

# GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL

*A caring environment providing quality education*

## Principal Award – Avoca L



Avoca is a friendly student who always makes sure she is the first one to greet you in the morning with a smile. She prides herself on making sure that everyone feels valued and includes others both in the classroom and on the playground. Not only does she make sure to be a great friend to others, she also cares about our school environment and regularly picks up rubbish and cleans up our areas. Avoca shows fantastic PBL values of respect, responsibility and personal best and is a great role model

to the K/1 Galaxies.

## Share the Dignity #itsinthebag

Thank you to our amazing community that supported Caitlin C by bringing in so many bags and hygiene products to be donated to Share the Dignity campaign. We are very proud of Caitlin for giving back to the community.

*"Thank you so much to our wonderful school, friends and family for supporting in Its all in the bag.*

*Not only did people of our school donate items and bags but also bags already packed with all the essentials a girl could need.*

*I had a target of 40 and ended collecting 60. I am very grateful to everyone who helped me achieve my goal.*

*Many Thanks*

*Caitlin Coulson"*



## Tell Them From Me Surveys

We will be completing the Tell Them From Me student and parent surveys over the coming weeks.

The surveys are anonymous and provide schools with student, teacher and parent perspectives about the engagement and wellbeing of the students at their school. This information is valuable to schools and can be used to identify strengths and successes, as well as areas to target for improvement.

The parent survey collects information about parents' perspectives on their school as well as their child's learning at home. The responses to the survey help build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements. Participation in the parent survey is optional and only one survey needs to be completed for each family. Parents will receive the link for the survey on the Sentral Parent Portal tomorrow. The survey will close on Friday 18th November 2022.

The Tell Them From Me student survey provides the school with insights about student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices at their school, from the perspective of students. Students in Years 4-6 are able to complete the student survey. Participation in the student survey is optional. A note will be sent home tomorrow for parents with more information.

NSW Department of Education

### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn      Make friends      Build skills through fun


education.nsw.gov.au




## Awabakal Word of the Week

Term 4 Week 5-6

have a good day -maruungbangayi



maruung bangayi  
ma ruung bang ayi  
maruung bangayi



have a good day

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Coming Up

Check the Sentral Parent Calendar

Week 5	
2023 Kindergarten Orientation Session 4 - Teddy Bears Picnic	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> November
Assembly – Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp Awards Parents Welcome	Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Cultural Group	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> November
Week 6	
Reading cards Morning Tea	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> November
P&C Bunnings BBQ	Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> November
Week 7	
P&C Meeting 6PM	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> November
Assembly Parents Welcome	Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> November
PLP (Aboriginal Education) Celebration Breakfast	Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> November
Cultural Group	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> November
Week 8	
Cardiff HS Yr 7 Orientation Day & parent information session	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Swimming Carnival & PBL Rewards Day	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> November

## Assembly

Participation, Merit and Distinction awards will be presented to the students who entered the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition at the next assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.



## Reading Cards

The last day for students to hand in their reading cards is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Students are to hand the cards into the office to receive their invitations to the morning tea with Mrs Sturman on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## P&C Bunnings BBQ

GSPS P&C are running a Bunnings BBQ to raise some much-needed funds for the school. And we need your help!!

We need volunteers to cook up some sausages and man the stall. You don't need to be a member of the P&C, you just need a spare 2 hours!!

It's also a great way to connect with others in the GSPS community. It will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at Kotara Bunnings.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

[volunteersignup.org/9RMT3](http://volunteersignup.org/9RMT3)

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

Garden Suburb Public School P&C.



# FUNDRAISER BBQ



KOTARA BUNNINGS

**SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2022**

Serving 9am to 4pm  
(Setup 7am to 5pm)

### **2023 school travel applications are now open**

Applications for student travel in 2023 opened from **Monday 10 October 2022**. Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying 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, 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 entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. 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 (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send 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 2023.

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.

### **Travel from Term 1 2023**

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 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 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 busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations 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 with 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.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).

The poster has a teal top section, a yellow banner with a dark blue tail, and a pink and dark blue background. It features a swimmer icon, a sun, and a list of activities. A ribbon with a green star character is at the bottom.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**  
**& PBL REWARDS DAY**

K - 6 | CHARLESTOWN POOL | 30.11.2022

GRASS TABLOIDS  
POOL TABLOIDS  
INFLATABLES  
CARNIVAL COMP

FREE  
STUDENT  
SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE





# Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join, participants must:

- ✓ Have a current health care card **OR** pensioner concession card
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school
- ✓ Have regular income from work, yourself **OR** your partner

For full eligibility requirements, speak to a Saver Plus Coordinator.

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:

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|  |  |  |
| laptops & tablets   | uniforms & shoes  | books & supplies  |
|  |  |  |
| sports fees & gear  | lessons & activities  | camps & excursion   |

For more information, please contact Saver Plus:

 [saverplus@bsl.org.au](mailto:saverplus@bsl.org.au)

 [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

 1300 610 355

 @SaverPlusAU

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

## Australia's longest-running financial education & matched savings program

Eligible families and individuals on low-income will:

- Build budgeting skills
  - Develop life-long savings habits
  - Receive up to \$500 in matched savings for education costs
- \*Eligibility criteria applies.

### 50,060

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS SINCE 2003

86%  
female  
participants



14%  
male  
participants



**\$26 million**  
Amount saved



**\$21 million**  
Amount received in matching from ANZ

FINANCIAL WELLBEING<sup>1</sup> AFTER SAVER PLUS

Average financial wellbeing score before Saver Plus:

**36**

Average financial wellbeing score after Saver Plus:

**64**

Australia average financial wellbeing score<sup>1</sup>:

**59**

### Share Saver Plus with your community

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- Be studying yourself OR have a child in school
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For more information, refer interested participants to:



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# PBL Paddlepops

Congratulations to all the winners, who were lucky enough to receive the first PBL Paddlepops with Mrs McShane this fortnight.



**Dazzlers**



Teachers will be looking for students being **RESPECTFUL**, **RESPONSIBLE** and doing their **PERSONAL BEST** to receive *Dazzlers*.

RESPECT      RESPONSIBILITY      PERSONAL BEST





# Awards



Congratulations to all students that received awards in the past fortnight. The following students received a PBL merit award:

## **Novas**

Polina H, Cali R, Layla L, Sophia H, Evie H, Georgia H, Layla L

## **Galaxies**

Stella G, Campbell A, Lawson D, Emily B, Charlie V, Olivia S

## **Rockets**

Elliott M, Chloe C, Louis M, Aleina K, Sam R, Leo K

## **Satellites**

Meelah S, Elsa H, Neve H, Arlo B, Henry C, Charlie E

## **Comets**

Ben T, Kasadee H, Mabel E, Samuel C, Rainn B, Estelle K, Zavie A, Alexie S, Edward S

## **Meteors**

Zee D, Kealan G, Archie M, Harriet V, Bennett D, Zoe S

## **Astronauts**

Isabell M, Freja P, Baileah H, Ellie A, Isaac C, Dominic A

## **Cosmonauts**

Ruby Rose G, Georgia A, Juniper B, Payton W, Mia F, Sienna C, Maya N, Keely J

## **Titans**

Henry W, Jakob W

## **Milky Ways**

Brooklyn G, Charlotte C

## Positive Behaviour for Learning



# ENVIRONMENT NEWS

## Week 2 Term 4

### Tree Planting



Thanks to Mrs T who donated 12 bottlebrush and tea-tree tube stock plants. 4 students from the Cosmonauts, worked together to plant the natives along the fence line near the corner of Myall Rd and Progress Rd.

Hopefully they flourish and become a valuable addition to our pollinator's corridor.



## National Recycling Week 7-13 November 2022

Waste isn't waste until it is wasted is the theme of National Recycling Week this year.

What does this mean?

At GSPS, we have 4 coloured waste sorting bins and 1 rubbish bin system. Students can choose the 'green' bin for food scraps.

The 'blue' bin is Return and Earn, used for poppers, juice bottles, LOL cans and milk poppers. Please don't squash containers as the recycling machine can't read the barcode.

The 'red' bin is REDcycle, soft plastic cling wrap, sandwich bags and chip packets. Shake out all food contents into green bin first.

The 'yellow' bin is Co-mingled recycling, paper bags, foil scrunched into a ball, Orchy cups.

The rubbish bin is for all other waste, sauce sachets, cupcake papers, take away coffee cups, sushi soy sauce, moosie and zooper dooper ice block wrappers. If your rubbish is covered in food waste like sauce or pie, put it in the rubbish bin.

Classrooms, library and staffroom also have a fruit compost bucket and a paper recycling bin.

Many students bring a waste free lunch on 'Totally Trash free Tuesday' and some have a waste free lunch every day!

If we sort our rubbish correctly, it will not contaminate our recycling, ensuring only true waste goes to landfill.



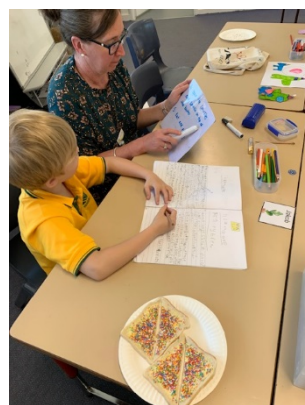
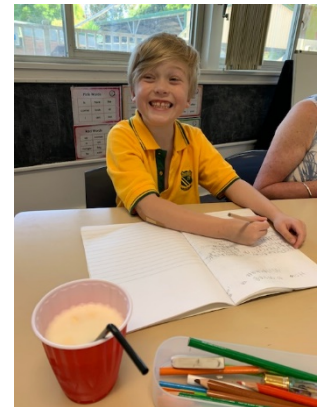
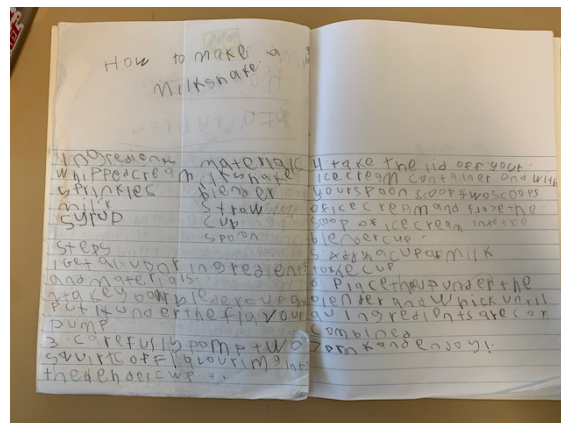
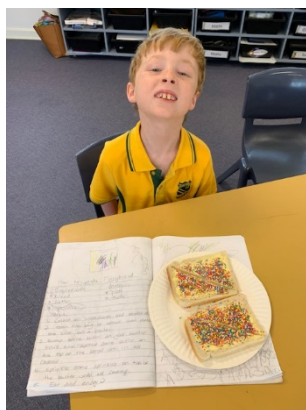
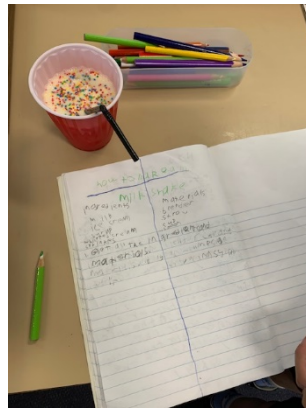
Mrs Brewer



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## Titans

The Titans are learning about procedures in writing this term. So far they have written and followed recipes for the most delicious fairy bread and milkshakes. The Titans have suggested many other procedures to try this term, including pancakes, cookies, toasted sandwiches and SLIME!

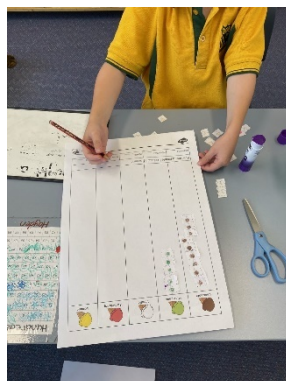
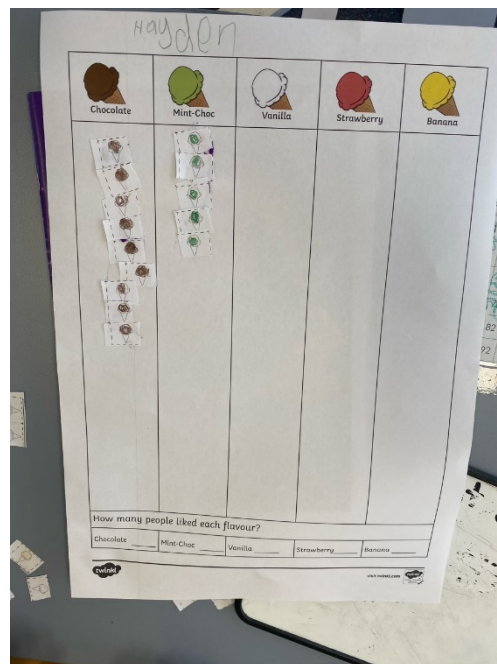


# CLASSROOM NEWS

## Calypso

This week the Calypso class have been busy learning about data and picture graphs. We surveyed some classes to ask what their favourite ice cream flavour was. Then we represented this information on a picture graph. Chocolate was the most popular!

We also had a small halloween celebration where we made sock pumpkins and enjoyed cupcakes. Very exciting!

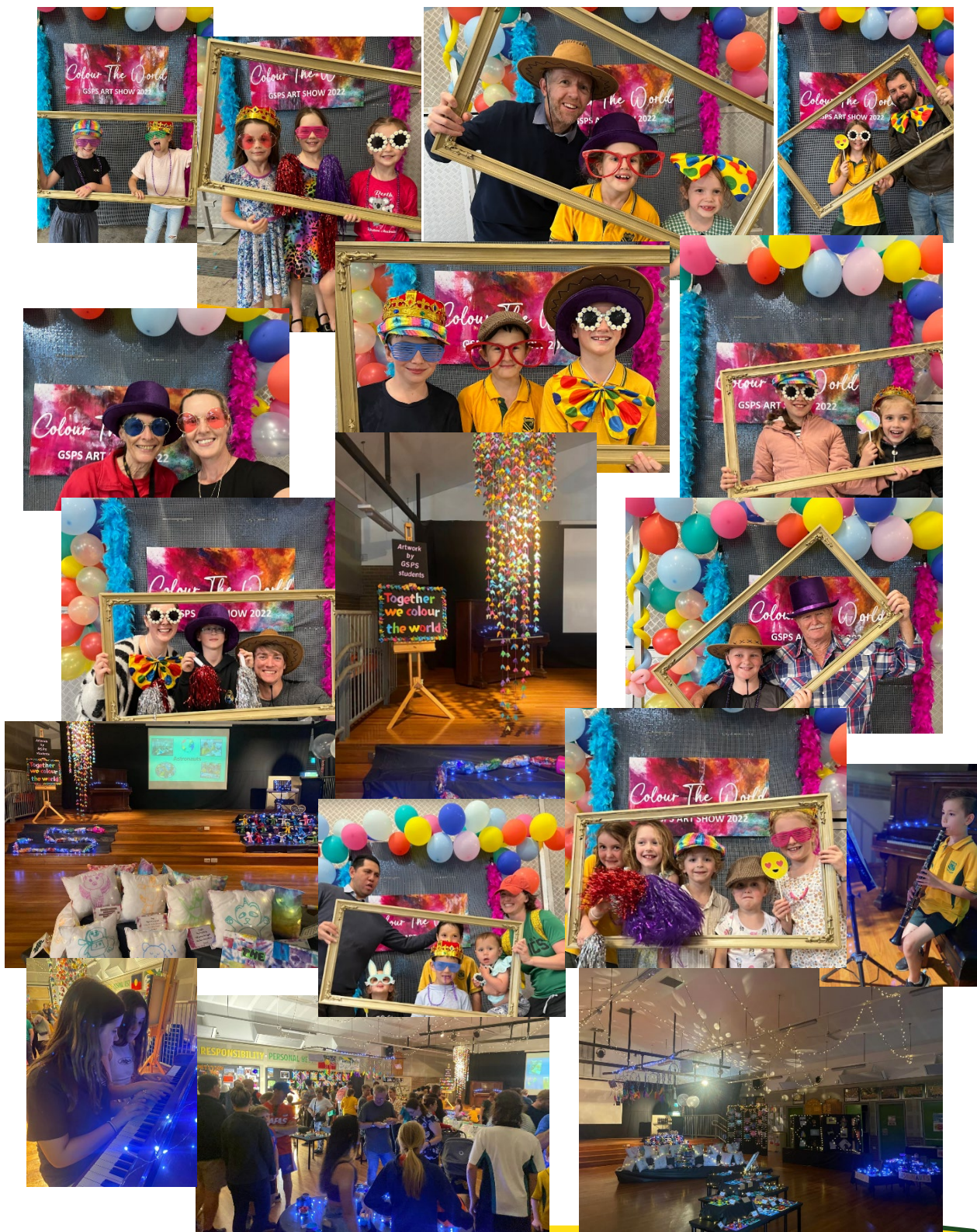




# What's been happening

## GSPS Art Show

GSPS put on a show! Students presented their art projects they have been working on at school to their families and special guests. We had signing and musical performances by our students. What a great night!





# What's been happening

## Photography Competition

Thank you for the enthusiasm and participation of the 46 entrants who took part in the photo competition. There were some very interesting subjects represented in some quite original ways.

The results of the community vote:

Number 29 - Edie H

Number 9 - Elliott M

Number 13 - Logan H

Student Vote:

Number 8 - Levi A

Number 5 - Nixon H

Congratulations to these students. We hope to have awards and prizes in the coming weeks.

Mrs McDermott & Mrs Dorahy

## World Teachers Day

Thank you to the P&C who organised a wonderful morning tea for our dedicated teachers last Friday for World Teacher's Day. We are so very lucky to have such an amazing team of teaching staff and thoughtful P&C.



## Book Club

We kindly ask that all orders for Book Club be made through LOOP. Book Club's online ordering platform.

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## Book Club LOOP

for Parents

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Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.  
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:  
[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

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# What's been happening

## Dunford Cup Football Winners!

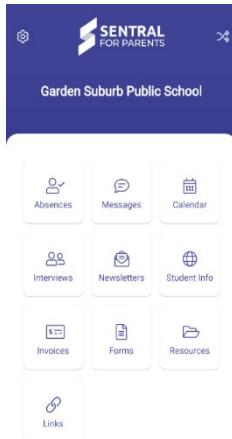
Students in our Junior Dunford Cup Football team with their trophy. Congratulations!



# COMMUNICATION

Please use the following forms of communication with the school to stay up to date

## Sentral Parent Portal App

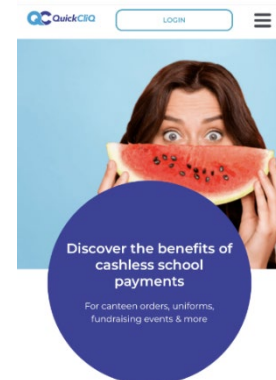


The school uses the Sentral Parent Portal app to communicate all school updates, newsletters, permission notes and fundraising opportunities with our parent community. Parents can also submit absence requests, check the school calendar for upcoming events and message the class teacher.

All new parents and carers to the school should have received a welcome email with instructions on how to register and your access key. If you don't have an access key, please let the office know. Parents can have multiple access keys for each parent to stay up to date on what's happening in the school.

## QuickCliq

Canteen and Uniforms orders can be purchased online through the website QuickCliq. Parents are encouraged to register an account, add their students details to the account and purchase credit through the website. For detailed instructions please see '[How to](#)' guide.



## Website

Information regarding the school's policies, planning, reporting, expectations, P&C and so much more can be found on our [website](#). All parent payments and enrolment applications are made online using the quick link tabs along the top of the home page.

## Facebook



The school has a Facebook page where you can find information on student successes, good news stories and community information. Our school Facebook page can be found by searching 'Garden Suburb Public School' on Facebook.

## NSW School Updates app

The NSW School Updates App has the ability for parents and carers with children in multiple schools to receive newsletters and updates within the same app and receive push notifications on their phones when newsletters and events are posted by the school. Information feeds are filtered by school year are customised for parents and carers and includes direct contact line details to the school.



# P&C



## Uniform Shop

Uniforms can be purchased through the QuickCliq system, or by returning a form to the school with cash or direct deposit details. Uniforms will be sent home with the selected student unless otherwise advised in the order.



GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C UNIFORM SHOP

## DID YOU KNOW ?



## The Uniform Shop sells...

Available Thursdays at School, on Quickcliq or enquire at the School Office  
PLUS CHECKOUT THE SECOND HAND OPTIONS - MOST ITEMS AVAILBLE FOR \$2!  
*Just a reminder our uniform includes Black Shoes and White Socks*

## Canteen News

We need more canteen helpers!

Please contact the office if you have any spare time to help.

# Community Notices



## Garden Suburb Jumping Jellybeans

Garden Suburb Jumping Jellybeans Playgroup is located right next to the school, within the Garden Suburb Community Hall (No. 2A Prospect Rd, Garden Suburb).

Jumping Jellybeans welcomes all parents and carers with children up to 6 years old. The newly renovated Hall has a large play area indoors with a kitchen, lots of toys and equipment to play with, and a small, grassed area used for outdoor play.

Playgroup is all about creative and unstructured learning through play, which is essential to children's development, as it helps them explore and understand their world. Sessions are lightly structured as informal gatherings where babies, toddlers and preschool-aged children along with their parents or carers come together in a relaxed and friendly environment to connect, play and learn.

We meet on Tuesdays during school term at 9:30am. Fees are \$40 for the term or \$5 per casual session.

Please send us an email before attending at [jumpingjellybeansplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:jumpingjellybeansplaygroup@gmail.com) or contact Catie on 0427 356 193 (SMS preferred).

# Good for kids

good for life



## Active for life

Did you know that only 1 in 4 children meet the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity per day?

It's important that physical activity be a regular part of family life. Here's some ideas to promote physical activity for life!

- Promote fun. The more you enjoy physical activity, the more likely you are to continue doing it.
- Make it part of your regular daily routine.
- Provide a safe environment and wear comfortable clothing.
- Provide easy access to active toys including balls, skipping ropes, etc.
- Be a role model. If you are being active, your children are likely to follow.
- Play and explore with your children. Get outdoors for a walk, play at the park or bike ride.



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