



Garden Suburb Public School

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Principal: Louise Dunn

Term 4, Week 2 – 24th October 2019

Principal Award



Edward - Week 10 Term 3

Edward is a student who has fitted straight into our school from the moment he arrived day one this year. He is a hard working student who is always striving to achieve more. Edward gives everything a go in class and is always eager to share his knowledge. It has been noted by most of the staff and even community members, Edward's sportsmanship, beautiful manners and kind nature. He is a pleasure to teach and most definitely an asset to our school.

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 4. It has been wonderful to hear about what our students have been doing over the break. We have another busy term ahead so please remember you can find information on upcoming events in the school newsletters, skoolbag notifications and on our weekly 'What's Happening at GSPS' on Facebook.



Garden Suburb Public School Environment Winners!

Yesterday Eden, Clancy, Mrs Brewer and Mrs Dorahy attended the Lake Macquarie Environment Awards at the Lake Macquarie Council. I am delighted to inform the community that we were crowned the winner of the Primary School category. We were awarded \$500, two plants and a wonderful sign to display in our school.



Kindergarten Orientation

Last week we welcomed our Kindergarten 2020 students and their families to our school. Our Student Leaders did a wonderful job welcoming our new students and helping them in the Kindergarten classroom. We look forward to welcoming our new friends back to school next Thursday from 9.30am until 10.30am for our second play date in the Kindergarten room.

School Works

The school is continuing to have a significant amount of work completed across a number of areas. Due to the discovery and treatment of termites at the end of Term 3 the job was delayed. Earlier this week I met with our contractor to discuss timeframes on when we expect to reopen the areas affected.

At this stage we will re-enter the following areas:

- B Block – Week 6
- C Block Toilets – Week 5
- Canteen – Week 4

Thank you for your ongoing understanding, we are looking forward to opening these areas in the coming weeks.

Yarning Circle Opening

We are delighted to be finally opening our Yarning Circle on Monday 28th October at 10am. We welcome all community members to our official opening and look forward to having this beautiful space open for our students, staff and community to use. Students have all participated in our Yarning Circle PBL lesson to learn the desired behaviours when using this space.

Garden Suburb Public School OOSH

We have made progress with the installation of our new OOSH service and continue to work with NSW Infrastructure around this. The tender process has begun and we look to be interviewing service providers towards the end of November.

Term 4 PBL Rewards Day – Tuesday 17th December

Each term we celebrate the outstanding behaviour of our students with an end of term PBL Rewards Day. This term we are excited to announce that our PBL Rewards Day will be a free waterslide fun day. We will have two different waterslides that classes will be able to use during their allocated time.

As discussed the PBL Rewards Day is a celebration of the outstanding behaviour of our students, a reward for students meeting and displaying the desired behaviours set out by our school. Students not meeting these expectations may not be invited to attend the Rewards Day. This may include but not restricted to:

- students who have been to Reflection Room three times or more in the previous five week period.
- Students who have been suspended within the previous five week period.

We look forward to seeing all of our students attending this fun school event.

At the end of each year, Mr Mathews traditionally has a fun old school waterslide afternoon with our Year 6 students. This will also happen on this day rather than the last day of school. This activity will only be for our outgoing Year 6 students and will be supervised by Mr Mathews and our Year 6 teachers.

School Security

I am disappointed to notify the community that the school was broken into again last week with the thieves taking off with some of our robotics. The police have been out and were able to obtain a number of quality finger prints. We are appealing to the community to please call the police if you see anyone trespassing on our school grounds outside of school hours.

The school has also been informed that there are some past students coming onto our school grounds. Please remind any older siblings that they are not permitted on school grounds outside of school hours.

P&C Meeting – Tuesday 29th October at 6.15pm

The first P&C Meeting for Term 4 will be held next Tuesday at 6.15pm. We invite you to come along and get involved in our great school.

Colour Explosion

On Friday 1st November at 12pm our students will participate in the School Run4Fun Colour Explosion which is as a major fundraiser this term so we do ask for your support. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects, in particular new playground equipment.

We do ask that you bring a spare change of clothes to school, most importantly a plain white shirt as the students will be covered in powder from head to toe. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school.

Colour Powder

The colour powder used in our event has been sourced direct from India, the home of Holi Powder. It is made of high quality corn starch and permitted food colours. It's non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly. Toxicological Risk Assessment and ingredient listings can be obtained from the School Office upon request. Students with asthma are advised to be careful in their decision to participate.

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Students have now received a Sponsorship Form with instructions on how to raise money and order prizes. Students obtain donations in cash using the Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising.

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? You have the option to choose up to five (5) prizes and this will set your fundraising goal. Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for your support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time.

Student Profile Page

Create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au which is unique to you. There are also some great features like recording your sponsorships and selecting your prize goal.

You can also register for online fundraising. It's the easiest way to help your child raise money and to reach your fundraising goal sooner.

WIN A SHARE OF \$200,000 WORTH OF FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS. Create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and enter your unique code found on page five (5) of your Sponsorship Form to see if you're an instant winner. Give your fundraising goal a kick start!

How to Order Prizes?

To reward your child for their efforts, they will receive incentive prizes based on the total amount of sponsorship dollars raised in cash, online, and if applicable, any **FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS** won using the unique code on page five (5) of the Sponsorship Form. You have two options to place your prize order:

1. Login or create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au. Once the fundraiser has finished, click the 'ORDER MY PRIZE' button and then confirm your total amount raised and order your prize/s, **OR**
2. Complete the back page of the Sponsorship Form and return to the school.

Please note, all donations need to be finalised on or before 1st November, 2019. Student prizes will be delivered shortly after.




Thank you in advance for your participation, and get ready for a BLAST OF COLOUR! Happy fundraising!

Louise Dunn Principal

What to do in the event of local bush fire activity

In the event the school is affected by local fire activity we will follow these processes. Please refrain from calling the school as we have only 2 phone lines and we will need these for contact with the emergency services, organising buses if required for evacuation and the Department of Education. We will notify all parents via Skoolbag, Facebook or calls from personal mobile numbers.

What to do in the event of local bush fire activity - Information for parents and carers

 ADVICE ALERT	 WATCH AND ACT ALERT	 EMERGENCY WARNING ALERT
<p>A bush fire has started, there is no immediate danger, our school will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hoses will be connected to taps and the following will be kept wet - garden beds around buildings, under the administration building. Any ignitable items will be removed from around buildings eg: sticks, leaves etc Update student rolls and account for early leavers/absences in our school system Admin Staff will check Fire Survival Container in hall and ensure all doors and windows are closed and fans are turned on. Admin Staff will monitor air quality https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/AQMS/aqi.htm and advise Chief Warden who will adjust school activities accordingly i.e. if smoke affected cease outdoor activities. We will monitor students with an Asthma Plan or breathing concerns. Bags will be brought inside in extreme circumstances or if embers are evident Monitor Fire Danger Ratings, <i>Fires Near Me</i> app, <i>Live Traffic NSW</i> app and local ABC Radio Parents/carers will be kept informed via Skoolbag, Facebook or Dojo 	<p>There is a heightened level of threat and bush fire conditions are changing, in addition to the Advice Alert procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If possible, we will alert parents/carers the day before via Skoolbag, Facebook or Dojo. If the district is affected by heavy smoke, consider keeping students with an Asthma Plan at home. Parents/carers stay updated using the <i>Fires Near Me</i> app, <i>Live Traffic NSW</i> app and/or listen to local ABC Radio School will take action to prepare by provide regular updates of bush fire activity to all occupants and prepare bush fire emergency equipment by bringing out all hoses and connecting to taps, removing fuel (leaves, sticks etc from around hall and school buildings) Patrol for embers and spot fires and utilising hoses extinguish. Close all doors, windows and vents to each room including the hall. We will liaise with Local RFS Control Centre Maitland 02 4015 0000 for support and advice. If required, we will take action to implement our <i>Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan</i> 	<p>This is the highest level of bush fire alert.</p> <p>Our school will take action to implement our <i>Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan</i></p> <p>Assemble in the School Hall and will evacuate to Kotara South Public School as decided by our principal and emergency services</p> <p>Wet towels and lay across external doorways.</p> <p>We will continue liaising with Newcastle Local Area Command and keep parents/carers informed of all actions taken by the school</p>
<p>SHELTERING PROCEDURES</p> <p>In the event of an approaching bush fire threatening our school premises, our primary action is to SHELTER IN PLACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All occupants will be relocated and accounted for at our School Hall Parents/carers DO NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL we will be safely sheltering in place and keeping all staff and students calm through activities and games. It's important that parents/carers take measures to activate your family Bush Fire Survival Plan We will continue to keep you informed via Skoolbag, Facebook or Dojo 	<p>EVACUATION PROCEDURES</p> <p>We will be evaluating the safety of all staff and students, with the Newcastle Local Area Command, throughout the bush fire event. If the threat is increasing it may be determined that it would be safer for all persons to evacuate to Kotara South Public School. If an EVACUATION is to occur we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediately inform parents/carers via Skoolbag, Facebook or Dojo Safe transportation will be coordinated to relocate all persons to our designated evacuation refuge Information will be provided all parents/carers and arrangements will be made for the safe pick up of all persons from the designated evacuation refuge 	

Bush Fire Information Line 1800 679 737

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

www.abc.net.au/local/

www.facebook.com/gardensuburb



Congratulations to all the winners, who were lucky enough to share a milkshake with Mrs Dunn these last 2 weeks.



Matilda



Bennett





Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Weekly Focus

Week 1 & 2:

Being Respectful in the Yarning Circle

1. Walk Only Zone
2. Listen to the opinions and views of others
3. Only sit on the sandstone blocks
4. Always be respectful of the plants in the area

Upcoming Events
Week 3 Monday 28 October - Yarning Circle Opening 10.00am Tuesday 29 October – P & C Meeting 6.15pm Thursday 31 October - Kindergarten Orientation Friday 1 November – Colour Explosion 12.00pm
Week 4 Thursday 14 November - Kindergarten Orientation
Week 7 Thursday 28 November - Kindergarten Orientation - Teddy Bears Picnic
Week 8 Friday 6 December - Presentation Day 10.00am
Week 9 Wednesday 11 December - Year 3-6 Party Day Wednesday 11 December - P&C Christmas Picnic Thursday 12 December - Kindergarten to Year 2 - Party Day
Week 10 Monday 16 December - Year 6 Farewell Tuesday 17 December - PBL Rewards Day Wednesday 18 December - Mugs Cup and Year 6 Clap out

2019 Lake Macquarie School Environment Awards

On Wednesday 23 October, Mrs Brewer and Mrs Dorahy along with Eden Warham and Clancy McIntyre attended the School Environment Awards at Lake Macquarie City Council Chambers. We were invited to attend after completing a schools sustainability survey earlier in the year. This survey asked questions about how we manage water and energy consumption, reduce waste, improve our school grounds and involve the school community in sustainable transport initiatives.

As a result Garden Suburb Public School was the recipient of the top award, being named overall winner in the Primary School category for our sustainability efforts. Thanks go to Lake Macquarie City Council and to Hunter Resource Recovery for sponsoring this award and the \$500 prize. **Julie Brewer**



Education

High Performing Students Team

Applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2021

Thinking of applying for
a government selective
high school for Year 7
in 2021?

You must apply online at:

education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7



Key Dates

Application website opens:
8 October 2019

Application website closes:
10 pm, 11 November 2019
You must apply before this deadline.

Test authority advice sent to all applicants:
27 February 2020

Selective High School placement test:
12 March 2020

Placement outcome information sent
overnight on:
4 July 2020

Please read this booklet carefully before
applying.

Parents should check the website at
education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly
throughout the application and placement
process.

Please check the website for information
before you contact the Team.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the
High Performing Students Team*.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367
Fax: 02 9266 8435
Postal Address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

Please Note:

* In this document, the High
Performing Students Team is
referred to as the Team.

'Parent' is defined under the
Education Act, 1990, as a
'guardian or other person
having custody or care of a child'

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

Questions: Mrs Fletcher – RFF Teacher

1. Favourite memory of being at Garden Suburb Public School?
Every time the teachers have won the Mugs Cup!
2. What item do you cherish?
Family
3. If you could pick any one for Prime Minister who would you pick?
Hamish Blake
4. If you could speak any language what would it be?
Spanish
5. What is your dream job?
Forensic Scientist
6. If you could have any animal in the world as a pet what would it be?
Miniture horse
7. Three things that you would take onto a desert island?
Hammock, hat and a good book
8. Tell us a funny joke.
What key do you use to open a banana? A monkey!



Questions: Ms Nichols – Itinerant Support Teacher Vision (ISTV)

1. Favourite memory of being at Garden Suburb Public School?
Art show
2. What item do you cherish?
Necklace with my name written in Arabic
3. If you could pick any one for prime minister who would you pick?
Michelle Obama
4. If you could speak any language what would it be?
Arabic
5. What is your dream job? Teacher
6. If you could have any animal in the world as a pet what would it be?
Dog
7. Three things that you would take onto a desert island?
Dog, food and music
8. Tell us a funny joke.
Why did the chicken cross the road?



School Travel - Term 4 2019

Stay up to date with Opal and ticketing changes for school travel



their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

2020 School travel applications now open

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply *if* they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have *not* been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update

Good for Kids good for life

HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEENS

When it comes to healthy eating it is important that kids get consistent messages at school and at home. As part of the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, the Good for Kids team provides support to school canteens to create healthy canteen menus.

How can parents help?

Below are some ideas to use at home that support the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy and build positive food habits for life.

- **Swap sugary drinks with water.** For a twist try adding sliced or frozen fruit, herbs or vegetables to the water.
- **Plan meals together** and allow your child to assist in compiling a shopping list, and help with meal preparation and cooking.
- **To add flavour to meals** use your favourite herbs and spices. Spring is the perfect time to plant a herb garden with your kids. Easy to grow herbs include mint, chives, thyme and basil.

For more ideas visit healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au and search 'parents and friends'



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

NOW TAKING ENROLEMENTS FOR 2020



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Community
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152 Main Rd Cardiff

2.5 - 6 years

8am - 4pm daily

School terms only

