

— 20th November 2024 —

# Newsletter

Ongerup Primary School



## **A note from Ms Jarvinen** *from the principal's desk*

As we count down to the end of the 2024 school year (yes, there are only 16 school days left) I want to share how incredibly proud I am of our staff and students. Each one has worked to their capacity and the growth in our practice and student learning is certainly visible. Planning for 2025 has already begun and we are excited to continue our journey of whole school improvement! Thank you to those who came to our 75th celebration planning meeting last week. Saturday March 15th 2025 is shaping up to be a wonderful day to celebrate our school's history.

Thank you too to Jerramungup DHS who hosted our Scitech excursion a fortnight ago, and to Wellstead PS who hosted Kanga Cricket last Friday. Although it was a very long day, the Boomers had a blast and showed great sportsmanship all day!

This morning we welcome in our 2025 kindy kids and their families as our transition visits get underway. Thank you to Mrs Jansen and Mrs Flavel who are coordinating this program. Finally, a quick reminder to please call the school or reply to the absentee text if your child is away for any reason.

I am looking forward to an exciting last few weeks with our PBS Reward Day Colour Run, the concert and pool party, and then perhaps a rest!



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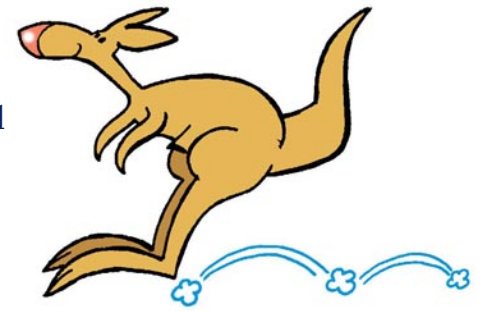
In 2025 OPS will have been open on this site for 75 years!

You are invited to our celebration on **Saturday 15th March 2025** 10.30am - 1pm

# The Boomers' Bounce

Happy Term 4!

In the Boomer room we finished Australian Explorer reports and learnt some cool things about the Europeans who mapped Australia. This term, we have been focusing hard on making our story writing more interesting and descriptive. In Maths we finished looking at fractions, decimals and percentages and moved into Measurement. We priced up the amount of paint we would need to do the hallway after discovering the area of the wall space. We are now starting with Chance and Location saving the fun mapping to finish the year. In HASS, kids have been learning about needs, wants and budget planning to meet these needs and wants. Science has the Year 5 and 6 group trialling the SIDE Science units about electricity. While they make the lights work, the year 3 and 4's are designing a new lunchbox with their learning about different materials and their uses. We will put them to the test soon. We are getting our groove on for concert practice and have been enjoying learning our carol. The year 3, 4 and 5's are going to be helping the 6's with the graduation song. I hope everyone is practicing at home too. If anyone needs help finding costumes please let me know so we can help.



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## Japanese Day with our senseis from SIDE



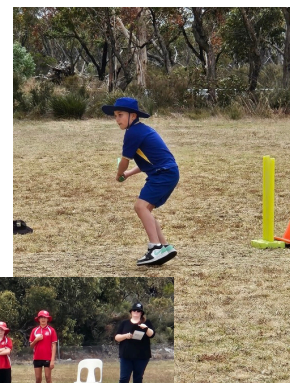
## NSPNR Bilya Classroom with Borden PS



## Scitech at Jerramungup DHS



## Kanga Cricket at Wellstead



## From the Joey's Pouch

Our ROOS value is respect, practicing listening for learning with give me 5"; lips closed, eyes looking at the person talking, ears listening, body still and brain switched on.

The Joeys have been reviewing "The Story About Ping", first published in 1933. The hero is a spirited duck living on the Yangtze River. Ping has an interesting adventure after becoming lost.

In numeracy we have been using addition and subtraction, especially being aware of the difference in the symbols + and -, and not to be tricked by them. To help children gain more mathematical confidence we suggest practicing counting forwards and backwards (up or down).

We have also been investigating money with coins and looking at notes under a microscope. Money is also another opportunity to practice skip counting in 10's, 5s, and 2s, and applying this to addition and subtraction strategies.

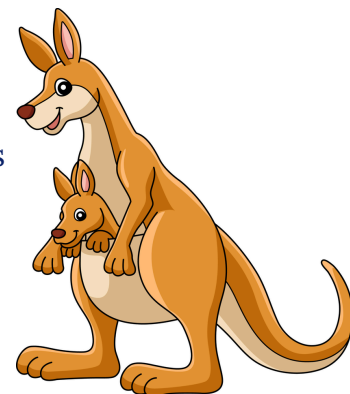
The Scitech excursion was an eye-opening scientific wonder, sparking curiosity especially between real and fake.

We have been using a digital map and an atlas to locate the Yangtze River, we have looked at traditional cormorant fishing and made origami boats with eyes.

We are encouraged by all the families frequently reading or practicing numbers with your children, it makes a huge difference, and we sincerely thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Sally-Anne and Liz





Hi Everyone

We are halfway through the term and our children are being asked to prepare for some big personal and public events such as transition into bigger classes, student council speeches and award night performances. Emotions of anxiousness or worry may be showing in signs of defiance or anger. I hope the following information might be useful for recognising how to know when your child needs more of your attention and what you can do to reconnect in meaningful ways.

### Demonstrate with a Visual Lesson

**1. They interrupt you more often.**

Your child keeps interrupting conversations or tasks to get your attention.



**2. They constantly ask you to watch them.**

They want you to see every little thing they're doing, from playing to drawing.



**3. They give you a hard time.**

Their behavior becomes more challenging, with defiance or emotional outbursts.



**4. They are more emotional than usual.**

They seem more sensitive, frustrated, or upset over small things.



### How to Reconnect with Your Child

**1. Daily Review:**

Spend 10 minutes talking about their day and their feelings. Ask questions like, "What was the best part of your day?"

**2. Morning Routine:**

Incorporate a quick, special activity you can do together in the morning, like a 5-minute game or a silly dance.

**3. Snack Conversations:**

Use snack breaks as a chance to chat. Sit together and have an open, relaxed conversation.

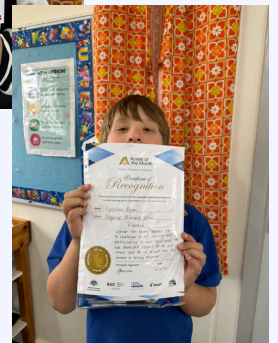
**4. Compliments:**

Offer sincere compliments, noticing small but positive actions they take. Acknowledge even the little things they do well.

Your child's behavior can be a window into their emotional needs. When they show these signs, it's not about discipline—it's about connection. By taking simple, intentional steps, you can build a stronger bond and help your child feel loved, seen, and understood.



## Congratulations to our final merit award winners and Aussie of the Month for 2024!



**ONGERUP PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
presents  
their end of year concert and awards night

# Dancing through the Decades



6pm  
Wednesday  
4th December  
at the  
Ongerup Town Hall



Please stay  
after the concert  
and enjoy the  
hospitality  
of our P&C!



# Community Notices



## PRE-KINDY PROGRAM 2025 NOW ENROLLING!

We are excited to once again offer our Pre-Kindy program for 2025! If your child is starting school in 2026 then this is the program for you. 2025 Kindy's are also welcome however priority will be given to 2026 Kindy's.

Pre Kindy will run on Monday's, during the school term, at Nobarach Childcare Centre, Gnowangerup. Sessions are as follows:  
Term 1 & 2: 9am to 1pm (with after care available from 1pm to 3pm.)  
Term 3 & 4: 9am to 3pm

Through our program your child will:

- develop school readiness skills
- learn the routine and structure of kindy
- learn the appropriate social and emotional behaviours expected at kindy
- develop numeracy and literacy skills
- and most importantly have lots and lots of fun



**Teacher: Caroline Sprigg**

I have four children and live on a farm in the Tambellup Shire. I have a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education. Before I had children I was the Pre Primary teacher at Gnowangerup District High School. I am also the President of Gnowangerup Playgroup and Gnowangerup Smart Start.

Please email Caroline Sprigg at [prekindy@gfsa.org.au](mailto:prekindy@gfsa.org.au) or 0427614569 for the enrolment.



Pausing to remember  
at the 11th hour  
of the 11th day  
of the 11th month

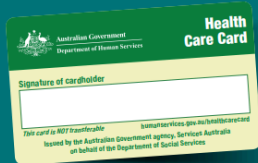


## November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17	18	19	20 Kindy 2025 orientation 9-10.30am	21	22	23
24	25	26 Colour Run	27 Kindy 2025 orientation 9-10.30am	28	29 JDHS Orientation Day	30

## December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Year 6 lunch with the principal	4 6pm Concert at the town Hall	5	6	7
8	9 2pm Report presentations & open classrooms	10	11 Pool Party!	12 Last school day for 2024 ☹️	13	14



## Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



1300 610 355 [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)



## Would you like to contact us?

Please call us, send an email, or stop by for a chat!

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