



# Gerringong Public School Term 4 Week 4



Weekly Newsletter Term 4 Week 4  
2021

25th October





## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE





Dear Parents and Carers

As I said last week, a big thank you to every parent, student and teacher who have done an amazing job during “home learning”. We understand that these have been very challenging times, and we want to congratulate each one of you for showing resilience, academic achievement, creativity and humour. We are incredibly lucky to be living in a great community.

From this morning, every student is expected to be back at school, and we are so excited to have everyone return. Keep a look out for your teacher at the front gate or in the school playground!

On arrival, every student should put their bags on their hooks as usual and go to their designated play area with their cohort of friends.

Kindergarten students are to play on the top playground.

Stage 1 under the COLA outside the hall.

Stage 2 Support Play

Stage 3 Basketball/Netball Court

In case of wet weather, all students are to go directly to their classrooms.

We would also like to welcome Miss Lily Stewart who will be replacing Mr Donougher whilst he is on leave until Monday 15 November. Mrs Morris and Mr Campbell will be replacing myself whilst I am on medical leave from Wednesday 27 October. Later, Mrs Morris will be on Long Service Leave.

Kindergarten and Year 1 have already had a great start to term 4.

KG have settled well, and have covered so much last week it's hard to believe it's only been one week. They have started revising their literacy with sounds, letters and spelling rules. KG's rich language text this week was 'The Snail and the Whale' and they wrote about where they would like to go on an adventure and who they would go with - just like the snail. Some of them were off to the jungle and some went to a beautiful island to ride a horse.

Division and area were a focus in maths and KG had lots of fun sharing. They started learning how to use the school laptops too and signed in with their own personal logins. No easy feat.

KG's science topic on chemistry began and they made some binoculars to investigate what materials were made out of, around the school. They have also done lots of art and they practiced dribbling on the new basketball court. It was great fun.

Lunch times have been a little confusing, but the children have really taken all the changes in their stride and enjoyed the different play areas to keep us safe. We hope you enjoy our photos.





1L have shared some comments about being back at school.

"This week I have enjoyed being back at school in 1L because ....."

I get to play down the back and do fun stuff - Leesha



I get to play soccer - Oscar

I get to go back to the Bush Tucker Garden - Sunny

I get to make new friends - Isla

I get to be back in my own classroom with my teacher and friends - Evelyn

I get to see my teacher and my friends –Poppy





1/2R have had a fun time coming back to school. They have been formed into teams for the game "Letters and Numbers". Their team names are "Spotty Team", "Rainbow Ice Cream", "Chocolate Ninjas" and "The No Namers". 1/2R have also been catching up while playing lots of games together like Red Light Green Light and Cricket Netball. We cannot wait for everyone to be back at school next week.







1S have been learning all about money in their first week back. They had a blast playing shops and being challenged to count large amounts of money. They also found it super fun to challenge their partner to find more than one way to find a total amount using play money. 1S are so happy to be back playing, learning, smiling and laughing with their friends again



K/1S has really enjoyed being back at school, learning together and reconnecting with each other. It has been important to ease our way back into learning, so while we hit the ground running with our reading and maths, we have also had lots of breaks to get ourselves moving, do some yoga, make artistic creations, take our maths outside, dance around and just play together. Learning will only take place if we feel secure (and not exhausted!), so this has been a focus this week. What a fabulous group of little people we have in K/1S!







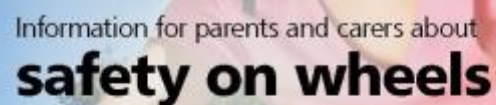




Students are loving our new basketball and netball court. Our height adjustable posts were installed over the weekend ready for everyone's return. All stages are timetabled on during breaks, so no one will miss out playing on it during the week.



There have been recent reports of students riding unsafely especially around the Elambra area after finishing school. Please have a chat to your children and remind them about bike safety for children of all ages!



The law and safety advice for bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades

### Safety advice

Advocates for federal government should also insist regularly to challenge if a health system cannot afford the former medicine which, stopped at a first surface, has been taken, without consent, also.

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Other examples of industries that have been "put on ice" include air transport and grocery stores.

Results were as follows: (a) using big fluorescent light sources, and (b) using big fluorescent light sources, together with big fluorescent light sources, and (c) using big fluorescent light sources, together with big fluorescent light sources.

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For instance, individuals with schizophrenia are more likely to be hospitalized than those with a specific kind of brain disease. However, even including the left and right sides of the brain separately, the results for schizophrenia are not significant. This may be due to the small number of individuals with schizophrenia who were included in the study. In addition, the results for schizophrenia are not significant when the left and right sides of the brain are analyzed separately. This may be due to the small number of individuals with schizophrenia who were included in the study. In addition, the results for schizophrenia are not significant when the left and right sides of the brain are analyzed separately. This may be due to the small number of individuals with schizophrenia who were included in the study.

the proximity of safety and resources. Fuel sources, particularly for residential use, are subject to seasonal issues designated for their use.

Fuel sources, distribution and infrastructure should create a network and provide the gas used for heating and electricity. With construction for this safety fuel source, thousands of new jobs are being created in the construction industry and safety industry.





# Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate

All bicycle riders are required by law to wear an approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened. Make sure the helmet fits correctly. Check the helmet regularly for damage. It is best to replace a helmet that has been involved in a crash, dropped on a hard surface, has cracked foam, or frayed or worn straps.



For more information on keeping your child safe on wheels visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au/parents](http://safetytown.com.au/parents)

The information in this brochure is intended as a guide only and is subject to change at any time without notice. It does not replace the relevant legislation, nor should it be regarded as legal advice.

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## Important Dates (COVID-19 Guidelines dependent)

- Friday 29th October - Friday Fun Day SRC Mufti Day - Gold coin donation and sausage sizzle (order through Flexischools). All monies raised will go to the Shoalhaven Homeless Hub charity.
- Monday 15th November - P and C AGM at Gerroa Fisherman's Club. Join us from 6.30pm for refreshments - All welcome!
- Presentation Day Assemblies

## K-2 Tuesday 7 December 2021

KG 9:05am

KS 9:30am

K/1S 9:55am

1S 10:20am

1L 10:45am

1/2R 12:05pm

2SL 12:30pm

2K 12:55pm

### **Year 6 Graduation Assembly Wednesday 8 December 2021**

### **Years 3-5 Thursday 9 December 2021**

3J 9:05am

3TD 9:35am

3/4C 10:05am

4D 10:35am

4/5MB 12:05pm

5N/ 5CS 12:35pm

- Jamberoo – Year 6 Tuesday 7 December 2021
- Year 6 Farewell Gerroa Fisherman's Club- Wednesday 8 December 2021
- Gerringong PS 8yrs+ Swimming Carnival at Albion Park Friday 11 February 2022
- Tongarra District Swimming Carnival at Albion Park Friday 25 February 2022

We are all very excited to have all students back!

Kind regards

Mrs Kristie Goldthorp OAMJP



## **LIBRARY NEWS**

It has been fantastic to welcome all of our students back to school today and I am really looking forward to sharing our beautiful library with our classes this week.

**Please be assured that we will be following all Department of Education guidelines within our library space to keep our students and staff safe.**

### **Student Borrowing**

Student borrowing is back up and running so please remember to pack your library bag and your library books and bring in all of those overdue books.

Happy Reading,

Mrs Cummins.

## OFFICE NEWS

### School bytes

*Our school is moving to online permission notes provided through a system called School Bytes. We've used this system for a number of years now to email Newsletters, statements of account and payment reminders to parents/carers, and are now expanding its usage.*

*Moving forward, when an activity requires your permission such as an excursion, you will receive an automatically generated email with a link you can click on to open the secure online permission form. This form will contain information about the activity as well as a section for you to complete and sign (with your mouse or finger). If the activity involves a cost, there will be a 'Make Online Payment' button on the form.*

*All emails will be sent from [noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education](mailto:noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education) so please ensure this is not marked as spam/junk. Should you have any questions about this new process, please contact the school office.*

### Kindergarten 2022

Gerringong Public School is now taking the names of children who will be enrolling in Kindergarten in 2022. At this stage we are taking basic details – Name, Gender, Date of Birth, Parent/Guardian names, contact numbers and address, pre-school attended and sibling details.

Later in the year you will be given an enrolment form or alternatively you can complete an online enrolment form via the school website. Please be aware that you will be required to submit original documents (as per the following list) at the time you hand in your child's enrolment form. **We cannot accept enrolments without these documents.**

1. Proof of student's residential address (eg council rates notice, residential lease, electricity account, statutory declaration)
2. Birth certificate or identity documents.
3. Australian childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) Immunisation History Statement.

In addition, if your child is the subject of family law matters you will need to provide copies of any family law or other relevant court orders.

Also, if your child has health, disability or other support needs you will need to provide:

1. Copies of medical/healthcare or emergency action plans
2. Evidence of any disability or other support needs, including any learning and support plans.

When we give/send you your enrolment form, we will also include a blue form for you to provide permission for your child/ren to go on walking excursions outside the school grounds.

We just wanted to give you advance notice of documentation requirements so you can have everything ready when the time comes for you to hand in your child's enrolment form. It is a legal requirement to have the relevant documents before we can accept the enrolment.

***Please call or visit the office to register your child's name and details.***



## SCHOOL NEWS

## K - 2 Assembly Awards Term 4, Week 3

### *Congratulations to:*

<b>KG</b>	<p><b>Zahara S</b> - For great information report writing on Amphibians.</p> <p><b>Maci O</b> - For taking a huge leap in her reading fluency.</p> <p><b>Jake R</b> - For great progress reading CVCC words with Mrs Morris.</p> <p><b>Keith K</b> - For great Information report writing on Amphibians.</p>	<b>1S</b>	<p><b>Tully A</b> - For a smooth and successful transition back to school.</p> <p><b>Harry R</b> - For AMAZING reading during reading groups. WOW!</p> <p><b>Ryan C</b> - For always trying his best and pushing himself in Maths.</p> <p><b>Isabelle B</b> - For always being a kind and respectful role model.</p>
<b>KS</b>	<p><b>Madi H</b> - For a positive and confident attitude towards her learning.</p> <p><b>Emmi A</b> - For her quick Mathematical thinking to solve Division problems.</p> <p><b>Sienna K</b> - For her persistence when reading longer words.</p> <p><b>Ethan R</b> - For his quick Mathematical thinking to solve Division problems.</p>	<b>1/2R</b>	<p><b>Joey H</b> - For excellent teamwork in Letters and Numbers games.</p> <p><b>Matia J</b> - For Exceptional teamwork and cooperation.</p> <p><b>Yohannes S</b> - For excellent attitude to both online and classroom learning.</p> <p><b>Layla C</b> - For outstanding determination in team games.</p>
<b>K/1S</b>	<p><b>Maya E</b> - For working hard to add expression when reading.</p> <p><b>Tommy R</b> - For preserving in Maths to understand Division/sharing.</p> <p><b>Clara P</b> - For putting amazing expression into her reading voice!</p> <p><b>Riley S</b> - For putting care and detail into his artwork.</p>	<b>1L</b>	<p><b>Sunny H</b> - For settling in well in 1L! Keep up the great work!</p> <p><b>Eden R</b> - For working diligently and cooperatively in Literacy Rotations.</p> <p><b>Isla B</b> - For being a respectful member and working cooperatively in group work.</p> <p><b>Oliver C</b> - For his wonderful enthusiasm shown when learning about money.</p>

# HELPFUL TIPS FOR COMING BACK TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Your teacher is looking forward to seeing you and we know that you are looking forward to seeing your friends.

Sometimes learning from home felt easy, sometimes it felt a bit hard. Everyone has a different learning from home story to tell. Here's some helpful tips for you as you get ready to return to school.



## GET READY

Check your uniform and shoes still fit, and repack your school bag. Your school will have hand sanitiser and masks, but you can take your own too!



## BE SAFE

Safety first – wear your mask. Sneeze or cough into your elbow, put used tissues in the bin, and wash your hands during the day and before you eat.



## BE KIND AND PATIENT

Everyone will settle back to school in a different way. Showing kindness and being patient with the people around you will help everyone feel better.



## SCHOOL WORK

Try your best. Let a teacher, parent or a carer know what you found easy or hard when working from home. They are there to help you.



## FEELINGS

It can help to talk. It's ok to feel a little unsure, worried, nervous, happy, angry or any feeling in between. Talking to your parent or a carer, your teacher or other staff is important when you feel unsettled or are worried about a friend.



## HAVE SOME FUN

Your teacher wants you to enjoy being back at school. Join in the classroom and break-time fun, and play outside with your friends and classmates.



## EAT

Food is fuel for your body and brain. Don't forget to eat breakfast and grab a healthy lunch and keep your water bottle topped up!



## SLEEP

Nothing beats a good sleep. Go to bed early and keep phones and other devices in another room, so you're not disturbed. It might take a little time to get back into your routine.

There are more ideas on looking after yourself on the Department of Education's student mental health and wellbeing pages.

NSW Department of Education





# GERRINGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Canteen Menu

**SANDWICHES**

Vegemite, Honey or Jam	\$2.00
Cheese	\$2.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$2.50
Baked Beans	\$2.50
Spaghetti	\$2.50
Lean Ham	\$2.50
Lean Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
Lean Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50
Lean Ham & salad	\$4.00
Egg, lettuce & mayo (local produced eggs)	\$3.50
Salad	\$3.50
Wrap ADD	\$0.50
Gluten Free ADD	\$1.00

**THURSDAY only**

Pizza	\$4.50
Ham & Cheese	
Ham, Cheese & Pineapple	
Cheese	

Online lunch orders only,  
please place your  
children's orders through  
*flexischools*

**HOT FOODS**

Seasonal Soup & Roll (canteen made)	\$3.50
Crumbed chicken strip	\$2.00
Hot Chicken Wrap	\$4.00
Flame Grilled Chicken Burger	\$4.50
Mac 'n' Cheese	\$4.00
Beef Lasagne	\$4.00
Penne Bolognese	\$4.00
Penne Bolognese GF (canteen made)	\$4.00
Splnach & Ricotta Roll (canteen made) Mon/Fri ONLY	\$3.50
Sausage Roll Mon/Fri ONLY	\$3.50
Traveller Pie Mon/Fri ONLY	\$4.00
Albion Park Pie Mon/Fri ONLY	\$4.00
Chicken Nuggets x 6 Tues ONLY	\$3.50

**SALADS**

Seasonal Super Salad	\$3.50
(Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot and Beetroot)	
Seasonal Super Salad and egg	\$4.50
Seasonal Super Salad and lean ham	\$4.50
Seasonal Super Salad and Chicken Strip	\$5.50

**SNACKS**

Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00
Seasonal Fruit Cup	\$1.00
Veggie Sticks	\$1.00
Banana Bread	\$0.50
Crackers, Cheese & Veggie sticks	\$2.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Sea Salt Red Rock Deli Chips	\$1.50
Mixed Cereal Cup	\$0.50

**DRINKS**

Water	\$1.00
Plain Milk	\$1.00
Strawberry Milk	\$2.00
Chocolate Milk	\$2.00
Orange Juice	\$1.50
Apple Juice	\$1.50

**FROZEN SNACKS**

Small quich stick	\$0.50
Large quich stick	\$1.00
Frozen Fruit & Yoghurt (canteen made)	\$1.00
Frozen Milk Strawberry (canteen made)	\$0.50
Frozen Milk Chocolate (canteen made)	\$0.50
Frozen Black current Juice (canteen made)	\$0.50
Twisted Frozen Watermelon Yoghurt	\$2.50
Twisted Frozen Chocolate Yoghurt	\$2.50
Frozen Black current Juice	\$1.00
Frozen Orange Juice	\$1.00
Frozen Pineapple Piece	\$0.50

## 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.





REGISTRATIONS

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FOR

*Mawarra*

JUNIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE

SEASON

2021/22

OPENING DAY NOV 14



BERKELEY  
EAGLES BASEBALL  
CLUB



DAPTO  
CHIEFS JUNIOR  
BASEBALL



WOLLONGONG  
CARDINALS JUNIOR  
BASEBALL



PIRATES  
JUNIOR BASEBALL  
CLUB

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL  
CLUB TO REGISTER



**Attention: Principal and SRE/SEE Coordinator  
Gerringong Public School**

We hope you are well as we commence the new term with students again learning from home - though soon to return to school.

Primary Ethics is proud to offer an alternative while ethics classes cannot be run in schools. For Term 4, we have prepared a brand-new series of **Bites!**

**Bites!** are our specially designed bite-sized lessons for students to chew over at home and practise their skills in close listening and ethical reasoning, based on material from our Department-approved curriculum.

Each week we will post a new ethical dilemma to our **Bites!** web page. Here is the link: <http://primaryethics.com.au/education>

**We'd really appreciate if you could share this link with all your students and their families, through the school newsletter, your website and any appropriate school social media.**

We can quickly send you an image and some words to place in your newsletters or online. [Please email us here for that >>](#)

**Bites** for the K-2 age group are designed for students to tackle individually, assisted by an adult. **Bites** for Years 3-6 are designed for students to work on individually or with a family group. An adult learning supervisor may like to take part by helping to read the stories and questions and guiding students to think for themselves about the dilemma we pose. (Each **Bite** will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.)

**We hope all your students will appreciate having access to this online series and look forward to having our volunteer ethics teachers back in classrooms in the future.**

Thank you,

The Primary Ethics team

## Nutrition Snippet

### SPRINGTACULAR FRUIT AND VEG.



#### Try these seasonal recipes:

- [Pea and zucchini risotti](#)
- [Bliss balls](#)
- [Celery with cream cheese](#)

For these recipes and more visit  
[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

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