



Gerringong Public School Term 2 Week 2



Weekly Newsletter Term 2 Week 2

26th April 2021



Upcoming events



2021

Term 2, Week 2

Tuesday 27th April	Girls cricket Vs Bowral
Thursday 29th April	Boys cricket Vs Shellharbour
Friday 30th April	Tongarra Cross Country Swim scheme completes

Term 2, Week 3

Monday 3rd May	Mothers Day Stall South Coast Netball and Rugby trials
Thursday 6th May	Bookfair arrives Back up Mothers Day Stall

Looking further ahead

Friday 14th May	Colour Run fundraiser
Monday 17th May	P and C Meeting
Wednesday 19th May	National Simultaneous Storytime
Friday 21st May	Boys and Girls Touch Football trials
Wednesday 26th May	Sorry Day
Thursday 27th May	Reconciliation Week

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great honour that I have accepted the relieving Principal position at Gerringong PS. As a local member of the Gerringong community, I feel very privileged to be leading our staff and students into the future and strive for achievement. I would like to thank Mrs Morris who has done an amazing job with leading and managing the school. We will work very closely together with energy and enthusiasm to continue focusing on learning and the wellbeing of the students.

It was lovely to see our school leaders represent Gerringong PS so well at the ANZAC Day dawn service. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to their prayers- well done leaders. Also thank you to the choir who sang the National Anthem at the 11am service.

As a Principal for almost 10 years and over 30 years' experience in education in Sydney, Shoalhaven, Northern Territory and England, I bring a diverse range of experiences. I look forward to leading and learning alongside my colleagues to ensure our children are reaching their maximum potential to thrive in our ever-changing society.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Mrs Kristie Goldthorp OAMJP

Relieving Principal

Gerringong Public School



ANZAC Day Service

Thank you to our Student Leadership Team for representing our school at the Dawn Service on Sunday. The experience is always an emotional one. I would also love to thank the students and Mrs Coulston and Ms Kellert who volunteered their time to sing the National Anthem at the Gerringong Bowling Club ceremony. It is always wonderful to watch our staff and students support the community. Finally, a thank you to 2K for performing at the school ANZAC Service last Friday. Students from K-2 commemorated ANZAC Day with a lovely service remembering those that fought to preserve our freedom.





Swim Scheme

Last year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, Year 2 students were unable to participate in the Swim Scheme program. As a result, the scheme was offered to those students this term. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in Swim Scheme last week and will continue this week. Our Year 2 students will have this opportunity in Term 4. Thank you to the Stage 2 teachers for providing this opportunity for our students.

Annual Report

Schools report to their communities through their annual report. The Annual Report is provided as an account of the school's operations and achievements throughout the year. It provides a detailed account of the progress the school has made to provide high quality educational opportunities for all students, as set out in the school plan. It outlines findings from self-assessment that reflect the impact of key school strategies for improved learning and the benefit to all students from the expenditure of resources, including equity funding. Our Annual Report will be published on the GPS website.

Tongarra Cross Country

We wish all of our students participating in the Tongarra Cross Country the best of luck in their races on Friday. We are fortunate that the event will take place at Gerringong and hopefully that home ground advantage will work in our favour! Thank you to Mrs Chapman for her organisation of the event and to the staff that will supervise students on the day.

Class of the Week

3T have been chosen as the Class of the Week! They receive 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to our latest students who have successfully completed the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge.

If you need any help logging your books online, just call into the library, I am happy to help.



Book Fair

The bookfair will arrive on Thursday 6th May. All children will have the chance to have a sneak peak of the bookfair and complete a wish list during their library lesson.

From **Thursday 13th May to Wednesday 19th May** we will be warmly welcoming our parent community into the library before and after school to make a purchase from the book fair.

Thursday 13th May: 3:00-3:30

Friday 14th May: 8:30-9:00 and 3:00-3:30

Monday 17th May: 8:30-9:00 and 3:00-3:30

Tuesday 18th May: 8:30-9:00

Wednesday 19th May: 8:30-9:00 and 3:00-3:30

Alternatively, children will be able to make purchases during lunchtimes from the 13th of May if you are unable to attend during the times listed.

We are incredibly grateful for your support of this library fundraiser, but as always, there is absolutely no obligation to make a purchase from the book fair.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Happy Reading,

Mrs Cummins

P and C NEWS

P and C welcome

The Gerringong P&C would like to welcome Ms. Kristie Goldthorp to the relieving principal role of Gerringong Primary School. While the sudden transition was unexpected, we would like to express our full support for her appointment. We look forward to working with Ms. Goldthorp and the executive team as she settles into her position.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Morris for her capable, and tireless leadership over the past 18 months.

Finally, a reminder that our next P&C meeting is on Monday, 17th May at 7pm in the staffroom. We'd love to see some new faces and hear your thoughts!

Fundraising is back up and running for 2021 with two exciting events coming up.....

Colour Run

Friday saw the launch of our Colour Run which will be our major fundraiser for the year. The event will be held on Friday 14th May and will be a fun-filled afternoon on the school oval. Students should have received a sponsorship booklet which details how they can set up their online profile in order to begin fundraising. This is a cashless event so all donations need to be made through your child's fundraising page. Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a prize, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school! We are hoping to raise enough money to be able to upgrade our basketball courts so get fundraising GPS!

We will be having a weekly challenge during our fundraising period. Our first challenge will see a reward go to the class that has the most online profiles created by next Monday 3rd May. The winning class will be the first to run the Colour Run on the 14th May. To create your fundraising profile, go to **www.schoolfunrun.com.au**¹.

Parents/guardians will be able to attend the Colour Run and we will need a large number of helpers. If you are happy to help, please email Kate Mathies on **kalongstaff@yahoo.com**²

¹<http://www.schoolfunrun.com.au/>

²<mailto:kalongstaff@yahoo.com>



Mother's Day Stall

Our Mother's Day Stall will be held on Monday 3rd May. All presents will be \$5 and your child will be able to come to the stall with their class on the day. There are plenty of presents for Mums, Aunties, Grandmothers or any special people in your child's life.

A second stall will be held at lunchtime on Thursday 6th May for any students who were away for the first stall or anyone wishing to buy some more presents.

Please send your child to school on the day with their money in an envelope with their name and class on it.

Mothers Day STALL

Yes, it's that time of year,
the annual Mother's Day Stall is finally here!

So come along everyone, there's something here for every mum!

Please support our stall by purchasing a gift (or two or three) and raise some funds towards the Gerringong Public School P&C

When: Monday 3rd May

Where: School Hall - Each class will be brought to the stall to purchase their gift/s.

Price: All gifts will be priced at \$5 each. *What a bargain!*

Children are welcome to buy additional gifts for Grandma, Nana or Aunty.

A pop up stall will be held on Thursday 6th May at lunchtime for any students who are unable to come to the stall on Monday.

Get excited mums, there are some beautiful gifts coming your way!



[Uniform Recycling](#)

With 2021 being the final year that students are able to wear the old school uniform, the P&C is currently investigating companies that will recycle old uniform into new products in order to avoid them going to landfill. We are hopeful that we will be able to provide this service to our school community and ask that you please hold on to any old school uniform so that you can utilise this service when we are able to provide it.

CANTEEN NEWS



GERRIGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL Canteen Menu

SANDWICHES *Toasted odd 50 cents*

Vegetable, Mayo or Aon	\$2.00
Cheese	\$2.50
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	\$9.50
Chicken Free ADD	\$1.00

THURSDAY SPECIAL

Nachos	
Beef	\$4.50
Vegetarian	\$4.50
Bread Roll Bowls	
Baked Beans	\$3.00
Spaghetti	\$3.00
Add cheese	\$0.50
Ham and cheese	\$2.50

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

HOT FOODS

Seasonal Sausage & Roll (canteen made)	\$8.50
Crumbed chicken strip	\$2.00
Hot Chicken Wrap	\$4.00
Flame Grilled Chicken Burger	\$4.50
Mai 'n' Cheese	\$4.00
Beef Lasagne	\$4.00
Penne Bolognese	\$4.00
Penne Bolognese GF (canteen made)	\$4.00
Spinach & Feta Roll (canteen made) Mon/Fri ONLY	\$3.50
Sausage Roll Mon/Fri ONLY	\$3.50
Traveller Pie Mon/Fri ONLY	\$4.00
Alfresco Park Pie Mon/Fri ONLY	\$4.00
Chicken Nuggets & Tots ONLY	\$5.50

SALADS

Seasonal Super Salad (Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot and Beetroot)	\$2.50
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
Yogurt Sticks	\$1.00
Banana Bread	\$0.50
Cookies, Cheese & Veggie sticks	\$2.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Sea Salt Red Rock Dill 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 quicik stick	\$0.50
Large quicik 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 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 Slice	\$0.20

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations Wave Winners!



NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers



2021

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Federal, state and territory education ministers agreed 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

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-features/online-public-demonstration-site

NAP
NATIONAL
ASSESSMENT
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ASSESSMENT &
REPORTING AUTHORITY

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 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 services.

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 3 students do a paper-based writing test on day 1 only. Year 5 must start on day 1, but can start previous completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only. Years 7 and 9 must start on day 2, but schools must provide completion of writing across days 2 and 3 only.	Year 3: 45 mins Year 5: 45 mins Year 7: 45 mins Year 9: 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 9 should be considered with reading on day 1, however writing must start on day 2 as this writing test takes priority over any mathematics reading tests from day 1. To be completed before the completion of language test.	Year 3: 30 mins Year 5: 30 mins Year 7: 30 mins Year 9: 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 3: 45 mins Year 5: 45 mins Year 7: 45 mins Year 9: 45 mins	This test assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Numeracy	To be completed after the conventions of language test.	Year 3: 45 mins Year 5: 50 mins Year 7: 45 mins Year 9: 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.

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
- visit nap.edu.au

To learn how ACAPA has been providing information for NAPLAN, visit 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.

Primary Ethics updates: 2021 Term 2

Things are off to a good start with GPS Ethics classes in term 2 with students joining in discussing ethics questions – and some recognising and bringing up ethics questions they encounter in their lives.

We have welcomed a couple of new students into ethics in term 2 and have been able to reallocate teacher assignments when required to maintain our lesson schedule. The GPS Ethics program is now at a scale to be resilient and reliable to needs across all grade levels.

Topics in term 2 will include:

Kindergarten	Stage 1 (years 1 & 2)	Stage 2 (years 3 & 4)	Stage 3 (years 5 & 6)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doing harm without meaning to• Intentions and knowledge• Making things up• Getting back at someone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When is it fair?• Good reasons• Different kinds of animal• Is it important to understand the rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Persuading• Being an ethical consumer• Getting even	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being Vain• Structure of arguments• How far does our moral responsibility extend?

If you would like to continue discussion on these topics with your student at home further information about curriculum topics can be found at <https://primaryethics.com.au/parents/>

For more information on the Primary Ethics program go to:

- <https://primaryethics.com.au/parents/>
- <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/>
- or locally email Carrie at gerringonethicscoordinator@gmail.com

FREE EVENT

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

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










1 - Please click on this link for more details³



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.

Find out more: www.cancercouncil.com.au
or scan the QR code



TALK TO YOUR KIDS.

³<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/146501855995>

IS YOUR MOTORISED SCOOTER, BIKE OR SKATEBOARD LEGAL?

PROHIBITED VEHICLES

It is illegal to ride mini bikes and some small electric or petrol- powered vehicles on public roads, car parks or in parks.

WHICH VEHICLES ARE PROHIBITED?

All petrol- powered bicycles that:

- have a petrol- powered engine attached before or after purchase
- are powered by another type of internal combustion engine
- mini bikes or monkey bikes
- motorised human transporters such as the WheelMan or Segway skateboards with an electric or petrol motor.

Prohibited vehicles cannot be registered or insured.

HEAVY FINES APPLY.





Health
Illawarra Shoalhaven
Local Health District

**Do you need help
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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
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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/



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

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SPOT PRIZES!



KIAMA fun RUN

SUN 13 JUN 2021

9am START: 2 distances
9km & 5km
Minnamurra/Bombo
to finish @ surf beach

7.30am START: surf beach
21.1km Minnamurra
surf beach

21.1km \$50 per runner
9km/5km \$20 Adults, \$10 Kids
OR \$50 family (2adults + all your kids!)

Register at www.kiama.com.au
or phone Kiama Tourism on 4232 3322

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RUN OR WALK!

DOGS (ON LEASH) WELCOME

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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



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