

# GEROGERY PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

# Term 3 Week 8 2024

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Dear Parents, carers, and friends,

Third term is quickly coming to an end. Thank you for your continued support during this term. It was fabulous to see so many visitors to our school for our Book Week Parade. Don't forget to vote on Saturday!





Regards, Julie Twitt Principal

| CALENDAR EVENTS        |                                     |               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Date                   | Activity                            | Notes         |
| Thursday 12 Sept.      | Questacon Excursion                 | Brocklesby    |
| Saturday Sept. 14      | Voting at Gerogery Hall             |               |
| Tues 17- Thurs 19 Sept | Henty Field Days                    |               |
| Tues 24 Sept.          | Celebration Assembly                | 2pm           |
| Thurs 26 Sept          | End of Term Reward – Movie @        |               |
|                        | Wodonga                             |               |
| Friday 27 Sept.        | Last Day of Term 3                  |               |
| Saturday 28 Sept.      | AFL Breakfast P&C Fundraiser        | Gerogery      |
|                        |                                     | Store 8-11:30 |
| Monday 14 Oct.         | First Day for staff and students T4 |               |
| Monday 16 Dec          | Presentation Night – Hall           | 6:45 pm       |

# 1. Book Week Activities

Thank you to all parents for the effort put into our Book Week Parade costumes. The students looked fabulous.

Our visit to the Lavington Library was only wonderful!









#### 2. School Directors School Visit

Last Thursday Mr. Matthew Gray- Director, Education Leadership I Hume Principals Network visited our school for the first time.

Matthew visited the K-6 classroom and spoke to Ms Curnow and students. Matthew and I then spent time reviewing my Personal Development Plan and our School Plan.



#### 3. Dojo Awards

#### Week 4 100%



Top - Matilda and Ashden



Week 5 100%



**Top Jayden, Lachie & Ryley** 



#### Week 6

100%





100% Dojo's

#### 4. P&C - AFL Breakfast Fundraiser

Thank you to those who attended our P&C Meeting on Monday.

 AFL Grand Final Breakfast will be held at the Gerogery Store between 8-11:30 am on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Setting up will be from 7:30 am if you are able to help with this fundraiser, please contact Julie at the school.

# 5. Brocklesby/Questacon Show Excursion - Thursday 12 September 2024

Staff and students will travel to Brockelsby School, by school bus to join Brockelsby students for a Questacon Science show and then spend the whole day at Brockelsby School on Thursday 12 September. The school bus will depart school at 8:50am for the 9:30am show, returning by school by approx. 3pm. Permission note has been sent home Monday. Please return notes by Wednesday 11th September (tomorrow).



Note: The school bus will be picking students up a few minutes early in the morning on Thursday, so as we are on time for the show at 9:30 pm at Brockelsby.

#### 6. Henty Field Days

Sept. 17-19

The annual Henty Fields days commence next week. Take care on local roads with the increase in traffic. Please inform school if your child will be absent on any of these days.

#### 7. Celebration Assembly

#### Tuesday 24th Sept. 2pm

Our next Celebrations Assembly will be held at school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 2pm. This assembly will be followed by afternoon tea. Everyone is most welcome.

Please advise the school of numbers attending by Friday 20th September.

#### 8. Rewards Movie

#### Thursday 26th Sept.

The whole school will have an excursion to Bandiana Area Cinema on Thursday 26 September for a free viewing of the "Panda Bear in Africa" movie (rated G). Students will eat lunch on arrival before watching movie. Permission notes will be sent home next week. Cost will be \$10 for the bus. The school will contribute the outstanding cost after student payments. We appreciate Aaron Radley's effort for organising this event for our students.



#### 9. Term Dates

The last day of term 3 2024 is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Staff and Students return for term 4 on Monday 14 October 2024.

#### 10. Beechworth excursion stage 2

Oct. 21-22



Walbundrie Small Schools Network has organised this year's stage students in Years 3 and 4 to participate in an overnight excursion to Beechworth. The expression of interest notes have been received and permission notes will be sent home before the end of term 3.

#### 11. End of Year Excursion - Crookwell

Oct. 28-30

This year our major excursion will be held earlier than usual.

The excursion will be held from Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th October.

The excursion will be to Crookwell and Talbingo.

The cost of the excursion will be \$75 per student.

Details and permission notes will be sent out next week and must be returned by Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

September. Payment must be received by

Monday 21st October.





#### 12. Daily Intensive Swimming Lessons

Nov. 18-22



Our second week of Intensive Swimming lessons for this year will be held at Gould Swim Centre daily from Monday 18 October to Friday 22 October 2024. More information next term. Cost will be \$10 per day for the bus (\$50 for the week)

#### 13. Excursion costs for the remainder of 2024

We have a number of events occurring between now and the end of the year. To assist with your budgeting, we are offering instalment payments from now till all excursions are completed. You are able to deposit any amount anytime through our School Bytes app or pay cash at school. Full amounts may also be paid before each excursion's due date.

#### 14. Canberra excursion stage 3

Nov. 27-29



This year, stage 3 students in years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to participate in a three-day excursion to Canberra visiting various venues as part of the Walbundrie Small Schools Network. Expression of interest notes have been received and permission notes will be sent home next term.

### 15. School Presentation Night Monday 16th December 6:30pm



# Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 6:45pm Gerogery Public School Presentation Night

# 16. Noodle cup price increase



The price of cup noodles has increased to **\$3 per cup.** A reminder for students to place noodles brought from home onto table first thing in the morning and bring their own fork. Also there will be no noodles prepared on excursion days or shop order days.

#### 17. School Hats

Our schools policy for the concept of the "No Hat, No Play" message is that all children must wear a hat, or they play in the shade. By ensuring your child wears a hat during outdoor activities at school, you're not just protecting them in the present, but you're also instilling a lifelong awareness and habit of sun protection.



#### 18. Gold Room - Ms Curnow

In the Gold Room, we have continued learning about Poetry. We engaged in a nature walk to have an immersive experience while learning about Onomatopoeia and the sound that surround us. We have also researched and furthered our understanding of Figurative Language features, focussing on Idioms, Puns, Hyperboles, Similes and Alliteration. We will then use these in



In Maths, we have focussed our learning on Numbers extend to infinitely large and small numbers, Place Value and

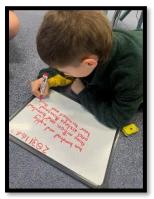
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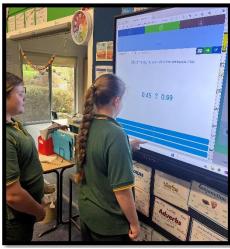












#### 19. Green Room - Ms Zuber

In these last 4 weeks we have cemented our routines with Little Learners in literacy. The boys are enjoying the games associated with their letter-sound learning, their favourite being 'Go Fox'.

We have been working on addition in Maths and are moving onto position this week. We will be looking at our left and right along with other positional language such as next top and on top of.

By the end of the term, we will have a narrative piece to present as we are learning all about narratives in writing and using the narrative hill as our planning template.

#### 20. Bushfire season procedures

Our school is categorized as a Category 1 (extreme risk) bushfire prone area and has an extreme landscape-to-site bushfire risk. The school has a bushfire and grassfire response strategy in their emergency management plan (EMP).

In the event of bushfire and grassfire the school will be asked to **proactively**, **temporarily cease school operations when a catastrophic fire danger rating is issued** by the Bureau of Meteorology, or where the department advises the school on higher risk days, or where local bushfires have

YOUR FIRE RISK TODAY IS

EXTREME COLUMN TO ACT

UPDATED

SEPTEMBER 25

Fire Danger Rating sign

commenced, in consultation with emergency services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.

The school will monitor local conditions and activate their emergency management plan (EMP) when bush and grassfires start in the local area. See attached information.

#### 21. School Bytes online parent payment

If parents would like to pay online in School Bytes and are having trouble making one payment for both students, please contact the school and Cathy will take you through the process.

