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Term 4 Week 10 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would just like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our wonderful school community for an amazing year. I have had a wonderful 6 months at Garden Suburb Public School and the way that the community has made me feel welcome has made me realise how privileged I am to be part of the Garden Suburb Public School community.

This year, you have gone above and beyond to support your children through the home learning period and all the staff are grateful for your support during this time. All the students returned to school happy and ready to engage in learning at school and this is a true testament to the way you managed the home learning period.

To those families who are leaving us, thank you for everything that you have done over the time your children have been at the school. I am sure that both you and your children will have many fond memories of the school. We are thankful for the confidence you entrusted in us to take care of your child.

To those families who will be returning to Garden Suburb Public School in 2022, we look forward to another exciting and busy year.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday period.

Kind Regards

Mrs Victoria Sturman

2022 Student Leaders

Congratulations to Alex, Orli, Lachy, Logan, Lucy and Keely who were announced as our 2022 School Leaders at Presentation Day on the 9th December. Hopefully we will be able to hold the 2022 Leadership Induction ceremony in the first few weeks of Term 1 2022.



Year 6 Farewell Dinner

The Year 6 Farewell Dinner was held on the 8th December at Alder Park Sports Park. The students had an amazing night where they got to have dinner, take lots of photos and socialise with their friends. The night ended with the students watching a slideshow of their time throughout school and seeing themselves in Kindergarten compared to themselves in Year 6 while eating cake. There were some awards given out on the night as well, which the Year 5's chose for our Year 6 students. Overall, we had a great time and wish all the outgoing Year 6 all the best heading into next year!



The last day of term for the students is Thursday 16th December 2021

Presentation Day

We were delighted to present a number of awards to our students for hard work and dedication this year. All of our class citizenship award winners were presented with a book which was chosen by their teachers. Congratulations to our award recipients and a big congratulations to all our students for their hard work and dedication this year.





Reports

End of year school reports were sent home with the students yesterday. If you didn't receive your copy or require an additional copy, please contact the office.

Milkshake Monday

All students that received a dazzler this year were treated with a milkshake of their choice on Monday this week. Well done GSPS!



School Party Day

It's fantastic to see our students enjoying their class party day for 2022 after such a challenging year. The students are watching a movie and enjoying some popcorn along with some fun class activities.

Mugs' Cup - Wednesday 15th December: 9.30am

The Mug's Cup is a long-standing tradition at Garden Suburb PS where teachers verse the students in a game of T-ball. Parents are unfortunately unable to attend due to Covid restrictions. We thank you for your understanding. The P&C are kindly donating a sausage sizzle and ice blocks for all students.

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.

We have a Christmas Tree in the front office if families would like to donate a tub of playdoh and place it under the tree. You are able to donate until the last day of term. 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.



Week 11

Mon 13 th Dec	Tues 14 th Dec	Wed 15 th Dec	Thurs 16 th Dec	Fri 17 th Dec
Milkshake Monday for all students	Class Party Day	P&C Sausage Sizzle lunch (donated by the P&C) & Mugs Cup NO CANTEEN	Last Day for students Clap Out and Graduation Presentation for Year 6 students 2:30-3:00pm CANTEEN OPEN	Staff Development Day The office will be open from 8:30-11:00am and 1:30-3:30pm for any enquiries

Goodbye Mrs Forrester



Dear GSPS Families,

I have accepted the position as Teacher Special Education at Belmont Public School. This is my first permanent position and I am very excited to help Belmont P.S. establish a new support unit. I am so grateful to the lovely staff, students and community at Garden Suburb Public School. I have enjoyed my time teaching here and will truly miss everyone next year. A very big thankyou to the staff and students on the support units. What a ride it's been and I have loved every minute of it. I would like to wish everyone the very best for next year, especially our year six group moving onto an exciting high school adventure.

Tracy Forrester

Athletics Carnival Champions

Congratulations to Hayden, Emily, Fred and Caitlin who are our Athletics Champions for 2021. They represented our school with pride in many track and field events and achieved some wonderful results. Well done!





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](#).

Stage 2 Bronze and Silver Award Winners



Class News – Meteors

Meteors using macrame techniques to make Christmas wreaths.



Class news – Titans

Thanksgiving lunch in the Titans.



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Message from the office



Lost Property

We have placed the drink bottles and lunch boxes from the lost property items under the COLA this week. The teachers will send students over the last week to collect any items to bring home before the holidays. All labelled items have been disrupted to classrooms.

Sentral Parent Portal

We have started using the Sentral Parent Portal for excursion and incursion permissions. You will receive a notification through the Sentral app to respond to digitally. All updates and essential communication are currently sent through the Sentral Parent Portal. If you haven't setup the Sentral Parent Portal yet please click [here](#) for information on [how to register for the Parent App](#).

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

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.

PSSA Sports Jersey

Unfortunately, we were unable to finalise our order for the PSSA Sports Jersey's. Please complete and return a refund form to the office if you have paid for a jersey.

Environment News



Thank you to everyone who voted for our entry in the Allambi Care School Garden Bed Competition. It was a mammoth effort for a small school, well done. Congratulations to Speers Point Public School who pipped us at the post with 20 more votes at 12pm on the 8th December when voting closed for the People's Choice Award.

The Best in Show was awarded to Warners Bay Public School, well done.

Today we were presented with our first four Climatecam stars by Mrs Johanne Gardiner from the Wetlands Environmental Education Centre. We achieved the Food Garden, Waste Recycling, Environmental Events and Weather Watch stars.

Mrs Gardiner was previously a teacher at Garden Suburb PS and was thrilled to take a tour of our school grounds and gardens. She was particularly excited to see the colony of native bees still thriving in an old stump in our playground.

Congratulations to all the students who helped achieve these stars, we will work on more next year.

Have a wonderful holiday and spend some time in the garden.

Julie Brewer





BACK TO SCHOOL

1st feb 2022

STUDENTS RETURN

KINDERGARTEN BEST
START ASSESSMENT

KINDERGARTEN START
P&C MEETING

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

WHOLE SCHOOL
PHOTOS

1st February 2022

1st February - 4th February 2022

7th February 2022 and First Day photos

14th February 2022

Date yet to be confirmed

9th March 2022

PUT ME ON THE FRIDGE

We hope you have a wonderful break and we are looking forward to seeing you all in the new year



P&C

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will fill any Quickcliq orders that are placed before Wednesday evening 15th December 2021. The orders will be sent home with the students on Thursday 16th December 2021. The uniform shop will not be open on Thursday afternoon.



NEW TO GARDEN SUBURBS IN 2022!

MUM & BUBS

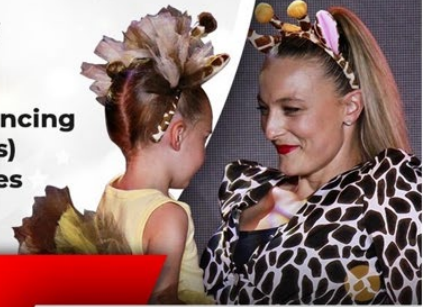
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Buy your tickets online and go in the draw to win a Christmas Hamper (there are 10 available to win!).

Drawn: Wednesday, 15th December 2021

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT THE WETLANDS

MAKE IT MONDAYS

Monday 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st January

Drop into the Wetlands between 10.00am to 12 noon

Suitable 4 years and over Cost: \$5 plus entry

Some days we'll be painting, some days making jewellery sand art or knitting.

Full details on our website: <https://wetlands.org.au/whats-on/>

GUIDED TOURS

Tuesdays (10am) and Saturdays (10.30am)

Cost: Free with entry

Find out about the best bits of the Wetlands, what to see and what to do. Our friendly, experienced guides will adapt the tour to suit participants. It is a leisurely walk on flat tracks.

REPTILES ON WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th January (11.00am)

Cost: Reptile Encounter \$5 per child plus entry. Children must be accompanied by an adult (no charge)

Come along to the Wetlands on Wednesdays and learn about our resident reptiles at an interactive reptile encounter.

PAVEMENT ART PHOTO

Mondays and Wednesdays

Photograph the kids from above (on the deck of the café) as they pose on a Wetland scene.

WETLANDS COLOUR WALK

Cost: Free with entry

Pick up a colour chart at reception and go walking. Can you find all the colours of the Wetlands?

There's always lots to do at the Wetlands.

- ◆ Try dip-netting ◆ Watch the bird feeding ◆ Visit the Animal House
- ◆ Have fun on the playground ◆ Climb the Egret Tower
- ◆ Go Canoeing ◆ bring a Picnic or eat at the Café.

For more information: www.wetlands.org.au/whats-on

TIP!

Don't forget the Aerogard (we'll give you some if you do)!

Mozzies are more attracted to dark colours so wear light or bright colours and cover up.

