



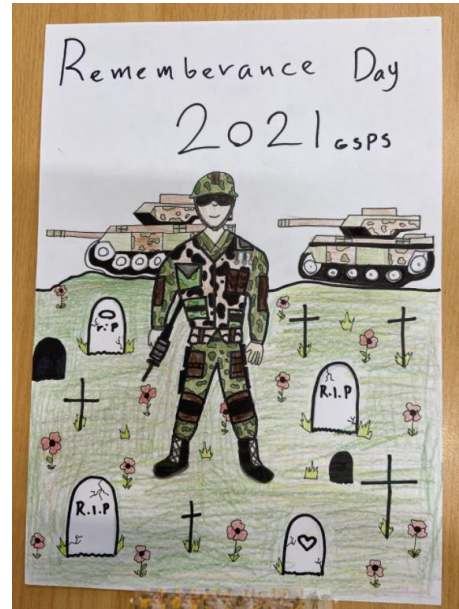
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## Term 4 Week 6 2022

### Remembrance Day

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11am students were read the Ode of Remembrance and observed a minute silence.



Students have been enjoying their time with their friends since returning back to school.



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)

## Kindergarten Orientation

We are so excited to invite our new Kindergarten students to Garden Suburb Public School for some playdates! The new students will be at our school for short visits on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and on the 25<sup>th</sup> November for a Teddy Bears Picnic. Please make them feel welcome!



## 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.



## Assemblies

We are very pleased that we can now hold assemblies for separate cohorts outdoors this week. Parents are only allowed to attend at the invitation of the school. The K-2 students were so excited to finally receive their awards!



## ICAS

ICAS sitting window extended until 26 November 2021.

In response to schools not being able to sit ICAS in the original sitting window of 9 August – 3 September, an additional sitting window will run from **5 October – 26 November** for the following subjects:

- Mathematics
- English
- Science
- Digital Technologies
- Spelling Bee

## Selective High School Placement for 2023

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](mailto: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.

## Leadership Day

On the 15<sup>th</sup> November Year 5 students will be undertaking activities at Garden Suburb Public School to prepare them for leadership roles next year. Following the Leadership Day, students will be nominated to apply for the School Leaders in 2022. Further information will be sent home once they have been nominated for a position on the GSPS Leadership Team 2022.

## 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**



## Library Books

Many of our students have received a library notice to take home and search for overdue library books. We kindly ask that all library books are returned to school as soon as possible.

## Multicategorical Class

Students would have seen work being commenced for a new demountable to be installed in the school this week with the addition of our new Multicat class in 2022. We are really excited to meet our new students.



Buy a book from

 **SCHOLASTIC**

**Book Club**

to help build  
our classroom  
resources

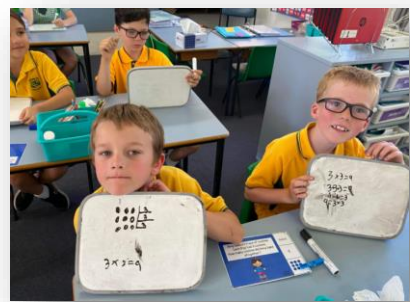
## Class News – Moon Walkers

Learning some paper mache skills



## Class news - Galaxies

Problem solving and maths with pasta.



## Message from the office



### Visitors on site

All visitors must sign in using the school check-in app and show proof of vaccination status on entry to the school site. For more information, refer to the [Vaccination requirements for school sites](#).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 recently. 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.

## Environment News

Earlier this week you would have seen the amazing 'Pollinator's Patch' bee vegetable garden installed at the front of our school by Mrs Brewer for the Living Smart Festival. This year photos are being sent to be voted on. Also, Mrs Guest painted the chair for the Reading Throne Competition at Bunnings. The competitions have been coordinated in a bee theme and will be a wonderful addition to the school. Photos of the Reading Throne will be displayed at the Boolarloo store and to be voted on by customers. We invite our community to support our school and help us win!!! Competition drawn and winners announced on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.





**CRICKET BLAST**

**SIGN UP TODAY**

JOIN YOUR LOCAL CLUB AT [PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU](http://PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU)

PROGRAMS COMMENCING IN LATE OCTOBER/ EARLY NOVEMBER

Play Cricket

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**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**

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**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**

**play cricket**

## P&C

The next P&C Meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in the library. All are welcome. Please note that double vaccination certificates must be sighted and masks worn.

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).

## **Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop is now open on Thursdays after school. Uniforms can also be ordered online through Quickcliq. All online orders are processed each Thursday, and are sent home with your child on the Friday.



GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

# *Thompson's Pies Online Fundraiser*

Orders close Sunday 21st November 2021

<https://thompsonspies.com.au/order-online/>  
Our code: **GSP1121**

Orders need to be a minimum value of \$50 and will be delivered to your door, in the Lake Macquarie, Newcastle and Maitland areas. Pool your order with family, neighbours and friends, and nominate one person's address for delivery.

12% from every order raises money for our school.  
Thankyou for your support!



**ORDER ANYTHING  
AVAILABLE VIA ONLINE  
ORDERS ON THE THOMPSON'S  
PIES WEBSITE**

This includes: pies, quiches, sausage rolls, lamingtons, vanilla slices, cupcakes, banana bread, caramel tarts, cream buns, apple slices, finger buns, caramel slices, brownies, rocky road.

Why not stock up on your Christmas goodies including: mince pies, fruit cake, gingerbread men, Christmas pudding, rum balls, coconut slice, etc.

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# School Travel for 2022



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## 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](https://transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel)

Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback](https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback)