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Term 3 Week 8 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We appreciate your continued support as we remain in Level 4 restrictions until Friday 10th September 2021. Over the past few weeks, we have seen an increase in the number of students attending school. Parents and carers must continue to keep children at home. Level 4 restrictions require minimal students and staff on site. Schools are open for families whose children need to be at school (e.g. children of essential workers who are not working at home and have no other care options and our vulnerable students), as we have minimal staff onsite to provide supervision and support for students as they complete the same work as the students at home. We appreciate your support to ensure that the school can comply with the current restrictions and keep our school community safe.

We acknowledge that learning at home can be difficult, especially when you might also be working from home, and I can assure you that our staff know exactly how you are feeling. Please reach out via phone, the Parent Portal or Google Classroom if we can assist you in any way to support your children learning from home. If your question requires an immediate response, please call the school, as the Class teacher may not have the time to reply during the school day. All messages on Google Classrooms and the Parent Portal will be replied to as soon as possible.

To ensure that minimal staff attend the school site, only one staff member is in the front office each day. This might be an executive or front office staff member. If you call the school and there is no answer, please hang up and try again as the person attending the front office may not be immediately near the phone. We appreciate your understanding with this.

Remember that to be marked as attending each day, students must check into their Google Classroom each morning and complete an acceptable amount of daily work, to the best of their ability.

Remember to continue to be kind to yourself during this time. We know that you are doing the best that you can do in the situation, and we appreciate that you are helping keep our community safe by staying at home and supporting your child with home learning. Our staff are here to support you, no question is a silly question, so please reach out if you need to. Schools are such an important part of the community and "It takes a village to raise a child" so please contact us with any concerns as we are all in this together.

Kind Regards

Mrs Victoria Sturman



Year 6 Jumpers

They have arrived! If you haven't picked up your jumper yet please contact the school to arrange a time to pick yours up.

Opportunity Class Placement

As a result of the most recent advice from NSW Health regarding the duration of COVID-19 restrictions and the return to school plan, the Opportunity Class Placement Test scheduled for 6 October 2021 has been delayed.

New testing arrangements for students will be announced as soon as possible.

ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) 2021

If you have purchased an ICAS assessment for your child please contact them directly on <https://www.icasassessments.com/> or 1800 931 775 as the assessment may have been cancelled.

Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Cancellation of Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Unfortunately, due to current COVID-19 restrictions we have had to cancel our Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp. We have attempted to reschedule our camp for later in the year, however there are no available bookings remaining for 2021. We are looking into a fun event for Stage 2 students later in Term 4.

Parents and carers have the choice of a credit or a refund via bank transfer or POP for online payments. 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. Please contact the Office via email if you have any questions regarding this.

Bookclub

Book club Issue 6 is now available. Families can use the following instructions to order online.

To view the latest Book Club Catalogue, please click on the following link:

<https://scholastic.com.au/media/6421/bc621web.pdf>

If you have not already set up a LOOP account, you will need to do this on the Scholastic website:

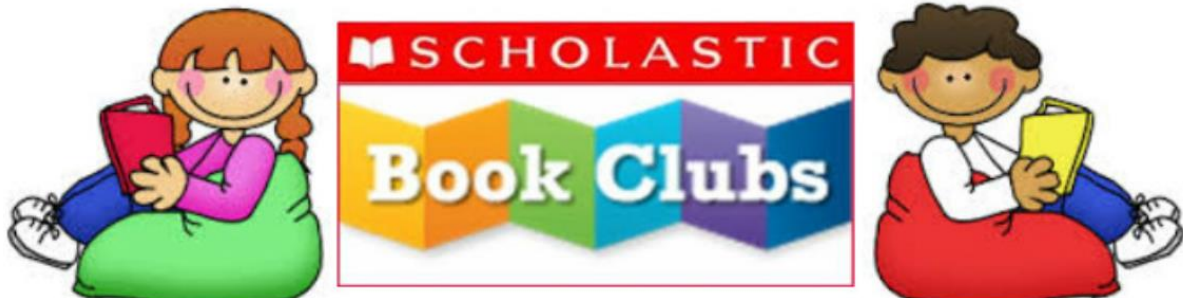
<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Delivery Options:

Parents have the following options for delivery. Changes are due to school lockdown.

Home Delivery - \$7.50 flat rate charge.

Delivery to the school – The books will be kept at school until students return to school if they are delivered before this date.

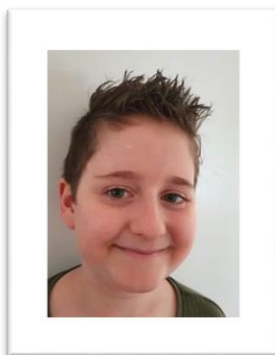


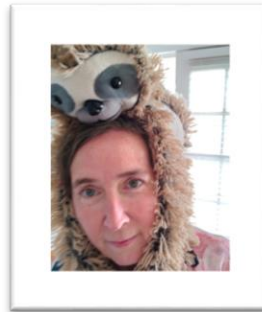
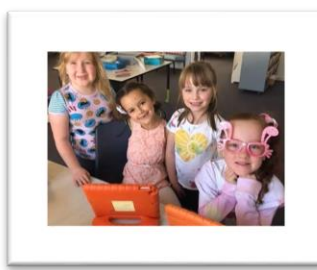
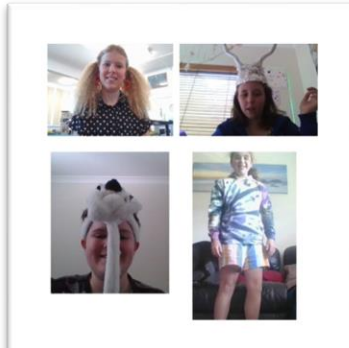
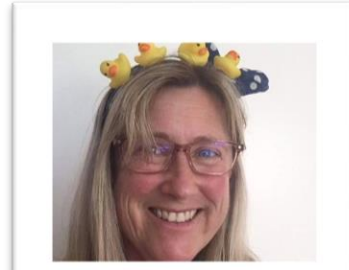
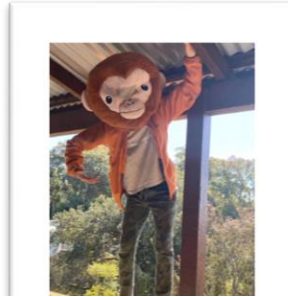
Book Week – It was great to see so many students dressed up. Thank you to everyone that participated.





Wacky Wednesday





Garden Suburb Public School would like to show our appreciation for all the amazing dad's. We hope you have great Sunday!



Feel Good Friday Reminder

Whole school activities each Friday during the 'Stay at Home' period

School Disco

Friday 3rd September 2021

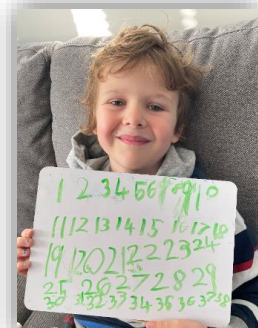
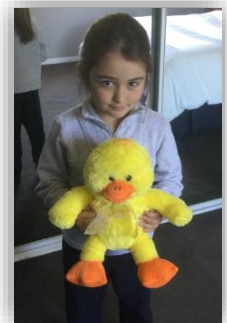
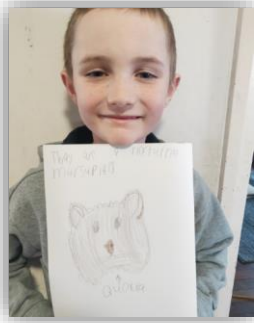
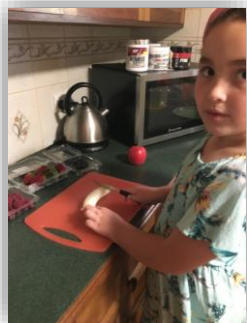
1 – 1.45pm (zoom link will be added to Google Classrooms to join the disco)

Get dressed up and take a picture of your best move!



Class News – Novas

The Novas have been busy bees completing a range of fun, hands on learning activities at home.



What if instead of 'falling behind', this group of lockdown kids are actually ahead? Hear me out...

What if they have more empathy, enjoy family connection, can be more creative and entertain themselves, love to read, love to express themselves in writing?

What if they enjoy the simple things, like their own garden and sitting near a window in the quiet? What if they notice the birds and the dates the different flowers emerge, and the calming renewal of a gentle rain shower?

What if this generation are the ones to learn to cook, organise their space, do their laundry and keep a well-run home?

What if they learn to ride a bike, play a board game, do simple crafts, learn to bake, climb a tree, play without a screen?

What if they learn to understand the value of money, what's important and how to live with less? What if they learn to plan shopping trips and meals at home?

What if they learn the value of eating together as a family and finding the good to share in the small delights of the everyday?

What if they learn to just be: to be resilient, to be content?

What if they are the ones to place great value on our teachers and educational professionals, librarians, public servants and the previously invisible essential support workers?

What if, among these children, a great leader emerges who had the benefit of a slower pace and a simpler life to truly learn what really matters in this life?

What if they are AHEAD?



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Our PBL focus for Week 8/9:

Expectations when working online

- Be polite and kind when commenting
- Use the stream to talk to teachers only
- Complete quality work and submit by the due date and time
- Always try your best

Message from the office



Attendance

This is a reminder that if students are unwell, to still update the school during the lockdown period. Attendance is still recorded daily and if your child is too sick to complete the learning from home please advise the school.

Thank you to those parents that update your child's school absence through the Sentral parent portal app. Please be sure to add a complete description of the illness. For example,

'Johnny is unwell with a cough and fever. We are getting a COVID test today.' The office will contact parents to ensure the full description of the illness is recorded if this is not received.

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

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

Environment News

The School Garden Bed Competition as part of the Living Smart Festival is still going ahead with a revised completion date in October. The school will receive the garden bed in September and then a photo will be taken of the completed display for judging.



P&C

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).

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.



Good for Kids good for life

CHOOSING HEALTHY SNACKS

Healthy snacks are important to help your kids get the nutrients they need to grow, develop and learn.

Choose snacks that are everyday foods – vegetables, fruit, dairy, wholegrains or protein-rich foods.

Planning is the best way to make sure that the healthy choice is the easy choice.

Here's a few tips to help you plan your healthy snacks:

- Include vegetables and fruit in your child's lunchbox each day
- Add vegetables into homemade snacks (e.g muffins, pikelets, scones and slices)
- Cut up vegetables and fruit on the weekend so they are easier to grab during the week
- Keep a range of healthy snacks in the fridge or pantry that are easy to grab and go
- Get your kids helping to prepare healthy snacks
- Enjoy eating healthy snacks with your kids



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