

# Gerringong Public School

## Weekly Bulletin

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Term 2 Week 7



### Coming Events

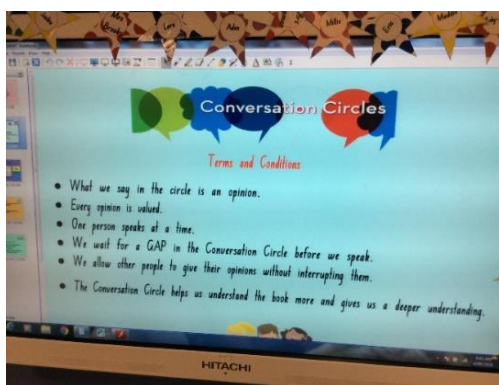
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
June ICAS Spelling

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
ICAS Writing

**Welcome back** after a long weekend. I hope all of our families enjoyed the additional day from work and school.

I know that our teachers have all been working extra hard as it is report writing time. I would like to acknowledge the time spent by staff analysing a wide range of data collected throughout Term 1 and Term 2 for the Semester 1 Reports. Reports will be distributed to students at the end of Term.

**Thank you to Mrs Chapman and KBC** last week for sharing with me your ideas about a new book being introduced in your class. I loved observing your conversation circle and how everyone followed the “Terms and Conditions” by respecting the opinion of others and waiting their turn to share their ideas and predictions about the text. Well done!!!



**Autism Awareness** In our staff meeting this week, staff will be engaged in training relating to Autism through the Sixth Sense Program. This will be followed next week by students in all years participating in a presentation that educates all students about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) behaviours that might otherwise be misinterpreted as frightening, odd, or rude. The Sixth Sense Program will be delivered to K-2 on Monday 18th June and Yrs 3-6 on Tuesday, 19th June.

### **Breakfast With The Boys and Girls in Blue – When? Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

**Breakfast with the Boys and Girls in Blue** was an idea brought about by the Lake Illawarra Police District to promote and encourage active interaction between youth and local Police.

The ‘Breakfast with the Boys and Girls in Blue’ program involves local police attending a school and supplying every student a healthy, nutritious and enjoyable breakfast, prepared and served by their local police officers. The local police will attend the school and set up prior to school opening, and once the gates open will serve all students breakfast as they enter the school grounds.

The aim of this program is not only to build relationships with youth, but also continue to strengthen our links, relationships and connections with local Primary schools.

**Congratulations to** those sensible, responsible students that I see walking to school every morning. It is wonderful to see our students who cross at Greta and Belinda Streets being so safety conscious and doing the right thing. Well done!!!

**Congratulations to** our football team. I received feedback from another school of the excellent sportsmanship displayed by our team. Well done both on your win but even more important your sportsmanship on the day.

**Joy Fullagar**  
Principal

## Canteen Roster

Lunch 8.45-11.45am Recess 1.17-1.37pm

Tue 12th June	Rach McCarthy	Emily Vaughan
Wed 13th June	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Thur 14th June	Kate McErlean	Margaret Mitchell
Fri 15th June	Meera Cornish Jennie Hanna	Susanne Booker
Mon 18th June	Julie Brooks	Bronwyn Doohan

### K – 2 Assembly awards Term 2, Week 6

#### Congratulations to:

<b>KBC</b>	<b>Tommy Darragh</b> – For challenging himself to write more!WOW! <b>Millie Whitehead</b> – For fantastic writing about echidnas!WOW!	<b>1W</b>	<b>Lexie Floyd</b> – For generating fantastic questions this week about the book “Clancy and Millie and the very fine house” <b>Risto Vernham-Tait</b> – For displaying excellent active listening behaviours this week.
<b>KL</b>	<b>Jack Kidd</b> – For using his initial sounds to read unknwn words. <b>Emerson Poppett</b> – For hearing and recording his sounds when writing.	<b>1/2FD</b>	<b>Benji Clare</b> – For showing commitment to his learning. Well done! <b>Max Kiehl</b> – For taking pride in his writing. AWESOME!
<b>KM</b>	<b>Ruby Garner</b> – For achieving her writing goals! <b>Archer Vian</b> – For presenting a great speech.	<b>2M</b>	<b>Brielle Baker</b> – For a great first week and some wonderful Pop Art! <b>Archie Cunningham</b> – For his colourful “POP ART!”
<b>KS</b>	<b>Charlotte Lester</b> – For working hard to finish all her must-do work. <b>Byron Simmons</b> – For amazing mathematical thinking when counting back from large numbers.	<b>2W</b>	<b>Alistair Kidd</b> – For a fantastic puzzle of Australia. <b>Matilda McKelvey</b> – For consistent improvement in handwriting.
<b>1S</b>	<b>Flynn Marczan</b> – For perservering to achieve his own learning goals in Reading and Writing! <b>Gemma Ryan</b> – For asking thick and thin questions to better understand the text.	<b>2/3C</b>	<b>Kelsey McLaren</b> – For putting in an extraordinary effort when writing. <b>Coco Seddon</b> – For trying her best to solve multiplication problems quickly using a multiplication grid.

### Library News Amazing Writers

Last week three of our students received awards for their entries into the Ken Donnellan Memorial Local History Competition. Kate Evans' essay was awarded the winner for Gerringong and Sam Le and Mia Reiten received Highly Commended. Congratulations children.



## Kindergarten Enrolments for 2019

Gerrington Public School is now taking the names of children who will be enrolling in Kindergarten in 2019. At this stage we are taking basic details – Name, Gender, Date of Birth, Parent/Guardian names, contact numbers and address, pre-school attended and sibling details.

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

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

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

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

1. Copies of medical/healthcare or emergency action plans
2. Evidence of any disability or other support needs, including any learning and support plans.

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

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

## Office News

### Volunteer Requirements

At Gerrington Public School we place a high priority on the wellbeing and safety of our students.

We are currently updating our volunteer records to reflect regulatory and legislative changes. These changes will affect all who volunteer with the school in any capacity. This includes working in the classroom, attending excursions, working in the canteen and any other volunteering within the school.

To do this, volunteers should go to the office to complete the necessary forms as well as provide 100 points of identification (more information on proof of identification documents available at the office).

Volunteers are not required to have a working with childrens check but if they would like to apply for one they can do so through the following link:

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check/apply/apply>

### Requirements for transporting children other than your own

The transporting of students in the cars of staff members, parents, caregivers, volunteers and other students should only occur in those circumstances where there is no feasible option available to provide alternative transportation. This may only occur under the following conditions:

- a) written permission from the parent(s) or caregiver(s) of the student(s) being transported is obtained
- b) the driver is licensed and, if issued with a provisional licence, complies with any relevant peer passenger conditions
- c) the vehicle is registered
- d) the number of passengers in the vehicle does not exceed the number of seatbelts
- e) current driver's licence and car registration details are sighted by the school prior to giving permission for students to be transported in the vehicle.
- f) completion of above volunteer requirements

Thank you for your assistance in helping to ensure the safety of our students.

**Allison Wedd**  
**Relieving School Administration Manager**

## Reducing our Waste

Congratulations to everyone who has stopped using snaplock bags and cling wrap. We are trying really hard here at Gerringong Public to reduce the amount of waste we are creating. Part of this is to reduce the single use plastics in our lunchboxes. Our Eco Savers are making beeswax wraps, which you can use to wrap sandwiches, biscuits etc. They are all natural and last for years, an excellent product for your children's lunches Thanks,

*Mrs Hassler, Sustainability Team and the Eco Savers.*



## Terracycle

Outside the GPS office is where our Captain Koala sits and awaits drop offs of items for Terracycle. Terracycle recycles waste items that we can not put in our household recycling bins. GPS will receive 2c from each "Dolce Gusto" Nescafe coffee pod and 1c for every other item that is recycled. Please see the following pictures and info for types of waste that are accepted by Terracycle;

**BEAUTY PACKAGING-** pumps from pump pack items , taps from laundry liquid, make up packaging from used makeup (eyeshadow, lipstick) etc. All toiletries and cleaning products packaging that "can not be recycled in household waste" and that does not have the recyclable symbol printed on it. Any component of the packaging that has the recyclable symbol on it should be rinsed and placed into your household recycling bin.

**ORAL CARE-** toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, dental floss containers, plastic from new toothbrush packaging.

**Nescafe "DOLCE GUSTO"-** only this variety of coffee pod is accepted by Terracycle. All other Nescafe pods can be dropped off at Always Flowers florist in Collins Street Kiama for recycling.

**SNACK POUCHES-** squeezey yogurt pouches, food packaging that has a plastic feel on the outside and is foil like on the inside such as chip packets.

For any further info regarding Terracycle, please contact Leah Marshall (GPS Terracycle co-ordinator) 0402259751.



# **WHY NOT HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT ?**

A small group of Japanese students are visiting Gerringong Public School from **28 July to 1 August**. These students are learning English in their home country and will be coming to Australia for only a few days with their English teacher, to improve their conversational English and to experience our Australian culture and our beautiful natural environment.

**If you or your family are interested in hosting a student, please let us know as soon as possible. Home stay hosts will be paid a tax free allowance for each student which will more than defray the costs of hosting.**

During their stay, the group will have English lessons and integrate with our students during the day. Each Japanese student will have a 'buddy', a student from our school. They are aged from 10 to 12 years.

All that is required is to provide a clean and tidy bedroom, with bed and wardrobe, and to provide all meals, (packed lunch on school days), and to provide transport to and from school each day. This can include travelling with your child to and from school, by school bus.

As well as the opportunity of having a foreign student share your home for a few days, this will be a rewarding and memorable experience for Hosts and students alike.

## **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION**

PLEASE CONTACT: **Bill Clark** on **0418 215 990**

Or [william.clark1@bigpond.com](mailto:william.clark1@bigpond.com)



## Gerringong Out of School Hours Care (GOOSHC)

We offer Before School Care from 7am to 9am and After School Care from 3pm to 6pm five days a week excluding school holidays. We provide opportunities for activities, friendships, and fantastic times. We are proud of the quality of care that we provide on a daily basis. Our service provides children with a healthy breakfast and afternoon tea. Children are then given opportunities to get involved in activities ranging from sport, craft, drama, performance, games, projects etc. with quiet/free time always on offer. We also openly welcome children from other schools. Fees for our service are subject to government rebates such as the child care rebate and child care benefit. Fees are currently \$25 per day, per session, per child (this is a maximum of \$12.50 after CCR and less after CCB if entitled). For more information please contact Marina on 0434230783 (After School Care) or Lisa (Before School Care) on 0401359948 or email [Gasc2534@yahoo.com.au](mailto:Gasc2534@yahoo.com.au)

## BEFORE SCHOOL CARE IS NOW AVAILABLE.

We are excited to announce the expansion of our service to include Before School Care. The new service will open from 7am – 9am Monday to Friday in the school hall. Our Before School Care service will include a healthy, nutritional breakfast followed by fun games, activities and experiences programmed according to your child's interests and needs. The morning session will cost \$25, a child care Rebate applies to all families. Once the Rebate is applied the maximum cost is \$12.50.

If you are interested in booking your children in on a casual or permanent basis, or would like more information, please contact the Before School Care team, Lisa, Heather or Linda on (M) 0401 359 948.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

***Disclaimer:** Gerringong Public School advertises in this column as a service to parents. Gerringong Public School does not endorse, sponsor 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.*

## 2018 Christmas Card Competition

Gareth Ward MP, Member of Kiama invites local children to enter his 2018 Christmas Card Competition. The competition is open to all children attending primary schools in the Kiama electorate area. This year's theme is

**'Why Christmas is important to me.....'** Student are encouraged to draw a picture that represents the theme.

All entries need to be submitted to 102 Terralong Street, Kiama no later than Friday 13th July, 2018.

**Competition forms are available at GPS OFFICE.**

# THE BIG SWING

*A night of song and dance!*

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& THE VILLAGE BIG BAND

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**YEARS K-6**

**JULY 11TH, 12TH & 13TH  
9AM - 4PM**

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