


# Howlong Public School Newsletter



Thursday 22 July 2021

## Dates For Your Calendar

<b>Wed 28 July</b>	SRPSSA Athletics Carnival	
<b>Wed 28 July</b>	K-2 Gymnastics Program	
<b>Fri 30 July</b>	Kinder 2022 Taster Session 9.30-10am	
<b>Mon 2 August</b>	Kinder 2022 Taster Session 9am-11am	

Term 3 is well and truly underway with lots of exciting opportunities and programs that will be happening over the term. This will include the K-2 Gymnastics Program and the Community Sport Program.

Thank you to our local Alliance Pharmacy business who have presented our school with a generous donation from their 'Supporting our Community Heroes' program. It is wonderful to be part of a community that supports their own local organisations. We will certainly utilise the funds to purchase resources that will benefit all the students. It will go towards purchasing some musical instruments for the whole school to enjoy.

### School COVID Safety Protocol

All parents/carers and visitors must follow these guidelines before entering the school office,

- check in via QR code or manually fill out the register
- wear masks (exemptions need to be shown)
- social distancing.

### Celebrating Education Week

This year we will be celebrating the theme of Life Long Learners during Education Week from the 2nd-6th of August 2021. Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and it's a chance to celebrate the achievements of our school, students and learning community.

This year's theme is 'Lifelong Learners' and celebrates education as a lifelong journey from before a child enters an early childhood setting, progressing to primary and secondary school, and continuing their learning journey into adulthood; learning a trade, entering tertiary education, or the workforce.

Continuous learning is critical for success throughout life and everyone can be a lifelong learner.

We have been able to secure some window space from some of our local businesses to display our student's artworks during the week starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Look out for the amazing artworks!

At this point in time we are not able to have parents and carers on school grounds and will make all efforts to think creatively in how we can share and celebrate learning with our whole school community.

We will notify all parents and carers as soon as any changes occur with NSW Department of Education COVID restrictions. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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## COVID Cancellations

At this stage the following activities have been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions:

Albury/Wodonga Eisteddfod

Bernie O'Connor Football/Netball Carnival

## School Improvement Plan and Targeted Focus for 2021

The NSW Department of Education (DoE) requires each public school to have a School Improvement Plan. This plan is about an individual school strategically meeting the needs of its school community to improve the quality of teaching and outcomes for all students.

Our 2021-2024 School Improvement Plan is now available on our school website. Here is a brief summary of the Strategic Directions for our school plan.

**Our school vision statement-** To educate and support students in a nurturing, engaging and inclusive learning environment so that they become active and informed citizens.

- \* Strategic direction 1- Student growth and attainment
- \* Strategic direction 2- Wellbeing
- \* Strategic direction 3- Community Connections

As part of our 2021-2024 School Improvement Plan one of our main focuses this year is improving students' writing skills. This will include the following areas;

- \* professional learning to build our teacher's capacity to implement effective writing teaching and learning programs
- \* targeted teaching programs to meet specific needs of our students through small group sessions with Mrs Freer, Mrs Smithwick, Mrs Krause and Mrs Broomfield
- \* funding quality literacy resources to support staff and students.

Some students have been given a note to inform their parents and carers about the short term programs that they will be involved in as part of this school plan focus. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Freer or Mrs Smithwick.

## Term 2 Week 5 Assembly Awards:

### **Congratulations to the following students who received a Class Merit Certificate:**

Valentina Hoyos, Emily Knight, Scarlett Humphries, Mikaela Farnsworth, George Bolton, Amity Bradley, Routha Saleh, Bianca Tate, Bonnie Forrest, Indiana Leathem, Aaron Marshall, Mia Howard, Oliver Just, Noah Saleh, Adelina Whitehead, Jai Allen, Luke Kramer, Mason Roper, Tahlia Taylor, Allira Watts, Jawad Saleh, Ethan Henson, Tasman Matthews, Lily Kiely, Claire Devos, Zaine Prowse, Blake Alchin, William Bell, Pearl Marriott-Statham, Tess Lions, Laice Mount, William Rennick, Sajid Saleh, Olivia Trevethan





# Gymnastics



Our gymnastics program began yesterday for our K-2 students. There were lots of smiling faces as the students participated in the many gymnastic activities. Perhaps we will see a future Olympian in the making!!



If you are not available to help in the canteen on your day could you please notify Kayleen.

CANTEEN	ROSTER
July 23	Carley Alchin
July 30	Jodie Reid
Aug 6	Sarah Potter
Aug 13	Laura Farnsworth
Aug 20	Amy Menisnga
Aug 27	Nicki Schilg







# World Peace Flame



On Tuesday, KM were overjoyed to spend time with Mrs Broomfield, learning about the 'World Peace Flame's 21st Birthday'. Together we discussed the idea of peace and how we can create peace at school, in the classroom and in the community. Students decorated their very own candle holder as they shared their wishes and dreams to create a better world in which we live. Using a tea light candle, our candle holders will symbolise light and peace and will continue to spark discussions both at school and at home.







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# Drums, Drums and more Drums!



Albury North Public School has kindly lent us a class set of djembes (hand drums). All of the classes got a turn with the drums during their library lesson this week. KM and 5/6D are pictured below. Teachers and students will have the opportunity to use the drums until the end of term.



# 2022 Kindergarten

## Taster Sessions — Term 3, 2021

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Venue</u>
3	Friday 30th July	9:30-10am	Bee Bots	Hall
4	Monday 2nd Aug	9-11am	Science	9-10am—Preschool 10—11am—Little Ones
5	Fri 13th Aug	9:30-10am	Playground	Playground
6	Tues 17th Aug	10:30-11am	Library	Library
7	Tues 24th Aug	9:30-10am	Book Parade	COLA
8	Tues 31st Aug	9-11am	Storytime	9-9:30am—Preschool 9:30—10am—Little Ones
9	Fri 10th Sept	9-11am	Numeracy	9-10am—Preschool 10—11am—Little Ones
9	TBA Mon 30th Aug- Friday 3rd Sep	TBA	Book Fair	Hall
10	Tues 14th Sept	9-11am	Observation Visit	9-10am—Preschool 10—11am—Little Ones
10	Thurs 16th Sept	9-11am	Observation Visit	9-10am—Preschool 10—11am—Little Ones



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## Term 3 2021

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
July	1	12 <u>S.D.D</u>	13	14	15	16	
	2	19 Assembly K/M	20 <u>P&amp;C Meeting</u>	21 Gymnastics Begins	22	23	
	3	<u>26 Education</u> Week 5/6D Assembly	27	28 <u>SRPSSA</u> <u>Athletics</u> <u>Carnival</u>	29	<u>30 2022</u> Kinder Taster Session	
August	4	<u>2 2022</u> Kinder Taster Session	3	4	5	6	
	5	9 1/2S Assembly	10 <u>P&amp;C Meeting</u>	11	12	<u>13 2022</u> Kinder Taster Session	
	6	16 4/5B Assembly	<u>17 2022</u> Kinder Taster Session	18	19 <u>Quiz Work</u> <u>Scripture</u>	20 <u>Riverina</u> <u>Athletics</u>	
	7	23	<u>24 2022</u> Kinder Taster Session	25	26	27	
	8	30 2/3PM Assembly	<u>31 2022</u> Kinder Taster Session	1	2	3	
September	9	6	7	8	9	<u>10 2022</u> Kinder Taster Session	
	10	13 5/6H Assembly	14 <u>P &amp; C</u> <u>Meeting 2022</u> Kinder Taster Session	15 <u>Excursion</u> Echuca, Bendigo, Ballarat	<u>16 Excursion</u> 2022 Kinder Taster Session	<u>17 Excursion</u> Echuca, Bendigo, Ballarat	
	Holidays	20	21	22	23	24	
	Holidays	27	28	29	30	1	

