

Gerringong Public School

Weekly Bulletin

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Term 2 Week 8



Coming Events

Wednesday 20th
June P&C
meeting
7pm

Public Speaking Competition - Congratulations

On Tuesday the 12th of June, four students from GPS travelled to Jamberoo Public School for the district final of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition. All students at our school participated in a Public Speaking Program in which students delivered a speech in class, followed by representation at Stage level which then resulted in school representatives being chosen. Our representatives were:

From Stage 2: Lacey McLaren and Isla Buchanan (High Commended)
From Stage 3: Olivia Cunningham and Jack Rushman (Overall Senior Winner)
Well done to all of our representatives.



Reminder - Breakfast With The Boys and Girls in Blue – When? This Thursday 21st

June - The 'Breakfast with the Boys and Girls in Blue' program will be happening at our school **THIS THURSDAY**. The local police will be supplying every student a healthy, nutritious and enjoyable breakfast, prepared and served by their local police officers

Premier's Debating Challenge – Congratulations to all of our School Representatives

On Wednesday our Year 5 and 6 Debating teams competed in the second zone debate for The Premier's Debating Challenge against Nowra Public School. The students prepared for and argued "parents and primary schools should cooperate to limit kids screen time to one hour per day and



that we should never allow people under 18 to use social media sites like Facebook, Instagram and Twitter". Both our teams displayed increasing confidence and offered a wealth of knowledge on the topics presented. Our teams came home with a very well deserved win! We are very proud of the students and want to congratulate them on an outstanding debate! Thank you to the parents who were involved and came along to support the students. A very big thank you to Miss Land for her organisation and on-going support and coaching of the debating teams.

P&C Reminder

This Wednesday at 7pm in the Staffroom. We hope to see you there.

Joy Fullagar
Principal

Canteen Roster

Lunch 8.45-11.45am Recess 1.17-1.37pm

Tue 19th June	Deb Langton	HELP NEEDED
Wed 20 th June	Angie Ritchie	Amy Moore
Thur 21 st June	Rebecca Hardy	Margaret Mitchell
Fri 22nd June	Lisa Pickens Michelle Hingle	Margaret Mitchell
Mon 25 th June	HELP NEEDED	Annette Pust

Canteen News

* The canteen has set up online lunch ordering for the athletics carnival on the 29th June. It is advertised on the front page where you would normally click on the date you want to order during the week. We offered this service last year and it was very popular. If the carnival is postponed due to wet weather, any orders that were placed, will be automatically carried over to the backup date. So basically, if the carnival is postponed, you will have to re-order for your children as you would do for a normal Friday.

* If you are unable to fulfill your canteen shift and it is at very short notice, please notify the office staff or call Leanne on 0413601988. The canteen is becoming increasingly busy, so volunteers are an essential part of the smooth running of the canteen & producing lunches in a very limited time frame.

Thankyou to our wonderful volunteers who help out already & new volunteers are always welcome. Either email Leanne at davis13leanne@gmail.com or call on the above number.

* Just a reminder that the canteen now offers birthday treats for your child to share with their class and friends. These include

Canteen made frozen juices : 50c each

Quelch sticks : large - 80c. small - 40c each

Streets frozen juice : \$1.00 each

Juicy iceblock : \$1.50 each (all of our frozen juice items are 99% juice)

Frozen twisted yogurt : \$2.50 each

Thankyou. Leanne & Jackie

K – 2 Assembly awards Term 2, Week 7			
Congratulations to:			
KBC	Jake Barron - For fantastic hearing and recording sounds when writing!WOW! Maddie Tarasenko – For the friendship and kindness that she shows to others!WOW!	1W	Josie Cross - For working diligently to achieve our class writing goal. Jacob Goodyer – For consistently trying to improve the neatness of your work!
KL	Jake Horner – For transferring his sight word knowledge into his reading. Kendall Payne – For a great improvement in Writing.	1/2FD	Ruby Brooking – For showing initiative during writing and self-editing her work. Thom Ritchie – For producing great ideas for his sentences.
KM	Sophie Cornish – For her exceptional organisational skills. Miles Ryan – For participating in classroom discussions.	2M	Jake Hallinan – For working hard in Mathematics. Ebony Luscombe – For demonstrating lovely expression in Reading.
KS	Evie Finney – For improving her use of a Butterfly Chart when writing! Harrison Holmes – For working so hard to become a super reader. KS will miss you! Nathaniel Mead – For his impressive backwards counting from HUGE numbers!	2W	Liam Hallett – For an exciting postcard about Sydney! Grace Swann – For fabulous descriptive writing on penguins.
1S	Sunny Martin – For an excellent retell of “Clancy and Millie and the very fine house!” EJ Stewart – Reid – For excellent work in Maths making equal groups and arrays!	2/3C	Sinead Buchanan – For amazing use of google classroom to write “The time Machine” Harper Payne – For always giving 100% effort in everything she does.

Kinder Activities

Our kinder children are fortunate to have seven Kiama High School volunteers who help in classrooms on Wednesdays. Science is so much more fun when you have a 'big girl' helping!



Library News

As the end of term approaches your child may receive an overdue book notice. Please can any overdue books be returned or renewed asap. Thankyou

PRC

Over 50 of our great readers have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge - fantastic reading boys and girls. There is still plenty of time to read for this challenge that encourages reading - readers have till the 31st August. Please encourage your child to read and complete the PRC and feel free to call in to the library if you need help with logging onto the site or if you would like to choose some books for your child.

Margaret Herbert (Teacher Librarian)

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 Gerringong 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

Eco-Savers Team

The Eco-Savers have identified a problem! There is lots of uneaten fruit in the compost. What can we do about this waste?

- Parents could cut up larger fruit, especially apples making it easy to eat at Crunch n Sip and lunchtime
- discuss what fruit your child likes or doesn't like to eat
- grapes and strawberries and other small fruits are good portions. Quick to eat!

Decomposing fruit takes longer to break down and makes our compost smelly. It's also a waste of money for fruit to have one bite and be composted, finally, it's a waste of perfectly good food!

The Eco-savers are working hard for our school environment and hope you will help too!

Today the Eco-Savers made more beeswax wraps for plastic-free lunches. Thanks to Mrs Emily Bolto and Mrs Sarah Worboys for coming along to help. To buy wraps please see Mrs Clare in the Science room. Wraps are \$3 or \$4 depending on size.

Thank you - written by Hannah, Charlie, Ella and Lola

Penny Rushby-Smith



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



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

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.

Kiama Local AECG



Meeting Notice

Come for afternoon tea and a yarn

Thursday June 21, 4pm

Ss Peter & Paul Catholic School Kiama

Agenda:

Acknowledgement to Country
Remembrance Candle lighting
Attendance/Apologies
Previous minutes amendments
NAIDOC Week
General Business/Questions
Close

Everyone welcome

Please send apologies to: aecgkiama@gmail.com