

GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL



Wednesday 12th November 2014

Dear Parents, Guardians and members of our school community,

Mrs Swadling is enjoying the Florida sunshine and nervously watching her family Ty, Shaun and Christine as they proudly represent our country at the Trampoline World Championships. We wish them all the very best. Go Aussies!!

It's a big few weeks for our Year 5 students. Leadership nominations are due to Mrs Owens this Friday by 9.30 in either handwritten or typed form, one A4 page only. Successful nominees will present their speeches to Years 2-6 the following Friday, November 21st in the school hall at 9.30. Parents and family members are welcome to attend. Good luck to all potential nominees.

Online applications for selective high schools in 2016 (that's this year's Year 5) close Monday the 17th November 2014. If you need help with you any part of this process please contact the High Performance Unit on – (02) 92445669. Please make sure that your 2015 High school enrolments for Cardiff HS are under way and notify your class teacher as soon as possible if you will be attending a different high school so we can support you in this transition.

Huge congrats to Chelsea Scaron, who took Bronze in the 50m Freestyle in an Interclub Swimming Championship event this past weekend at Mingarra Swim Centre. Last Friday evening, our very own Jayde Tresidder played at Warners Bay on the foreshore as part of a musical ensemble in front of a very large crowd. She even did her own saxophone solo! Well done Jayde!

Our P&C is hosting a 'Carols by battery light' event on December 4th. Bring you picnics, blankets and singing voices to the hall from 6:30- 8:30pm. All children must be supervised by an adult as teachers will not be on duty. This is a fantastic fundraiser for our school and should be a very enjoyable night to get our school community in the holiday spirit. Rumour has it that Santa Claus may even make an appearance.

Enrolments for 2015 are open. If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming a part of our wonderful school please contact our school office for more information.

Painting and improvements to our Library façade have continued this week. Please make sure you stay clear of these areas for the safety of you and the workers. We also have had some concreting done to level uneven grounds in our school. We appreciate everyone's patience while the work is being completed.

At Garden Suburb PS we welcome everyone and expect our students to respect our diverse community. It is important that parents lead by example in their ongoing acceptance and respect for other students and parents to ensure we create a strong educational learning environment focused on sharing strengths and kindness.

Thank you and have a wonderful week!

The Garden Suburb Executive

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 17th November

P&C meeting time 9.20am

Uniform Shop

Wednesday 3rd December

Orientation Day Yr 6

Cardiff High

Thursday 4th December

Christmas Carols

Tuesday 9th December

Cardiff High Music Night

Thursday 11th December

Garden Suburb

Presentation Day

Friday 12th December

Cardiff High Presentation

Day

Principals Lunch

Monday 15th December

Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 16th December

Class Parties

Wednesday 17th

December

Last Day, Out of Uniform,

Mugs Cup, Clap out

Upcycled Sculptures in the Playground Competition

Students are invited to create a sculpture to be displayed outside in the playground. These sculptures are to be made of recycled and found items eg. Bottle caps, plastic bags, cans, old kitchen ware, sticks, stones, shells, plastic bottles etc. No sharp edges.

To enter students are to bring \$2 and the sculpture to the office by Thursday 27th Nov. The sculptures will then be placed in the playground. There will be a number of prizes awarded and the sculptures will be judged by a special guest judge. Prizes will be given at the Special Awards Assembly. Parents will then be able to wander around our playground and admire our students creativity.

For ideas Google recycled sculptures for kids. Money raised will go towards our gardens.



One of last years sculptures.

Fresh Herbs

Our gardens are overflowing with fresh herbs, if you would like some please see Mrs Dorahy or Mrs Brewer.



MINIMBAH LOCAL AECG

Attention all Aboriginal Community members, you are welcome to attend.

A new Local Aboriginal Consultative Group (AECG) has been formed, Lake Macquarie Local it has held its first meeting and a new committee has been elected. They are:

1. President- Tracy Lloyd
2. Vice President –Jodie Stewart
3. Secretary- Natalie Field

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 2nd of December, 6pm at Windale Public School to take care of business, followed by a feed and a chance to catch up informally.

Attention all Aboriginal Community members, you are welcome to attend and be involved in community decisions.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday 13th Nov

B Cusack, L McClymont

Friday 14th Nov

T Clark, J Spink

Monday 17th Nov

T Clark, P Young

Tuesday 18th Nov

M Straumer, J Jeffs

Wednesday 19th Nov

K Cavenett, K Laybutt

PAYMENT REMINDERS

Stage 1 Party day \$13

Due by Tues 9th Dec

Stage 2 Party day \$22

Due by Thurs 11th Dec

Stage 3 Party day \$22

Due by Thurs 11th Dec

GSPS GETS IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Garden Suburb is getting into the Christmas spirit by creating a recycled Christmas tree.

Mrs Dorahy, the teacher in charge of this colossal project said, "Students at GSPS can get involved in the project by bringing in small, old instruments, bike parts and unused Christmas tree ornaments. They can also volunteer to help put together the tree".

Any potential helpers can see Mrs Dorahy this week, but remember to ask a parent before bringing in any decorations.

RUN NEWCASTLE IS APPROACHING

Don't forget to enrol in RUN Newcastle on November 30th. By joining our Garden Suburb OFFICAL team you will be helping our school as well as the John Hunter Adolescent Ward.

Please get involved! We look forward to seeing you there.

LEADERSHIP MISSION

As the school year goes by, a new set of leaders are selected to help lead the school in becoming an even happier community. For some year 5 students, it would be an amazing opportunity to become a school leader next year and everyone is very excited to find out who is going to be elected.

For students wanting to become a leader, they will have to create a nomination form explaining what a great leader they will be. After that, they will participate in speaking to the school in a 2 minute speech. Voting takes place soon after and the Year 5's are left in great suspense until the end of the year when the leaders are finally announced at Presentation Day.

Mr Mathews, the Wallabies teacher said, "It will be very competitive as there are many wonderful candidates." He also said, "If I was competing, I feel it would be important to be responsible and known to do great things around the school."

The current Year 6 leaders are looking forward to handing down their blazers as they go off to high school.



Our 2014 School Leaders

TORNADOS TOPPLE ALL COMERS

Here are this weeks results for Stage 2 and 3 Sport:

	Vs		Sport	Result	B&F
Cyclone		Tornados	Goal Ball	26-21 tornados	Flynn & Lucas
Hurricane		Thunder	T-Ball	18-14 thunder	Lauren & Kalani
Monsoon		Blizzard	Kick Cricket	26-26 draw	Hunter & Mason
Avalanche		Lightning	Hockey	10-6 lightning	Isabella & Jaxen

This week the Lightning will have a tough challenge against the Cyclones in hockey with Mr Smith, whilst the Blizzard will be versing the Avalanche in T-ball with Miss Cootes. The Thunder will challenge the Monsoon in Goal Ball with Miss Fletcher and the undefeated Tornados will be looking to continue their run against the Hurricanes in Kick Cricket.

PLAY-A-THON 2014 STARTS SOON

What is Play-a-Thon?

It is a fundraising initiative that helps fund improvements in our school concert band program, such as new instruments, sheet music and trips to competitions and concerts etc. while also encouraging students to practise and play their instrument regularly.

How does it work?

Each child will attempt to get as many sponsors as they can. Sponsors can decide on an amount of money they want to give per hour of practise completed by the student. Note: this can include school and private tuition. For example, if Ella is sponsored for \$2 per hour and practises for 10 hours in the fortnight she will receive \$20 from her sponsor.

When is this happening?

The fortnight from November 24th to December 7th 2014.

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