



Gerringong Public School Term 2 Week 3



Fortnightly Newsletter Term 2 Week 3

9th May 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

Thank you to Mr Mike O'Leary from the Gerringong RSL sub branch and to veteran Mr Glenn Kolomeitz for their talks to our students at our ANZAC Day service last Tuesday. Our student leaders also did a fantastic job leading our assembly with guidance from Mrs Clare. A special thank you to Mrs Kellert and Mrs Coulston and our magnificent choir. Thank you everyone for making this a wonderful assembly and showcasing some great art work.





It was wonderful to see so many parents back on site at our school last week for our welcome back breakfast. Thank you so much for everyone's support and the great feedback- it was a lovely, relaxed and positive morning. I know the children loved it and the staff really appreciated meeting everyone face to face.













[Naplan](#)

NAPLAN will commence Tuesday 10 May for Year 3 and Year 5 students and will run for 2 weeks. We wish all the students the best of luck, and we hope they enjoy the online experience. The first test will be writing, then Reading, Conventions of Language and finally Numeracy. Good Luck Year 3 and Year 5!

[Kiss and Drop](#)

Just a friendly reminder regarding Kiss and Drop. Parents please do not leave your vehicle or walk your child to their classroom or gate. You are welcome to do this, provided you park your car outside of the Kiss and Drop zone. Traffic needs to keep moving smoothly, in order to maintain student safety and efficiency from this area. Thank you.



Student Achievement

It is always fabulous to hear what our students are doing outside our school for our community.

I would like to share with you a great achievement of James K and his young friend Ewan. The boys set out in March to complete 500km in Spin for a fundraiser for Camp Quality kids. Thanks to Gerringong Bowling Club's Sunday Community Raffle, James and Ewan raised \$2,300 dollars for their Big Ride for Little Kids Camp Quality Fundraiser. They rode spin bikes inside the club every Sunday night throughout April to raise funds and the boys together cycled 564kms Spin to support kids and families living life with Cancer. With the Sunday Community raffle and also the \$2000 James and Ewan collected on their own combined from supporters they now have a total of \$4300 raised to Donate to Camp Quality Australia.



They are the youngest Soul Fit Co members at Gerringong BOWLO but their focus and determination is so strong. We just thought we would share this with you and the school community to inspire other young children to support others in need.

Congratulations James K and his friend- we are very proud of you and you are very inspirational.

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of

a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2022!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au¹



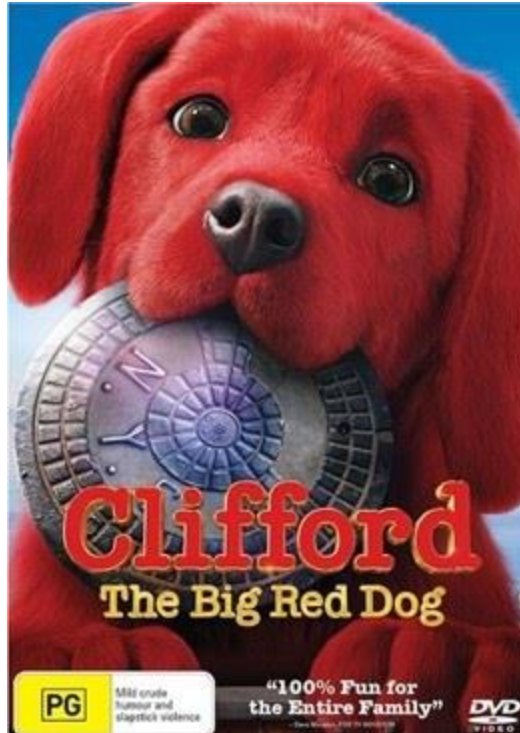
P&C News - Movie Night

Save the Date: Friday 3rd June Movie Night - gates open from 5pm and movie starting at 5.30pm

Tickets will be \$10 per person with preschool kids free. We will pre-sell tickets on Flexischools and also sell them on the night. The canteen will be open for sausages, popcorn, drinks and lollies.

Children must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult. Thank you.

¹<http://www.walk.com.au/>



LITTLE and EARLY LEARNING LABS



The University of Wollongong invites our students to LITTLE and EARLY LEARNING LABS, an academic and creative arts enrichment holiday program. We are targeting students from Year 1 to 6 who are passionate, self-motivated and curious learners.

Dates:

Little Learning Labs (Years 1 and 2): 7th – 8th July 2022

Early Learning Labs (Years 3 to 6): 4th – 6th July 2022

Venue: University of Wollongong (Wollongong campus only)

Applications close: Wednesday, 18th May 2022

²LITTLE AND EARLY LEARNING LABS program brochure³

APPLICATION PROCESS

²<https://documents.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@dvce/@in2uni/documents/doc/uow266653.pdf>

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- Parents/Guardians visit their⁴website⁵ and read the full list of workshops available by scrolling to the “Workshop Descriptions” section.
- Parents/Guardians (or school if parent/guardian is unable to) fill out the online application form.
- This is an academic and creative arts enrichment program designed for students who are motivated and passionate learners and performing excellently in their area of interest. First-time applicants are required to demonstrate their suitability for the program. One piece of supporting documentation is required (see 'Supporting Documentation'⁶ section on website).

Learning Labs is registered as COVID-Safe and follows the guidelines set out by the NSW Government⁷here⁸.

Please know that applications are now open, and workshops fill very quickly.

We will also have several sponsorship places available for students who identify as Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander or students experiencing financial difficulty.

For further information about workshops and the application process please visit their⁹website¹⁰, or contact the Learning Labs team via email at learning-labs@uow.edu.au.

Menstrual hygiene program in every NSW public school

The NSW Department of Education is introducing a menstrual hygiene program in every NSW public school. As part of the program, schools will receive dispensers that provide free pads and tampons (or just pads) for students to access during school hours.

Our menstrual hygiene program aims to reduce any barriers that may prevent students from participating fully in school life. Menstruation (and its unpredictability) may stop students from attending school or taking part in learning activities. There are also known health risks from using improvised sanitary hygiene products.

The program has been successfully trialled in 31 schools, with positive feedback received from Principals and students alike. It is now time to introduce the program at our school in Term 2 2022.

Staff Development Day- School Dates:

First Day Term 2: Tuesday 26 April 2022

Last Day of Term 2: Thursday 30 June 2022

Staff Development Day : Friday 1st July 2022

First Day of Term 3: Monday 18th July 2022

⁴<https://www.uow.edu.au/engage/outreach-pathways/learning-labs/wollongong-learning-labs/>

⁵<https://www.uow.edu.au/engage/outreach-pathways/learning-labs/wollongong-learning-labs/>

⁶<https://www.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@dvce/@in2uni/documents/doc/uow243920.pdf>

⁷<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/industry-guidelines/education-and-training-providers>

⁸<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/industry-guidelines/education-and-training-providers>

⁹<https://www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway/learninglabs/index.html>

¹⁰<https://www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway/learninglabs/index.html>

Last Day of Term 3: Thursday 22nd September 2022

Staff Development Day: Friday 23rd September 2022

First Day of Term 4: Monday 10th October 2022

Last Day of the Year: Monday 19th December 2022

Coming Events:

- PLP BBQ 3.15pm-4.30pm- Monday 9th May
- NAPLAN Year 3 & Year 5--May 10th- May 20th
- P&C Meeting - GPS Staffroom Monday 16th May
- Southern Stars Rehearsal - Tuesday 24th May
- Paul Kelly Cup- Thursday 26th May
- Sorry Day- Kiama Council Chambers, Aboriginal students and their buddy- Thursday 26th May, 10.00am.
- Whole School photo and sibling photos- Tuesday 31st May
- Outdoor Cinema P & C Fundraiser- Friday 3rd June
- Grandparents Day- Thursday 23rd June 2022
- Last Day for students Thursday 30th June
- Staff Development Day Friday 1st July
- Stage 3 Camp- new dates will be Monday, 25 July 2022 to Wednesday, 27 July 2022

Kind regards

Mrs Kristie Goldthorp OAMJP



LIBRARY NEWS

The Book Fair has arrived! There was a lot of excitement today in the library when our students sneaked a peek through the windows to see the great selection of books available at the fair. This week all children will have the opportunity to browse the books and maybe select and purchase a great read. The book fair is at school for two weeks and books can be purchased before, during or after school each day. Parents are also invited to call in on any day and take a look at what is on offer.

If you would like to support this great fundraiser, every purchase provides new literacy resources for our school. Payments can be made with cash or Eftpos.



Grandparents' Day

We will be celebrating Grandparents' Day on Thursday 23rd June – Week 9 Term 2. There will be a morning tea, a special assembly, open classrooms and the opportunity to share a picnic lunch with grandchildren. Please make sure you add this date to your diary.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Our avid readers are loaning, reading and recording their great reads for the challenge. If you would like to help your child log on to the Premier's Reading Challenge online site and need a reminder of their DoE log on name/password you can message me on Class Dojo in the Library Classroom. Keep reading boys, girls and parents!

On the PRC website homepage, click on the NEW STUDENT SITE image.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>



It will take you to the PRC student site.

Then click on LOGIN in the top right hand corner. This will take you to the NSW Department of Education portal login page, students need to enter their username and password here:

Log in with your DoE account

User ID

Example jane.croft

Password

Log In

[Forgot your password?](#)

Have trouble logging in?

[Help for DoE/TAFE staff](#) [Help for TAFE students](#)

OFFICE NEWS

School Calendar Term 2 2022



Geringong Public School – Term 2 Calendar 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	25/4	26/4 First Day of Term 2 Whole School assembly	27/4 Scripture	28/4 Cross country- Geringong Oval (postponed)	29/4 Parent Welcome breakfast- Meet the teacher 8.30-10am Jona Herbal 40kms Seuili Coast Rugby League Trial K-2 assembly
2	3/5 Music program 3-4 School Band Mother's Day Stall	3/5 Whole School assembly	4/5 Scripture	5/5 Back up Cross Country @ GPS	4/5 Tongara Cross Country @ Mt Terry Boys and Girls Crested @ Wythevale Catch up Mother's Day Stall 3-4 assembly
3	6/5 Music program K-2 P.F.P BBQ School Band	10/5 Naplan Whole School assembly	11/5 Naplan Scripture	12/5 Naplan	13/5 Naplan K-2 assembly School Herball team training Rugby Union Jona
4	14/5 Naplan Music program 3-4 School Band P & C Meeting- GPS Barbours 7pm	17/5 Naplan Whole School assembly	18/5 Naplan Scripture	19/5 Naplan	20/5 Naplan 3-4 assembly School Herball Round 1- Vincentia
5	23/5 Music program K-2 School Band	24/5 Sea from Stars Rehearsal Whole School assembly	25/5 Scripture	26/5 Paul Kelly Cup Bony Day	27/5 K-2 assembly
6	30/5 Music program 3-4 School Band	31/5 Whole School assembly Whole School Photo & Storing photo	1/6 Scripture Reconciliation Week assembly	2/6	3/6 3-4 assembly Outdoor Cinema-P & C Fundraiser

7	6/6 Music program K-2 School Band	7/6 Whole School assembly	8/6 Stage 3 Camp Scripture	9/6 Stage 3 Camp	16/6 Stage 3 Camp Regional Cross Country K-2 assembly
8	13/6 Public Holiday	14/6 Whole School assembly	15/6 Scripture PSSA Rugby League Knockout - Southern (Bowman Zone)	16/6	17/6 K-2 assembly
9	20/6 Music program K-2 School Band	21/6 Whole School assembly	22/6 Scripture	23/6 Grandparents Day	24/6 K-2 assembly
10	27/6 Music program 3-6 School Band	28/6 Whole School assembly	29/6 Scripture PSSA Rugby League Knockout - South Coast Finals	30/6 Students Last Day Southern Stars Miss Dance rehearsal	1/7 Staff development Day

Stage 3 Camp

Recently an email was sent out notifying the change of dates for the Stage 3 camp which will now take place Monday, 25 July 2022 to Wednesday, 27 July 2022. Please notify the office if your child will no longer be able to attend due to the change in dates.

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.

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

Payments

Online payments are Gerringong Public School's preferred method of payment. Other payment options include: cash, cheque and eftpos (at the front office). Just a reminder that over the phone eftpos payments can no longer be taken and please ensure all cash payments are clearly labelled.

School News

K - 2 Assembly Awards Term 2, Week 1			
Congratulations to:			
KG	<p>Roman N - For great progress in learning and blending sat pin sounds.</p> <p>Jansje C - For settling so well with focus and kindness into 6PS.</p> <p>Walter B - For great effort blending, segmenting, and writing all sounds.</p> <p>Kayling R - For scientifically exploring with cup phones!</p>	15	<p>Zara U - For always contributing during class discussions.</p> <p>Raffie B - For amazing expression when reading. WOW!</p> <p>Levi B - For incredible Maths work and partitioning two-digit numbers.</p> <p>Coco D - For decoding and blending CVCC words. Go Coco!</p>
KL	<p>Luke S - For recognising and creating patterns in Mathematics.</p> <p>Anna S - For working hard to produce quality book work.</p> <p>Elle O - For always showing enthusiasm in learning!</p> <p>Koa G - For her amazing work blending sounds to read VC and CVC words.</p>	1/2MD	<p>Eden R - For brilliant use of adjectives in writing.</p> <p>Poppy G - For always showing leadership and kindness in our class!</p> <p>Tyson P - For scientifically exploring with cup phones!</p> <p>Francesca T - For fantastic examples of situations with different probabilities.</p> <p>Beau C - For being an excellent class member!</p>
KT	<p>Leo B - For a positive start to Gerringong Public School.</p> <p>Odle G - For her contributions to class discussions.</p> <p>Georgia B - For completing her work to a high standard.</p> <p>Jasper S - For being a super detective about the weather in science.</p>	2C	<p>Archie R - For a big improvement in reading.</p> <p>Rory W - For excellent contributions to class discussions.</p> <p>Eve B - For an amazing Easter story in writing.</p> <p>Arche F - For excellent work in Maths.</p>
1K	<p>Keith K - For consistently trying his best in class activities.</p> <p>Cooper S - For sharing his ideas in writing sessions.</p> <p>Ethan R - For a descriptive story about a 'Treasure Chest'</p> <p>Maci O - For partitioning 2-digit numbers in Maths.</p>	2M	<p>Gus S - For being a helpful member of our class.</p> <p>Harmony F - For always trying her best in maths.</p> <p>Riley S - For improving in his reading!</p>

	
SANDWICHES <i>Toasted add 50 cents</i>	
Vegemite, Ham or Jam	\$2.00
Cheese	\$2.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$2.50
Grilled 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)	\$4.00
Salad	\$1.50
Wrap ADD	\$0.50
Chicken Free ADD	\$1.00
THURSDAY SPECIALS <i>Available every week of Term 2</i>	
Steamed Dumplings	\$4.50
Steamed Shrimp	\$4.00
Fried Rice	\$4.00
Teriyaki Chicken and Rice	\$4.50
Beef Chicken and Rice	\$4.50
Sushi Bowl	\$5.00
SALADS	
Seasonal Super Salad	\$3.50
(Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot and Beetroot)	
Seasonal Super Salad and egg	\$4.50
Seasonal Super Salad and lean ham	\$4.50
Seasonal Super Salad and Chicken Strip	\$5.00
Taco Salad Bowl	\$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
Hot Chocolate	\$2.00
SNACKS	
Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00
Veggie Sticks	\$1.00
Pielet	\$0.50
Banana Bread	\$0.50
Crackers, Cheese & Veggie sticks	\$2.00
Poppers	\$1.00
Sea Salt Red Rock Grill Chips	\$1.50
Mixed Cereal Bag	\$0.50
FROZEN SNACKS	
Small quiche stick	\$0.50
Large quiche stick	\$1.00
Frozen Fruit & Yoghurt (canteen made)	\$1.00
Frozen Milk Strawberry (canteen made)	\$0.50
Frozen Milk Chocolate (canteen made)	\$0.50
Frozen Black current Juice (canteen made)	\$0.50
Frozen Orange Juice (canteen made)	\$0.50
Frozen Pineapple Juice (canteen made)	\$0.50
Twisted Frozen Wasmelon Yoghurt	\$2.50
Twisted Frozen Chocolate Yoghurt	\$2.50
Frozen Black current Juice	\$1.00
HOT FOODS	
Seasonal Soup & Roll (canteen made)	\$5.50
Crumbed chicken strip	\$2.00
Hot Chicken Wrap	\$4.00
Flame Grilled Chicken Burger	\$4.50
Moz '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	\$3.50
Sausage Roll Mon/Fri ONLY	\$3.50
Traveler Pie Mon/Fri ONLY	\$4.00
Alfresco Pork Pie Mon/Fri ONLY	\$4.00
Chicken Nuggets & Tots ONLY	\$5.50



We hope that all of our GPS Mothers, Aunties and Grandmothers enjoyed their carefully chosen gifts from our Mothers' Day Stall. A big thank you to our helpers on the day who gave up their time to ensure the stall's success. The event made a profit of \$800! A great result!



Our next major fundraising event will be held on **Friday 3rd June**. We have hired a big screen and will be showing Clifford the Big Red Dog on the school oval. Tickets for this event will go on sale from Wednesday 1st June on Flexischools.

We will require a huge number of helpers to ensure that this event is a success. If you are willing to give up some time to help in the canteen, sell tickets before the event, cook on the bbq or direct traffic on the oval then please email kalongstaff@yahoo.com¹¹ to let us know.

¹¹<mailto:kalongstaff@yahoo.com>



P&C Movie Night Under the Stars

Friday 3rd June

(gates open 5pm for 5.30pm start)

Gerringong Public School Oval

Tickets \$10 per person - (Preschool age children free)

Sausage sizzle, popcorn and snacks for sale on the night.

BYO low chairs/bean bags/blankets

This is a whole family event and children will need to attend with a responsible adult



Our next meeting of the P&C will be held on Monday 16th May at 7pm in the GPS staffroom. On the agenda will be important discussions on how best to allocate P&C funds for the remainder of the year. We would love to see you there.

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.



AusKick – Come and join the fun!

Calling on all 5 – 7 year old's to join the fun with our AusKick program

- Super fun game-based activities
- Kids build fundamental motor skills
- Learn to play as part of a team
- AusKick Junior Membership gives kids access to AFL matches and a cool footy goodies pack



Kids get the opportunity to play at half-time of AFL & AFLW matches at the SCG!

Keep an eye out on our FB page for a Come'n'Try session coming soon!



Nutrition Snippet

PIMP UP POPCORN



Swap a packet of chips out of the lunch box and go for plain popcorn.

- **Make it at home or buy plain popcorn.**
- **To add variety to the lunch box, mix with some dried fruit to make Poppletana.**

For these recipes and more:
healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Little Cherubs in Gerringong currently have 2 spots available at the Centre for a 3–5-year-old on a Friday only. The centre address is 28 Sandy Wha Road, Gerringong and Parents can call to book in a tour on 4234 0518.



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