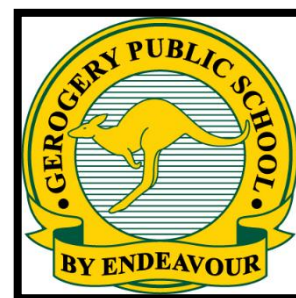
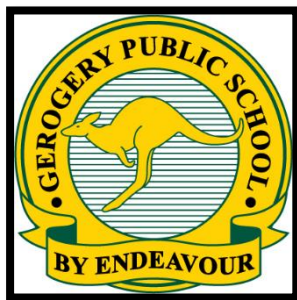


GEROGERY PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 7, 2023

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Dates for your calendar

Date/s	Event	More Detail
March 7	Walbundrie PL – Walla 3:30-5	Teaching Staff
March 15-27	NAPLAN Test Window	Year 3 & 5
March 22	Harmony Day Activities	K-6 Walla PS – Day
March 24	Walbundrie Small Schools Cross Country	K-6 Jindera Golf Course

Dear parents, carers and friends,

It is wonderful to see how all our students have settled back into school life and are keen to learn. Staff have spent a lot of time preparing for the term and are keen to see progress in each student.

This year our school will be involved in External Validation at the end of term two. (We have had a date change from earlier in the term)

This is an important part of the School Excellence Policy. It provides an opportunity for our school to discuss our judgements about practices and the evidence that underpins them, with a panel of peers.

We are slowly moving to a new administrative system called School Bytes. This system will replace many of our day-to-day activities with improved efficiency.

Please contact staff if there is any part of your child/children's schooling you would like to discuss. Staff are always happy to assist.

*Regards
Julie Twitt*

ENROL NOW **FOR the remainder of 2023 or** **Enquire about enrolling in 2024**

If you know of any school aged children in our area who are potential enrolments, please contact the school, or ask their parents to contact us, so we can provide them details of our wonderful local school.

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1. Intensive Swimming

Our Intensive Swimming Lessons for this term have been completed. All students improved and were rewarded with a Certificate.



2. Walbundrie Small Schools Swimming Carnival (WSSSC)

Congratulations to all our students who attended the WSSSC. Top effort by all on the day.

Finn Walsh: 1st 8yrs 25m Freestyle, 2nd Junior 25m Backstroke & 2nd Junior 25m Breaststroke

Mollie Cornell: 3rd 10yrs 20m Freestyle

Matilda Carl: 3rd Junior 50m Backstroke & 3rd Junior 50m Breaststroke

Zara Byrne: 2nd Senior Girls Backstroke

Lexie Alderton: 3rd 8yrs 25m Freestyle & Junior 25m Breaststroke.

Unfortunately, none of our students qualified for the next carnival.



3. DOJO Rewards

Due to the success of our Dojo Reward system last year, we will continue with this program in 2023.

Term 1 Week 2 & 3

100%



Top Points Week 2 & 3



Zara Byrne, Riley Mission, Mollie Cornell & Addison Jackson

Term 1 Week 4

100%



Top Points



Woody Radley & Mollie Cornell

Term 1 Week 5

100%



Top Points



Merit Awards Term 1 Weeks 2-5



Finn Walsh & Zara Byrne

Matilda Carl: Great start to her new school

Mollie Cornell: Fantastic Effort & Leadership

Lexie Alderton: Settling into the Gold Room

Addison Jackson: Being an amazing support & friend.

Ryley Mission: Great start to kindergarten.

4. Green Room

We're only in week 6 and it is amazing to see the progression students have made in their learning. We have been busy little mathematicians, engaging with lots of hands-on resources to build our number sense. The Kinders are crazy about numbers and take any opportunity they can to practise counting and recording numbers to ten. This week we have been learning all about 2D shapes. Students have been using a range of materials to build their understanding, such as 2D shape blocks, technology and puzzles.

Our focus text this week is Edward the Emu and the Year 2 students have been writing compound and complex texts in response to the text. The Kinder students have been learning what a sentence is and producing oral sentences with a who (noun) and a do (verb). We learn new vocabulary with each focus text to improve reading comprehension. Our new words for Edward the Emu are impressive, amusing and detest. Students have been using these in their writing and conversations which is fantastic!

I would love to gather photos of family or other things that are important to your child, to foster a sense of belonging in our classroom. If you could please email some through to the school email and I can print them off. Thank you to those who have already sent some through.

Mrs Dowell



5. Gold Room

Gold Room Newsletter

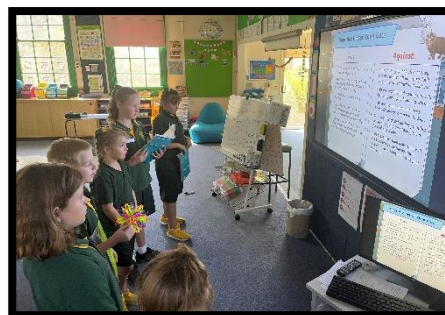
Throughout the past fortnight in the Gold Room, we have been busy learning many different topics. Our focus in Literacy has been learning about Persuasive Writing. We have discussed and debated many subjects, including "Dogs are better than cats", "The city is the best place to live", "Books are better than movies" and a key focus on writing about the topic "Summer is better than Winter".

Students had to brainstorm ideas and choose 'for' or 'against' the topics. We then verbally debated and rebutted each other's points and facts to the opposite side. Some students were swayed to join the different side of the argument due to the very persuasive language and ideas shared! We are now practicing our persuasive writing and how to form texts that are high quality in persuading either 'for' or 'against' the topic.

We are continuing to strengthen our fluency and reading skills, as we read in our Reading Pairs first thing in the mornings for 10 minutes. Everyone is also doing an excellent job with using the SMART Spelling Program/ InitialLit Program and the coinciding spelling lists during our spelling lessons, weekly spelling tests and homework spelling lists.

Mathematics has been focusing on Division and Multiplication for Year 3 and Year 4. Our rapid recall is being challenged daily, focussing on a times-table the students feel they are not 100% confident with yet. We are then using our times-tables knowledge to convert and cross-check when using division.

Our Year 6 are focussing on fractions, decimals and percentages. We are learning difference strategies to convert fractions, decimals and percentages, as well as add and subtract fractions. We have also been learning about different data collecting strategies and different graphs used to order the data. We created bar, dot, plot, pie and tally graphs to collate data and understand how to process data collection.



6. P&C Meeting

Many thanks to those who attended our first P&C Meeting for this year.

Minutes from this meeting have been sent home.

The P&C AGM will be held prior to or General P&C Meeting on Monday 13th March @ 7:30pm in the school Library.

Nominations for executive positions will be taken from the floor on the night or in writing prior to the meeting.

It will be important for each family to have a member at these meeting as we have the Gerogery Festival on March 25 & 26 to discuss.



7. Sport

For the remainder of this term sport will be cricket skills at school every Friday. Students should wear school sports uniform and wear runners on these days.

8. Newsletters

Change in the frequency of newsletters. There will be three newsletters per term. Week 2, 7 & 11 this term and week 2, 6, 10 term 2,3 &4.

9. Breakfast Club

Last year we became aware of several students arriving at school who hadn't eaten breakfast. We have decided to trial a Breakfast Club for term one. Breakfast (Cereal & Toast) will be available each morning for those students who have not had breakfast before arriving at school. A gold coin donation would be appreciated when your

child/children use this facility.



10. NAPLAN 2023

NAPLAN will be held in term one 2023 during Week 8-10 (Wednesday 15 to Monday 27 March). This National test is for year 3 and 5 students.

11. P&C Ongoing Fundraising

IMPORTANT



Cans & Bottles

Bottle/Cans Return and Earn.

The P&C will continue to raising funds for our school through 'Return and Earn'. Any bottles or cans marked with '10c Refund' may be left in garbage bags or Chaff bags at the drop off area located on the southern side of the skip bin in the school playground. Your support with this fundraiser is appreciated.

Please shut the gates when leaving.

12. Hot Lunches

We do have a small selection of hot lunches available for students to purchase any day of the school week, except on days we have shop orders, excursions or sporting events.

Party Pies or Party Sausage Rolls - 50c each

Noodles - \$2 each

Students may also bring in lunches to be heated up. These meals must be placed in the staffroom before class each morning. No noodle to be cooked only those that water is added to.



13. Shop lunch orders

Lunch order dates for term one: Wednesday March 15 & 29

14. Mobile Library

Mobile Library will visit our school every second Monday between 2:30-3:30pm for the term 1 & 2.

Dates Term 1: March 20 & April 3

15. Skool Loop



At the moment we will be relying on Skool Loop for communication between the school and home. If you have not downloaded the app, please do so.

If you have any difficulties with this app, please contact the school so we can try to help you.

Please complete student absences on this app before school on the day your child is away.

16. Harmony Day Activities

On Wednesday 22nd March students will travel by bus to Walla Walla Public School to join the Walbundrie Small Schools Network for activities based around Harmony Day.

The bus will depart school at 9:15am and return approximately 2:30pm.

More details and a permission note will be sent home as soon as we receive them.



17. Walbundrie Small Schools Cross Country

On Friday 24th March all students will attend the above trials at the Jindera Golf Course. The bus will depart school at 9am and should return at 2pm.

Details, permission note and lunch order note will be sent home with the Harmony Day permission note.



		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday
Week 7 March	6	Mobile Library 2:30-3:30	7	WLC (Walbundrie Learning Community) PL – 3:30-5 WWPS for staff	8	Hume Principals Meeting 8:30-10 >YQBE Small Schools Conference -Canberra - Julie	9	YQBE Small Schools Conference - Canberra -Julie	10	YQBE Small Schools Conference - Canberra-Julie Sport at school- cricket skills
Week 8 March	13	AGM & P&C Meeting 7:30	14		15	NAPLAN starts -Y3 & 5 only ➤ Lunch Orders	16		17	Sport at school- cricket skills
Week 9 March	20	Mobile Library 2:30-3:30	21		22	Harmony Day Walla Walla (K-6)	23	8:30-4pm Hume Principal's Meeting IPM Writing - Albury >3:30 EV Masterclass Julie	24	Sport – Cross Country – Jindera (K-6)
Week 10 March Newsletter	27		28		29	Lunch Orders	30		31	Sport at school- cricket skills
Week 11 April	3	Mobile Library 2:30-3:30	4		5	Hume Principals Meeting 8:30-10	6	Last Day Term One	7	Good Friday No school