

GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL



Wednesday 26th November

Dear Families

It is great to be back at school for the exciting end of year activities. I thank the wonderful staff who continued with quality education, reporting on students achievements and all the additional activities. Special thanks to Mrs Samuels and Mrs Owens who relieved for me and the office staff for supporting them. I had a wonderful time away and was a proud Mum when my family competed in the World Titles in Daytona Beach Florida. The results overall were great for Australia with Shaun finishing 7th in the world in Individual Trampoline, Ty and Shaun finishing 6th in Synchronised Trampoline and Christine (Ty's fiancé) finishing 5th in the world in Women's Double Mini Trampoline.

I popped in on Friday morning to hear the 16 candidates deliver their speeches for Leadership. I was so impressed with the quality and respect shown for the position. All 16 are worthy candidates. As always other opportunities to show and develop leadership skills will be available for students in 2015. The 2015 leaders will be announced to the school on presentation day.

I have met our 2 University Practicum students who have been working with our teachers and students. Mr Lyon on Wallabies and Ms Battley on Koalas will be here for another 2 weeks. I wish them every success for their career as a teacher.

The International Children's Games are being held in Lake Macquarie City in December. To support the games and inspire our students. Our Infants (K-2) will be watching Gymnastics at Hunter Sports Centre on Monday 8th and our Primary will be watching the BMX on Wed 10th. This activity is free as the P&C are covering the bus costs, please know these buses will not have seatbelts. Thank you Mrs Pitts for your coordination of the event.

Staff News for the rest of 2014

Mrs Owens AP—LAST teacher

Mrs Fletcher—Relieving AP

Mrs Gunn—SLSO for Mrs Goninan

Miss Leedham—RFF teacher Wed and Thurs

Mrs Gardiner—RFF Teacher Tues and Wed (Lib)

Mrs Dorahy—with the Crocodiles

Regards

Jo Swadling

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 3rd December

Orientation Day Yr 6 Cardiff High

Thursday 4th December

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Monday 8th December

K-2 Watching Childrens Games
at Hunter Sports Stadium

Tuesday 9th December

Cardiff High Music Night

Wednesday 10th December

3-6 Watching BMX at Argenton

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

Closing date extended to Thursday 4th Dec

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 4th Dec. 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.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday 27th Nov

J Spink, L Packer

Friday 28th Nov

F Gray, N Semple, C Stewart

Monday 1st Dec

K Varley, N Hodge

Tuesday 2nd Dec

T Clark, R Harris

Wednesday 3rd Dec

T Clark, N Heckenberg

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

CHANGE OF ACTIVITY

Unfortunately there are no battery candles left to buy for our Carols Night **SO** we are having a Christmas Family Disco on Thursday 4th December.

There will be lots of activities—jumping castle, face painting, guessing competition.

There will be lots of food, sausage sizzle from 6.00pm with sausages and kebabs for tea, snacks and drinks will also be available.

See the new flyer coming home this week.

Reminder

The staff carpark is for staff only. Do not drop off or pick up your child in the carpark, this is a child safety issue.

ENVIRO GIRLS HELP NATIVE BEES

A group of keen Pelican students have been monitoring and helping the growth of a small nest of native Stingless Bees in our playground. The girls have been helping them develop a nest and most importantly helping provide them with sustainable pollination areas.

“We have used fallen tree branches from the storm to protect their nest”, said Georgia.

These measures, as well as making people aware of the harmless but very useful creatures, will hopefully help them to not be seen as pests and embraced as very necessary parts of our environment.

Great work girls!

RUN NEWCASTLE IS THIS WEEKEND!!

This Sunday, November 30th is Run Newcastle. This is a fun charity event for runners, walkers and people of all ages and running levels. So far our school has 15 members registered online and we would love to get plenty more before the day.

Simply log on to runaustralia.com and register for the Newcastle event, adding your team as Garden Suburb Public School- OFFICIAL. Mr Mathews will be there early in the morning with a GPS banner for you to come and find your friends.

Hope to see you there!

FUTURE LEADERS TALK THE TALK

It's that time of year when year six prepare to leave us and year five start preparing for life at the top of the food chain.

As speeches are made, babies kissed, old people greeted and votes processed, our sixteen Leadership nominees wait patiently to find out if they are one of the fortunate eight to be elected as school Leaders for 2015.

"The speeches were a wonderful success", mused Mr Mathews.

"All of these potential Leaders would do an amazing job".

The Leaders will be announced at Presentation Day in Week 10. Good luck everyone!

HEAT RULE STOPS WEEK 7 SPORT

Last Friday's extreme heat brought a halt to this week's sport. With temperatures getting into the high 30's, teachers decided to postpone the round until next Tuesday afternoon.

"It was disappointing but I understand the decision", said Jackson from year 5.

The round will be replayed on Tuesday and the final round of the regular season will take place this Friday.

FRISBEE FUN

Cameron of class Wallabies enjoys spending his weekends in an interesting way. He enjoys taking part in a relatively new sport, called Frisbee Golf (Disc Golf).

"I saw baskets in Jesmond Park and wondered what they were for? After asking around I found out they were Frisbee Golf holes", explains Cameron.

Participating in local tournaments and winning the Junior NSW Open in May, Cameron went on to play in the Australian Disc Golf Championships, held in Rathmines last weekend.

"It was really fierce competition and the other players were much older and more experienced than me".

However, Cameron still represented Newcastle proudly, finishing fourth in the competition. This result helped him finish second overall in the ADG Junior National Tour.

Great effort Cameron, it's excellent to see students trying new sports.



Cameron getting active and playing Frisbee Golf



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