



# Gerringong Public School Term 2



Weekly Newsletter Term 2 Week 1

19th April 2021



	
2021	
<b>Term 2, Week 1</b>	
Monday 19th April	Stage 3 Camp commences Year 3 Swim scheme commences
Wednesday 21st April	P and C Meeting @7pm in the Staff room Tongarra Touch trials
<b>Term 2, Week 2</b>	
Friday 30th April	Tongarra Cross Country Year 3 Swim Scheme Last day
<b>Looking further ahead</b>	
Monday 3rd May	Mothers Day Stall
Thursday 6th May	Mothers Day catchup stall
Friday 14th May	Fundraiser—Colour Run
Monday 24th May	Tongarra Cross Country back up date

## Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope all of our staff, students and families had a wonderful break. The autumn weather was glorious and we are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful place. Our Stage 3 teachers and students have headed off to camp early this morning. There were many excited little faces looking forward to the trip to our nation's capital. I look forward to hearing about their adventures.

Term 2 is an extremely busy one with staff and students participating in Music Programs, Swim Scheme, NAPLAN, Reports, Parent Teacher Interviews, Athletics Carnival, Colour Run and Boating Safety Presentations just to name a few.

P & C Meeting will be held tonight at 7pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend!

### ANZAC Day Service

Our school will be holding an ANZAC Day service on Friday, 23rd April at 12pm. Students from Year 2 - 6 will attend this service. More information will be available on Facebook on Thursday.



### Gerringong Music Program 2021

Last year, our students participated in a music program delivered through the Conservatorium of Music. Mark Holder-Keeping delivered a bespoke music program that students and staff thoroughly enjoyed. After the success of the program in 2020 and in consultation with the GPS P&C committee, it was decided to offer this fabulous program across two terms. Students will participate in a weekly lesson where they will learn musical concepts using a wide range of instruments. Permission notes went home in Term 1. Please return your note and payment asap. If you are experiencing financial difficulties and would like assistance in this area, please contact the school office for an application form.

### Southern Stars

Congratulations to Ms Michelle Berwick who has been chosen to be a Southern Stars choreographer. Ms Berwick will be choreographing a mass dance item for this performance. We all can't wait to see the show!



### Class of the Week

3/4C have been chosen as the Class of the Week! Students arrived at school on time during the last week of school. They win a trophy and will choose the bell song for this week. Make sure you arrive at school early to be in the running for the Class of the Week award.

Have a fantastic first week back at school!

Lisa Morris

Relieving Principal

## LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to a very busy term 2. We have some very exciting events planned in our library this term, stay tuned for more information in the newsletters.

### Premier's Reading Challenge:

Over the holidays, we have had 21 very keen readers successfully complete the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge. This is a fantastic achievement and I am very proud of them all.

Our K-2 classes are well on their way to completing their challenges in the library, but our 3-6 students will need to continue to read and record their books independently. If you need any help, just call into the library.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

*Congratulations!*

Well done Gerringong Public School!  
Today we celebrate the achievements of our students  
who have successfully completed the  
2021 Premier's Reading Challenge!

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SAOIRSE, EDEN, PHILIPPA,  
MAGGIE, RUBY, LEX, ADDISON,  
NEAVE, EBONY, AVA, ELLA,  
KAYLA, DYLAN, LEXI, GABBY,  
ABIGAIL, LEILA, EDEN, OCEANA,  
MATILDA, ELYSSE.

## Book Fair



This term, we will be welcoming the Scholastic book fair into our library. The bookfair will arrive at school in week 3 on the 6th May 2021 and will be with us for two weeks. More information on our book fair will be coming soon.

## National Simultaneous Storytime



We will also be participating in this year's National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 19th May. This year we will be read Philip Bunting's book, "Give Me Some Space" directly from the International Space Station!

Happy Reading,

Mrs Cummins

Librarian (Relieving)

## CANTEEN NEWS

**GERRINGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL Canteen Menu**

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

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
Gluten Free ADD	\$1.00

THURSDAY SPECIAL	
Flax Bread Pizza's	
Cheese	\$3.50
Lean Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Lean Ham, Cheese & Pineapple	\$4.00
Sushi Bowls	
Teriyaki Chicken	\$5.00
Tuna	\$5.00

SALADS	
Seasonal Super Salad	\$3.50
(Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot and dillstroop)	
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 Bun	\$1.50
Pipcorn	\$1.00
Sea Salt Red Rock Dill Chips	\$1.50
Mixed Cereal Cup	\$3.50

FROZEN SNACKS	
Small quish stick	\$0.50
Large quish 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 carrot Juice (canteen made)	\$0.50
Twisted Fries Watanmellec Yoghurt	\$2.50
Twisted Fries Chocolate Yoghurt	\$2.50
Frozen Black carrot Juice	\$1.00
Frozen Pineapple Pizza	\$0.20
Frozen Vanilla Yoghurt Berry Bark	\$0.50

HOT FOODS	
Seasonal Soup & Roll (canteen made)	\$5.50
Crispy 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 Roll (canteen made) Mon/Fri ONLY	\$3.50
Sausage Roll Mon/Fri ONLY	\$3.50
Traveller Pie Mon/Fri ONLY	\$4.00
Allison Park Pie Mon/Fri ONLY	\$4.00
Chicken Nuggets & Tots ONLY	\$3.50

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Check-in assessment for Years 4 and 6



Dear parents and carers,

Year 4 and 6 students will participate in a reading and numeracy check-in assessment.

The check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 4 and 6 student learning following the period of learning from home.

The check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 4 and 6 students during Term 2 Week 2

Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

#### **Headphone/ Earbud Request:**

Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB.

### Stage 3 Canberra Excursion- PACER Acknowledgement

# PACER

This week, students in Stage 3 from our school are undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



## NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers



2021

### Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Federal, state and territory education ministers signed that all schools will gradually transition from the current paper-based NAPLAN to NAPLAN Online in order to provide a better and more precise assessment that is more engaging for students.

State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online. The current plan is for all schools to transition to NAPLAN Online by 2022.

One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, in which the test presents questions of higher or lower complexity depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

### Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

### What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy CURRICULUM content, regardless of whether they complete the tests online or on paper. Results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale.

To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

### What can I do to support my child?

On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for and students are not expected to do so.

You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply do their best.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and composing through programs is a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills. There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 5 students will complete the writing test on paper.

Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

See the types of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment at [nap.edu.au/online-assessment-public-demonstration-site](http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment-public-demonstration-site)

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REPORTING AUTHORITY

### Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. You should discuss the use of any adjustments for your child with your child's teacher.

A student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

### What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

### NAPLAN Online timetable

The assessment window for NAPLAN Online is nine days instead of the three days provided for the paper test. This is to give schools flexibility in scheduling and accommodate schools that may have leave periods.

The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on Tuesday 11 May and finishes on Friday 21 May 2021.

The online test scheduling requirements are detailed in the table below.

Year	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	Year 5 students do a paper-based writing test on day 1 only. Year 6 must start on day 1, but can start previous completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only. Years 7 and 8 must start on day 2, but schools must provide completion of writing across days 2 and 3 only.	Year 5: 45 mins Year 6: 45 mins Year 7: 45 mins Year 8: 45 mins	Students are provided with a writing stimulus (sometimes called a prompt) – an idea or topic and asked to write a response in persuasive genre/narrative or persuasive writing.
Reading	Students arrive at school as able to complete NAPLAN tests, unless the one-day testing activities. Years 7 and 8 should be considered with reading on day 1, however writing must start on day 2 as the writing test takes priority over any mathematics reading tests from day 1. To be completed before the completion of language test.	Year 5: 30 mins Year 6: 30 mins Year 7: 30 mins Year 8: 30 mins	Students read a range of information, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions.
Conventions of language	To be completed after the reading test.	Year 5: 45 mins Year 6: 45 mins Year 7: 45 mins Year 8: 45 mins	This test assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Numeracy	To be completed after the conventions of language test.	Year 5: 45 mins Year 6: 50 mins Year 7: 45 mins Year 8: 55 mins	This test assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability.

### How is my child's performance reported?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. A result of the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in their year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be issued by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

### How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas to improve in teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to students.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results at [mychool.edu.au](http://mychool.edu.au).

### Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at [nap.edu.au/TA](http://nap.edu.au/TA)
- visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

To learn how ACAPA handles personal information for NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au/napan/privacy](http://nap.edu.au/napan/privacy)

## 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.**

**FREE EVENT**

**Alcohol & Drugs:  
One Family's Story  
A Panel Discussion**

**We can all help families by  
knowing where to get help.**



 Health  
Illawarra Shoalhaven  
Local Health District
  Healthy  
Cities  
Illawarra
 




1 - Please click on this link for more details<sup>1</sup>



**THE FACTS**

- Vapes (e-cigarettes) aren't just air, they contain toxic chemicals that can damage the lungs.
- Kids who vape are more likely to smoke.
- It is illegal for any vape to be sold to teenagers under 18 years of age.
- Vapes that contain nicotine are illegal in Australia.
- Vaping is easy to hide because it doesn't smell like cigarette smoke.

**KNOW THE FACTS .**

**WHY DO KIDS VAPE?**

- Vapes come in many different flavours.
- Many vapes do contain nicotine and are addictive.
- They are small and discreet – easy to hide from adults.
- Teens try vaping to fit in with their friends.
- Disposable vapes only cost \$15.

**TALK TO YOUR KIDS.**

Find out more: [www.cancercouncil.com.au](http://www.cancercouncil.com.au)  
or scan the QR code



<sup>1</sup><https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/146501855995>



**Health**  
Illawarra Shoalhaven  
Local Health District

**Do you need help  
to stop or cut down  
alcohol or drug use?**



**Drug and Alcohol Information  
& Referral Helpline**



**1300 652 226**

(Mon-Fri: 9am-4.30pm)

**If you need an interpreter let our  
service know and we will book one for  
you in your preferred language.**

**The Health Care Interpreter service  
provides a free and confidential service.**

# FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL

## We provide:

- ✓ **Counselling** for adults or young people
- ✓ **Information** on drugs and alcohol
- ✓ **Support** for partners, family or friends
- ✓ **Treatment** programs
- ✓ **Help** with withdrawal from drugs or alcohol
- ✓ **Group** programs
- ✓ **Needles** and syringes, FREE for people who inject drugs
- ✓ **Education** workshops for community or services

## We have specialist staff to help anyone who:

- ✓ Needs help to stop or reduce smoking
- ✓ Is referred to us by the court
- ✓ Is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- ✓ Is using drugs or alcohol and is
  - Pregnant
  - Has mental health issues
  - Is in hospital

## LOCATIONS

### ILLAWARRA

The Orana Centre,  
2 Rawson St, Wollongong

### SHOALHAVEN

47 Berry St,  
Nowra

After-hours drug and alcohol support: 1800 422 599

[www.islhd.health.nsw.gov.au/Services/Drug\\_and\\_Alcohol/](http://www.islhd.health.nsw.gov.au/Services/Drug_and_Alcohol/)



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we work and live, and pay our respect to Elders past, present and future.

ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

# YEAR 6 TRIALS

Thursday April 29th

Talented Sports & Development Program

Basketball / Football / Rugby League / Rugby Union  
Netball / Surfing / Hockey / Touch & Tag  
\*\*New in 2022 Cricket\*\*

You must register online through school website or Facebook.  
Details of trials will be emailed to you upon registration.  
Must be currently playing in club or representative team.

Call the front office if you require assistance.

## Contact Us



Gerringong Public School

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