



Gerringong Public School Term 4 Week 9



Fortnightly Newsletter Term 4 Week 9
December 2022

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

Well hasn't 2022 flown by- I cannot believe this will be our final Newsletter for the year!

Can I please thank all families and community members for their continued support during 2022. True partnerships with parents and staff really help our students grow and thrive to be the best version of themselves they can be. The dedication, love and support our staff and families provide to all children is very evident.

Students and staff have achieved so much in every aspect of education. We have students being involved in academic enrichment programs, High Performing and Gifted Education classes, student voice through the SRC, debating, public speaking, chess, music and band, dance through Southern Stars, many sporting experiences and competitions for all levels, creative art classes, Aboriginal Cultural lessons and one on one support. Gerringong Public School truly strives to meet the needs of all students.

Congratulations to our SRC who raised \$1182.65 for the Gerry Emery upgrade to the female amenities and building. This is a much needed upgrade for our community. A big thank you to Mr John Trevenar who has been instrumental in leading this for all sports women. Our students will benefit from this upgrade now and in the future, as we continue to utilise that space for future sporting events.

Thank you to the P&C members for the opportunities and resources they have provided for our students. Due to some delays beyond our control, resources will be made visible to students soon. For example the purchase and installation of two cold water aqua bubblers, where students can fill drink bottles with

refrigerated water. Playground markings for handball and snakes and ladders being painted, book shelving in our library, upgraded technology equipment so we can Zoom assemblies to our families who cannot attend due to work or illness. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kate Mathies, our President of the P&C for leading a wonderful team. Good luck on your next adventure!

End of Year Presentations

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our presentation assemblies and our end of year Celebration Picnic Concert. Everyone should have received an email last week regarding dates.

End of Year Presentations

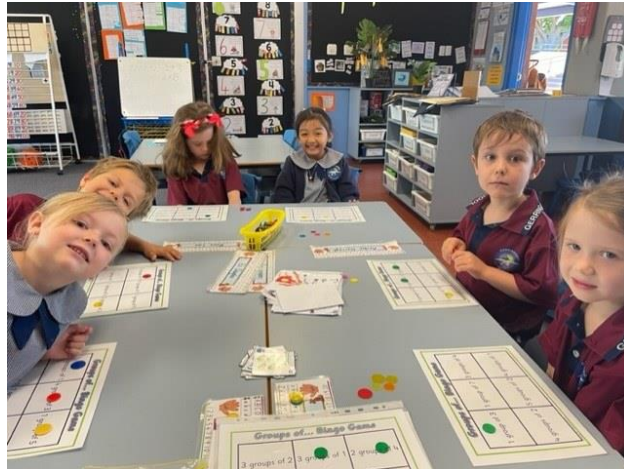
- Tuesday 13 December Year 1 9.10am-10am
- Tuesday 13 December Year 2 10am-10.55am
- Tuesday 13 December Kindergarten 12- 12.55pm
- Wednesday 14 December Year 3 9.15am-10am
- Wednesday 14 December Year 4 10am-10.45am
- Wednesday 14 December Year 5 12.00-1.00pm
- Thursday 15 December Year 6 Graduation Assembly and Farewell 12.00-1.40pm

Our end of year Celebration Picnic Concert will commence at 5.30pm on the back oval. Please bring camp chairs, picnic rugs and food. There will be drinks and sausage sizzle available to purchase. Also the Gelato Bike makes a welcome return to our school- Thank you. All students need to be in the classrooms at 5.15pm ready to walk down as a group at 5.30pm. Students will remain with their class until they have performed, once they have finished they are welcome to sit with their families. Students are expected to remain seated and watch their fellow students perform and not run around. Please support staff in encouraging your child to respect all performers. **Please note this is an alcohol free event.**



Class News

Kindergarten students have been doing some amazing story writing. I was so thrilled to hear some of their stories last week. I also loved working with Maths groups and supporting students with early understandings of multiplication and "groups of". Mrs. Goldsmith had some fun Bingo games organised! Well done Kindergarten.









Last week **Kindergarten** had a visit from a local author. Katy Bowden is an artist, teacher and mother. She grew up on a dairy farm and has a passion for sharing her knowledge of the dairy industry with children. She even attended Gerringong Public School. Katy has now written numerous books, and we have some of them in our school Library. Katy shared her new Christmas book 'The Farmer Saves Christmas'. The students were engaged and asked lots of questions. It takes Katy around 2 weeks to illustrate 2 pages in her book. That's 15 weeks for one book! We are looking forward to when her next book gets released next year.





Stage 2 Science Centre Excursion- Written by Micah and Tara.

On Friday, we went to the Science Centre in Wollongong. While we were there, the first activity we did was a challenge that was held in a room called the Stem Zone. This stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and of course Maths. The challenge was to make the biggest tower, but we only had 15 minutes, and at the end we had to take our hands off to see if they could stand.

Then we went to the Planetarium - a 3D projection in a dome. Did you know that Mars has 2 moons? Or that Saturn's rings are going into the middle of the planet? It was interesting finding out about certain planets and the Milky Way galaxy.

After the planetarium, we went to the exhibits and the Science Shop. Some of our favourite exhibits were the water vortex, beehive, thermal camera and tornado.

The last thing we did was watch a science show. We learned about kinetic and potential energy. Potential energy is like when you pull back a rubber band, and it hasn't moved yet. Kinetic energy is moving energy; basically once you let go of the rubber band and it flies out of your hand it is using kinetic energy. We also learned about electrical and heat energy. Lights use electrical energy and when you rub your hands together you use heat energy.

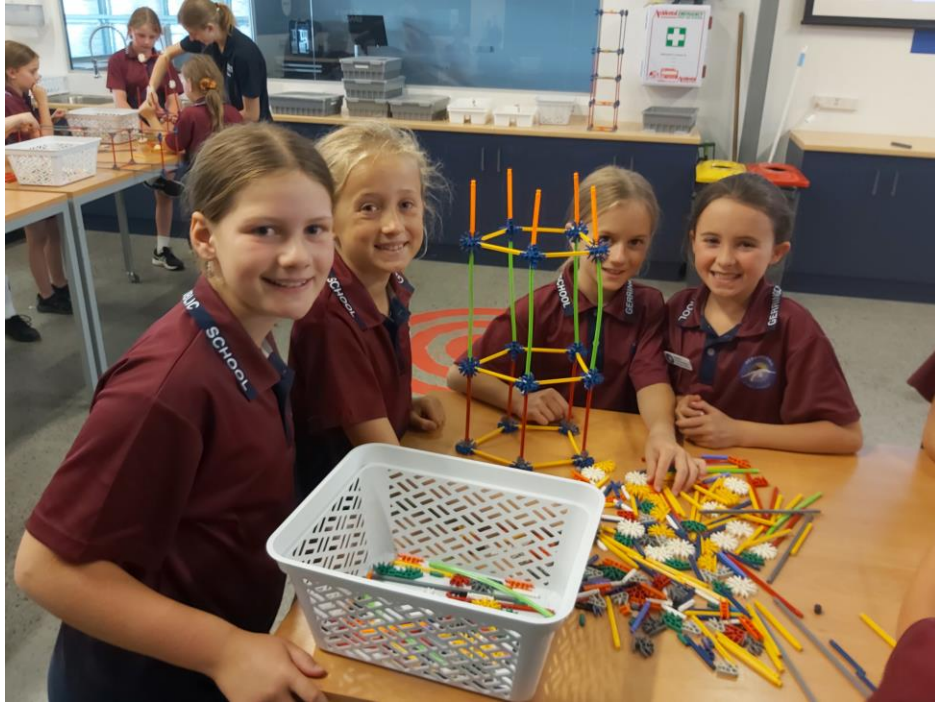
We really enjoyed the excursion and had the best day!

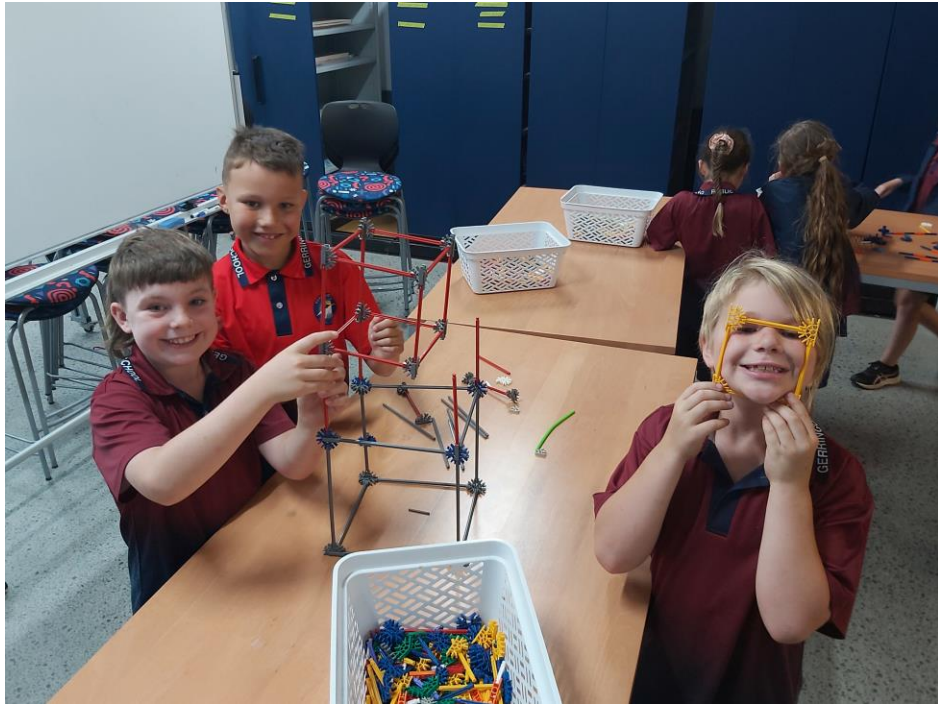
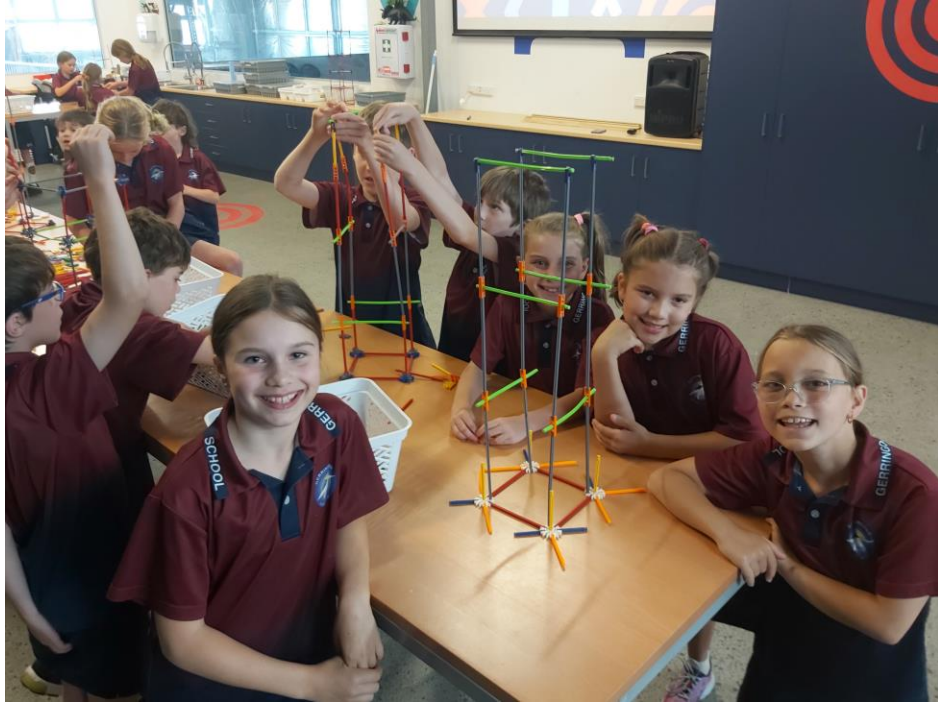
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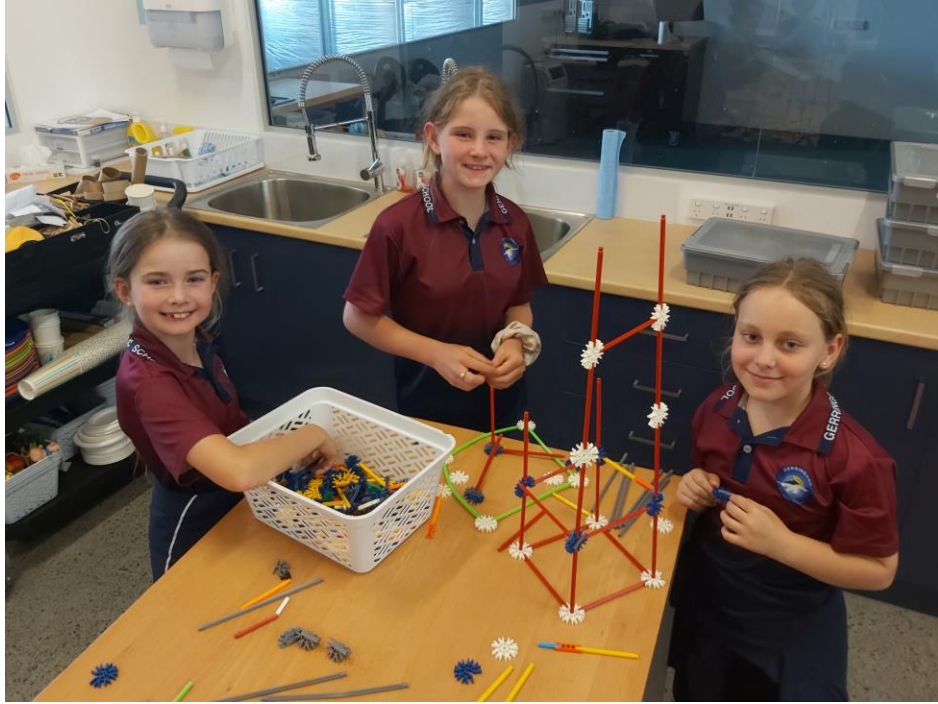


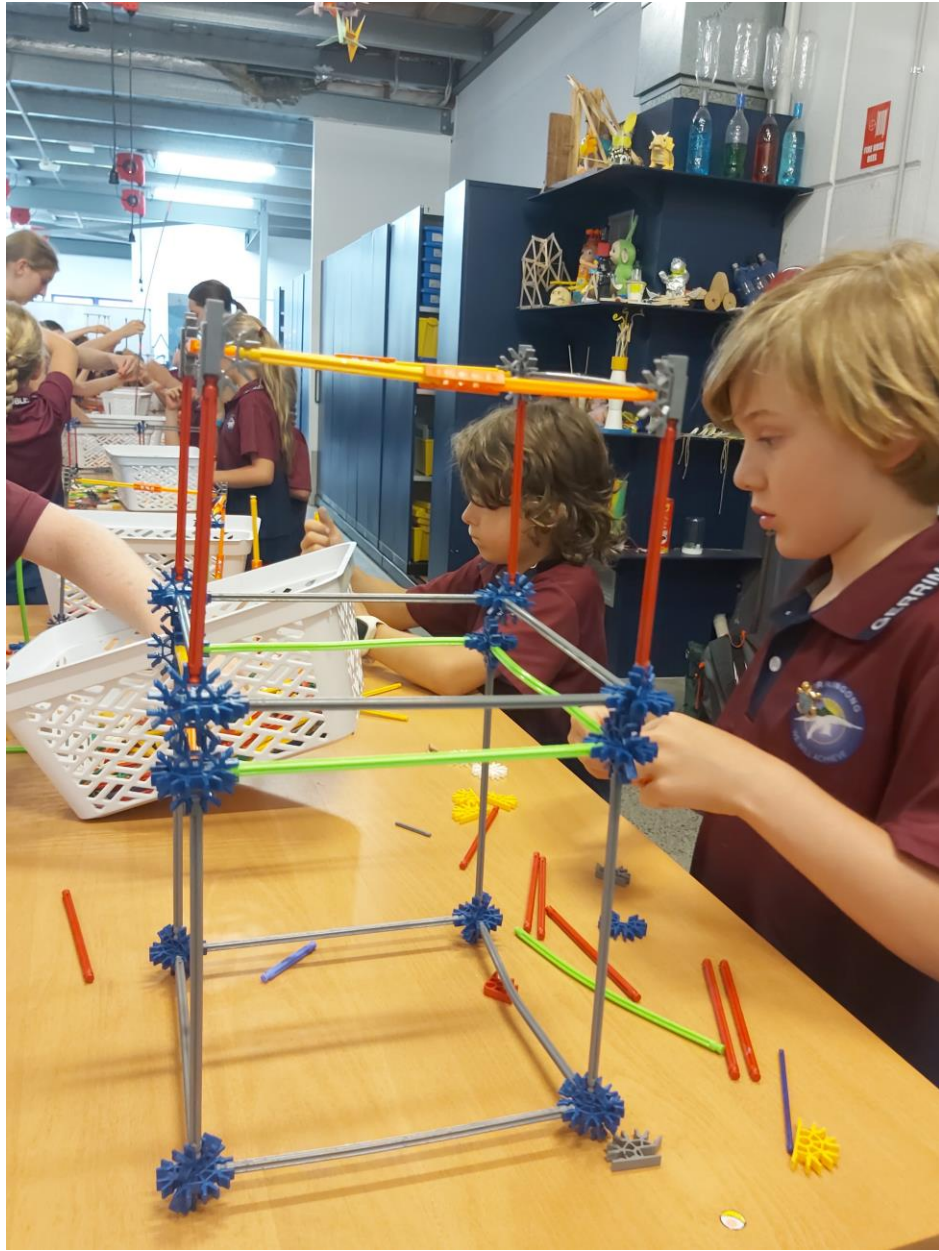


















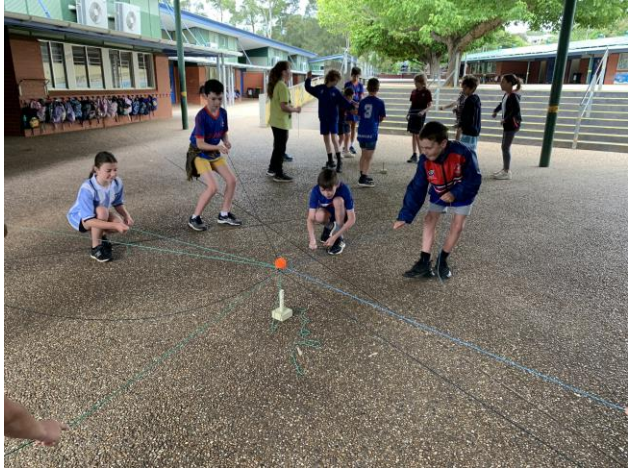




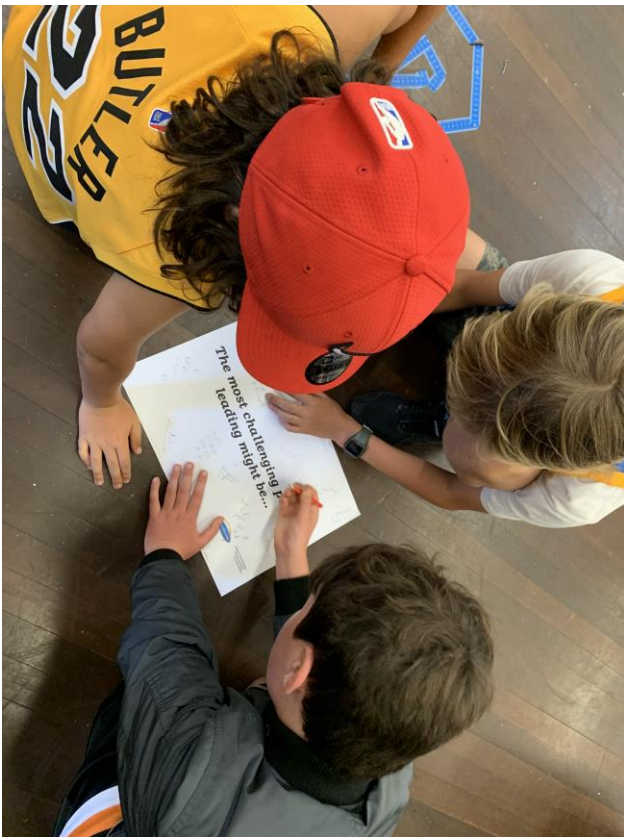


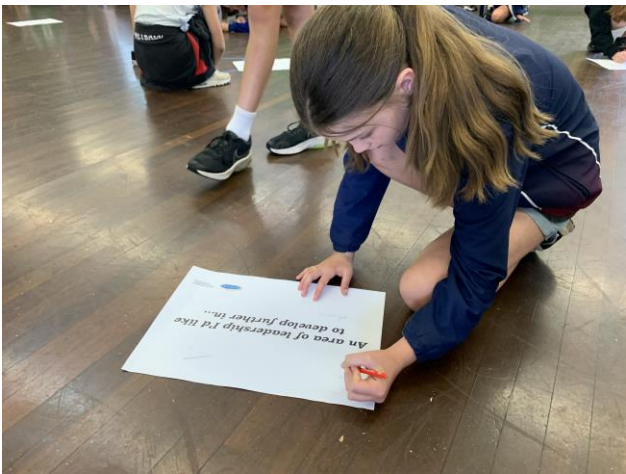
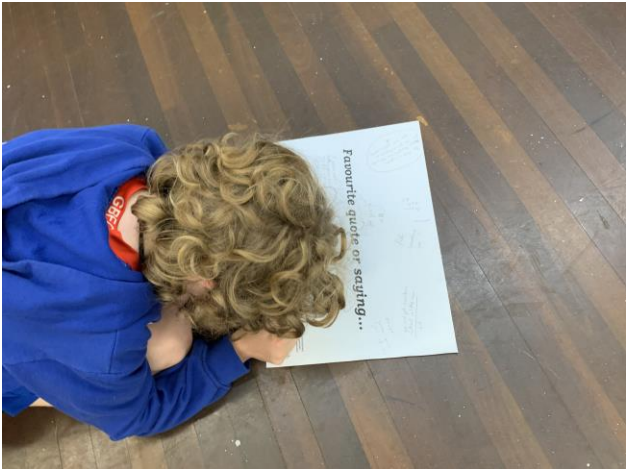


Last Friday, our Year 5 students took part in an exciting Leadership Incursion as part of their transition to Year 6. Our educator, Cameron, from Explore Discover Act, led our students through various activities focusing on teamwork, being responsible and leading by example. Raffa from Year 5 said he learned a lot and had heaps of fun while working with other students from across Grade 5. Abi said it was really fun and it was a good idea for everyone to be involved because all of us will be leaders in the future.











In week 7, 2 students and Ms Berwick attended the AECG STEAM Camp held in the Royal National Park. The venue was amazing and boasted an incredible outlook over Port Hacking River. The students met other children and participated in activities such as ancient string theory, painting and printing techniques, aquaculture, artefacts, cultural dance, boomerang throwing, language and much more. Presenters included the amazing Gadhungal Murring, the Royal National Park Environment education

centre, Gabrielle Quakawoot and many more. However, the biggest excitement of all was the purchase of slushies on the drive home!







1S have been learning all about patterns and algebra this week. They recognised and continued increasing and decreasing number patterns, skip counting patterns, coloured patterns, picture patterns and more. They are soaking up the last few weeks together as a class and are making the most of everyday! Go, 1S!







Bell Times 2023

Next Year our **bell times** will be: (slight change- just an additional 15 min in the first session)

9am-11am First session

11-11:55am **Lunch**

11:55 - 1:40pm Middle session

1:40-2pm **Recess**

2-3pm Last session

Except on a Wednesday, where they will remain the same as this year, due to Scripture.

2023 Future Events

GPS Swimming Carnival Albion Park Rail- Friday 3rd February 2023

Tongarra Swimming Carnival- Friday 17th February 2023

Best Start for Kindergarten- Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd February 2023

First day for Kindergarten- Friday 3rd February 2023

The School Photographer- Tuesday 21st February 2023

School Dates:

First Day of Term 4: Monday 10th October 2022

Last Day of the Year: Friday 16th December 2022

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year. Please enjoy time with your families and friends and let's hope we have a dry warm summer to enjoy!



Kind regards

Mrs Kristie Goldthorp OAM JP

Principal



Library News

Overdue Books

Thank you to parents and children for returning library books so we can continue to stock take in the library. There are, however, over 100 books still on loan and this week your child may receive an overdue notice with a request to pay for the book if it cannot be located.

Brain Box of Gerringong

This fun quiz for children in all stages has been taking place during lunchtimes in the library. This week the final 9 students in stages 1 and 3 will race for the buzzers to see who will be in the finals.

Kinder finalists are:

Hazel KL

Grace KL

Walter KG

Stage 2 finalists are:

Eric 4N

Henry 4M

Srimaan 4M

The finals are going to be held in the hall on Tuesday 13th December at 2.00pm and parents of the finalists are invited to come along and watch. I will post on Library Dojo, the Stage 1 and Stage 3 winners.



Author Visit

Kinder children were enthralled last week when local author and illustrator Kathryn Bowden, who was once a student at GPS, read her latest book “The Farmer Saves Christmas” Lots of questions were asked and many of our children now aspire to be an author and illustrator. Rosie showed Kathryn her latest publications. Great story writing Rosie!



Holiday Reading – Gerringong Public Library

Our local library is running a great reading program over the holidays. Call into Gerringong Library and ask for a registration form. Remember ... any holiday reading counts towards your Premier's Reading Challenge for 2023, just keep a record of your reading and the challenge opens for online recording in February.

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Calendar Term 4



Gerringong Public School – Term 4 Calendar 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	10/10 First Day of Term 4	11/10 Whole School assembly	12/10 Scripture	13/10	14/10 K-2 assembly
2	17/10 Music program 3-6 School Band P & C Meeting 7pm Years 2 & 3 Swim Scheme	18/10 Whole School assembly Years 2 & 3 Swim Scheme	19/10 Scripture Years 2 & 3 Swim Scheme Boat Safety Awareness	20/10 Years 2 & 3 Swim Scheme Boat Safety Awareness	21/10 3-6 assembly Years 2 & 3 Swim Scheme
3	24/10 Music program K-2 School Band Years 2 & 3 Swim Scheme	25/10 Whole School assembly Years 2 & 3 Swim Scheme	26/10 Scripture Years 2 & 3 Swim Scheme	27/10 Years 2 & 3 Swim Scheme	28/10 K-2 assembly Years 2 & 3 Swim Scheme
4	31/10 Music program 3-6 School Band	1/11 Whole School assembly	2/11 Scripture	3/11 School Disco Kindy Orientation #1	4/11 3-6 assembly Last day to purchase Gerringong Passport for kids
5	7/11 Music program K-2 School Band	8/11 Whole School assembly Kindy Orientation #2 Kiama High School Open Night (Y4,5&6)	9/11 Scripture	10/11 ES1 Science Centre Excursion	11/11 K-2 assembly Remembrance Day
6	14/11 Music program 3-6 School Band Kindy Orientation #3	15/11 Whole School assembly Kiama High School Information Night	16/11 Scripture 2024 Selective High School Application website closes	17/11	18/11 3-6 assembly

7	21/11 Music program K-2 School Band	22/11 Whole School assembly	23/11 Scripture Year 5 & 6 Interrelate	24/11	25/11 K-2 assembly
	28/11 Music program 3-6 School Band	29/11 Whole School assembly	30/11 Last Day of Scripture Year 5 & 6 Interrelate	01/12	02/12 3-6 assembly
9	05/12 Music program K-2 School Band Stage 1 Science Centre Excursion P & C Meeting	06/12 Whole School assembly Year 6 Jamboreo	07/12 Year 5 & 6 Interrelate	08/12	09/12 K-2 assembly
	12/12 Music program 3-6 School Band	13/12 Whole School assembly K-2 Presentation Day	14/12 K-6 GPS Holiday Evening Concert Year 5 & 6 Interrelate Year 3-5 Presentation Day	15/12 Year 6 Graduation Assembly and Farewell	16/12 Last Day of Term 4 for Students
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OFFICE NEWS

School Bytes Finance 2023

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 21 February 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any online or EFTPOS payments.

What this means for you

- No payments can be made online or via EFTPOS from 4pm, Wednesday 15th February 2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal

What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

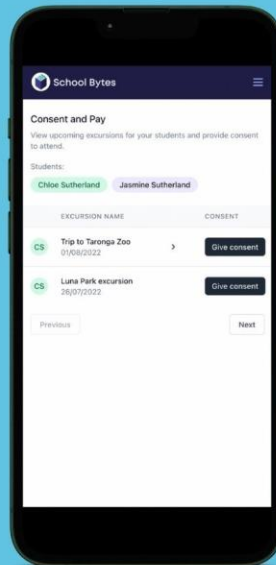
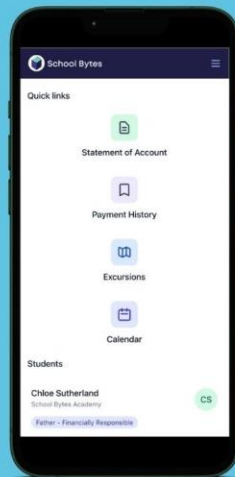
This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.

AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund



School Bytes

AVAILABLE DURING

TERM 1

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



School bytes– Online Permission Note

As you would be aware we are now using the online permission notes through the School Bytes system. The feedback we are receiving has been positive and we do understand that for some it may take a bit of getting used to. A great suggestion would be to add the particular event to your electronic calendar and mark the email received as important so you are able to retrieve the event information easily. Alternatively the permission note can be printed. **Please be sure to respond even if your child is not attending/participating.**

We value any feedback, please contact the office with any questions or suggestions.

School News

K-2 Awards Term 4 Week 7

K - 2 Assembly Awards Term 4, Week 7			
Congratulations to:			
K6	Evie B - For showing sound potential to become a great Author/Illustrator. Beau D - For challenging himself to record his sentences in writing. Rosie L - For always being a kind and caring person to all our class. Xavier C - For persevering to record sentences into your writing.	1S	Hugh S - For reading with increased confidence and pace. WOW! Lewie P - For doubling three-digit numbers in Maths. Levi B - For reading with increased fluency and pace. Go, Levi! Maya E - For a well presented and engaging speech titled 'Don't Rush Me Please'
KL	Max M - For his excellent effort when learning to read and write new tricky words. Grace G - For challenging herself to use conjunctions and sizzling starts in Writing. Jacqui F - For her outstanding fairy-tale writing and use of WOW words! Felicity H - For giving effective 'glow' and 'grow' feedback in Fluency Pairs.	1/2MD	Adelaide L - For creating an impressive air hockey game. Zaza S - For her enthusiasm and creativity in making her basketball game. Sunny H - For persistence and creativity in making his game. Tom H - For showing enthusiasm making his arcade game.
KT	Leo B - For his creative writing piece about the big catch. Louis C - For working diligently at his desk and ignoring distractions. Charli W - For her beautifully presented book work! Jordy C - For his increasing confidence when reading.	2C	Grace R - For an amazing effort in reading! Ollie R - For a fantastic, well presented poem! Ieesha R - For consistently working hard in mathematics! Oscar M - For always having a positive attitude at school. Nell H - For an excellent, engaging poem presentation!
1K	Clara P - For partitioning numbers into tens and ones to solve subtraction problems. Alice B - For using descriptive words in a variety of Poems. Maci O - For being an expressive reader. Jake R - For being a 'Super Speller'	2M	Reggie M - For being an amazing time wizard in maths! Gus S - For writing a creative and funny limerick! Rose R - For being an amazing time wizard in maths! WOW! Kalani E - For working hard on her writing enrichment piece!

Term 4 Week 8 Wave Winners



GERRINGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN



SANDWICHES

Vegemite, Honey, 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	\$3.50
Salad	\$3.50

Toasted	add \$0.50
Wrap	add \$0.50
Gluten Free Bread	add \$1.00

SALADS

Seasonal salad	\$3.50
Seasonal salad & egg	\$4.50
Seasonal salad & chicken strip	\$5.00
Seasonal salad & lean ham	\$4.50

HOT FOOD

Crumbed 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	\$4.00
GF Penne bolognese	\$4.00
Spinach & ricotta roll (Mon/Fri only)	\$3.50
Sausage roll (Mon/Fri only)	\$3.50
Traveller pie (Mon/Fri only)	\$4.00
Albion park pie (Mon/Fri only)	\$4.00
Chicken nuggets (Tues only)	\$3.50

THURSDAY SPECIAL

13th Oct Sushi Bowl	\$4.50
20th Oct Sausage on a hot dog roll	\$3.50
27th Oct Toasted Turkish roll	\$3.50
3rd Nov Mini hot dog sub	\$2.50
10th Nov Munch and crunch box	\$4.50
17th Nov Beef or Fish Burger	\$4.50
24th Nov Pita bread pizza	\$4.50
1st Dec Croissant	\$4.00
8th Dec Pasta Bento	\$5.00
Asian Bento	\$5.00

SNACKS

Seasonal fruit	\$1.00
Veggie sticks	\$1.00
Pikelet	\$0.50
Banana bread	\$0.50
Crackers, cheese & veggie sticks	\$2.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Sea salt red rock deli chips	\$1.50
Mixed cereal bag	\$0.50

FROZEN SNACKS

Half quelch stick	\$0.50
Quelch stick	\$1.00
Frozen fruit & yoghurt	\$1.00
Frozen milk	\$0.50
Frozen juice	\$0.50
Frozen Bevco black current juice	\$1.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$2.50

DRINKS

Water	\$1.00
Plain milk	\$1.00
Strawberry milk	\$2.00
Chocolate milk	\$2.00
Orange juice	\$1.50
Apple juice	\$1.50

Our P&C AGM is tonight! We would love to see a large number of attendees to this important meeting. The current President, Secretary and Fundraising Team will be stepping back from their roles and we look forward to seeing new people step into these positions. We are also looking for a team of people to become our school gardening team. Please have a look at the various role statements and contact the

P&C at gerringongpandc@gmail.com¹ if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing you at the Gerroa Fisherman's Club on Monday 5th December.

P&C Role Statements

President

The role requires a time commitment on average of 1-2 hours a week. The President is responsible for:

- Successful functioning and chairing of P&C meetings
- Ensuring adherence to the P&C constitution
- Acting as P&C spokesperson when public statements are required
- Fostering fair participation of all members
- Overseeing of sub-committees
- Ensuring open lines of communication with Principal
- Being signatory to P&C bank accounts

Secretary

The role requires a time commitment on average of 1-2 hours a week. The secretary is responsible for:

- Preparation of meeting agendas
- Taking minutes at P&C meetings and distributing to members
- Receiving and tabling of correspondence
- Maintaining official records of the P&C
- Writing and dispatching of outgoing correspondence.

Treasurer

The role requires a time commitment on average of 1-2 hours a week. The treasurer is responsible for:

- Ensuring that all funds held and handled by P&C are properly and openly accounted for.
- Being a signatory to P&C bank accounts
- Ensuring fortnightly pay is paid to P&C employees
- Ensuring yearly auditing takes place

Fundraising Team

These roles requires a time commitment on average of 3-4 hours per fundraising event. The fundraising team is responsible for:

- Liaising with Principal to organise a variety of fundraising opportunities for the school community.

Gardening Team

The Gardening Team is responsible for:

- Developing ideas for school grounds enhancements with parent, student and school input
- Organising parent & community working bees
- Working alongside school GA to support maintenance of school orchard and bush tucker gardens.
- Promotion of school gardening activities

¹<mailto:gerringongpandc@gmail.com>

2022 P&C Annual General Meeting

**Monday 5th December @ 7.00pm
Gerroa Fishermans Club.**

Come and join us at the 2022 P&C AGM.

We would love to see some new members for the 2023 P&C.
All positions will be declared vacant.

There are many different ways to being involved with Gerringong PS P&C;
including coming up with new ideas, organising fundraisers, gardening
support, uniform shop, president, treasurer, secretary and more...

**Current committee members happy to train you up and assist you in your role.
So please come along and get involved!**



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.



DEC 22- JAN 23 VACATION CARE PROGRAM

GERRINGONG

7:00AM - 6:00PM
CCS APPLIES TO FEES

<p>Monday 19th December SURF'S UP</p> <p>Cowabunga, surf's up! Get set for a gnarly day filled with loads of beachy, summery and fun activities!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Surfboard Magnet + Relays Cost: Session Fee + \$4</p>	<p>Tuesday 20th December BACK TO THE FUTURE</p> <p>Learn about the past, envision the future and build a time travel machine as we travel through time at Peak today!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Time Capsule + Frisbee Golf Cost: Session Fee</p>	<p>Wednesday 21st December ENVIRO WARRIORS</p> <p>Help to protect the environment by creating environmentally friendly objects, including a greenhouse planting kit!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Greenhouse + Athletics Cost: Session Fee + \$4</p>	<p>Thursday 22nd December SOCCER STARS</p> <p>Learn new soccer skills and drills and participate in soccer games with the team from Soccajoys today!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Abstract Soccer Ball + Soccer Cost: Session Fee + \$12</p>	<p>Friday 23rd December MERRY CHRISTMAS</p> <p>It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Join us for Christmas games and craft as we get ready for the arrival of Santa!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Christmas Hat + Otag Cost: Session Fee</p>
<p>SERVICE CLOSURES</p> <p>Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Peak will be closed from 26th December - 2nd January. Peak will also be closed on 26th January.</p>	<p>Tuesday 3rd January HAPPY NEW YEAR</p> <p>Happy New Year! Ring in the new year and party as we celebrate 2023 and all the good things to come!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Money Box + Touch Football Cost: Session Fee</p>	<p>Wednesday 4th January DINO-MITE</p> <p>Become a paleontologist for the day as we study and learn all about dinosaurs, their fossils and the land before our time!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Stegosaurus Craft + Handball Cost: Session Fee</p>	<p>Thursday 5th January HEROES AND VILLAINS</p> <p>Calling all superheroes and villains! Dress up as your favourite superhero or villain and use your powers to solve today's missions!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Superhero Cape + T-Ball Cost: Session Fee</p>	<p>Friday 6th January FOAM PARTY</p> <p>Sudsy, refreshing, bubbly fun! Have a ball with your friends in the inflatable foam pit! Don't forget a change of clothes!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Tree Art + Volleyball Cost: Session Fee + \$15</p>
<p>Monday 9th January CIAO ITALY</p> <p>Jet set with us to Italy today! Become an Italian chef extraordinaire, learn all about the bellissimo country and enjoy a yummy Italian treat!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Venetian Mask + Soccer Cost: Session Fee</p>	<p>Tuesday 10th January SUPER SOAKER</p> <p>Come along for some fun in the sun! Bring along a water pistol and a change of clothes as we cool down for summer!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Sponge Relays + Otag Cost: Session Fee</p>	<p>Wednesday 11th January TEDDY BEAR PICNIC</p> <p>Decorate your own teddy bear today and enjoy a picnic lunch with your new, cuddly friend!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Decorate a Teddy + Tennis Cost: Session Fee + \$4</p>	<p>Thursday 12th January LATER SKATER</p> <p>Bring along your scooter, skateboard or anything on wheels and have fun skating the day away! No helmet, no ride.</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Graffiti Art + Team Building Cost: Session Fee</p>	<p>Friday 13th January SCIENCE FAIR</p> <p>Strap yourself in for a day full of rocket explosions, launching ping pong balls, the law of friction and gravity and so much more!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Scientist Head Band + Dodgeball Cost: Session Fee + \$10</p>

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<p>Monday 16th January STEMATHON</p> <p>Today we're focusing on all things science, technology, engineering and mathematics! Use your skills to build your own robot!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Drawing Bot + Gymnastics Cost: Session Fee + \$5</p>	<p>Tuesday 17th January PEAK TURNS 13</p> <p>Join us as we celebrate Peak's 13th birthday! We'll have loads of fun celebrating today with party games and food!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: DIY Kite + Basketball Cost: Session Fee</p>	<p>Wednesday 18th January LASER TAG</p> <p>Battle against your friends and the Peak staff to claim bragging rights in the ultimate Laser Tag challenge!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Rocket Balloon + Circus Skills Cost: Session Fee + \$10</p>	<p>Thursday 19th January FARMYARD FUN</p> <p>Pop on your farmers boots, Matilda's Farmyard is visiting Peak today! Nurse, feed and pat lots of cuddly animals!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Scarecrow Craft + Hockey Cost: Session Fee + \$15</p>	<p>Friday 20th January MOVIE TIME</p> <p>We're off to Roxy Cinema today to watch 'Puss in Boots: The Last Wish'! A small popcorn and drink meal deal is included in today's fee.</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Pencilium Art + Yoga Cost: Session Fee + \$18</p>	
<p>Monday 23rd January BEADING BUDDIES</p> <p>Create your own custom jewellery pieces to take home as our friends from Sweet as Sugar Jewellery visit Peak!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: DIY Jewellery + Minor Games Cost: Session Fee + \$10</p>	<p>Tuesday 24th January RETRO FEVER</p> <p>Get groovy at the disco, tie dye a scrunchie or a pair of socks and join in on today's funky, retro fun!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Tie Dye Craft + Dance Cost: Session Fee</p>	<p>Wednesday 25th January AUSSIE AUSSIE AUSSIE</p> <p>How lucky are we to live in such a wonderful country! Come along and celebrate all things Aussie today!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Newspaper Koala + Cricket Cost: Session Fee</p>	<p>CLOSED</p> <p>Thursday 26th January</p>		<p>Friday 27th January CREATIVE COOKING</p> <p>A pinch of this, a splash of that! Step into the kitchen with us today and let your imagination and senses take control!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Chef Hat + Yulunga Games Cost: Session Fee</p>
<p>Monday 30th January BACK TO SCHOOL</p> <p>Let's finish the school holiday's the right way, with a party to celebrate all of the fun we've had, and a great start to the new school year!</p> <p>Programmed Activities: Bag Tags + Fitness Circuit Cost: Session Fee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IMPORTANT INFORMATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Located in the school hall at Gerringong Public School. - The Session Fee is \$68.00 per day, two subsidies where eligible. - Additional Costs will be added to the daily session fee and paid via weekly statements. - Please pack lunch and snacks, a hat, labelled drink bottle and jumper. Also please ensure that your child is wearing enclosed shoes. - Bookings for excursions will require an Authorisation Form to be accepted online through FullyBooked. Full permission details are available on the Vacation Care Details Form. 				

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MINNAMURRA RAINFOREST SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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Junior Ranger – Life in the leaf litter – Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Time: 10:30am – 12pm

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

Cost: Child \$14. Accompanying adults free. Grade: Medium. Suitable for ages 5 - 15 years.

Bookings essential: 1300 072 757 or

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/junior-ranger-life-in-leaf-litter>

We're going on a bug hunt, we're going to find some small ones...

Hundreds of thousands of little creatures live in the soil and leaf litter. Join us on this activity where we will delve under the surface taking a closer look each insect. We will discover the way they move, what they eat and how they protect themselves from danger. Come along on a fun adventure exploring Minnamurra Rainforest's natural world through a magnifying glass. We walk the 1.6 km Lyrebird Loop Walk and then make our own clay insect to take home.

Junior Ranger – Bush survival at Minnamurra Rainforest – Thursday 12th January 2023

Time: 10:30am – 12pm

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

Cost: Child \$14. Accompanying adults free. Grade: Medium. Suitable for ages 5 - 15 years.

Bookings essential: 1300 072 757 or

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/junior-ranger-bush-survival-minnamurra>

If you've ever wanted to know what being a ranger is like, head to Minnamurra Rainforest in Budderoo National Park. These school holidays, you'll discover how to survive and stay safe in the bush. Do you enjoy exploring the great outdoors? Then you'll love being a junior ranger at Minnamurra Rainforest. As part of your duties as a junior ranger, you'll explore the natural environment around you and discover the plants and animals that live in Minnamurra Rainforest. You'll also find out everything you need to know about bush safety and survival.

ABC animal walk at Minnamurra Rainforest – Wednesday 18th January 2023

Time: 10:30am – 12pm

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

Cost: Child \$14. Accompanying adults free. Grade: Easy. Suitable for ages 2 – 8 years.

Bookings essential: 1300 072 757 or

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/abc-animal-walk-minnamurra-rainforest>

Do you enjoy exploring the great outdoors? Then you'll love visiting Minnamurra Rainforest learning the Aussie animal alphabet on a fun scavenger hunt in nature.

We will set out on an adventure along the Lyrebird Loop Walk to look for animal shapes in the bush and create a letter of our own to take home.

We will explore the rainforest during this fun and engaging activity where we will learn amazing facts about the plants and animals that call Minnamurra Rainforest home.

We will spend time looking at what these animals eat, where they like to hide and how they build their homes.

Tie-dye in nature at Minnamurra Rainforest – Wednesday 25th January 2023

Time: 10:00am – 12pm

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

Cost: Child \$25. Accompanying adults free. Grade: Medium. Suitable for ages 5 – 15 years.

Bookings essential: 1300 072 757 or

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/tie-dye-in-nature-at-minnamurra-rainforest>

Are you looking for a unique activity to do this school holidays? Join us on the fun workshop where you will create a bright, beautiful, and wearable piece to take home.

We will take a walk along the Lyrebird loop walk and gain inspiration from the colour, patterns and shapes found in the rainforest. Then discover how you can use natural dyes from the bush before tie-dyeing your own cotton masterpiece. All material will be supplied on the day.

Bookings required for all activities. Phone 1300 072 757

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

December 21, 22, 23

Do your children enjoy, drama, dancing, singing, craft and games?
Would you be interested in your children attending a 3-day
vacation program just before Christmas for only \$30 per child?

The Christmas Workshop brings together a cast of children to learn
an original musical entitled the "Pirates of Christmas" performed on
Friday December 23 as a joyous leadup to Christmas.

Times: Wed, Dec 21, 9am-3pm; Thurs, Dec 22, 9am-3pm, Fri Dec
23 1pm-6pm; special service and performance at 5pm Dec 23.

Lead role auditions: Dec 4, 3pm (all other children are chorus).

Venue: Gerringong Uniting Church, 24-28 Fern Street

Online registrations open December 1 on gerringonguc.com

For more information ring Steve Everist on 0431 677 846, or
minister@gerringonguc.com

SPECIAL NOTE: Children must have attended at least one year of school, this is not
a suitable program for pre-schoolers.



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9-13 January
2023



Online



UNSW Campus,
Kensington



9:00am - 3:00pm

We are excited to announce that our GERRIC Student Programs will return in January 2023! Our Scientia programs will be run both online and on-campus to provide students with the choice of what works best for them. This is a school holiday program that expands the minds of bright, inquisitive individuals looking for an intellectual challenge that is more demanding and more fun than they may sometimes experience at school.

All courses are 3-day workshops. Registration will be available from 10 November 2022.

Junior Scientia: Years 3 - 6

The Junior Scientia program is designed for gifted and talented primary school students in Years 3-6. To participate in the program, students will select one three-day workshop from a range of options.

All workshops are developed and presented by experienced teachers who are qualified or experienced in gifted education. They possess the expertise and skills to encourage the interests and pique the curiosity of gifted children.

Scientia Challenge: Years 7 - 10

The Scientia Challenge program features a range of exciting workshops taught over three days designed for gifted and talented high school students in Years 7-10.

Developed and led by practising experts, the workshops follow a university-style investigative structure with intellectually-stimulating content. With the level of study aimed two years higher than the students' grade level, these dynamic workshops offer gifted students a rigorous and challenging program.



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