



## Garden Suburb Public School

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**Principal:** Louise Dunn

### Term 4, Week 3 – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

#### Principal Award



#### Courtney

The Week 2 Principal's Award goes to a student who is always kind and considerate. She is consistently friendly and has a positive outlook on life. She demonstrates resilience and always tries her hardest with every learning task. She is a wonderful member of the 5/6 Astronomers and is well liked by her peers. This student is always respectful, responsible and does her personal best. Congratulations to Courtney!

#### Inara

Inara shows a consistent effort and application to her classwork. She is always well presented and regularly wears her school uniform with a sense of pride. It has been excellent to see her confidence continue to develop over the year as she engages in class discussions and seeks help from her teachers when needed. Congratulations to Inara for being such an organised and consistent member of our school.

#### Term 4 PE- Orienteering

We have received funding through the Sporting Schools grants program to learn orienteering this term. This will be organised by external providers and will run on Tuesdays for 5 weeks (weeks 4-8). Feedback from other schools that have completed the program is very positive about students enjoyment, their learning and the resources that the school receives, students will need to wear appropriate shoes, a hat and have a drink bottle.

#### Week 5 Excursions

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, all students will be participating in a range of fun activities now that excursions can take place.

Kindergarten and Stage 1 students will be heading out for an exciting adventure at Oakvale Wildlife Park. Students will have the opportunity to immerse them self in animal experiences through wildlife encounters, animal talks and will be able to pat some of the baby animals. Students in K-2 will also get to experience the Splash Zone water activity area. We are looking forward to a day of wildlife and water fun rolled into one!

Thank you to the P&C for contributing to the cost of the bus for the ES1 and S1 excursion to Oakvale Farm.

Stage 2 and 3 students will be participating in an Archery Attack and NERF fun day at school. The students will participate in stage groups in an action packed two hour session. In addition to this fun activity, all students will have a pizza lunch included in the cost of the day. Please note – students do not need to bring their own NERF guns, all equipment will be supplied on the day.

Both events will cost \$10 with the remaining cost subsidised by the school.

### **School Planning Survey – Parent and Carer Phone Calls**

The school is currently reviewing the last three year planning cycle and completing self assessment to determine next steps to develop our next School Improvement Plan. The school is looking to solicit feedback from our community and over the next few weeks will attempt to call as many parents as possible. We understand that many of our community members work during the day so if you are called and unable to answer a few short question please let the office know it is not a good time. If you would like a call back please let the office know. We value all feedback as we are always seeking to improve so please be open and honest with your answers.

### **NAIDOC Week – Week 5**

The school will celebrate NAIDOC Week in Week 5. The theme for NAIDOC Week is Always Was, Always Will Be. Students will be involved in a variety of activities on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Students can come to school dressed in NAIDOC colours.

### **University of Newcastle Education Students**

In Week 5, we have six students from the University of Newcastle commencing their four week placement at our school. Miss Cootes, Mrs Traynor and Mrs Lyden will have two students each for a four week period. I have been in contact with our students and they are very excited to have been placed at our school and look forward to getting to know our students, school and community.

### **Visitors**

Non-essential parents and carers are still not permitted on site, please do not come on the school grounds unless you have previously arranged this with the office. If you would like to meet with staff face to face to discuss your child's needs please contact the office to make arrangements.

### **Bubblers**

Bubblers will remain off, students need to bring drink bottles and will be given the opportunity to fill them up throughout the day.

### **Student Safety on Tik Toc**

The school is very concerned for the wellbeing of some of our students as we continue to hear about unsafe behaviour on Tik Toc. We highly recommend that if your child has a Tik Toc account you take some time to familiarise yourself with your child's account. The school has also been informed that some parents are unaware that their child has the app, again we ask you take some time to familiarise yourself with the apps on your child's device. We have had the Police Youth Liaison Officer out to school to discuss online safety with students already this term and staff will continue to reinforce safety messages to students throughout the remainder of the term.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide/tiktok>

Parents and carers can find information on how to keep students safe online at the safety Commissioners website: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

## Kindergarten 2021 Orientation

Our Play Dates will be held on the following dates:

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November:** 9.30am until 10.30am  
Please bring: Drink bottle with water, hat, and a piece of fruit

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** 9.30am until 10.30am  
Please bring: Drink bottle with water, hat, and a piece of fruit

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November:** 9.30am until 10.30am  
Please bring: Drink bottle with water, hat, and a piece of fruit

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November:** 9.30am until 10.30am  
Please bring: Drink bottle with water, hat, piece of fruit and your favourite teddy

### Car Park

A reminder that parents and carers are not permitted to enter the school carpark under any circumstances.

### Looking after yourself

It is important not to underestimate the impact that this challenging year has had on our community. There are a number of services available that you can access should you feel you need someone to talk to.

Lifeline: 131 114

Beyond Blue Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service: 1800512348

Kids Helpine: 1800 551 800

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467

**Louise Dunn**

**Principal**

### Yarning Circle Week 2





**Congratulations to all the winners, who were lucky enough to share a milkshake with Mrs Dunn this fortnight.**



# 2020 Science Fair Winners



## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

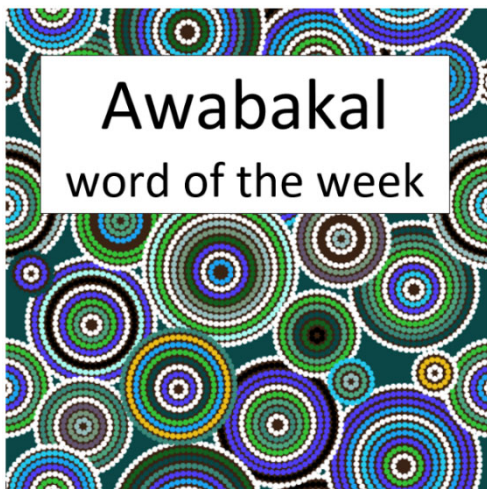
### Weekly Focus

#### Week 3-4

#### Our PBL focus this week is speaking respectfully

We show this by:

- Speaking to others using kind words and a kind tone.
- Only using appropriately language
- Telling the truth
- Speaking politely using manners
- Waiting patiently for our turn to talk



The students at Garden Suburb are learning some of the language of the traditional owners of the land that our school is on, the Awabakal people. Each fortnight we are learning a new word and are using these words respectfully in our classrooms and playground.

The Awabakal words for this fortnight is ngara which means to listen and ngarala which is asking someone to listen.

### Upcoming Events

6 <sup>th</sup> November 2020,	Zone Football Stage 2
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2020,	Kindergarten 2021 Orientation 9.30am – 10.30am
9 <sup>th</sup> November 2020,	Kindergarten and Stage 1, Oakvale Wildlife Park
9 <sup>th</sup> November 2020,	Stage 2 and Stage 3, Archery Attack & NERF Fun Day
9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2020,	NAIDOC Week
13 <sup>th</sup> November 2020,	Kindergarten 2021 Orientation 9.30am – 10.30am
20 <sup>th</sup> November 2020,	Kindergarten 2021 Orientation 9.30am – 10.30am
20 <sup>th</sup> November 2020,	Zone Football Stage 3
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2020,	Kindergarten 2021 Orientation 9.30am – 10.30am
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2020,	Presentation Day
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2020,	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2020,	PBL Rewards Day
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020,	Class Party Days
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020,	Mugs Cup and Year 6 Clap Out
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020,	Last day of school

## Selective High School Year 7 Applications 2020

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2022 will be accepted from Tuesday 13 October 2020 to Monday 16 November 2020.

Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

All applicants are required to sit a Selective High School Placement Test.

School community members are encouraged to visit the website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> for updates to the placement process.

Anyone experiencing difficulty completing an application can contact the High Performing Students Team on 1300 880 367 or email [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au).



Due to COVID restrictions Merewether High School (MHS) are unable to hold their planned information session outlining the procedures for applying to an academically selective school for entry in Year 7, 2022. MHS have however, uploaded the planned presentation to their school website for interested parents and students to view. This presentation is available on the MHS website at the following link: <https://merewether-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

## Uniform Notice Cardiff High School



## THE UNIFORM SHOP

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### Need Uniforms for 2021?



The Uniform Shop is now conducting fittings for students requiring uniforms for 2021.

Any student that may require special sizing are required to be fitted and order by 31st October 2020 to avoid disappointment.

Contact your School Uniform Shop to organise your uniforms or to make a fitting appointment.

Layby payments available in store.

Thank You

Uniform Shop  
[www.alintaapparel.com.au](http://www.alintaapparel.com.au)

# School Travel for 2021



## 2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

\*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), 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 a student needs 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 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, 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 2021.



Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

## New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at:

<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>

### Good for Kids good for life

MOVE AND PLAY EVERY DAY



For their best health, kids aged 5-13 years should aim for:



At least 60 minutes of physical activity each day – the more you huff and puff the better!



Non-educational screen-based activities limited to less than 2 hours each day. In your spare time, move more and sit less.



9-11 hours of uninterrupted sleep each night.

Source: Australian Movement Guidelines; [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)