



Gerringong Public School Term 3 Week 2



Weekly Newsletter Term 3 Week 2

19th July 2021



UPCOMING EVENTS

19th July (tonight) - P and C Meeting via zoom at 7pm

26th July - Education Week - "Lifelong Learners"

9th August to 3rd September - ICAS Assessments

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, thank you so much everyone, for following our COVID-19 regulations and only coming into the school when necessary, using QR codes and wearing masks. This is very much appreciated. There have been some changes to sporting NSW PSSA state competitions and Gala days. Teachers will let students know of new dates and notes will go home. We remain on Level 2 guidelines, and if there are any changes, I will certainly let you know.

Congratulations to K/1S, in particular, Maya, Saoirse, Rafferty, Zoe and Angus for outstanding story writing. Kindergarten and Year 1 students have been working hard on their phonics and spelling to help them with their writing.



Last Wednesday we had a fabulous day celebrating NAIDOC week. All students participated in many fun activities such as Storytime and Sand Creations, Bush Tucker Scavenger Hunt, Aboriginal Traditional games, baking Johnny Cakes and art activities. Please have a look at our photos.











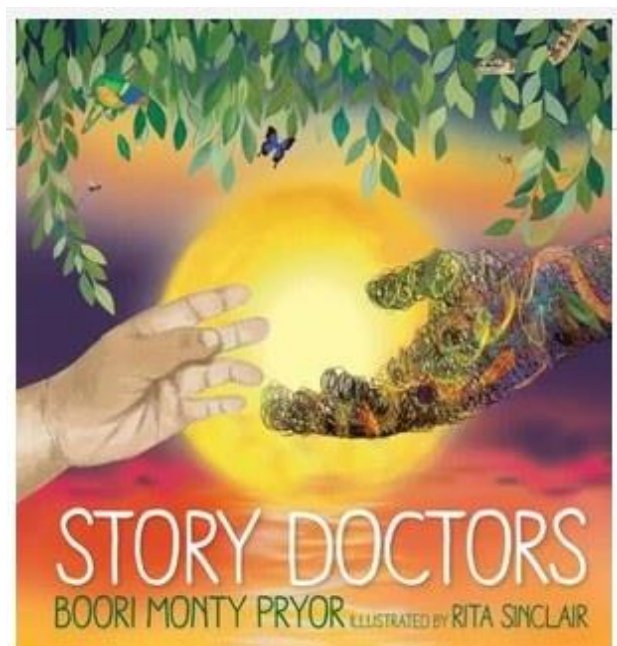






This years NAIDOC theme was Heal Country. The students learnt that :

When Aboriginal people talk about Country it is spoken of like a person. Country is like family, kinship, law, lore, ceremony, traditions, and language. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people it has been this way since the dawn of time. Through their languages and songs, Aboriginal people speak to Country; through their ceremonies and traditions they sing to -and celebrate Country – and Country speaks to them.



Increasingly, Aboriginal people worry about Country. Just like author Boori Monty Pryor. Who wrote this book called Story Doctor. He talks about how he is worried for Country and he talks about healing from Country. Each class read the book with their teachers.

For generations Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been calling for stronger measures to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of their culture and heritage for all Australians.

They have continued to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, their sacred sites and their cultural heritage.

Healing Country means embracing First Nation's cultural knowledge and understanding of Country as part of Australia's national heritage. That the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders are respected equally to and the cultures and values of all Australians. The right to protect Country and culture is fundamental.

Destruction of sacred lands or ancient sites - some of the oldest human occupation sites on the planet – is an enormous loss for both our nation and the world. While we can't change history, through telling the truth about our nation's past we certainly can change the way history is viewed.

Healing Country is more than changing a word in our national anthem – it is about the historical, political, and administrative landscapes adapting to successfully empower and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, nations, and heritage.

The 2021 National NAIDOC Poster, 'Care for Country' was designed by Gubbi Gubbi artist Maggie-Jean Douglas.



Using the 2021 NAIDOC Week theme, [Heal Country!](#), as inspiration; 'Care for Country' is a bright and vibrant artwork which explores how Country has cared for and healed First Nations people spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially and culturally.

The artwork includes communities, people, animals and bush medicines spread over different landscapes of red dirt, green grass, bush land and coastal areas to tell the story of the many ways Country can and has healed them throughout their lives and journeys.

I know the students loved learning and participating in our NAIDOC activities this week and learnt about how we can contribute to Heal Country.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the National NAIDOC Committee for explaining this year's theme.

A reminder for all families

Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received.

Kind regards and stay safe.

Mrs Kristie Goldthorp OAMJP



LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to our latest students who have successfully completed the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge. We now have 135 students who have successfully completed the challenge. Our infants classes are logging their final books during our library lessons over the next few weeks.

If any of our primary students need help logging your books online, just call into the library, I am happy to help.



Happy Reading,
Mrs Cummins
Librarian

OFFICE NEWS

ICAS

The following note was sent home last week to all students Years 2 to 6 to participate in 2021 ICAS Assessments. If your son/daughter did not receive one and would like to take part in the ICAS Assessments please go to the link mentioned in the note.



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2021 ICAS Assessments

As in previous years, we will again be offering all students from Year 2 to Year 6 the opportunity to participate in the tests. This year the tests are offered in Digital Technologies, Writing, Science, English, Mathematics and Spelling Bee.

Year 2 parents, please note there will be a limited number of tests that are an offer for students in Year 2. These include English, Mathematics, Science and Spelling.

These assessments are open to students across Australia, New Zealand and Singapore and as such, offer students and parents information on individual student learning development in the areas covered by each test compared with all participants.

While we acknowledge that participation in any independent assessment program provides students with a unique experience, parents are reminded that as the tests cater for a wide range of abilities and are not restricted to the syllabus outcomes of any one state, some students may find the tests very challenging.

For further information please contact the school.

PARTICIPATION IN ANY OF THE ASSESSMENTS IS VOLUNTARY.

ENTRIES AND PAYMENTS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE IICAS WEBSITE BY DATES INDICATED BELOW.

(PAYMENTS TO BE MADE VIA THE BELOW WEBSITE)

Using the below access code

Your parent page link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/ppa>

Access Details for parents

Your school access code is: **PW5610**

SUBJECT	OFFICIAL SETTING WINDOW	ONLINE PURCHASE BY	COST
Digital Technologies (3-6)	Monday 9 August to Friday 13 August 2021	Sunday, 25 th July 2021	\$17.00
Science (3-6)	Monday 23 August to Friday 27 August 2021	Sunday, 8 th August 2021	\$17.00
Spelling Bee (2-6)	Monday 23 August to Friday 27 August 2021	Sunday, 8 th August 2021	\$17.00
English (2-6)	Monday 18 August to Friday 20 August 2021	Sunday, 1 st August 2021	\$17.00
Mathematics (2-6)	Monday 18 August to Friday 3 September 2021	Sunday, 15 th August 2021	\$17.00
Writing (3-6)	Monday 9 August to Friday 13 August 2021	Sunday, 25 th July 2021	\$21.45

Please Note: If your child is unable to participate in any assessment, payment is not refundable and NO late entries will be placed by the school.

Please return the below to the school office before Friday, 23rd July, 2021. **PAYMENT NOT TO BE INCLUDED.**

2021 ICAS ASSESSMENTS

Student name _____	Class _____
Assessment:	Yes – tick relevant column
Digital Technologies (Year 3 to Year 6)	
Science (Year 2 to Year 6)	
Spelling Bee (Year 2 to Year 6)	
English (Year 2 to Year 6)	
Mathematics (Year 2 to Year 6)	
Writing (Year 3 to Year 6)	

I understand that if my child fails to participate in an assessment, my payment is not refundable.
ENTRIES AND PAYMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE WEBSITE ABOVE BY DATE'S INDICATED

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____

Kindergarten 2022

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

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

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

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

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

1. Copies of medical/healthcare or emergency action plans

2. Evidence of any disability or other support needs, including any learning and support plans.

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

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

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

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)	\$4.50
Salad	\$3.50
Wrap ADD	\$0.50
Gluten Free ADD	\$1.00

THURSDAY only

Chicken Schnitzel Burger	\$4.50
Fried Rice	\$4.00
Add spring rolls	\$4.50

SNACKS

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

ROT FOODS

Seasonal Soup & Roll (canteen made)	\$4.50
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 & Ricotta Roll (canteen made) Mon/Fri ONLY	\$5.50
Sausage Roll Mon/Fri ONLY	\$4.50
Traveller Pie Mon/Fri ONLY	\$4.00
Albion Park Pie Mon/Fri ONLY	\$4.00
Chicken Nuggets x 6 Tues 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 meat	\$4.50
Seasonal Super Salad and Chicken Strip	\$5.50

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 quiche stick	\$0.50
Large quiche stick	\$1.00
Frozen Fruit & Yoghurt (canteen made)	\$1.50
Frozen Milk Strawberries (canteen made)	\$0.50
Frozen Milk Chocolate (canteen made)	\$0.50
Frozen Black current juice (canteen made)	\$0.50
Twisted Frozen Wafers/Yoghurt	\$2.50
Twisted Frozen Chocolate Yoghurt	\$2.50
Frozen Black current juice	\$1.00
Frozen Orange Juice	\$1.00
Frozen Pineapple Piece	\$0.20

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

upcoming sessions



Parents, Carers, and Community Members in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven are invited to attend a free mental health education session in Term 3.



The sessions aim to:

- * Strengthen your understanding of mental health and the warning signs for suicide and self-harm.
 - * Strengthen your skills in how to cope and where to find help.
- Need more information? headspaceSchools@headspace.org.au



Kiama

Date: 19 July 2021
Time: 7 - 8.15pm
Location: Venue TBC
Registration: <https://bit.ly/2Nm5cRh>



Wollongong

Date: 20 July 2021
Time: 7 - 8.15pm
Location: Venue TBC
Registration: <https://bit.ly/2Nm5cRh>



Nowra

Date: 9 August 2021
Time: 12 - 1pm
Location: Online webinar
Registration: <https://bit.ly/2Nm5cRh>



Kiama

Date: 10 August 2021
Time: 12 - 1pm
Location: Online webinar
Registration: <https://bit.ly/2Nm5cRh>



Wollongong

Date: 30 August 2021
Time: 7 - 8.15pm
Location: Online webinar
Registration: <https://bit.ly/2Nm5cRh>

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