



Girilambone Newsletter

— Term 3 Week 10 —



IMPORTANT DATES

22nd September
FRIDAY

Last Day of Term 3

1st October
SUNDAY

Daylight Saving Time
begins at 2am

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Clocks are put
forward 1 hour

2nd October
MONDAY

Public Holiday

9th October
MONDAY

First Day of Term 4

30th October
MONDAY

School Photos

Principal's Report

Hello everyone,
Here we are at the end of Term 3.

As we are heading into warmer weather, we are also heading into the bushfire danger period with NSW RFS predicting a higher than normal fire season. As Girilambone Public is listed as a Category 1 (highest risk), we have sent out bushfire danger period information to all families - a copy of this is also included on pages 8-10 of this newsletter.

Our Gold Coast Excursion was held in Week 8 of this term. What a fantastic week it was!! You should be very proud of your children, their behaviour was magnificent. They all got in and tried all the activities, even those who were feeling a little anxious about various activities. They are certainly to be commended on the way they conducted themselves for the entire week.

You would have received an email from iFly on 07/09 with a link to 'view and purchase media'. If you select this link, it will take you to their website, select 'Gold Coast' and then select the date 07/09.



Our flight times are listed around 10.30am-12.30pm. The images are low resolution and can be hard to see but if your child tells you their helmet number, you may be able to narrow it down.

Last Wednesday, we headed off to Hermidale for the Small Schools Naidoc Showcase Day, celebrating Naidoc Week. This was a great day and the students were able to work with people from the Brewarrina Medical Service talking about healthy eating and had hearing checks. They did some weaving and dance with Maddi, and made johnny cakes and listened to some stories from Chris Boney. It was a fabulous day.

This Friday, 22nd of September, will be our last day of Term 3, Term 4 begins on Monday the 9th of October. On Friday, the students will be watching a movie which they will be choosing between, Luca (G) and Coco (PG) - if you have any objections to your child watching either of these movies, please let us know. Students are allowed to wear mufti for the last day and will not need to bring recess or lunch as these will be provided.

Our School Photos for 2023 will be taken on Monday, 30th October, this is week 4 of next term. All students will be required to arrive at school in a respectable manner wearing their cleanest uniform and have their hair tidy. Sibling order forms will be sent out first week in Term 4 which need to be filled out and paid for prior to photo day. Individual and class photo packs will be available to purchase from the front office after photos have been printed and received by the school.

Angela Lewis

Principal

Girilambone Public School.



SASS Week

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT STAFF

Week 8, 2023 marked SASS recognition week. We know you are aware of the valuable work school support staff do every day of the school year. These staff members support everyone in their school communities, welcome parents and carers, help our students learn, maintain our facilities and support our teachers so they can focus on teaching. Their work daily is pivotal to the effective functioning of our public schools.



Miss Noelene Walsh

School Administration Manager



Miss Tammy Martin

Relieving School Administration Manager



Mrs Dorothy Hicks

Student Learning Support Officer



Mr Timothy Tulenew

General Assistant
& Student Learning Support Officer



Kinderstart Kindergarten Transition Program

Next term we will be running our annual kinderstart program for those students who will be enrolling at Girilambone Public School in 2024. If you are interested in sending your child to your local school please read the information below and contact the school for an enrolment package.

This will be a 5 week program where children will be required to attend school for a full day every Tuesday during weeks 3-7. This is designed to expose new students to the school routines and to get to know other students and staff before they commence school full time.

School Transition session dates are as follows:

Tuesday, 24th October
Tuesday, 31st October
Tuesday, 7th November
Tuesday, 14th November
Tuesday, 21st November

There is no need to have children in school uniform on these days, but if they happen to own a red shirt (or Navy bottoms) they could wear that each day. Shirts, jackets and hats can be purchased at the school from the P&C. Navy bottoms (shorts, Skorts, track pants and trousers) can be purchased from Innovations or Bradswear in Nyngan, Big W, or Best & Less.

GIRILAMBONE GALLERY

NAIDOC SHOWCASE DAY



GIRILAMBONE GALLERY

GOLD COAST EXCURSION



GIRILAMBONE GALLERY GOLD COAST EXCURSION



Term 4 Staff Development Day Variation

This year's NSW Department have Staff Development Days are set to be the 18th-19th of December. The GHMC hub have set their Staff Development Day variation dates as follows, which will allow staff to finish the 2023 school year on Friday the 15th of December along with the students. All sessions will be held at Girilambone with the exception of session 4 which will be done in individual schools.

Session 1 - 3 hours - Thursday 19th October - Big Ideas to Start Strong

Session 2 - 3 hours - Wednesday 1st November - Big Ideas to Start Strong

Session 3 - 3 hours - Tuesday 21st November - Years 3-6 Maths and English syllabus and sample units

Session 4 - 3 hours - Wednesday 29th November - Mandatory Training

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

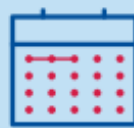
they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



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3 days

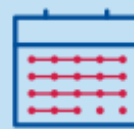


30 mins
per day



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18 days



**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**

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EMERGENCY PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS
DURING THE UPCOMING BUSHFIRE SEASON

Dear Parents

I am writing to advise you that our school is in a bushfire prone area and is identified as Category 1 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

As a community user of our facilities, it is important that you are aware of and implement appropriate emergency preparation and response planning in accordance with the requirements of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

During the school term, when the NSW Rural Fire Service declares a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating for the *Bogan Local Government Area*, the NSW Department of Education's policy requires the school to temporarily cease operations for the following day. This means the school will be non-operational on these days. The school will inform the school community after 4 pm if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day.

In addition, schools may be made non-operational due to changing higher risk conditions and advice from Emergency Services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.

We recommend that you download the [Parent App](#) and select to monitor advice from our school which will push notifications to you advising that the school is non-operational.

It is important that you undertake appropriate planning and monitor bushfire conditions during the bushfire season and be ready to act when required. If there is bushfire activity in the vicinity of the school while you are there, you should contact the school during school hours or if after hours, ring Triple Zero (000) and seek advice.

The NSW Rural Fire Service website provides a range of useful information at:

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

Further information can also be found at the NSW Department of Education's School Safety website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety>

Regards
Angela Lewis

Bushfire danger period information for parents and carers

Factsheet

This factsheet provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the bushfire danger period.

The NSW Department of Education has engaged external experts to conduct assessments of all NSW government schools, to identify schools at greater risk of impact from bushfires.

To support the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff, the department, in consultation with NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS), will direct the school to temporarily cease operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been declared for your school's NSW fire area. Alternative learning arrangements will be put in place for these days.

Schools may be directed by the department to become non-operational at any time based on advice from emergency services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.



What is a Fire Danger Rating?

Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a fire start. The ratings are determined by a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought.

For further information on the Australian Fire Danger Rating System, visit rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/fire-danger-ratings-are-changing-soon

Fire Danger Rating sign





When will I know if my child's school has been made non-operational?

At approximately 4:00pm each day the Fire Danger Rating is issued for the following day. This means that schools, including onsite preschools, will be notified after school hours that it will be non-operational the following day. Your school will notify you as soon as possible by the preferred method of communication.

Parents and carers are requested to:

- provide up-to-date home and after-hours contact details to your school
- stay up-to-date with news and local media through the bushfire danger period.



Learn more

Be prepared and ensure you have a bushfire survival plan in place. The NSW RFS has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bushfire season.

Consider whether your home is safe from bushfires and grassfires, and be prepared to relocate to a safer place well in advance. Find more information and resources from the NSW RFS rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare

We appreciate your cooperation during the bushfire season. For further information about Fire Danger Ratings and the bushfire danger period, please refer to [NSW Rural Fire Service rfs.nsw.gov.au](https://rfs.nsw.gov.au)

The department's School Safety website education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety provides up to date information during bushfires and grassfire emergencies.

Please contact your school with any additional questions.



NSW School Updates app

Get the free NSW School Updates app to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app



What education arrangements will be in place if the school is non-operational?

When non-operational, your school will advise of alternative learning arrangements, including any relocation or learning from home plans.



Need help?

Speak to your local WHS Advisor for support and advice, or contact the Incident Report and Support Hotline on **1800 811 523**.



CLEANERS WANTED

Joss Facility Management provides cleaning services to local Schools and other sites in this area. We are looking for local people to assist us in maintaining these sites by joining our Company as a Cleaner.

A Joss cleaner's role includes: Cleaning, stocking and supplying designated facility areas (dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, restroom cleaning etc)

Joss Facility Management provide staff with a uniform, training and a supportive work environment.

**APPLY
NOW:**



We invite you to register your interest in working with Joss by sending an email to careers@jossgroup.com.au or call 02 6051 1900.

Joss welcome you to visit our website www.jossgroup.com.au for further information on our Company. We look forward to welcoming some new faces to our team.



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<https://www.myschool.edu.au/school/42984>



THE GIRI KIDS

ft. 17 Awesome Local Artists &
Josh Arnold

Scan the QR Code to listen to
our song.



Girilambone Public School is a small rural school situated 45kms from Nyngan. Girilambone Public School provides students with quality educational programs delivered by highly qualified, dedicated teachers and support staff. Our students are disciplined learners. Our dedicated staff implement quality education programs that give every student the opportunity to reach their potential. Our small size makes for a great school spirit and pride amongst students, families and teachers. The peaceful rural setting is an ideal learning environment. With a strong academic focus, our children enjoy unique opportunities that challenge and extend their learning across an extensive curriculum. We offer flexible programs tailored to the individual learning styles and needs of all students.

We are well-resourced and provide students with access to the latest technologies. A modern computer room, interactive whiteboard and innovative software ensure the best start for every child. Our well-maintained and attractive grounds complement our excellent learning facilities. Our school encourages students, parents, staff and the wider community to work together as a team to enhance learning experiences.