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Term 4, Week – 11th December 2020

Principal Award

Ebony



Ebony is a cheerful, kind and considerate member of GSPS who is an absolute delight to have in our class and school. She is always courteous to both teachers and students. Ebony consistently models the school's core values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best and sets a wonderful example to others. She is an independent and organised learner which makes her a valuable asset to the Astronomers class. Thanks for always making us smile, Ebony. We wish you the very best at your new school next year and you will be greatly missed at GSPS.

Ebonni



Ebboni is an absolute asset to Garden Suburb Public School. She sets an example for her peers and is consistently respectful to her classmates and teachers. Ebboni works exceptionally hard and always strives to do her personal best. She is a friend to many students across the school and is happy to help anyone in need. Ebboni always has a bright smile and a positive attitude. Congratulations Ebboni!

Upcoming Events

14th December, 2020 15th December, 2020 16th December, 2020 16th December, 2020 29th January, 2021 29th January, 2021 1st February, 2021 2nd February, 2021 4th February, 2021 5th February, 2021 Year 6 Farewell Dinner PBL Rewards Day Mugs Cup and Year 6 Clap Out Last day of school Back to school for Year 1 – Year 6 Best Start for Kindergarten students Best Start for Kindergarten students Best Start for Kindergarten students Kindergarten first day at school (2.45pm finish for Kindergarten) Kindergarten First Day Photos (2.45pm finish for Kindergarten) Kindergarten first full day 9.10am – 3.10pm

Thank you to our community!

Our school staff would like to acknowledge the strength and resilience of our community as we come to the end of an extremely challenging but successful year. School has been very different this year and as you know we have had to cancel a number of activities that we would normally do and not once have I heard one of our students complain. Everyone has just gotten on with what is required and shown extreme maturity throughout each change and challenge. Thank you to our community for your support of our school, we look forward to inviting our parents back on site in 2021 and are excited to return to our normal school activities with our community there to support us.

Thank you to our outstanding staff on another fabulous year!

Thank you to our staff who have gone above and beyond to support our students, school and community this year. I am so grateful and extremely proud how each of our staff members have managed the complexities of this year with outstanding professionalism and extreme dedication. Congratulations to each of you, I hope you enjoyed a much needed break.

Presentation Day

Congratulations to our students who received awards at our Presentation Day this week. Although it was a very different Presentation Day to what we are used to it was a lovely morning celebrating the successes of our students in 2020.











2021 Student Leaders

Congratulations to Ruby, Lily, Charlotte, Emily, Martin, Noah, Hayden and Eden who were announced as our 2021 School Leaders at Presentation Day yesterday. The 2021 Student Leader badge ceremony will be held in 2021, we traditionally hold this ceremony in the first few weeks of Term 1.

School Party Day

This year the school made the decision to combine Party Day and PBL Rewards Day as there was so much uncertainty around what we were and weren't able to do with our students when the booking needed to be made. Next Tuesday we will have two giant waterslides at school and students will be able to enjoy a session on each. There is no cost to families, all students will be required to bring is their swimmers and towel to change into on the day. Teachers will ensure plenty of sunscreen is applied. Some classes may choose to have class parties, a reminder that any food sent to school to share mush be individually wrapped due to our Department of Education COVID restrictions. If you are unsure please contact the office.

Congratulations to Mr Smith

Recently Mr Mathews, Sharne Hall and I recruited for a vacant permanent teacher position here at our school. I am delighted to inform the community that Mr Smith was the successful candidate and will commence his permanent appointment at the beginning of 2021. I know you will all join me in congratulating Mr Smith on his appointment.

Farewell to Mrs Edwards

Mrs Edwards has been travelling well over two hours each day to come to work over the past three years and has made the difficult decision to move on from our school to work closer to home. Mrs Edwards has been an outstanding support to our students, staff and community, the friendly face you see when you come into the office and a helpful and obliging staff member who goes above and beyond for everyone. Mrs Edwards has been an enormous support to me personally in her Principal Support role and I thank her for the outstanding support she has shown me. I know you will all join me in wishing Mrs Edwards the very best in her future endeavours.

Farewell Michelle

Last week the school was notified that Michelle has decided to pursue a different career path and therefore will no longer be available to manage our canteen. Michelle has been so dedicated to her role and is constantly thinking of ways to make our students canteen experience enjoyable. Michelle has also spent most of this year working alone due to the DoE COVID restrictions and should be commended on the way in which she was able to adapt to the rapid changes that occurred this year and ensure that the canteen continued to be operational. I think for many students the canteen provided a small sense or normality in a rapidly changing environment. Thank you to Michelle, we all wish you the very best and again thank you for the dedication and commitment to making our canteen experience so enjoyable for all of our students.

Canteen Position

The P&C, with support from the school have developed an advertisement for the canteen manager's position. This will go out on job seeker networks, when it is up I will share it with the community as there may be someone you know who is suitable for the role and looking for part time employment.

Mugs' Cup - Monday 14th December: 9.30am

The school are inviting two Year 6 parents or carers to attend the Mug's Cup, a long standing tradition at Garden Suburb PS where teachers verse the students in a game of T-ball. Parents will be shown where they are able to sit on the day and must remain socially distanced at all

times. Our COVID Safety Plan must be followed at all times and if parents and carers are unwell we ask that you do not come into the school grounds. An External Visitors to School Site Form will be sent home with all students for parents to fill out and present on arrival. If you are planning on attending could you please let the office know by Friday afternoon.

Year 6 Farewell - Monday 14th December: 6pm

We have made some changes to the way in which we will proceed with our Year 6 Farewell so parents and carers can have more involvement and get to experience the event at the start of the evening when the hall is beautifully decorated. At 6pm two parents or carers are invited to arrive at the Year 6 Farewell with their child where they will be shown to the photo booth and a family photo will be taken by our staff. Parents will then be shown to their seats with their child. A mini presentation will take place and parents and carers will see their children receive their Year 6 certificates. Parents and carers will then be asked to leave and students will commence their celebrations. At 8.30pm parents and carers will be asked to come back and collect their child from the side gate.

An External Visitors to School Site Form will be sent home with all students for parents to fill out and present on arrival. If you are planning on attending could you please let the office know by Friday afternoon.

End of Year Clap Out – Wednesday 16th December: 2.40pm

Two parents or carers of our Year 6 students or students not returning in 2021 are invited to attend the End of Year Clap Out. Parents and carers will be escorted to their allocated marker where they must stay for the duration of the Clap Out and will be required to leave without mingling at the completion of the event. Our COVID Safety Plan must be followed at all times and if parents and carers are unwell we ask that you do not come into the school grounds. An External Visitors to School Site Form will be sent home with all students for parents to fill out and present on arrival. If you are planning on attending could you please let the office know by Friday afternoon.

End of Year Treats

A reminder that any food sent to school to share must be individually wrapped due to our Department of Education COVID restrictions. If you are unsure please contact the office.

Thank you to our volunteers

Although it seems we have not had many people on site this year there have still been a number of volunteers helping support our students, staff and school each week. Thank you to:

- Canteen volunteers: Thank you to our canteen volunteers who give up their time to support our school in the canteen. Our students have been so excited to see our parents and carers back onsite and we look forward to continuing this in 2021.
- Uniform Shop: Thank you to Michelle and Catriona for the support you show our school as you manage the Uniform Shop. There is always a friendly face to greet our families and I know our new families coming into the school in 2021 have been so grateful for the support you have shown them.
- Book Club: Thank you to Theresa for continuing with Book Club throughout the year. Our students get so excited when their Book Club arrives and this has been something that has also provided some normality to the students in such uncertain times.
- P&C: Thank you to our wonderful P&C Committee. It was great to have our P&C back on site last week to end the year. Thank you for the ongoing support of our school and the contribution you make to improve the learning experiences for our students.

Playground Makeover

During the holidays our fixed equipment under the COLA will be stripped back and painted, it will be looking fresh and ready to use when we return next year.

Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home on Monday 14th December. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher about any aspect of the report card please contact the office to make a phone appointment.

2021 Equipment Lists

The 2021 Equipment lists have been uploaded to Skoolbag, Facebook and Dojo and have been included in this newsletter.

School Holidays

Below are the key dates that you will need to know: Last day of school for 2020: Wednesday 16th December, 2020 Summer Holidays Commence: Thursday 17th December, 2020 Staff Return to School – School Development Day: Wednesday 27th January, 2021 School Development Day: Thursday 28th January, 2021 Year 1 to Year 6 Students Commence School: Friday 29th January, 2021 Kindergarten Best Start Testing: Friday 29th January, 2021 Kindergarten Best Start Testing: Monday 1st February, 2021 Kindergarten Best Start Testing: Tuesday 2nd February, 2021 Kindergarten Students First Day of School: Thursday 4th February, 2021

The office will call our 2021 Kindergarten families on the Wednesday 27th January to remind families of their Best Start Assessment time.

Uniform Shop

Open Thursday afternoons 3.10-3.30pm throughout 2021. Open Thursday 28th January 9.00 – 10.30am for last minute needs for the new school year.

2021 Swimming Carnivals

Our 2021 Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 15th February 2021. The notes will go home this week, please send them back in as soon as possible.

The Crossroads Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 18th February 2021.

Canberra Excursion and the Great Aussie Bush Camp Excursion 2021

I am delighted to announce that we have changed our excursion scope and sequence and we will be holding our Stage 3 Canberra Excursion in 2021. This will ensure students who are in Year 5 this year have an opportunity to attend the exciting excursion before they head off into high school. Students in Stage 3 were scheduled to go this year however due to the pandemic it was cancelled. A note will be sent our early Term 1 to give families plenty of time to pay for the excursion. Students in Stage 2 will also be attending the Great Aussie Bush Camp in 2021.

Staff Gifts

A reminder to our community that our staff are not to accept gifts from community members that are valued over \$50. We understand that parents, carers and students often like to purchase a gift for staff at the end of the year however we understand that this has been a very challenging year for our community and it is not necessary. Staff have been directed that if they are to receive

a gift that is valued over \$50 they are to politely return the gift to the family. Thank you for your understanding.

Attendance – Term 4
Week 1: 95.31%
Week 2: 96.20%
Week 3: 94.76%
Week 4: 93.52%
Week 5: 95.78%
Week 6: 93.11%
Week 7: 92.36%
Week 8: 93.87%

Fair Play OOSH

If you are requiring care during the holidays contact Fair Play OOSH on 0452 487 404. The holiday program is included in this newsletter but can also be found on our Facebook and Class Dojo pages.

Thank you for another wonderful year at Garden Suburb Public School. I wish you a safe and happy holiday season and again thank you for the support you have shown our community as we have navigated one of the most challenging years in Public Education.

Louise Dunn

Principal



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







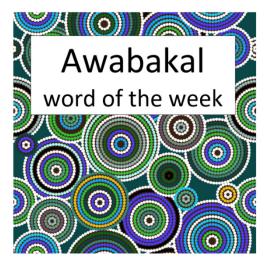


Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Weekly Focus

Week 9

Our PBL rule of the week is showing respect during the Talent Show



The students at Garden Suburb Public School 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.

This week we are revising the last three Awabakal words Nakila, Ngarala, Nubalin which mean look, listen and learn.

Adventures of Year Six	
Year 6 Farewell	Mugs' Cup
The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Monday 14 th December. All Year 6 students are invited to attend from 6pm- 8.30pm for dinner, dancing and DJ Mr Mathews in the school hall. The \$30 can be paid at the office, online or with unused	Every year the outgoing Year 6 students go up against the teachers in a game of T-Ball. This year that tradition continues. The Mugs' Cup will be held on the final day of school, Wednesday 16 th December at 9.30am.
payments from previous excursions. Two parents of each child are invited to attend at 6 pm for photos and the Year 6 certificate assembly. Parents will then leave at 6.30pm.	Two parents of each <u>Year 6</u> student are invited to attend. Parents will be allocated seating on the school grounds to watch the game.
	G-Sub Got Talent Show
<u>Zooper Doopers</u> Our wonderful leaders will continue to sel Zooper Doopers every lunch time for 50 cents until the finish of school on Wednesday 16 th December. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our wonderful leaders by purchasing Zooper Doopers each day!	The leaders are hosting a talent show for students K-6 on Monday 14 th December. All talents (school appropriate) are webome and must be less than 3 minutes in length. Students are to let the school leaders know if they would like to participate.
	Stage 3 T-Ball and Netball Gala Day
Big Day In On Monday our Year 6 students participated in the Motiv8Sports Big Day In. They worked together to participate in a variety of wet and dry activities on our bottom oval. All students had an action packed morning, followed by a pizza lunch. A big thank you to the P&C for donating funds to this fabulous day!	Last week Mr Smith, Mrs Samuels, Miss Mary, Mrs T, Mrs Dorahy and our wonderful prac students took our Stage 3 students to the PSSA Netball and T-Ball Gala Days. It was wonderful to see all of our students participate and have a super fun day! All students were able to play multiple games against schools across Lake Macquarie / Newcastle. The sportsmanship and positive attitudes from our students was outstanding!! Congratulations!
Water Fight	<u>Clap Out</u>
Every year the Year 6 students participate in a water fight. This year the water fight will be held on Tuesday 15 th December. It will coincide with our PBL Rewards Day fun with water sides. Year 6 students are permitted to bring water balloons and water pistols.	To farewell our outgoing Year 6 of 2020 and any other students who are leaving we will be holding our end of year clap out on Wednesday 16 th December at 2.45pm. Two parents of students who are leaving in 2021 are invited to attend.

















2021 Classroom Equipment – Autism Classes

Dear Parents and Carers,

To assist you with getting ready for 2021, we have compiled a list of equipment that your child needs for their class next year.

Please provide the following items as class resources (they <u>do not</u> need name labels as they will be a shared resource):

- * 4 x Glue Sticks
- * 4 x black whiteboard markers
- * Highlighters pink, green, yellow & blue
- * Plain white eraser

Personal Items (please label these items with your child's name):

* Head phones

* Library bag

* School bag – please ensure this is big enough to fit your child's lunch box, water bottle, jumper, hat, folders for notes and library bag.

Please note - whilst novelty items are fun for students, they can be an unnecessary distraction for those around them. Please try and provide plain items without gadgets and toys (e.g. animal rubbers, pens with fluffy ends, pencil cases with multiple zips etc).

This year Officeworks is offering School List Service on their website to make your back to school shopping quick and easy. Simply upload this equipment list and they will source the items for you.

Some items may also need to be restocked throughout the year, particularly lead pencils and pens.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable end of year break!

Louise Dunn Principal







2021 Classroom Equipment – Kindergarten

Dear Parents and Carers,

To assist you with getting ready for 2021, we have compiled a list of equipment that your child needs for their class next year.

Please provide the following items as class resources (they <u>do not</u> need name labels as they will be a shared resource):

- * 2 x Glue Sticks
- * 4 x whiteboard markers
- * Box of tissues





Personal Items (please label these items with your child's name):

- * 2 clear document wallets
- * Head phones
- * Library bag

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2021 Classroom Equipment - Year 1 and 2

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2021 Classroom Equipment – Year 3 and 4

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- * Box of tissues
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Personal Items (please label these items with your child's name):

- * 2 x lead pencils
- * 2 clear document wallets
- * Plain white eraser
- * Head phones
- * Blue and black pens
- * Library bag

* Coloured pencils/textas in a small, labelled pencil case (see picture). If the pencil case is larger than the one pictured (15cmx23cm), students will need to keep it in their bag

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Personal Items (please label these items with your child's name):

- * 2 x lead pencils
- * 2 x clear document wallets
- * Plain white eraser
- * Laptop (see previous BYOD note)
- * Mouse and mouse pad (BYOD)
- * USB memory stick
- * Head phones
- * Blue, black and red pens







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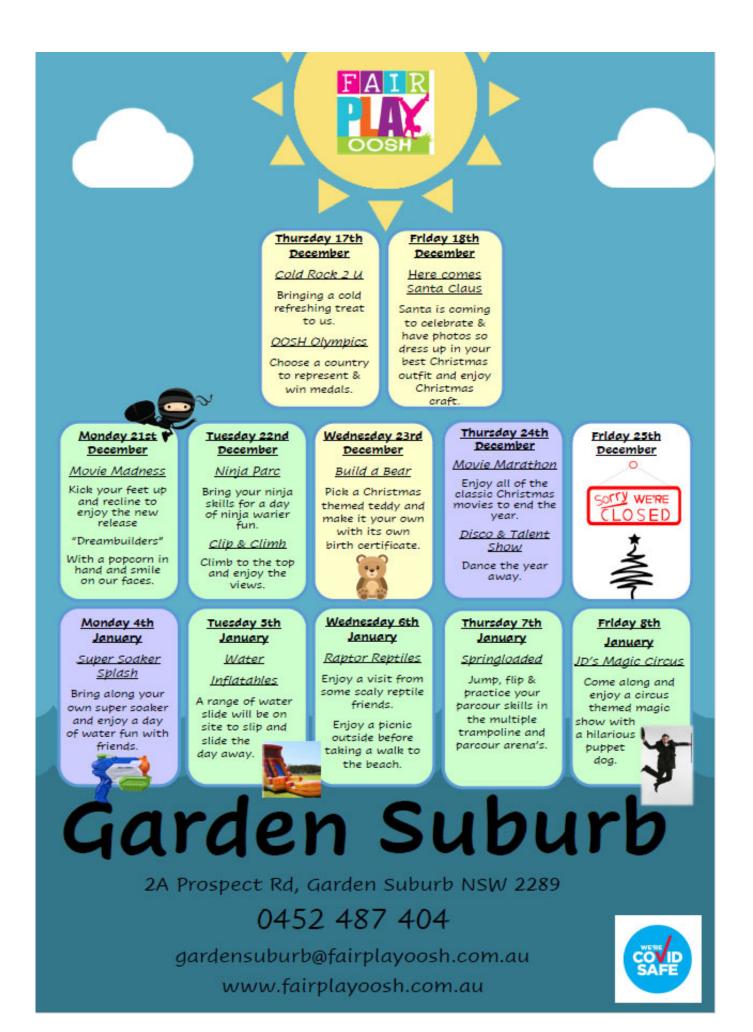


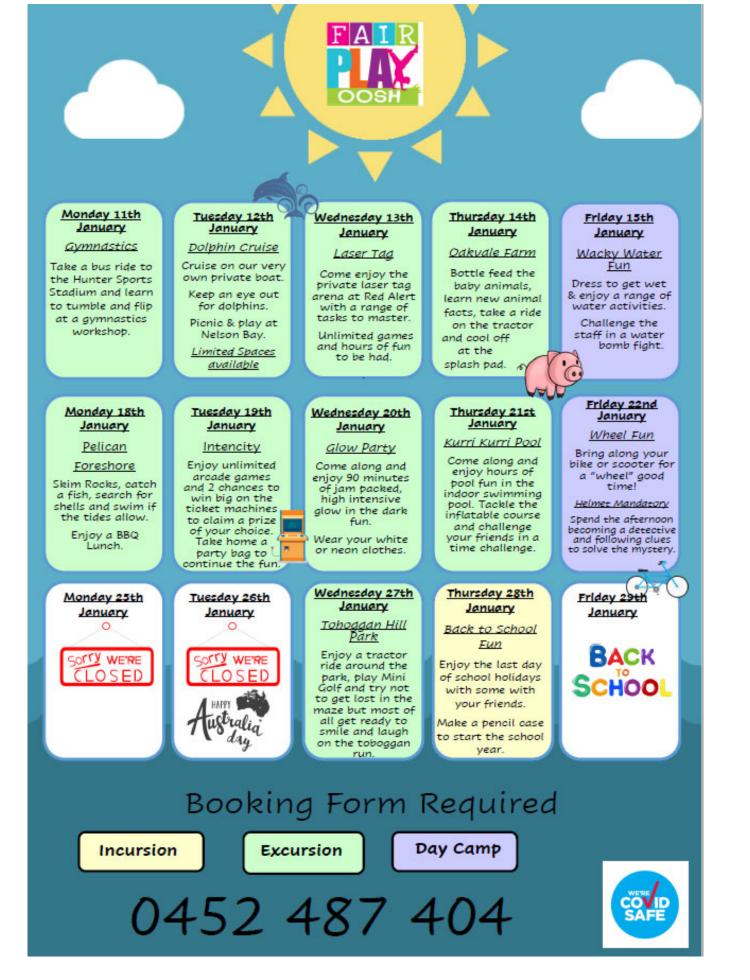




We would love hamper donations!

Drop to class or the office please. Please note all donations must be NUT FREE We appreciate your understanding. Raising money for our school.





School bus service changes from 14 December

There will be timetable changes to some school services to improve reliability. Parents and students will need to check their trip to and from school.

It's easy to check your trip

- Visit newcastletransport.info/plan-your-trip/school-services/
- 2 Type your school name into the search field
- 3 Select your school bus route to download the PDF timetable that will be effective from 14 December.



Don't forget to tap on with your school Opal card

Tapping on and off provides Newcastle Transport with important data to help us plan better services for your school.