



# Gerringong Public School Term 1 Week 8



Weekly Newsletter Term 1 Week 8  
2021

15th March





 <b>Upcoming events</b>	
2021	
Term 1, Week 8	
Wednesday 17th March	Harmony Day
Thursday 18th March	League Legends Gala day
Term 1, Week 9	
Monday 22nd March	Cross Country
Looking further ahead	
29th March	Cross Country (Back up)
30th March	Cross Country (Back up)
31st March — 1st April	PSSA Swimming
1st April	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>
	<b>Crazy Hair Day</b>
19th April	<b>First Day of Term 2</b>
	Stage 3 Camp commences
14th May	Colour Run fundraiser
24th June	Last Day Term 2 for students
25th June	Staff Development Day

## Principal's Message

### Term 1 Week8

This week sees Gerringong Public School celebrating Harmony Week. On Wednesday, students can wear orange mufti clothes or clothing of cultural significance to school. All students will be participating in activities that celebrate the diversity of culture in Australia. Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all

Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Ask your child about the activities they have participated in to support this day.

Congratulations to our Regional Swimmers and Cricket players. Well done on your achievements and for representing Gerringong Public School. Thank you to Mrs Chapman and Mrs Dougall for ensuring these events could take place.

### Birthday Cakes

As we are still following Covid-19 health guidelines, unfortunately we are unable to have food for sharing come into the school to celebrate birthdays. The school canteen is able to operate under their Covid-19 hygiene and safety practices and have birthday celebration options on the canteen menu. Parents can choose from cupcakes or ice blocks that can be delivered to classrooms. These can be ordered on Flexischools. Please note the cupcakes need 3 days notice. Thank you for your support in this situation. We will notify parents via the newsletter as soon as these guidelines change.

### Covid-19 Testing

As above, we still must follow all guidelines set by the Department of Education and NSW Health. This means that if your child attends school with cold or flu symptoms, we must send the child to sick bay, contact parents for pick up and request a Covid-19 test. Children cannot return to school unless the office has sighted a negative Covid-19 test. Please email a screenshot of the negative test which includes all of the student's details to the school email.

[gerringong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gerringong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

### Cross Country

Our Cross Country Carnival will be held on Monday, 22nd March. Our K-2 students (Year 2 students that do not turn 8 this year) will participate in a modified cross country carnival on school grounds and our Year 2-6 students will walk to the soccer fields to participate. All parents are welcome at both events. Please remember to comply to any Covid Safety requests including staying at home if you are unwell and keeping physically distant from other adults. Thank you to all of the parents that have volunteered to assist on the day. We are looking forward to running a whole school event with parents included.

### End of Term Reminders

Term 1 finishes for everyone on Thursday, April 1 and Term 2 begins for everyone on Monday, April 19. The Staff Development Day has been moved to the end of Term 2. Term 2 will finish for students on Thursday, June 24. Please make sure you note these on your calendar.

Have a wonderful Week 8!

Lisa Morris

Relieving Principal

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Premiers Reading Challenge

The 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge is in full swing. It has been wonderful to see so many students taking charge of their challenge and logging their books.

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](https://www.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 (as 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.*
- 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.

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?   

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

 

Happy Reading,

Mrs Kate Cummins

### Positive Partnerships

Parent and teacher partnerships are strongly valued to best support your child's learning and wellbeing and we appreciate your opinions as we plan for the year ahead.

During our Parent/Teacher information sessions we shared a QR code linking to a brief survey (two questions). Thank you to those families that have already completed the survey. If you missed the link, we have included the QR code below. We would love to hear from you!



## CANTEEN NEWS

# GERRINGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Canteen Menu

**SANDEMICHES**      *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	\$3.00
Lean Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
Lean Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00
Lean Ham & salad	\$3.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo (local produced eggs)	\$3.50
Salad	\$3.50
Wrap ADD	\$0.50
Gluten Free ADD	\$1.00

**THURSDAY SPECIAL**

Pita Bread Pizzas

Cheese	\$5.50
Lean Ham & Cheese	\$6.00
Lean Ham, Cheese & Pineapple	\$6.00

Sushi Bowls

Teriyaki 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
Crispy bread 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 (canteen made)	\$4.00
Penne Bolognese GF (canteen made)	\$4.00
Veggie/leek Roll (canteen made) Mon/Fri ONLY	\$5.50
Sausage Roll Mon/Fri ONLY	\$5.50
Traveler Pie Mon/Fri ONLY	\$4.00
Alfalfa Pork Pie Mon/Fri ONLY	\$4.00
Chicken Nuggets & 6 Tins ONLY	\$5.50

**SALADS**

Seasonal Super Salad (Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot and Dillweed)	\$3.50
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 Box	\$1.50
Popsicles	\$1.00
Sea Salt Red Rock Dill Chips	\$1.50
Mixed Cereal Cup	\$3.50

**FROZEN SNACKS**

Small quick stick	\$0.50
Large quick 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



### The learning hub

Thank you to all the parents who visited The Learning Hub in Week 5 at our Meet the Teacher afternoon. It was lovely to meet you all. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities for students happening in The Learning Hub this term.

Student Learning Support Officer Assistance with Fine Motor Skills – Kindergarten.

Student Learning Support Officer Assistance in Literacy – Year 1.

Targeted Intervention in Literacy – Years 3, 5 and 6.

Targeted Intervention in Numeracy – Years 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Numeracy Enrichment Groups – Stage 1, 2 and 3.

Integration Students – 1:1 support for identified students

Throughout the year, all grades will have the opportunity to be supported with Literacy and Numeracy. Kindergarten will join the Enrichment Groups in Term 3.

If your child is coming to The Learning Hub this term, make sure you ask them about their learning! The Student Success Team is dedicated to providing the most effective learning opportunities so all students can succeed at Gerringong Public School.

If you would like to talk to one of The Learning Hub teachers, please contact the School Office and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Mrs Rebecca Lea – Targeted Intervention in Literacy

Mrs Jade Gabriel – Targeted Intervention in Numeracy

Mrs Jess McGarn – Integration Student Teacher

### Stage 3 Canberra Excursion- 2021

A 2-night/ 3-day excursion to Canberra is being planned for Stage 3 students in Term 2 to support their learning in History. The excursion will run from **Monday 19th April 2021 until Wednesday the 21st of April** with students and staff staying at the Canberra Park Resort for 2 nights.





The itinerary will include visits to the Museum of Australian Democracy, National Electoral Education Centre, CSIRO Discovery Centre, The Mint, Canberra Zoo and National Museum of Australia among other sites.

**The cost of the excursion is \$310.**

[Note and payment schedule](#)

**Commitment to Attend/ Instalment 1- \$100 (due Feb 19)**

**Instalment 2- \$100 + medical info + dietary info (due March 12)**

**Instalment 3- \$110 (Due April 1)**

Kind regards, Stage 3 teachers

[CONGRATULATIONS WAVE WINNERS!](#)





Cricket Congratulations!



Last Thursday the boys cricket team played Minnamurra and came away with a great win. They will play Shellharbour Public School in the next round shortly. Thanks to Peak After School Care for transporting the boys to and from the game.

Thanks,

Jenny Dougall

## 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

(ABN 15 346 436 262)

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PHONE: (02) 4232 9111  
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[kiama-hs.school@nsw.edu.au](http://kiama-hs.school@nsw.edu.au)

### Creative and Performing Arts Gifted and Talented Program Year 5 & 6 2021



5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Kiama High Creative Arts Gifted and Talented program aims to provide extra-curricular opportunities to students who display aptitude in the Creative and Performing Arts. Solidly centred on future-focused teaching and learning, in 2021 we are offering extension opportunities to students in Years 5 and 6 from across our community of schools. Through enrichment and extension, the program aims to develop theatrical and artistic ability to nurture and inspire creative learners.

Activities in Visual Arts such as painting, ceramics, sculpture, drawing, printmaking, photography, graphic design will be covered. In Drama, this program will stimulate your child's social skills, confidence and creativity in a supportive and fun environment. Speaking and listening skills are enhanced through drama strategies and exercises, role-play and improvisation.

Kiama High Creative Arts Gifted and Talented Program will run on Wednesday afternoons (from 3:45 to 5 pm) from Terms 2 through 4. Expert teachers will conduct workshops to develop a student's artistic and theatrical ability. Students selecting the Visual Arts program will need to pay a \$10 a term cost to the front office, to cover materials.

For any enquiries about this program or to receive an application for your student or child, please email the Head Teacher of CAPA and LOTE, Ms Kathleen Stehr at [kathleen.stehr1@nsw.edu.au](mailto:kathleen.stehr1@nsw.edu.au)

Warm regards

  
Mrs Catherine Glover  
Principal

  
Ms K Stehr  
Head Teacher CAPA and LOTE

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#### Parent Information Sheet

### Operation Art is coming to the Wollongong Art Gallery

We are holding full day visual arts workshops for students in Stages 1-3.

Presented by specialist teachers, workshops cover topic areas including painting, printing, drawing, mixed media and sculpture. Workshops are designed to extend skills and art-making experiences beyond the classroom.

Stage 1 - (Year 1 & 2) - Tuesday 11 May 2021

Stage 2 - (Year 3 & 4) - Wednesday 12 May 2021

Stage 3 - (Year 5 & 6) - Thursday 13 May 2021

#### PLACES ARE LIMITED!

#### BOOKINGS CLOSE: FRIDAY 23 APRIL 2021. SPOTS MUST BE COMPLETED.

**THIS IS A THREE STEP PROCESS - TO SECURE A PLACE ALL STEPS MUST BE COMPLETED.**

1. **PAID:** Use the following link to make payment before Friday 23 April 2021. Please select 'Program: Visual Arts' and 'Payment for: Operation Art Workshops' in the drop down menus. **Keep your payment receipt number for step 2.** <https://www.artsonline.nsw.edu.au/student-payment>
2. **BOOK WITH RECEIPT NUMBER:** Parents visit the Arts Unit website to complete the online enrolment form to book, put receipt number for proof of payment on your booking form. <https://www.artsonline.nsw.edu.au/visual-arts/operation-art/operation-art-student-workshops>
3. Download the 'Permission Checklist' and 'Permission to Publish Form' and return to  
Operation Art - Locked Bag 1566, Penrith NSW 2049 by the closing date, Friday 23 April 2021  
For further information email: [opart.artsonline@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:opart.artsonline@det.nsw.edu.au)

**COST:** \$50.00 (incl GST) per student per day

**VENUE:** Wollongong Art Gallery  
46 Barends Street, Wollongong NSW 2500

**TIME:** 9:00am - 2:30pm

**SUPERVISION:** Students are supervised by Operation Art tutors from the Department of Education. Teachers are not required to attend workshops.

**Students participate in 2 workshops including mixed media, printmaking and sculpture. All materials provided.**

Please arrive to collect your child at 2:30pm for a presentation of the day's work

#### WHAT TO BRING/WEAR:

Closed in shoes are required - wear comfortable art making clothing and paint shirt.  
Ensure student name is marked on belongings & leave unnecessary valuables at home.  
Bring carry bag to help take your artwork home.  
Please bring recess and lunch. Do not bring food containing nuts.

**CONTACT DETAILS:**  
Heidi Windelven  
Operation Art Project Officer  
Ph: (02) 8512 1195

**WORKSHOP / BOOKING ENQUIRIES:**  
Visual Arts Support Officer  
Ph: (02) 8512 1197  
Email: [opart.artsonline@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:opart.artsonline@det.nsw.edu.au)

Partners:





The "NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook" is a comprehensive resource to assist parents, carers as well as teachers on a range of topics essential to child safety. Over the past 8 years most NSW primary schools have received hard copies of this most important child safety handbook and have distributed them to the parents and carers of their pupils.

The handbook has been updated to include key messages about COVID-19 safety and bush fire safety given the unprecedented fires we experienced earlier this year.

The updated digital edition (link below) also includes important content updates from: NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Police Force, Fire and Rescue NSW, Rural Fire NSW, Transport for NSW, Sydney Trains, NSW Department of Family & Community Services, eSafety Commissioner and NSW Office of the Children's Guardian.

Please click on the cover below to view the updated digital handbook:

Here are also a couple of other links where the digital handbook can be viewed:

NSW Police Legacy – <https://www.policelibrarynsw.org.au/resources/>

Child Safety Hub website – <http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/>

We strongly request that you forward the Child Safety Handbook via email communication to parents of your students. Suggested wording that can be included in your newsletter or other communication with parents is on the child safety hub website and also includes links  
- <http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/downloads/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to email [childsafetyhub@amgroup.net.au](mailto:childsafetyhub@amgroup.net.au)

# 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.*

**f** @thekdsc

**✉** 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.

## MOTHERS & SONS PROGRAM



**When:** Thursdays, Term 2  
29<sup>th</sup> 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/BNHUGZ>  
 Call Monty on 0405271757 or  
 Send an email to [contact@habitus.org](mailto: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.





## Contact Us



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