



Gerringong Public School Term 1 Week 7



Weekly Newsletter Term 1 Week 7

8th March 2021



 Upcoming events	
2021	
Term 1, Week 7	
Wednesday 10th March	Kiama High School Open Night Regional Swimming Carnival
Term 1, Week 8	
Monday 15th March Thursday 18th March	P and C Meeting Tongarra League Legends
<i>Looking further ahead</i>	
Monday 22nd March 29th and 30th March 31st March — 1st April 1st April 19th April 14th May	Cross Country Cross Country (Back up) PSSA Swimming Last Day of Term 1 First Day of Term 2 Stage 3 Camp commences Colour Run fundraiser

Principal's Message

What a great week we had at Gerringong PS! We were kept busy with AFL trials, cricket trials, soccer trials, football trials, Meet the Teacher and Clean Up Australia Day! I hope both students and teachers enjoyed a well-deserved rest over the weekend. This week some of our students will be attending the Regional Swimming Carnival. We wish them all the best!

It was so lovely to welcome our parents on-site last Tuesday to the Meet the Teacher afternoon. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed meeting their child's classroom teacher/s and visiting the classroom. The teachers certainly enjoyed putting faces to names.

Covid-19 Restrictions Update

Last Friday, I received the exciting news that parents are allowed back on-site from Monday, 8th March. This means that parents and carers are allowed to drop off and pick up if necessary. Many students have already developed independent routines in these areas and I would encourage you to continue with these if it suits your family situation. Parents and carers must maintain 1.5m distance from other adults on-site. It is important that parents entering the school do so in a timely manner, we recommend no more than 10 minutes on-site to drop off and pick up. **Make sure you use the Service NSW App if you are entering the school.** Please see the following link for a more comprehensive explanation of the latest easing of restrictions.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Sporting Trials

At our school, we follow the GPS Sport Selection Policy to ensure all students have an opportunity to trial for a variety of sporting teams. This policy was written in negotiation with parent representatives, teachers and the Principal and aligns with the PSSA selection policy. The teachers volunteer and devote their own lunchtimes and out of school hours for these trials and opportunities to take place. Thank you to all of our amazing staff for their willingness to keep these opportunities happening for our students.

School Improvement Cycle

All NSW Public Schools are guided by the School Excellence Policy. Last year, we concluded a School Plan cycle and entered into a new planning phase. This involved conducting a thorough evaluation into the previous school plan and current teaching and learning practices in the school. This year, we begin our new Strategic Improvement Plan where our 2021 focus areas for improvement include Reading, Spelling, effective student support and positive partnerships in the school community. As part of this process, we use the data provided from the Tell Then From Me Survey. This year it is vitally important for parents and carers to complete this survey to ensure we are capturing the parent voice when we make decisions for the school. Our students in Years 4, 5 and 6, as well as, all of our teachers participate in this survey. More information will follow with a link to the survey.

Have a great week!

Lisa Morris

Relieving Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Covering

Finally, our HUGE book covering mission is complete! On Tuesday evening the library was inundated with volunteers and we have now covered all of the new readers ready for our students. It really has been a mammoth task and I really appreciate the assistance of all of our volunteers, THANK YOU!

Premiers Reading Challenge

Last week we kicked off the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is a state-wide program that aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

This year, there is a slight change to the organisation of the PRC at Gerringong Public School. Our K-2 classes will complete their PRC during their library lessons and their reading records will be updated at school by the Teacher Librarian. Our K-2 students will still be encouraged to borrow books from the K-2 PRC list and share these stories with their families to continue to foster a love of reading through quality literature.

Our 3-6 classes are required to read 20 books independently from the 3-4 and 5-6 PRC lists. Over the next few weeks, our primary students will be given explicit instruction showing them how to log their books electronically. They will also receive a paper copy of the reading log to track their reading for the challenge.



The challenge is open to students until Friday 20th August 2021, so we have plenty of time to read and record some great books.

Book Club

Our first book club magazine for the year has arrived. Orders for this catalogue are due by the **18th March**. This year we will not be accepting cash payments for book club purchases, instead we will be using the **LOOP** payment system. Please see the attached information for more details or call into the library and see me. Our school receives a percentage of the profits from all purchases made but please note there is no obligation to purchase from book club.

Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order
using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**,
speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
- 2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

[HOME](#) | [ABOUT](#) | [REGISTER](#) | [HELP](#)



LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?

Search for

item

- 3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

- 4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

 **SCHOLASTIC**



Happy Reading,

Mrs Kate Cummins

CANTEEN NEWS



GERRRINGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

Canteen Menu

SANDWICHES *Toasted add 50 cents*

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
Chicken Free ADD	\$1.00

THURSDAY SPECIAL

Pita Bread Pizzas

Cheese	\$3.50
Lean Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Lean Ham, Cheese & Pineapple	\$4.00

Sushi Bowls

Tonkatsu Chicken	\$5.00
Tuna	\$5.00

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

flexischools

HOT FOODS

Seasonal Soup & Roll (canteen made)	\$5.50
Crumbed chicken strip	\$2.00
Hot Chicken Wrap	\$4.00
Home Grilled Chicken Burger	\$4.50
Mai 'n' Cheese	\$4.00
Beef Lasagne	\$4.00
Penne Bolognese (canteen made)	\$4.00
Penne Bolognese GF (canteen made)	\$4.00
Vegetarian Roll (canteen made) Mon/Fri ONLY	\$5.50
Sausage Roll Mon/Fri ONLY	\$3.50
Traveler Pie Mon/Fri ONLY	\$4.00
Albion Park Pie Mon/Fri ONLY	\$4.00
Chicken Nuggets & 6 Ties ONLY	\$5.50

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 Tuna	\$4.50

DRINKS

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

SNACKS

Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00
Seasonal Fruit Cup	\$1.00
Veggie Sticks	\$1.00
Veggie Sticks & Hummus	\$1.50
Crackers, Cheese & Veggie sticks	\$2.00
Fruit Buns	\$1.50
Popcorn	\$1.00
See Salt Red Rock Dill Chips	\$1.50
Mixed Cereal Cup	\$3.50

FROZEN SNACKS

Small quash stick	\$0.50
Large quash stick	\$1.00
Frozen Fruit & Yoghurt (canteen made)	\$1.50
Frozen Milk Strawberry (canteen made)	\$0.50
Frozen Milk Chocolate (canteen made)	\$0.50
Frozen Orange Juice (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 Pineapple Piece	\$0.20
Frozen Vanilla Yoghurt Berry Bark	\$0.50

OFFICE NEWS

Please note that unfortunately the office can no longer accept EFTPOS payments over the **phone**. Online payments can be made via POP (Parent Online Payment) system on our website or cash can be placed in the locked box in the front office or EFTPOS at the front office.

SCHOOL NEWS

K - 2 Assembly Awards Term 1, Week 6			
Congratulations to:			
K6	<p>Maci O - For showing resilience and grit starting Kindergarten.</p> <p>Jake R - For showing perseverance in his writing and drawing.</p> <p>Hugh S - For showing amazing responsibility with his behaviour.</p> <p>Zahara-May S - For attention and contribution during class discussions.</p>	15	<p>Taylah G - For excellent mathematical thinking to order and represent three digit numbers.</p> <p>Jacob J - For trying hard in Maths and representing 2 digit numbers with MAB blocks.</p> <p>Gus S - For always trying his best in reading and using AMAZING expression!</p> <p>Lexi U - For pushing herself during Maths and ordering and representing 3 digit numbers.</p>
KS	<p>Alice B - For being an active participant during all learning tasks.</p> <p>Samuel D - For hearing all the sounds in a word.</p> <p>Edha M - For completing her work to a high standard.</p> <p>Lewie P - For blending sounds to read words.</p>	1/2R	<p>Rory G - For always being a respectful and responsible member of 1/2R!</p> <p>Neil H - For her interesting 'WANTED' poster for 'Clancy the Quokka'!</p> <p>Havana H - For her great use of rich vocabulary in her writing! Keep it up!</p> <p>Don M - For his fantastic writing on 'Clancy the Quokka'. Well done!</p>
K/15	<p>Patrick C - For improving his focus when completing work in class.</p> <p>Angus D - For pulling apart words to find all the sounds.</p> <p>Maya E - For her mathematical language when discussing graphs.</p> <p>Sophie M - For her amazing progress blending sounds to read words.</p>	2K	<p>Oliver B - For being a focused learner in Literacy activities.</p> <p>Hamish B - For a great effort in Maths activities.</p> <p>Philippa D - For always being kind and respectful to others.</p> <p>Isaac W - For an outstanding Recount about 'The Buddies Show'</p>
1L	<p>Isla B - For her impressive efforts in Maths and persevering through challenges.</p> <p>Leo G - For showing consistent commitment to all aspects of learning.</p> <p>Tom H - For always modelling in responsibility and kindness in 1L!</p> <p>Levi S - For displaying a focused attitude in his learning! Great effort!</p>	2SL	<p>Finn B - For his excellent work using 4 and 5 digit numbers!</p> <p>Tara G - For her incredible improvement in reading!</p> <p>Elize L - For always showing kindness and helping others.</p> <p>Ruby N - For her understanding and use of Fact Families in math.</p>

AFL PAUL KELLY CUP REPORT

On Friday 5th March, Gerringong Public School competed in the AFL Paul Kelly Cup Southern Illawarra Gala Day.

It was a very fun day, with students enjoying the fast pace of AFL. All students showed courage, commitment and sportsmanship. The girls' team played brilliantly and just missed out on going through to the Final. Congratulations to the boys' team who not only made it through to the Final but won the event!

We would like to congratulate the girls and boys who participated in this fantastic day. Their energy, enthusiasm and teamwork were incredible to watch.

A very big thank you also to the parents who supported the event by cheering on the sidelines.

Boys will now progress to a Regional Final in Term Two.

Mrs Miller and Miss Sutton



Clean Up Australia Day 2021!











CONGRATULATIONS WAVE WINNERS!



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.



Kiama High School Open Night 2021

Wednesday 10th March 6:15pm - 8pm in the KHS quad

Be entertained, view Year 12 Major Works, ask questions, meet the Principal, Head Teacher Wellbeing and Class Teachers.

Respect - Responsibility - Excellence





A unique holiday program teaching children art skills in a fun way.

Allow them to explore, discover and create amazing artworks.



Tutor: Judy Voltz
(founder/director award winning Sydney art school)

Bookings contact:
judy@artxtra.com.au
0413157704

Venue:
Berry School of Arts
19 Alexandra St, Berry

Holiday Art Program For 6 -12 yrs Thursday 15th & Friday 16th April

Morning Session (10am-12.30pm)

Afternoon Session (1.30-4pm)

THURSDAY

Portraits:

Learn to draw a realistic face in pencil and watercolour (self, friend or family member). Then paint expressively on canvas using your own limited colour palette.

Draw /paint your favourite animal or pet:

Look at proportions, shapes, shadows & details. Students can use pencil, pastels or paint.

FRIDAY

Still Life: Observation drawing in pencil/graphite of objects brought in by students. Paint a colourful still life with basket of fruits, a vase etc experimenting with colour inspired by Matisse, Cezanne and Rothko palettes.

Klimt Style: Create a beautiful mixed media painting/collage using beautiful papers, gold leaf and paint.

Max class size 8 students
Includes all materials, morning/
afternoon tea.

Full day students bring lunch
supervised in park nearby

Cost:
\$60 per session
\$100 per day

10% discount for 2nd family
member or 2 full days.

KDSC Mental Health Training Seminar



The Kiama & District Stronger Community invites you to

A free evening information seminar on how the KDSC can support your organisation to be leaders in mental health and early intervention for the benefit of your member's mental wellbeing.

Where: Kiama Leagues Club
109 Terralong St, Kiama

When: Wednesday March 24th 7 - 8:30pm

RSVP BY: 10th March
TO: Joeline Robson - Executive Officer
joeliebobson@gmail.com

For more information and updates on the KDSC visit our website and social media.

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✉ hello@thekdsc.com.au

Stronger together

ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN NIGHT

Talk and Tour of School Monday March 15th

You must register by calling the front office on 42711099.

Limited spots available. One adult with one child.

session 1 - 4.00pm to 5.00pm

session 2 - 5.00pm to 6.00pm

session 3 - 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Talented Sport Program Zoom Information Session Monday March 22nd

6.30pm

Link on school Facebook & Website.

Need a registered account to attend.

surveymonkey.com/r/SCHOOLQ



**Complete the
Back to School Road Rules Quiz**
and you could win a \$250 fuel card
or 1 of 11 runner up prizes



The school the major prize winner belongs to will also win a \$250 Officeworks gift card. Competition closes 14 March 2021.

WANT TO WIN A \$250 or \$25 Fuel Gift Card?

Take the Transport for NSW Back to School Road Rules Quiz to go in the draw.

Click on the link to get started: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCHOOLQ>

This competition will close at midnight on 14th March 2021. Winners will be drawn within 7 days.

MOTHERS & SONS PROGRAM



When: Thursdays, Term 2
29th April- 3rd June 2021, 4pm-6pm

Where: Illawarra Women's Health Centre
2-10 Belfast Street, Warilla

Call: to register your interest with Denika
Thomas on 4255 6800 or 0459 028 972

A program supporting mothers to raise happy, respectful and connected boys aged 6-8 years old

What happens?

The program is run by a female and male facilitator over six weekly sessions, two hours in length. The first session is attended by the mothers only, while the five remaining have both mothers and their sons, sometimes working together and sometimes doing separate activities all aiming at providing information and tips on how to integrate information into the family's life.

The sessions explore the role of the mother and where parenting skills and ideas come from; emotion regulation; the importance of male role models in a son's life and what masculinity means today. As a group we focus on the developing of a strong, enduring and positive connections between mothers and sons and healthy relationships beyond the family sphere.

Mothers have been asking how they can connect, understand and support their son's development emotionally. How to parent a young boy as a mother and how to raise a respectful boy into a respectful man.

As there are no programs like this in Australia, we developed our own (called Mothers and Sons Program!). It is specifically designed for boys 6-8 years old, as research tells us this is the critical time to teach boys around emotional regulation and respectful behaviour.

Why a Mothers and Sons program?

*"After attending the
program my son and I
have been able to
communicate better"*

Mother of a 6yo son.

Please note this program is not a therapeutic behavioural change program. It is information sharing and support. Limited child minding will be offered.

Habitus Father and Son Camp

Mar 27-28 at Kiama Public School



What's it all about?

It is really important for every young boy to spend quality time with their Father or significant male mentor. The Habitus Father and Son Camp is a perfect opportunity for fathers and sons to connect and get away from the normal distractions and stresses of day-to-day life.

Held in our very own Kiama Public School, you will enjoy fun and adventure, whilst also participating in professionally facilitated activities. The program is specifically designed to create supportive connections between dads and kids and to help build stronger communities where fathers and male carers have the chance to become the best dads in the world for their children.

1

LEARN

Parenting skills and increase knowledge in Child Development.

2

CONNECT

With your child and with other parents to foster meaningful relationships.

3

BUILD

A community of support that focuses on communication and wellbeing.



"My son and I had the most open and interesting conversation we have had in a very long time... By Sunday it was that I came home to a different boy... but what really happened is that we truly came home to a different dad!"



"I'm still buzzing from the weekend... I had the best weekend I've had in a very long time, even closer than one of the best I've had in my life!"



"I was so grateful to be a part of that weekend... But I was also very aware of the value to the other participants. You could see people change as the event progressed."

What do you get?

The aim is help kids feel secure, connected to family, and valued in a way that has a direct and positive impact on their wellbeing. The program is designed by an expert in Educational Psychology, Emotional Intelligence and Adolescent Brain Development. The specific outcomes include:

- Parents increase child development skills and knowledge;
- Parents experience a strong emotional attachment to their child through fun activities;
- The program provides an opportunity for parents to connect with other parents in the context of child development and wellbeing;
- Parents learn and implement a number of key parenting strategies given in the program.

It's a really fun and engaging program that builds relationships between parents and kids, as well as helping to develop a strong community of parental support.

As your son approaches his teenage years it's crucial that you are able to communicate and understand what he needs at this stage in his life, and The Habitus Father and Son camp is the perfect way to do this.



Here's what one of the teachers who was there had to say:

"In my 10 years of teaching, this was hands down the most important initiative I have ever been involved in... Inspirational!"

The Overnight Camp costs \$250 for both of you, and includes food and professionally facilitated activities (BYO tent and sleeping gear). This event is open to boys in years 4, 5 & 6, but we also run father/daughter camps and parent/child camps as well.

For bookings, go to:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BNUGZ>
 Call Monty on 0405271757 or
 Send an email to contact@habitus.org

WHO IS HABITUS?

Habitus is a local Social enterprise and we use Anthropology, Emotional Intelligence and Educational Psychology to help you develop your social skills, confidence and adaptability through a range of fun activities including team building, problem solving, nature craft, drama, music, storytelling and manual arts.

Our mission is to build relationships, encourage healthy communication and strengthen communities. We redirect all profits we make back into the community to help us deliver cutting edge, research inspired, socially inclusive programs to public schools, marginalised communities and families in need.



interested in Running or Walking Cross Country for Fun and Fitness or enjoy the challenge to achieve goals. ~ All ages ~ All abilities ~

The afternoon is **FREE** offering

Coaching tips, Sausage Sizzle and Lucky Draws, Distances from 1k to 8k. ~ Info: **victoryrunners.com.au**

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