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Term 4 Week 4 2021

Congratulations Mr Smith



We are delighted to share that Mr Smith has welcomed his gorgeous son Orson last week. Mr Smith and family are doing well, and we are all looking forward to meeting Orson in the coming weeks. I know you will all join me in wishing Mr Smith congratulations!

Welcome back students



Welcome to Week 4, Term 4

We were so excited to welcome back our Year 2-6 students to school this week. The school is buzzing with children catching up with their friends and school staff and they are all excited to be back. I would also like to thank the school community for your patience and understanding when the school was non-operational last weekend.

The school is still operating in Level 3+, which means the current restrictions regarding parents onsite, school events and separating student cohorts remain in place. If at any time you have any questions regarding the restrictions, please contact the school and someone will be more than happy to answer your questions or find out where you can get more information.

Next week students in Year 4-6 will be completing the Tell Them From Me surveys. A note will be sent home with the students on Monday for parents and carers to complete if you do not want your child to complete the survey.

A link will be sent out on the Sentral Parent Portal for a survey that all of our K-6 parents can complete.

The information from these surveys supports the evaluation of our school directions and provides feedback from the students and community about future directions.

All surveys are anonymous.

Today is World Teachers Day. I would like to acknowledge the teachers at GSPS, who are dedicated to ensuring that every student is known, valued and cared for and can achieve their personal best.

Kind Regards

Victoria Sturman

Relieving Principal



During this time, we cannot have students on the school site unsupervised before the 8:45am bell, as we cannot supervise them to ensure COVID Safe practices are observed. Please arrange to have your students arrive at school after 8:45am. We appreciate your understanding with this.

Morning Student Drop off

Progress Place Gate – K-2

Prospect Road Gate – 3-6

Carpark Gate -Support Unit

Afternoon Student Collection

Prospect Road Gate – Surname A-G

Progress Place Gate – Surname H-M

Myall Road Gate – Surname N-Z

Carpark Gate -Support Unit (3pm)

Please ensure that you are maintaining social distancing at all times when waiting to collect your child and that you are not blocking the gate entrance.

Staff will be at the gates for 5 minutes after the bell goes to ensure that all students can be collected in a safe manner. This will allow parents to wait in cars to avoid congestion that might occur at the gate. This will mean that you do not have to be waiting at the gate before the bell. Students will wait in the school grounds, until they have a parent to collect them, if you have arranged with them to be collected from the school gate.

Selective High School Placement

Parents of students from Year 5 intending to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7, 2023 could apply now.

Applications close on the 17th November 2021. Parents will need to apply themselves, the school can not apply on your behalf.

To ensure the school is aware please complete the intention to apply form and send it back to the school via email gardensub-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

The information for applicants document and intention to apply form can be found in the 'Resources' tab of the Sentral Parent Portal, under the 'School Information' folder if you are interested.

Key Dates

Application website opens:
19 October 2021

Application website closes:
17 November 2021
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice released:
24 February 2022

Selective High School placement test:
10 March 2022

Placement outcome expected to be released:
8 July 2022



Book Club LOOP

for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Week 5/6 focus: Keeping us safe at school

- Enter and exit through the correct gates
- Ensure that you are playing in your designated area
- Make sure that you are washing and/or sanitising your hands regularly

Message from the office



Moving schools

If you intend to leave GSPS and move to another school in the new year, please notify the office by sending an email to the school email address. Please include the last date your child will attend our school and the school you are moving on to.

gardensub-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Update parent contact details

With the students returning to school over the coming weeks it is important that your contact details are up to date. Please email the school if you have updated your phone numbers or email addresses since the beginning of the year.

gardensub-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Refunds

The Student Refund Form has been added to Sentral Parent Portal.

If you can please complete the form and return to the Office via the school email (gardensub-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) for processing. The refund form is found on the Sentral Parent Portal, click on 'Resources' and then 'School Information' to download the form. You will need to fill this out for the refund.

If you would like to have your fees as credit (Fees in Advance) or have any questions on this, please contact the Office via email.

We appreciate your patience while refunds are being processed. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Unwell Students

There have been several students go home due to stomach ache's this week. If your child is complaining of an upset stomach before school, please keep them home to prevent the spread of any illness.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. Students who are unwell will be sent to the office and you will be called to collect them from school. Students will then need to follow the current health advice in regard to testing when unwell.

Enrol now for Kindergarten 2022

If you know of anyone in our community that will be enrolling their students at our school in 2022 please let them know that they can complete an online [enrolment application](#) on our website or they can contact the office.



School Visitor Check-in



A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the state is coming from 18 October!

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW [COVID-19 mandate](#).[External link](#)
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

Watch our short [parent video](#)[External link](#) to see how it works for parents or our [contractor video](#)[External link](#).

Who can use School Visitor check-in

- Visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.

Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in. School Visitor Check-in will be ready from 18 October at all NSW Government schools. For more information visit [School Visitor Check-in](#) on the department website.

Environment News

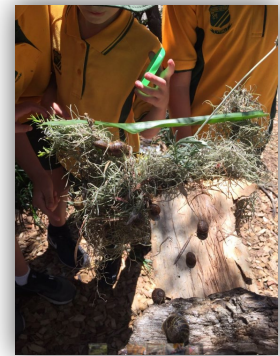
Welcome back to school! Our grounds are looking fabulous, the gardens have bloomed with the recent rain and warm weather.



As we stay in our stage groups, several Yr 3/4 students helped spread mulch around the recently planted shrubs near Myall Rd. We have a couple more lunchtimes work ahead of us to finish off this area.



Stage 2 have been getting creative in Area 1. Chalk drawings decorate the asphalt while the 'Mollusk Men' collected snails from the garden beds then built them a new home. They observed the snails move away from the sun and this provoked a discussion about a snail's preferred habitat.



You may be asking, "What is that garden bed doing out the front of school?"

Well, this bed is from Lake Macquarie City Council, it will be part of the School Garden Bed Competition, now to be held as a photographic competition. In the coming weeks the garden bed will be filled with potted plants and a photo taken of our display. When we have details on how to vote we will let you know.

November is a busy month on the environmental calendar.

National Recycling Week, Monday 8 – Sunday 14 November.
Closely followed by



Australian Pollinator
Week Saturday 13 –
Sunday 21
November.

Happy gardening!

Julie Brewer



CRICKET BLAST

SIGN UP TODAY

JOIN YOUR LOCAL CLUB AT PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU

PROGRAMS COMMENCING IN LATE OCTOBER/ EARLY NOVEMBER

Play Cricket

JUNIOR BLASTERS
AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Learn ball skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game-based activities.
- Sign up now for your Starter Kit.
- Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Kit with a ball, a backpack + one free add-on.

STARTER KIT **RETURNER KIT**

MASTER BLASTERS
AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket.
- For kids with basic cricket skills.
- Sign up now for your Master Blasters Kit featuring a drink bottle and cap!

MASTER BLASTERS KIT

ACTIVE KIDS
THE WORLD'S LARGEST
 FREE-WHEELING ACTIVITIES

play cricket
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P&C

The next P&C Meeting is on the 15th November at 6pm.

For anyone wanting to join the P&C, receive correspondence and have your say in all affairs of the P&C, click the link for the [application form](#) alternatively it can be found on the school website. Cost is a nominal fee of \$2 which can be direct deposited into the P&C account (BSB: 032-521 / Acc No: 195671).

CANTEEN

The canteen is now open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday weekly and is offering a revised menu, due to the staggered break times and not being able to have volunteers in the canteen. Unfortunately, we no frozen treats are available, see below Term 4 menu. Please remember that there is no over the counter sales, as the canteen will not be handling cash. All orders must be placed through the Quickcliq system.

Healthy Lunch Box website

A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.



Here's what you'll find on the website:

- [Interactive lunch box builder](#) that helps parents and kids plan and pack a healthy lunch with foods they like.
- Lots of quick and easy [recipes](#) and [snack ideas](#).
- Informative [blogs](#) about healthy eating for the family.
- [Sign up](#) to receive the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter for ideas, updates and recipes.



School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their 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 that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **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.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback



CANTEEN MENU

LIMITED MENU FOR TERM 4 2021

SANDWICHES

Vegemite	\$2.00
Cheese	\$2.50
Vegemite & Cheese	\$2.50
Egg	\$3.00
Ham	\$3.50
Chicken & Cheese	\$4.00
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Toasted Extra	\$0.50
Choice of White, Wholemeal & Gluten Free	
Bread for all sandwiches	

SNACKS

Slinky Apple	\$1.00
Watermelon Tub	\$2.00
Fresh Popped Popcorn	\$0.50
Pikelets - Jam or Margarine	\$0.50
^Fresh Baked Muffin - Choc	\$1.00
^Grainwaves, Sour & Cream	\$1.50
^Red Rock Chips, Sea Salt	\$1.50
^Monster Noodles	
Chicken, BBQ	\$1.00

HOT FOOD

Corn on the Cob	\$1.00
Hard Boiled Egg	\$1.00
^Garlic Bread	\$2.00
^Chicken Fingers (each)	\$0.50
Max 8/order	\$0.50
^Party Pie (Low Fat)	\$2.40
^Large Pie (Low Fat)	\$3.80
^Sausage Roll (Low Fat)	\$2.40
^Chicken Burger*	\$5.00
Nachos	\$5.00

DRINKS

Water - 600mL	\$1.50
Juice - 99% juice, 200mL	
Orange, Apple	
Blackcurrant, Apple	\$2.50
Milk - Full Cream, 200mL	\$1.50
Milk - Reduced Fat, 200mL	\$2.50
Choc, Strawberry	
Juice Bomb	\$2.50
AppRasp, AppBC	

WRAPS

^Chicken Finger (no salad)	\$5.00
^Chicken Finger	\$5.00
with Lettuce, Cheese & Mayo	

EXTRAS

Paper Bag	\$0.10
Sauce - Tomato, BBQ,	\$0.50
Mayo	



^Occasional Choice Items. They have a health star rating of 3.5 or above.