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## **Term 4 Week 8 2022**

Welcome to Week 8, Term 4. It is hard to believe that in 3 weeks' time, the students will be attending school for the last day of the 2021 school year.

Today we had our final transition visit by our new 2022 Kindergarten students. What a privilege it has been getting to know the students and their families and we look forward to welcoming them officially as part of the Garden Suburb School community in February.

We have also gotten to know our new Support Unit students who will be joining us in 2022, and again we look forward to welcoming them to the Garden Suburb School community in February. The final transition for the Support Unit students will be held next Tuesday morning.

### **Leaders**

Last week the Year 5 students participated in a leadership day. The students have written their nomination to become a 2022 Student Leader and speeches will be held on Friday 3rd December. The leadership team will consist of 3 boys and 3 girls in 2022, due to the number of students who nominated and the number of students moving into Year 6 in 2022.

Students in Year 2-6 will vote for the Leadership Team after the speeches and the team will be formally inducted at the Presentation Day assembly.



### **Playdoh fundraiser**

We have been asked by a community member to participate in a fundraiser to support the John Hunter Children's Hospital. Each year children who are admitted to hospital use Playdoh for fine motor development and emotional regulation activities. Some of the students from GSPS have used this service in the past few years. Due to health guidelines,

Playdoh can only be used once.

From tomorrow we will have a Christmas Tree in the front office if families would like to donate a tub of playdoh and place it under the tree. If families would prefer there will also be a container for a gold coin donation, which the school will use to purchase tubs of playdoh.

Playdoh will need to be in unopened tubs.

### **Staffing for 2022**

Mrs Skye Lyden has accepted a promotion to an Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction position at Cooronbong PS. Skye has been at GSPS for the past 7 years and is a

very active member of the school community. We would like to thank her for everything she has done for the students during her time as a classroom teacher and as a Relieving Assistant Principal for the past 6 months.

Mr Lee Smith has accepted a position at Salt Ash PS. This is a great opportunity for Lee, as it is much close to home. Lee has been a valuable member of the GSPS community for 8 years and his organisation and passion for sport and Aboriginal education programs has provided a lot of extra curricula opportunities for our students. We wish him all the best and we are sure we will see him on the PSSA sporting fields in the future.

Mrs Lauren Maggacis has accepted a part time position an Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction 2022 at Blackalls Park PS. Lauren has been instrumental in the implementation of the VCOP writing program at GSPS and we wish her all the best for her future career.

### **Next year we welcome some new teachers to the GSPS staff**

Miss Kayla Perry will be joining us as the new Assistant Principal and will be leading the Primary team. Mrs Kaylie Johnson will be joining us as the Assistant Principal of the Support Unit. Mrs Erin McShane will be joining us as the Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction. The new Assistant Principals will bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the school and are looking forward to becoming at part of the Garden Suburb PS community.

### **Gate entry and exits to the school grounds**

The school has received a number of requests in the last 2 weeks about wanting to change gates that students exit from in the afternoon. I appreciate that the gate changes have resulted in changes for some families, however this is a requirement of the school to keep minimal numbers entering and exiting the school at each gate and knowing what gate students exit from if we are required to undertake contract tracing.

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)**

## Car safety around the school

Please make sure that you are parking safely in parking areas around the school. There are several no parking and bus stopping areas at the front of the school and parents should not be stopping in these areas. This also includes making a u-turn on the roads around the school perimeter. When cars are pulling into these areas and stopping, it restricts the visibility for the Crossing guard as well as endangers the safety of the students. The Council Ranger patrols school zones regularly and parents will be fined if they are not obeying the road signs. We thank you for making sure all our students and our families are kept safe.

## Calendar for the last few weeks of school

With restrictions remaining unchanged for the foreseeable future we have been able to organise our end of year events.

Parents will not be able to attend any of the events due to current restrictions, however we are planning on zooming the events for those parents whose children are involved in the activities.

Further information about the events will be communicated to our families over the coming week as details are finalised.

### Week 10

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec
	Cardiff High School Year 6 transition	Year 6 Graduation Dinner	Presentation Day K-2 9:30am 3-6 10:30am	Reports sent home to families on Sentral Parent Portal

### Week 11

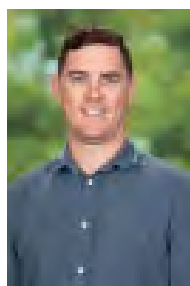
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Milkshake Monday	Class Party Day	P&C Sausage Sizzle lunch & Mugs Cup	Last Day for students Clap Out and Graduation Presentation for Year 6 students 2:30-3:00pm	Staff Development Day The office will be open from 8:30-11:00am and 1:30-3:30pm for any enquiries



Dear GSPS Families,

I have accepted the position of Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction at Cooranbong PS, starting next year. GSPS has been a huge part of my life, celebrating so many milestones in my 7 years here, including an engagement, a wedding, and the birth of my son Jack! My first class here was a beautiful 5/6 and they are currently completing their HSC, one student even contacting me to let me know she is off to Uni to do Primary School Teaching! I want to thank all of the GSPS community, I have loved getting to know all of our students and their families! It has been a pleasure to work at a school with amazing students, the best support staff and the best teachers.

Skye Lyden

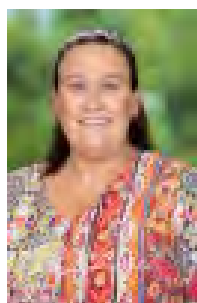


Dear Garden Suburb Family,

This year will be my final year at GSPS as I have been offered and accepted another permanent teaching position at Salt Ash Public School starting in 2022. The school is much closer to home and the reduced travel time will be amazing for my family. I am very sad to be saying goodbye to such an amazing school community that I have been a part of for the past 8 fantastic years. I have loved getting to know the students and families over this time, having taught several siblings and student groups over this time. It is difficult leaving such a wonderful school that has been so welcoming and supporting but I know that there are some terrific teachers who will continue to make GSPS an exciting, innovative and caring learning environment for our students. I will always have great memories of my time and thank you to all the families that helped make this time so special. I look forward to hopefully seeing some of you and your students at sporting and educational events in the future.

Thank you, Lee Smith

Penguins, Seals, Sharks and Astronauts!



Dear GSPS Families,

I have accepted the position of Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction at Blackall Park PS, starting next year. I have enjoyed every minute of my time at GSPS and am very sad to be leaving. I have very fond memories which will stay with me forever of my time at GSPS. I would like to thank the community for making me welcome and allowing me the opportunity to teach your children. It wasn't an easy decision to leave such a welcoming, supporting and friendly school with outstanding teachers and students but this opportunity to take on a leadership role is the challenge I am ready for.

Lauren Maggacis



## Library Books

This Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> November is the last day to return any library books. Please have a look at home and send them in with your children.



## LED Lighting Upgrade Program - Call for electricians in your region

Jobs for local electricians are available at our school now!

The LED Lighting Upgrade Program needs local electricians to install upgraded lighting at our school and potentially others in our local area. The Department is hiring electricians to do this work **right now**.

If we have electricians in our school community, register for the Local Trades Scheme, which is where jobs are posted. Registration is free.

To find out more visit [Local Trades Scheme](#).

## Demountable installation



## Class News – Titans

Mrs Forester mixed Grid references with Twister and Christmas has hit the Titans.







### Class news – Stage 3

Putting together some soccer goals and paper mache.



## Message from the office



### Unwell Students

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 regarding testing when unwell. Thank you to all the parents and carers that submit your students' absences through the Sentral Parent Portal. This reduces time calling parents to confirm absent students. Please make sure that this is done before 9.30am on the day of the absence.

### Lost Property

There are currently several buckets full of lost property on the front veranda of the school, next to the Uniform shop. If not collected before the end of Week 10 (10<sup>th</sup> December) these items will be absorbed into the second-hand clothing pool.

### 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.

## Environment News

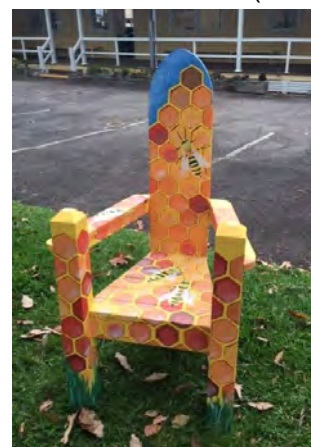
We have had a few busy weeks at GSPS.

National Recycling Week 8-14 November: Students in the Rockets investigated the recycling labels on many common household cleaning and personal products, also many food packages. This is called the Australasian Recycling Label ([arl.org.au](http://arl.org.au)). During lunch and recess, students searched for these labels on packaged food from home and discussed which bin the waste would go in. As more companies introduce this labelling to their products, we will be better able to recycle correctly.



Many students and parents would have seen our entry for the Allambi Care School Garden Bed Competition, the Pollinator's Patch, just inside the main school entrance. This is a photographic competition and entry closes on November 26. After this date, Lake Macquarie City Council Facebook will display the photos for the People's Choice Award (held as popular vote on social media). Please vote and encourage friends and family to get involved and vote.

**We Won!** The fabulous reading throne, painted in a complementing bee theme, also a photo competition, on display at Bunnings Glendale. Thank you to the community for voting. The school has \$150 gift voucher to use in the garden. There will be second chance draw as well during a night market at Bunnings Glendale on the 9th December 6 – 8pm.



National Pollinator Week 13-21 November: To tie in with Pollinator Week, our Garden Bed entry was dismantled, and students planted the vegetables and flowering plants into our school gardens. Our vegetable garden is thriving, and students can observe the bees at work pollinating pumpkins, tomatoes and the recently planted cucumber and zucchini.

The adjacent pollinator's garden is a credit to the students who plant, weed and mulch in their lunchtime. The \$500 Bee Bonus we received from the Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant has purchased soil, mulch, plants, and a bird bath. The Bug Hotels and the bee reading throne will make this area a beautiful location to sit and watch the insects at work.





I am currently wrapping up a final report for the Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant (\$1000) which allowed us to purchase 2 sets of 4 coloured recycling bins and a compost tumbler and the \$500 Bee Bonus. I would like to thank the many students who show an interest in our environment by recycling, mulching, planting, harvesting and even weeding. Also, a big thank you goes to Mr Flannery, our GA, Michael, our cleaner and Mrs Dorahy who are always onboard and willing to make my environmental ideas come to life, no matter how far-fetched they may be.

Enjoy the last few weeks of 2021 at GSPS.

Julie Brewer

Thanks Woolworths  
Junior Landcare





The **Australasian Recycling Label** tells you **which part** of the package belongs in the **recycling bin**, the **rubbish bin**, or if you have to do **something else** with it.



### Recyclable

#### Coloured Recycling Symbol

Separate each item and place it in your recycling bin



### Conditionally Recyclable

#### Clear Recycling Symbol

Can be recycled **ONLY** if you follow the instructions



### Not Recyclable

#### Rubbish Bin Symbol

Place it in your rubbish bin, this is NOT recyclable



## P&C

### 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.



### Our final Report for 2021!

We have come to the end of the year already, though with such a large time away from school we don't feel quite ready to say happy holidays just yet.

The great thing was we were able to end our P&C year with a meeting on site at the school and it was lovely to see everyone in person.

Despite another quiet fundraising year, we have closed the year with a healthy bank balance for the school to use next year, thanks to the uniform shop and the canteen ticking away in the background.

As it is nearing the end of the year, on behalf of the P&C and school community I would like to say a few words of thanks.



A big thank you to Donna Scott in the canteen who has kept things humming along and adapted as needed. Donna has really worked hard, despite the limitations to keep the canteen humming with a balance of healthy and yummy treats. We all appreciate this service. The kids love it and busy, time poor parents really love it!



Another big thank you goes to Michelle Peering with her diligent work with the uniform shop. During the tricky year, Michelle has kept the service going, ordering stock and upkeep of orders, while also putting in the extra effort to install the Quickcliq online system, which we will all find so handy to use. Thank you to Karen Atkinson, Zoe Kuvener and the team for being able to help out on Thursdays and Kindy Orientation days.



And another thank you to Miranda Dalwood as our Treasurer. This is a busy and vital role in our P&C and we thank Miranda for all her time and expertise in keeping our P&C financially on track, especially while welcoming a new addition to the family. Congratulations to the Dalwoods!



We thank Mrs Sturman and all the wonderful teachers and support staff who have weathered many changes and upheavals throughout the year, yet kept our kids safe, happy and learning. We all acknowledge just how valuable you all are and can't thank you enough for your efforts. The parents, carers and community hope you all are able to enjoy precious time for your own well-being and families over the holidays.



To end the year with some fundraising. We hope you get stuck in and order plenty of this yumminess. All proceeds to the school.



**Christmas Raffle.** Each class will have a beautiful hamper to raffle, (all; donated by the P&C) the tickets will be able to be purchased online. Look out for these details on Sentral and Facebook. Please join in, it will be fun for the kids and great for the school.

GSPS P&C have also donated a hamper to OOSH for their Helping Hand Donations.



**BBQ DAY.** We are a bit sad we can't bring a Christmas Carnival to the school this year but we are happy to help provide a fun BBQ day for the children's last week of school. The P&C have gladly donated funds for a sausage sizzle which the teachers have kindly volunteered to cook for us and we'll shout the kids a cool ice treat to help celebrate the end of year.

Lastly, I like to thank everyone who was able to join the P&C meetings whether at school or on zoom, along with all our school parents, families and carers. It is heartening to have such an invested, interested and dedicated community, a great foundation for our children to thrive.

On behalf of the P&C, I wish our community a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to returning to serve our community next year.

Catriona McIntyre

*President*

**The last day of term for the students is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021!**

# SUGAR FREE-ZIES DAY

26TH NOVEMBER 2021

## HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL



- ✓ ZERO SUGAR
- ✓ NO PRESERVATIVES
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# CONGRATULATIONS

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Garden Suburb Public School

**Prize:** \$150 Bunnings Gift Cards

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Fassifern Public School

**Prize:** \$100 Bunnings Gift Cards

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Teralba Public School

**Prize:** \$50 Bunnings Gift Cards



I'd like to thank all the local schools who participated in our competition, we will be having another voting session for the thrones at our Christmas night market on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December from 6pm-8pm. We will be handing out another round of the same prizes for this voting session, if you have not yet entered your throne or you have since updated your throne please send in your pictures by Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. Congratulations again to our winners and I hope you all enjoy your new reading thrones for years to come.



# FAIR PLAY Summer CAMP



**Friday 17th December**

**Paint & SIP Xmas edition**  
Become an artist for the day and follow the instructions to paint a beautiful Christmas painting while you sip on a delicious refreshing milkshake.

Day Camp



**Monday 20th December**

**Fair Play Carnival**

It's time for the annual Fair Play Carnival!

Come along and enjoy a fun filled day with rides, music, carnival treats, face painting and more to get your "SHOW" fix in with the company of all your friends!  
Excursion

**Tuesday 21st December**

**Christmas Craft**

Let's get festive and create some Christmas craft to take home and put on display or make personal gifts for your family.

**Christmas Build a Bear**

Make a Christmas Bear to take home and snuggle Christmas eve.  
Excursion

**Wednesday 22nd December**

**Kids Cold Rock**

Come to OOSH and indulge in a delicious self made cold rock treat. All your favourite add ins smashed in with your favourite ice cream.

Spend the afternoon running and playing with your friends to get all your energy out.  
Excursion

**Thursday 23rd December**

**Bricks 4 Kids**

Welcome Bricks 4 Kids to the service for a hands on lego masterpiece.

Use Lego bricks & your imagination & engineering skills to create lego masterpieces. This will be a fun & enriching experience for your children.  
Excursion

**Friday 24th December**

**Fair Play Christmas Party**

It's been a long year and one that we would like to end with a "BANG" so join us for a party. We will supply lunch and some party food to enjoy before ending the day with a disco.

Operating Hours 7am - 3pm

Excursion

## BOOKING FORM TO BE COMPLETED TO CONFIRM YOUR SPOT

**Monday 2nd January**



**Tuesday 4th January**

**Food Fiesta**

Decorate a chef hat and learn new cooking skills from our amazing Fair Play Educators.

You will be making your morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea today so bring your appetites and enjoy the yummy goodies.  
Excursion

**Wednesday 5th January**

**Springloaded**

Enjoy 3 hours of unlimited trampolining, gymnastics and fun in the ninja parc arena. Return to OOSH to cool off, unwind and continue the fun with free play in the service and enjoy a refreshing, cooler cooler.  
Excursion

**Thursday 6th January**

**Wheeless Good Day**

Chuck on your helmet and jump on your choice of wheels to tackle the obstacle course the educators have create. Create a number plate and pass the licence and road safety test to get your licence for the day.  
Day Camp

**Friday 7th January**

**Timezone**

Join us for 3 hours of unlimited play and challenge your friends and the staff on the arcade games. Cash in your tickets at the end of the session and take home a prize of your choice.  
Excursion

**Green Fair Play Shirt  
required on Excursions**



\$15

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Fair Play OOSH Garden Suburb



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\$12.22 per day with a  
CCS of 85%  
\*\$63.50 per day full fee

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# FAIR PLAY *Summer* CAMP

## 0452 487 404

### Monday 10th January

#### **Pizza, Pyjama's & Pampering**

Come to GOSH in your Pyjamas for the day. Be pampered with a face mask or have your nails painted and create cubby house and forts using items around GOSH. Enjoy a delicious pizza lunch supplied by us.

Inclusion

### Monday 17th January

#### **Wacky Water Play**

Bring a spare set of clothes for a fun filled water play day. Play with reusable water bombs, water pistols and get wet & wild with your friends. Challenge the Educators in a water fight and participate in a range of water games.

Day Camp

### Monday 24th January **Yes Day**

Come along to GOSH today and Educators will say yes to even your wildest requests, with a few ground rules on this whirlwind day of fun and adventure.

Enjoy the movie "yes day" to finish off the day.

Day Camp

### Tuesday 11th January **Lake Play**

Join us for a day of exploring the lake front. Comb the beach for shells & treasure, skim rocks, and learn to fish. If these activities aren't for you, play on the playground or play some lakeside cricket.

Fish & Chip lunch supplied.

Inclusion

### Tuesday 18th January

#### **Red Alert Laser Tag**

Test your combat skills in the multi-level laser tag arena during our private hire at Red Alert Laser Tag.

There is hours of fun to be had during this out of this world experience with unlimited games and more.

Inclusion

### Tuesday 25th January **Dolphin Cruise**

Climb on the coach & travel to beautiful Port Stephens where we will jump aboard Moonshadow Cruises double decker boat for our private dolphin cruise.

Enjoy lunch in the park before we head back to GOSH.

Inclusion

### Wednesday 12th January **Colour Run**

Wear white today and get ready to have your clothes splashed with colour in the colourful water fun run.

Keep the fun going into the afternoon with colourful art & craft.

Don't forget a change of clothes.

Inclusion

### Wednesday 19th January

#### **Gold Class Movies**

"Clifford the Big Red Dog"

Kick back after the break with your friends and rest your feet with a popcorn in hand. Enjoy the latest flick on the screens in the ultimate "Gold Class" cinema experience.

Inclusion

### Wednesday 26th January



### Monday 31st JANUARY

#### **Minute to Win It**

Challenge your mind and skills in the many minute to win it challenges set out by the Fair Play GOSH Educators. Set up your own challenges for the Educators to participate in.

Day Camp

### Thursday 13th January **Merewether Beach**

Our most talked about excursion is back, come along and enjoy hours of fun at the beach.

Build sandcastles, collect shells, explore the rock pools, play beach-sports and cool off with a splash in the baths.

Inclusion

### Thursday 20th January

#### **Science Extravaganza**

Enter the amazing & mind-blowing world of science. Enjoy the fundamentals of science through a range of exciting, messy & explosive activities. Bilycart racing, slime making, rocket launching, explosions & even lava lamp crafting.

Inclusion

### Thursday 27th JANUARY

#### **Back to School**

It's time to get prepared for the new school year. Join us at GOSH for a creative day making unique, personalised pencil cases, lunch boxes and library bags to impress your school friends on day one.

Inclusion

### Friday 14th January **Supa Putt**

Team up and get ready to test your skills on the 36 hole Supa Putt arena.

The aim of the game is to score the lowest number of points by getting your ball in the hole.

Are you ready to take on the challenge?

Inclusion

### Friday 21st January

#### **Friday Fever Disco**

Come along and boogie with your friends at our Friday fever disco. Pick a photo booth prop and have your photo snapped in the photobooth. We will also have face painting and colourful hair spray available to spruce up your outfit.

Day Camp

### Friday 28th January

#### **Trivia & Treats**

Team up in groups and tackle the trivia questions to become the trivia champion of the day.

Create yummy treats with the help of your Fair Play Educators to enjoy.

Day Camp