in resin for eternity.

Kokedama Balls - Wednesday 20th January 2021

Time: 9:30 -11:00

Cost: \$20 / child 7 -12 years (adults free)

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

Bookings essential: 42360 469

Get your hands dirty joining us to make your own kokedama moss ball. Book in for this fun and engaging workshop where you will make a beautiful hanging creative display to take home and enjoy. All materials will be provided.

Junior Ranger – life in the leaf litter - Monday 25th January 2021

Time: 9:30 -11:00

Cost: \$12 / child 4 -12 years (adults free)

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

Bookings essential: 42360 469

Join us on an activity where we will look closely at the life in the leaf litter. We will use magnifiers and trays to closely investigate our discoveries.

Note to participants: Bookings are required to ensure places in the activities. Printed finish times are approximate, and activities may be cancelled or altered due to unforeseen circumstances. Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult. When attending activities, please bring drinking water, appropriate clothing and footwear, sun protection and snack. COVID safe rules apply.

Bookings required for all activities. Phone 02 4236 0469 or email

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