





# Gerringong Public School Term 1 Week 4



Fortnightly Newsletter Term 1 Week 4  
February 2023

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new P&C committee for 2023.  
Congratulations and thank you to:

**President:** Suzy Atkins

**Vice President:** Leanne Stewart

**Secretary:** Alex Morris

**Treasurer:** Mel Pearce

**Fundraising Committee:** Stu Brunsdon, Simon Brown, Dan Rodic

**Garden Committee:** Ross Lander, Leanne Stewart, Erik Lau

**Our first P&C meeting for the year is Monday 20 February at 7pm in our school staffroom.** I will be presenting our draft Gerringong Public School Behaviour Support and Management Plan and Anti-Bullying Plan for feedback from parents.

Please join us - everyone is welcome!

### Save the Date:

**"Reconnect Night with your teacher, fellow parents and Maggie Dent"**

On Tuesday 28 February (week 6) from 5.30pm-7.30pm will be “Meet the teacher/Open Classrooms/ Parent to Parent connections, welcome BBQ and Maggie Dent Night”. The primary objective is post COVID *re connections*. We want families to re connect to school and each other. Maggie Dent will have a Q&A in our school hall from 6.30pm primarily to discuss cyber safety - resilience, growing smart children, just to name a few. It will be fabulous, and I really hope all will attend.

Maggie Dent will also be involved with a Father’s night at the brewery. Stu Brunsdon has been working towards this event to take place on Monday 27th of February 6-8pm. Meet and Greet Dads! More information will be posted soon!

Maggie Dent—is a Gerringong local - Commonly known as the ‘queen of common sense’, Maggie has become one of Australia's favourite parenting authors and educators who now has an international following. She has a particular interest in the early years, adolescence and resilience, and is an undisputed 'boy champion'. Maggie is the author of nine major books, including the bestselling *Mothering Our Boys* and her 2020 release *From Boys to Men*. She hosts the award winning ABC podcast, *Parental As Anything* and in 2021 released a book of the same name. In May 2022, Maggie released her first book about girls, *Girlhood: Raising our little girls to be healthy, happy and heard*.

As a former teacher, counsellor and bereavement support person in palliative care, mother of four dads and Nanny to 7, Maggie has a depth of experience she brings to her work.

As a part of the parent gathering Maggie is going to be available to answer questions from parents. We are so excited to have Maggie with us!

<https://www.maggiedent.com/media/><sup>1</sup>



1 - Press & Media - Maggie Dent<sup>2</sup>

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## Kiss and Drop

Just a friendly reminder in regards to Kiss and Drop. **Please do not park and leave your vehicle in this area.** Kiss and drop is designed for smooth flowing traffic for parents to quickly drop their child/ren off to school in a safe manner. Parking in this area causes havoc. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

## Aboriginal Education

This year all students will work with Aboriginal community elders Aunty Gwenda Jarrett and Uncle Steve Russell alongside Uncle Jacob Chant, Uncle Ray Timberary and Uncle Bobbie McLeod, plus expert Aboriginal facilitators in our area. Here students will learn about Aboriginal culture, language, dance, stories and art. Stage one students will commence in Term 1. Last Thursday we held a whole school welcome to Country to celebrate the commencement of the **Gadhungal Murring** Aboriginal Education Program at GPS.



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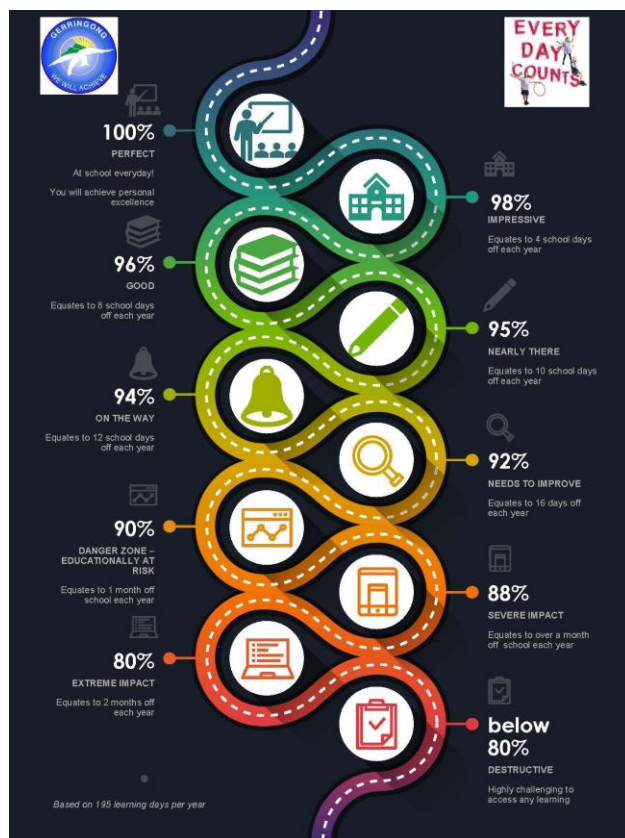






## Attendance

**Attendance** at school is highly important. **This includes coming to school on time.** Each term staff will be rewarding excellent attendance at assemblies. Please see the attendance road map below. If your child is sick please notify the front office or your teacher of any student absences.



## Swimming Carnival









## 2023 School Leaders and House Captains

Congratulations to our House Captains and 2023 School Leaders

Bass	Cook	Flinders	Phillip
<b>Captains</b>	<b>Captains</b>	<b>Captains</b>	<b>Captains</b>
Violet E	Addison D	Mason R	Ellie M
Hudson A	Lachlan Mc	Laylani W	Asher E
<b>Vice Captains</b>	<b>Vice Captains</b>	<b>Vice Captains</b>	<b>Vice Captains</b>
Marlie A	May D	Naomi P	Maddie H
Benji D	James K	Emmett B	Luca J



Class	Name	Name
School Leaders	Risto V	Tessa C
School Leaders	Josie C	Sunny M
School Leaders	Abi (Abigail) S	Bonnie Mc
School Leaders	Harper B	Meg Mc
KG	Semester Two	
KS	Semester Two	
K/L	Ella G	Teddy T
1G	Charli W	Spencer W
1K	Gus A	Hazel C
2LD	Fraser P	Zara U
2JB	Clara P	Samuel D
3MB	Oscar M	Ava M
3S	William P	Harry C
4D	Ethan K	Layla C
4M	Own W	Ada H
5MH	Term 1 & 4 Henry M Term 2&3 Archer V	Ava H
5CR	Tom D	Rose D, Kendall P
6CM	Lachlan Mc	Violet E
6D	Jack L	Addison D
Principal	EJ S	Wesley S

### Communication/Class Dojo:

All teachers will continue using Class Dojo in 2023. It is essential in alignment with the Department of Education Policy that you sign the note on School Bytes, if you choose to give permission for yourselves to use a third party online platform. Please remember that the best way to communicate important issues is always through the school office so we can make time to have an interview or phone conversation. If you would like to meet with the Principal and/or Stage Three Assistant Principal, please contact the front office.



## Behaviour:

All students are to follow class and school rules. They are expected to reflect the school values in their actions towards learning and others. Respect – Responsibility – Resilience and the NSW Department of Education Student Code of Conduct.

NSW Department of Education

# Behaviour code for students

## NSW public schools

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

### In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

### Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

### Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

### Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

### Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

[education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au)



## Mobile Phones:

All student mobile phones must be handed into the front office for security and safety please.



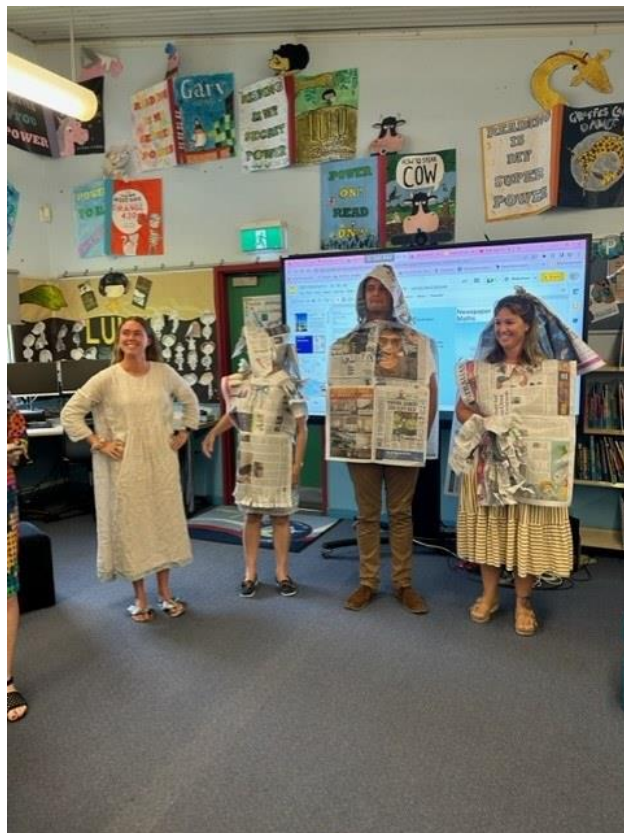
## Staff Development Day 2023 Term 1

The Teachers started the year with a Staff Development Day in Professional learning to ensure their curriculum planning catered for every student in every classroom. The staff were put into the learning pit where they dived into creative Numeracy tasks where they learned about the importance of having a growth mindset and being challenged. At the beginning of the year, our students at GPS learn about the 'Power of Yet', meaning I can't do it 'yet'... but I'm going to try. Our students learn about the learning pit and how being challenged can make us feel uncomfortable and that mistakes are proof that you are trying.

These activities were run by our new Assistant Principal, Curriculum & Instruction, Belinda Laird. This new role in our school focuses on the leadership of effective, evidence-informed literacy and numeracy teaching and assessment practices for improved student learning outcomes across the curriculum. The Literacy and Numeracy skills are the key to success across all curriculum in our schools. To ensure all children and young people have a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy, deep content knowledge and confidence in their ability to learn, adapt and be responsible citizens, the department has introduced new Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction roles in our schools across NSW.

The Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction will support a strong instructional leadership model, coordinating professional learning for teachers, monitoring student outcomes, and supporting families to be key partners in student learning.

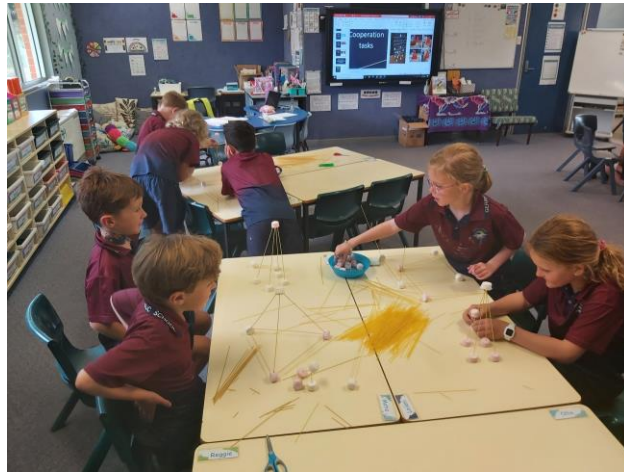






### Class News:

3S has enjoyed getting to know each other these past 2 weeks, writing our own class Acknowledgement of Country, working out our expectations for 2023 and connecting as a group. We demonstrated cooperation when we worked together to build spaghetti/marshmallow towers, and it was so much fun. We have been playing Maths games (while using our skip counting and place value skills) and we also enjoyed our first music lesson with Mark this week! 2023 is going to be great in '3 Spectacular'!











KS have had an INCREDIBLE and FUN start to Kindergarten. They have all amazed Miss Smith with how well they have adapted to their new friends, classroom and playground environment. This week students have been learning about classroom rules and expectations to set students up for success. They have also been reading rich language texts and engaging in craft activities that relate to the text. Towards the end of the week, students learnt about all things fine motor skills and have been strengthening their hand muscles by participating in fine motor activities. Not only did they learn about fine motor skills but they learnt how to rotate groups around the classroom. Miss Smith is blown away with the progress KS students have made in 6 short days. She is so proud of her class and she looks forward to the coming weeks with them as they soak everything up like little sponges. Go, KS!













Congratulations to our fabulous SRC for 5MH. Henry Term 1 and Term 4 with Archer Term 2 and 3 are pictured here with Ava and Wez. They will represent the class and put forward their ideas as well as give feedback to school suggestions.





Also, pictured are 5MH taking part in an AFL Coaching Clinic - part of a 5 week program that is free for all of Stage 3 students thanks to the NSW Local Sport Grant Program.





5MH enjoying a visit from the St George Illawarra Dragons as part of “The Best You Can Be” program. All Stage 3 classes participated in fun activities and discussions focusing on mental health concepts such as resilience. They were provided with a booklet to use at school that includes topics like the importance of being active, tolerance, respect and inclusiveness, screen time management, hydration and nutrition. It is great working in partnership with our community organisations.









## StEPS Vision screening

StEPS Vision screening will be at GPS for Kindergarten students on Mon 13 February and 14th February 2023. The StEPS Program is a free vision screening program designed to identify childhood vision problems which cannot be detected by observation, behaviour, family history or vision surveillance.

NSW Health advises all children to have their vision screened before they start school and strongly recommends that all 4 year old children participate in the vision screening program.



### What is SIEPS?

The SIEPS program is an initiative of NSW Health and offers at 4 year old children free vision screening.

### Why would my child need their vision screened?

- Children rarely complain of eye problems
- Children may not realise they can't see well
- Some children can see well with one eye but have very poor vision in the other eye
- Children's eyes may look OK and parents/caregivers might think that their child can see well but some children might still have a vision problem
- The only way to tell if a child has a vision problem is to have the child's vision tested one eye at a time.

### Did you know?

- If a child has a 'lazy eye' it may lead to severe vision loss or blindness in that eye if not treated
- If a child has a vision problem, the earlier the problem is detected and treated the better the vision outcome
- If parents wear glasses or had vision problems as a child their children are more likely to have vision problems too
- After a certain age some childhood vision problems cannot be treated and the child will have poor vision for the rest of their life - glasses won't help
- Low birth weight babies and children with neurological problems are at a greater risk of developing eye problems

### Does my child need their vision screened?

NSW Health advises all children to have their vision screened before they start school and strongly recommends that all 4 year old children participate in the vision screening program.

### How can my child access the SIEPS program?

Your local Health District will target preschools and child care centres to offer all four year old children a free vision screening. To have your child's vision screened you will need to complete a consent form and return it to your child's preschool/childcare centre. You can also have your four year old child's vision screened for free through your local Child & Family Health Service. Contact details for your local Child & Family Health Service are on the back of this pamphlet.



### How will I know if my child has a vision problem?

Every parent/caregiver of children who have a vision screening will be informed of the results of their child's vision screening assessment. Should a vision problem be detected you will be contacted by your local Health District and asked to have your child's eyes fully tested by an eye health professional. It is important to ensure every child's vision develops normally throughout childhood. The SIEPS program is a vision screening program and does not offer a full diagnostic assessment. If you have any concerns about your child's vision you are recommended to have your child's vision tested fully by an eye health professional.



## Peer Support is Back!

"Peer relations contribute to both social and cognitive development and to the effectiveness with which we function as adults. The single best childhood predictor of adult adaptation is the adequacy with which the child gets along with other children."

## Music:

Music will again be taught by the talented Mr Mark Holden-Keeper from the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music. A note has gone home last week for payment of specialise music lessons. You are welcome to use the "Back to School" vouchers. Please come to our front office for use.

Also the band will commence in a couple of weeks, students in Years 3 to 6 who wish to join band, may do so. Please see permission note on School Bytes.

## Term Dates:

Term 1 ends Thursday 6th April

Term 2 starts Wednesday 26th April (Monday 24th is Staff Development Day and Tues 25th is ANZAC Day). End of term 2 is Friday 30th June.

Term 3 starts Tuesday 18th July and ends Friday 22nd Sep

Term 4 starts Monday 9th October and ends Friday 15th December (Staff Development Day Mon 18th and Tues 19th Dec)

Everyone have a great fortnight!

Kind regards

Mrs Kristie Goldthorp OAM JP

Principal





## Library News

### Library Borrowing:

Children in Stages 1,2 and 3 are already borrowing and reading great books. Kindergarten will begin borrowing this week. Please ensure your child has a library bag on their borrowing day. A library bag keeps our resources clean and enables safe storage at home.



### Borrowing Days:

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|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| • KG, KS AND K/1 L     | MONDAY    | Mrs Herbert   |
| • 1G, 1K, 2BJ AND 2LD  | TUESDAY   | Mrs Herbert   |
| • 5CR, 5MH, 6D AND 6CM | WEDNESDAY | Mrs Herbert   |
| • 3S, 3BM, 4D AND 4MC  | THURSDAY  | Mrs Heffernan |



We have hundreds of new readers for our Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 children. Can you help to cover them please?

Mrs Colleen Rees will be holding a working bee in the library all day on Tuesday 21st February to demonstrate covering techniques. Please come along for a quick lesson any time between 9.00am and 2.30 pm. Books and materials can be taken home, so you can cover at your leisure! Mums, Dads, Grandparents and community friends are welcome – many hands will make light work! Please check in at the office on Tuesday 21st February, then come along to the library.

Mrs Margaret Herbert (Teacher Librarian)



### Gerringong Public School – Term 4 Calendar 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1					27/01 Staff Development Day
2	30/01 Staff Development Day	31/01 Students First Day of Term 1  Best Start-Kindergarten	01/02 Best Start-Kindergarten	02/02 Best Start-Kindergarten	03/02 GPS Swimming Carnival  First Day of Kindergarten
3	06/02	07/02 Safer Internet Day eSafety	08/02	09/02	10/02
4	13/02	14/02	15/02 Scripture	16/02	17/02 Tongarra Swimming Carnival
5	20/02	21/02 School Photos	22/02 Scripture	23/02	24/02 Paul Kelly Cup
6	27/02	28/02 Meet the teacher/Open Classroom  Welcome BBQ and Maggie Dent Night	01/03 Scripture	02/03	03/03 Clean up Australia Day K-6
7	06/03	07/03 Tongarra League Legends	08/03 Scripture	09/03 Year 5 & 6 Aspire Higher Leadership Workshop	10/03 Regional Swimming Carnival
8	13/03	14/03	15/03 Scripture  Naplan Year 3 & 5	16/03 Naplan Year 3 & 5	17/03 Naplan Year 3 & 5  Girls AFL Trials- Goulburn
9	20/03 Naplan Year 3 & 5	21/03 Naplan Year 3 & 5	22/03 Scripture  Naplan Year 3 & 5	23/03 Naplan Year 3 & 5	24/03 Naplan Year 3 & 5
10	27/03 Naplan Year 3 & 5	28/03	29/03 Scripture	30/03	31/03
11	03/04	04/04	05/04 Scripture	06/04 Last Day of Term 1	07/04

Our new School Bytes student finance system will be going live on the 21st February 2023 and there will be a freeze on the Parent Online Payments (POP) from Wednesday 15th February after 4pm until Tuesday the 21st February.

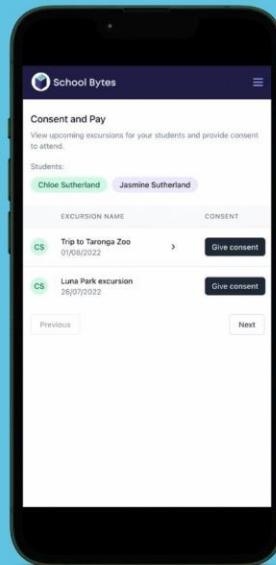
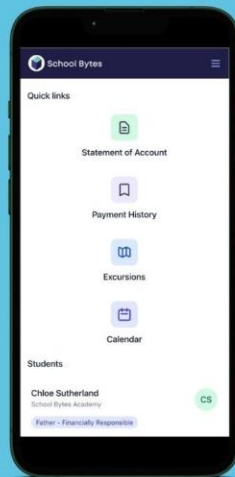
In preparation for the transition please be sure to register for the School Bytes Parent portal.

If you have any questions please contact the school office.



# 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>





#### **Ethics Coordinator needed**

Not available each week to volunteer during school hours but would still like to be involved?

We're looking for a volunteer from our parent community who is interested in supporting the school's ethics program. Ethics classes are an alternative to non-scripture, teaching our kids to think, reason and discuss a range of ethical issues. Classes are designed to create an inclusive learning environment, where students learn to respect other points of view and come to a deeper understanding of their impact on the world around them.

The focus of this role is making sure we have enough volunteers to meet the demand for ethics classes and liaising with the school to make sure the program runs smoothly. Typically, the role requires about an hour or two a week and is completely flexible so can fit around your other commitments. You will receive full training and support.

If coordinating our ethics program is a possibility for you, contact Marbecc Webb at [marbeccwebb@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:marbeccwebb@primaryethics.com.au) or 0407 150 967.

For more information about the ethics program, visit to [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au).

# School Newsletter SRE

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to a new year of Protestant Special Religious Education (SRE)!

We use the approved *Connect* program which is based on a three-year cycle, teaching students the key components and themes of the Bible and Christian belief while encouraging them to apply the learning to their own lives. Our teachers from the Uniting and Anglican Church aim to develop the skills needed for students to explore the nature and content of the Christian faith.

This semester in Protestant SRE we will be looking at God's love for all people, and how this is demonstrated through Jesus at Easter. We will also focus on parts of the Old Testament in the Bible and hear about people such as Ruth, Jonah and Moses, who trusted God in times of hardship.

For more information about the benefits of SRE please go to

<https://whysre.com.au>

or contact me, Lily Welsh (SRE Coordinator) on 0423434501.

Looking forward to a wonderful year together.

## GERRINGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



### CANTEEN

#### SANDWICHES

Vegemite, Honey, Jam	\$2.50
Cheese	\$2.50
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
Baked Beans	\$3.00
Spaghetti	\$3.00
Lean Ham	\$3.00
Lean Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
Lean Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00
Lean Ham & Salad	\$4.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo	\$4.00
Salad	\$4.00

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	\$4.50
Beef lasagne	\$4.50
Penne bolognese	\$4.50
GF Penne bolognese	\$4.50
Spinach & ricotta roll (Mon/Fri only)	\$4.00
Sausage roll (Mon/Fri only)	\$4.00
Traveller pie (Mon/Fri only)	\$4.50
Albion park pie (Mon/Fri only)	\$4.50
Chicken nuggets (Tues only)	\$4.00

#### THURSDAY SPECIAL

9th Feb Pizza Scrolls	\$4.00
16th Feb beef burger & Strawberry Smoothie	\$6.00
23rd Feb Croissant	\$4.00
2nd Mar Crunchy mexi toasted wrap	\$4.00
9th Mar BBQ chicken slider & milkshake	\$5.50
16th Mar Breakfast sandwich	\$4.50
23rd Mar Rice Paper Roll	\$4.00
30th Mar Crumbed fish burger & hot cross bun	\$5.50

#### 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	\$2.00
Mixed cereal bag	\$1.00

#### 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	\$3.00

#### DRINKS

Water	\$1.00
Plain milk	\$1.50
Strawberry milk	\$2.50
Chocolate milk	\$2.50
Orange juice	\$2.00
Apple juice	\$2.00

Our first P&C meeting for the year is Monday 20 February at 7pm in our school staffroom.

Please join us- everyone is welcome! (all members must be financial to be able to vote at meetings)



Please find attached:

- The minutes of our December Meeting
- Extraordinary meeting that was held last week please also see minutes.

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**MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Suzy Astin, Alex Morris, Mel Pearce & Stu  
Brunsdon, Leanne Stewart

**Apologies:** -

**Motion:** Stu Brunsdon has been working towards an event to take place  
on the 27th of February 6-8pm. Meet and Greet Dads fund raiser

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Details: To aim to encourage Dads to come along and meet other, potentially  
come to P and C and know what Dad resources are available for working  
bees etc and how they can help.

Stoic brewery has agreed to host.

Maggie Dent has said she would come along. Potential for a raffle on the  
night.

Propose to call a Dad in each year group to coordinate or/ and put in the  
school newsletter..

Suggestion: Use newsletter/ Dojo and Facebook Group to advertise to the  
school community.

Cost of the Event:- 1 beer per person (eg event cost \$10 and first beer is free).

Maggie Dent has offered to attend for free and give a brief talk.

Possible Raffle:

Mel Pearce has a list of local companies that have been used in the past for prizes.

Suggest: Natural Necessity and Gerrington Hardware have helped in the past.

SB wanted to check where promotion is allowed and to find a Dad in each year to promote.

SB to email Kristie Goldthorpe directly to check that the flyer is approved with school logos and wording, then e mail school admin to put in newsletter once Ok from Mrs Goldthorpe.

SB- possible photos on the night.

MP has spare raffle tickets (to provide).

Moved: Leanne Stewart

Seconded: Mel Pearce

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#### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

##### **Attendance:**

##### **Present:**

Alison Sherrell, Suzy Astin, Kate Mathies, Anita Grey, Kristie Goldthorp, Mel Pearce, Michelle Hingle, Leanne Stewart, Alex Morris, Alison Wedd, Lewis Browne, Ross Lander, Stu Brundson & Simone Brown

##### **Zoom:**

Dan Rodic & Erik Lau

##### **Apologies:**

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##### **REGULAR MEETING:** Opened at 7:42 pm

##### **Motion:** To accept minutes of previous meeting 5th October 2022

Moved: Kath Mathies

Seconded: Alison Sherry

##### **Correspondence:**

##### **Emails:**

- Request for funding for State Representative - \$100 subsidy
- Thanks from Adam Cambell to the P and C for Funding the 'Interrelate' program.



**Principals Report: (Kristie Goldthorpe)**

- Items Purchased- Thank you to P&C.
- Finance Report- Kristie and Allison
- Data update- Attendance, Literacy And Numeracy
  - In 2022, our focus initiative was on Spelling and phonological awareness K-6. Staff undertook professional learning in phonics instruction, orthographic mapping, decoding and encoding. All students were assessed at the beginning of the year using the NSW Department of Education Spelling Assessment. Areas were identified for targeted teaching based on the data. Teachers participated in learning sprints to improve their instruction. Students were then assessed on the impact of their teaching. The data has shown improvements across the school due to the PL and targeted approach.
  - Self-assessment against the School Excellence Framework shows the school currently performing at sustaining and growing in the element of effective classroom practice.
  - **Next Steps:**
  - In 2023 staff at Gerringong Public School will continue their professional knowledge and data collection with a Spelling focus, moving into writing. New staff to K-2 will receive intensive PL on decodables, aligned to the new K-2 Syllabus.
  - **Our 2022 NAPLAN Data indicates that 60.75% (Target 61%) of students are performing in top 2 bands in reading.** We are confident with continued focus in ongoing professional learning that supports teachers to differentiate the curriculum will result in our top two bands meeting our targets in 2023.
  - **Our 2022 NAPLAN Data indicates 39.05% (Target 48%) of students in top 2 bands numeracy.** We are confident with continued focus in ongoing professional learning that supports teachers to differentiate the curriculum will result in our top two bands meeting our targets in 2023. Numeracy planning will be reinvigorated with the new syllabus.
  - Unfortunately we have lost 6-7 students in Year 5 due to OC placement - we will continue to promote our enrichment programs, HPCE classes and every day classroom activities that promote creative, problem solving, and curious thinkers.
  - We did notice a decline in 2022 data, Attendance is a huge concern for me.
    - Target: 86.3%



- The 2022-2026 CPS Strategic Improvement Plan is in place. In Term 1 we will provide a summary of the year's activities.
- Next Year our bell times will be: (slight change- just an additional 15 min in the first session)
  - 9am-11am
  - 11-11:55 Lunch
  - 11:55 - 1:40
  - 1:40-2pm Recess 2-3pm
  - Except on a Wednesday, where they will remain the same as this year, due to Scripture.
  - • 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
  - Friday 16 December- reports go home
- Staff Leavers- Julie Brooks, Lauren Mahar and Leanne Nebe
- Swimming Carnival- Albion Park Rail Friday 3 February 2023
- Tongarra Swimming Carnival Friday February 17 February 2023
- School Photography Tuesday 21st February 2023 .

Summary of School financial report for 2022 was distributed to members for reference.

**Alison Wedd** gave details of the school budget allocation report and how this functions on a yearly basis including;

- Professional Learning- investment essential to ensure that staff are kept up to date with pedagogies.
- Beginning teachers- budget allocation for mentoring etc
- RAM equity- allocated to schools based on socio-economic factors and needs of students.

- Integration funding for additional support.
- New arrivals
- Covid catch-up (post-covid Government funding).
- Staff and wages (major allocation of budget).
- Vision and hearing team included in the budget (team is based at Gerringong School).
- Utilities (this has been adjusted to take into account the solar panels now installed)

**Kate Matthies-** questioned what percentage of parents pay voluntary contribution?

**Alison Wedd-** only a small number of parents pay. Many members noted that they were not aware or had forgotten.

In the last few years the minister had requested that schools don't ask due to covid pressures.

Discussion around how this could be promoted within new kindergarten intake parents to make them aware of what the money was used for.

#### **Christmas Picnic:**

- Students arrive at 5pm so that they get sausage sizzle before going to their classroom.
- Leanne Stewart to have a lolly table and gelato van- needs to be away from performance to avoid distraction.
- Kids will need to be 'contained' to minimise disruption to the performance.
- 16 classes + band + choir to perform in total.
- Discussion around how to make this work strategically with snacks? sausages? drinks? poppers? lollies
- Mel- To organise a raffle door prize. Opportunity to run a quick raffle with a hamper and other prizes.
- Michelle Hingle- pointed out that there is equipment for the P and C in the in Allison's filling system.

#### **Financials: (Mel Pearce):**

- Accounts
  - P and C Account- \$66,403.35
  - Canteen Account- \$ 11,912.25
  - Uniform Account- \$ 16,339.13
  - Canteen Purchase Account- \$507.72

**Motion Mel Pearce:** 2 funding requests for PSSA in the last month \$100

- Approved Leanne Stewart and Simone Brown.



- Register uniform shop service NSW so that parents can use 'back to school' vouchers will be available by mid december
- Leave balances accrued- expect that staff will take some leave over Christmas period could amount to ~\$6.5K.
- Funding for families that may be struggling with fees for excursions/ uniforms etc.

**Motion Mel Pearce:** Proposed a budget that can be used for families who may need to access without needing additional information to access-suggested amount of \$500.

- Suzie Astin and Leanne Stewart second motion.

**Canteen:**

- Leave balances accrued- expect that staff will take some leave over Christmas period could amount to ~\$6.5K..

**Uniforms: (Michelle Hingle)**

- The uniform shop has been successful this year.
- New school jumper has been successful and batches have been reordered three times.
- This is Michelle's 6th year at the uniform shop. Michelle acknowledges the patience and support of her family and friends throughout this time.
- Michelle wishes to thank the staff for handing out uniforms and going to classrooms.
- Michelle wishes to thank her husband's business for providing support in her role through printing and office materials.

Gerrington P and C recognise the enormous effort and continued dedication that Michelle has given to this role over the last 6 years and wish her all the best as her youngest child now moves to high school. Thank you Michelle.

**Fundraising (Leanne Stewart):**

- Gardening grubs- Leanne questioning Kristie how this would work and what was expected by the school of the P and C group.
  - Suggested working bees to clean up garden
  - potential to use some of the produce for cooking
- Kate Matthies has applied for a \$500 grant for the garden.
- Kristie Goldthorpe observed that there is rain damage to gravel in the garden that needs to be repaired.

**Agenda Items:**

**General Business:**

- Is a group gift acceptable to a teacher >\$50?
  - Kristie confirmed that providing that the gift comes from multiple parents it is still ok if the gift is greater than \$50.
  - Teachers would usually declare this to Kristie.
- Mel Pearce- Where are the records of transactions for the Year 6 leaving/ farewell event kept in the event of an audit?
  - Record of invoices and items which have been paid for is being kept by Kylie Buchanan in a dedicated records book.
  - The Year 6 Farewell is not actually run by the P and C it is a separate group of parents and P and C contribute towards this.

**Next Meeting:** AGM - Monday 20th February

**Meeting closed at:** 8.56pm

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### Port Kembla 'Smiles on Dials Day'

Sunday 26th February 2023

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*Group-care facility participants limit of 6 per facility.*

A fun day surfing experience for any person with a disability, no matter how challenging, with complete water supervision.

Registration for Participants is \$10

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<b>Please do not attend if</b>	<b>Please</b>
You are feeling unwell.	Follow Social distancing where possible
Are awaiting a Covid Test	Use hand sanitizer (available on site)
Have recently received a positive covid test	Use a mask when out of the water and in groups (optional)
Have been a close contact to a positive test	Masks are not required due to this being an outdoors event, but appreciated for the safety of all

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**Session Day & Time:**  
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**Location:**  
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**Contact:**  
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## Dads @ Stoic

Meet and greet + school fundraiser

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