



Garden Suburb Public School
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Principal Award

Lilly



Lilly is a student who brightens up the classroom with her positive energy and commitment to learning. She is always respectful to students and teachers and follows instructions with enthusiasm. She puts in 100% effort and always tries to improve in every lesson. Congratulations on being a wonderful role model, Lilly.

Nahni



Nahni is a happy, friendly and enthusiastic student, whose positive attitude to all school activities and learning makes her a valued member of her class and the school. Nahni is always focused on her learning, trying to learn all that she can in every lesson. She always tries to do her personal best and shows great persistence even when she finds her work is hard. Nahni consistently shows a respectful attitude to staff and students and is always making sure that she is following the school rules. In class she loves to help others and happily will do any job without expecting a reward. Well done Nahni for showing responsibility, respect and absolutely always doing your personal best!

Lake Macquarie Council's Waste Award



This week our school was recognised and awarded the winners for the waste category in this year's School Environment Awards. A big thank you to Mrs Brewer who goes above and beyond for our school and students, teaching us the correct way to recycle and manage the waste within our school. Mrs Brewer often comes to school on her day off to work with our students, including recycling our used cans to fund other environmental projects within the school. Mrs Brewer is so passionate about the environment and this excitement and passion is transferred to the students she is working with. We look forward to continuing the great work that has been happening within our school next year.

2021 Student Leaders

Congratulations to the fifteen outstanding students who delivered their 2021 Leadership Speeches last week. To say we are proud is an understatement, regardless of the outcome each student should be incredibly proud of themselves. The school will introduce our 2021 Student Leaders on Presentation Day.



Parents on site

Parents are still not permitted on site unless arrangements are previously made with the school or parents are volunteering in the canteen or uniform shop, attending the uniform shop or attending the office to collect students who may be unwell. Thank you to our community for your ongoing support around this, we really appreciate how supportive you have been over this past year.

School Communication

The school is currently using a variety of ways in which we communicate with the school community (Facebook, Dojo, Skoolbag) and has been looking at ways in which we can streamline this moving forward. The school currently uses the Sentral software to record reports, behaviour, attendance etc and Sentral have a parent app that can be used to communicate all of the things that Class Dojo and Skoolbag do. It also allows for parents to view many things such as student attendance, interview booking and student reports online. The school has made the decision that starting next year we will use the Sentral Parent App and will no longer use Class Dojo and Skoolbag. The school will continue to use Facebook in 2021 to share good news stories with our community. We understand moving to a new platform may be daunting for some families therefore will post information on how to set up the Sentral Parent Portal in the coming weeks.

Facebook

Just a reminder that the school will not answer parent and community questions on Facebook, the platform is only used to inform the community about our school. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Kindy Orientation

It has been wonderful to get to know our 2021 Kindergarten students over the past few weeks. This week we will have our final orientation session but look forward to having our new students commence their schooling at our beautiful school on Thursday 4th February 2021.

Canteen

I would like to thank and acknowledge the work of our wonderful Michelle who has been working alone for most of the year to ensure that the canteen service is still available for our school. In every way Michelle has gone above and beyond to ensure our canteen is running well and this has ensured some consistency for our students during such uncertain times. Nothing is too much trouble for Michelle and she is always prepared to think outside the box to ensure the effective running of the canteen. It has been wonderful to see our canteen volunteers over the past few weeks and we look forward to welcoming more parents on site as our restrictions continue to ease.

Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 8th December. Due to current restrictions we will not have parents and carers attending the Presentation Day this year however, we will ensure that we take lots of photos and videos to share with our community.

Fair Play OOSH

The school has had a meeting with our Fair Play OOSH team this week and there are a few community notifications that have come from the meeting:

- Fair Play OOSH have requested that the OOSH is opened up to the wider community during the school holiday period only. During the school term we have only had students from Garden Suburb Public School attend our OOSH and this will continue. The school supports this and where possible our students will have priority. OOSH will open holiday enrolments up on Monday 30th November to students not attending our school so if you need to book your child in please do so before Monday. Enrolments can be made by emailing gardensuburb@fairplayoosh.com.au or phoning 0452 487 404.
- OOSH places for 2021 are filling up fast so if you require this for your child please ensure to get your enrolment form back to the OOSH as soon as possible to secure your spot.
- Our new playground was partly funded by the OOSH Start Up Grant (\$30,000) and we would like to thank Fair Play OOSH for their support of our school as we would not have the equipment at this stage if it wasn't for the grant. Our students attending OOSH will access this equipment and students attending OOSH on Wednesdays will use it during Workout Wednesday held at OOSH each week.
- A big thank you to the GSPS Fair Play OOSH team for the wonderful care you show our students, it has been a big year for our service to start and I know each of our families attending appreciates the extra care that the Fair Play OOSH team put into making sure our students have an enjoyable experience.





Year 6 Farewell

The 2020 Year 6 students are invited to attend the Year 6 Farewell on Monday 14th December from 6pm - 8.30pm. The cost for students is \$30 and includes dinner, drinks, cake and DJ extraordinaire Mr Mathews. We can't wait to celebrate with our wonderful Year 6 students!



Year 6 Big Day In

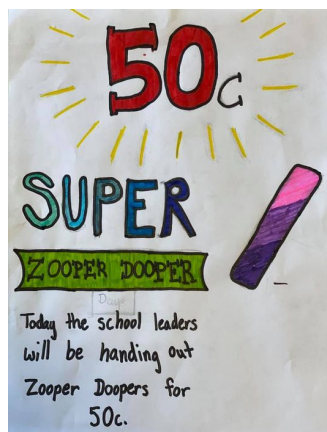
The school would like to thank the P&C for the generous donation of \$600 that is going to give our Year 6 students a fun day before the end of the year. Students will participate in a Motiv8sports fun day and will be treated to a pizza lunch. The school acknowledges that our students, particularly our Year 6 students and our Student Leaders have not had the same experiences that they would normally have and thank the P&C for recognising this and supporting them to have a special day that is just about them before they move off to high school.

Stage 3 T-Ball and Netball Gala Day

Next Thursday 3rd December our Stage 3 students are heading off by bus to the T-Ball and Netball Gala Days. Please remember that students are to wear their sport uniform, hats and to bring their lunch and water bottles.

P&C Meeting Monday 30th November

We are delighted to welcome our community back on site for our P&C Meeting on Monday. Our meeting will commence at 6pm in the library, we hope to see you there!



Zooper Doopers

Our Student Leaders have not had the opportunity to do many things this year due to the restrictions placed on schools during the current pandemic. Our Student Leaders approached me this week to think of some things they could do before the end of the year and they have come up with some great ideas. Each day they will be selling Zooper Doopers for \$0.50 at lunchtime until the end of the year. They are also in the process of organising an end of year Talent Quest for our school. More information about the Talent Quest will be sent out next week.

Louise Dunn

Principal

Upcoming Events

3 rd December 2020,	Stage 3 T-Ball and Netball Gala Day
7 th December 2020,	Year 6 Big Day In
8 th December 2020,	Presentation Day
14 th December 2020,	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
15 th December 2020,	PBL Rewards Day
16 th December 2020,	Mugs Cup and Year 6 Clap Out
16 th December 2020,	Last day of school
29 th January 2021,	Back to school for Year 1 – Year 6
29 th January 2021,	Best Start for Kindergarten students
1 st February 2021,	Best Start for Kindergarten students
2 nd February 2021,	Best Start for Kindergarten students
4 th February 2021,	Kindergarten first day at school (2.45pm finish for Kindergarten)
5 th February 2021,	Kindergarten First Day Photos (2.45pm finish for Kindergarten)
8 th February 2021,	Kindergarten first full day 9.10am – 3.10pm



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

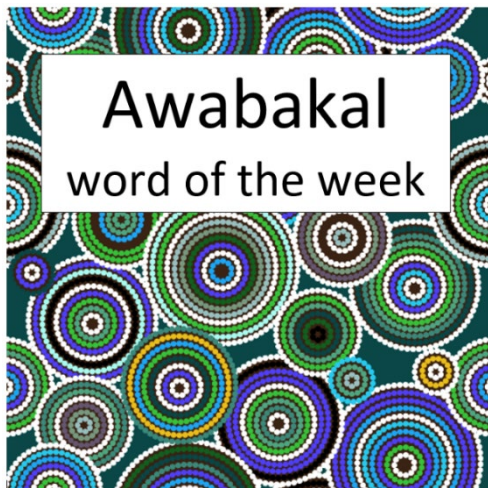
Weekly Focus

Week 7

Our PBL rule of the week is using the new playground equipment appropriately.

Students can do this by:

- Taking turns and waiting patiently
- Playing safely and using the equipment in the proper way
- Taking care of the equipment
- Encouraging others
- Listening to teacher's instructions



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.

Garden Suburb Public School
P&C

Christmas Raffle

2020

Drawn last week of School



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.



**Thursday 17th
December**

Cold Rock 2 U

Bringing a cold refreshing treat to us.

OOSH Olympics

Choose a country to represent & win medals.

**Friday 18th
December**

**Here comes
Santa Claus**

Santa is coming to celebrate & have photos so dress up in your best Christmas outfit and enjoy Christmas craft.

**Monday 21st
December**

Movie Madness

Kick your feet up and recline to enjoy the new release

"Dreambuilders"

With a popcorn in hand and smile on our faces.



**Tuesday 22nd
December**

Ninja Parc

Bring your ninja skills for a day of ninja warrior fun.

Clip & Climb

Climb to the top and enjoy the views.

**Wednesday 23rd
December**

Build a Bear

Pick a Christmas themed teddy and make it your own with its own birth certificate.



**Thursday 24th
December**

Movie Marathon

Enjoy all of the classic Christmas movies to end the year.

**Disco & Talent
Show**

Dance the year away.

**Friday 25th
December**

**SORRY WE'RE
CLOSED**



**Monday 4th
January**

**Super Soaker
Splash**

Bring along your own super soaker and enjoy a day of water fun with friends.



**Tuesday 5th
January**

**Water
Inflatables**

A range of water slide will be on site to slip and slide the day away.



**Wednesday 6th
January**

Raptor Reptiles

Enjoy a visit from some scaly reptile friends.

Enjoy a picnic outside before taking a walk to the beach.

**Thursday 7th
January**

Springloaded

Jump, flip & practice your parcourse skills in the multiple trampoline and parcourse arena's.

**Friday 8th
January**

JD's Magic Circus

Come along and enjoy a circus themed magic show with a hilarious puppet dog.



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