

# GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL

*A caring environment providing quality education*

## 2023 Student & Sport Leaders

The student and sport leaders for 2023 have been announced. They should all be proud of their determination and resilience when they were told of the successful candidates. We congratulate these students on their appointment and look forward to seeing them thrive in their new roles next year.

### Student Leaders

- Isaac C
- Ruby Rose G
- Amber G
- Edie H
- Fred W
- Maya W

### Sport Leaders

- Jed B
- Sienna C
- Miller D
- Edward M
- Brayden S
- Caitlin C
- Amber B

NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance matters

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



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Make friends



Build skills through fun



## 2023 Student Resources

To assist you with getting ready for 2022, we have compiled a list of equipment that your child will need for their class next year.

The school will provide workbooks and other items, however, these items will provide your child with the opportunity to develop a sense of ownership and responsibility of their own personal items.

### K-2 Students:

- 2 x glue sticks
- Coloured textas
- 4 x black whiteboard markers
- Eraser
- Headphones
- A library bag (this can be a calico bag or an old pillow case)

### Year 3-6 Students:

- 2 x glue sticks
- Lead pencils
- Red, black and blue pens
- Ruler
- Coloured textas
- 4 x black whiteboard markers
- Eraser
- Headphones
- A library bag (this can be a calico bag or an old pillow case)

### Stage 3 only

- Bring Your Own Device –BYOD specifications will be sent out to parents shortly
- Computer mouse

### Other classroom items for all K-6:

- Box of tissues
- Packet of baby wipes

Please note - whilst novelty items are fun for students, they can be an unnecessary distraction. Please try and provide plain items without gadgets and toys (e.g. animal rubbers, pens with fluffy ends, pencil cases with multiple zips etc).

These items are not required until next year and can be a great idea for stocking fillers or to purchase during the back-to-school sales.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Kind regards,

Miss Elle Cootes

K-2 Assistant Principal  
Principal

Miss Kayla Perry

3-6 Assistant Principal

Miss Kaylie Johnson

Support Unit Assistant

## **Share our Space**

Garden Suburb Public School will be open on weekends and public holidays only.

The outdoor facilities will be open on the following weekends and public holidays during the school holidays:

Saturday 24 December 2022 to Tuesday 27 December 2023

Saturday 31 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023

Saturday 7 January and Sunday 8 January 2023

Saturday 14 January and Sunday 15 January 2023

Saturday 21 January and Sunday 22 January 2023

The gate near the hall on Progress Place will be the only gate that can be used for entry and exit from the school grounds during this time. A sign indicates the information about Share Our Space at this gate.

For more information about Share Our Space, please visit the Share our Space website.

## **Parent Vouchers**

Dear parents and carers,

As we prepare for another year of learning in 2023, you can now apply for the Premier's Back to School NSW program, offering \$150 worth of vouchers (3 x \$50 vouchers) to help pay for school supplies like school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks and stationery

Every primary and secondary school student in NSW is eligible for the vouchers.

Please read the attached letter from the Premier about the program and the vouchers.

You can apply for and access your vouchers in your MyServiceNSW account, in the Service NSW app, by calling Service NSW on 137788 or by visiting your local Service Centre.

To be eligible, your child needs to be a NSW resident and enrolled in a NSW primary or secondary school in 2023.

A full list of businesses and further information can be found at:  
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-vouchers>

The P&C will be looking into the possibility of being able to accept these vouchers for uniform sales. Further information about this will be communicated to our families when the information is available. For more information, visit the Service NSW website.

Kind regards,

Victoria Sturman



Dominic Perrottet MP  
Premier of New South Wales



Dear Parents,

As the 2022 school year draws to a close, I wanted to thank you and all parents, students and teachers for your extraordinary efforts this year.

I also want to let you know about a new program that will ease pressure on household budgets by helping to pay for your children's school supplies at the start of the next school year.

**From 12 December 2022, NSW parents can access a \$150 Premier's Back to School NSW Voucher for each child in primary school, secondary school or home-schooling in 2023.**

Vouchers can go towards the cost of school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks, or stationery purchased from registered businesses. You can apply for the vouchers via the Service NSW app, and for more information, visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au), call 13 77 88 or attend a Service NSW Centre.

This new program is part of our plan to give families a more secure financial start to the year.

It has been fantastic to see so many students back in the classroom and thriving in 2022 after so many disruptions, and 2023 is shaping up to be an even bigger year for education in NSW.

We're rolling out a new, back-to-basics curriculum; making changes so students are even better prepared for employment and further education; doing more to recognise and reward our best teachers; and making it easier for parents to connect with your children's education.

It's all about taking those important steps to make NSW education the best it can be, so we can set up our children for future success.

Thank you again for all your efforts this year. I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer - and don't forget to download your Premier's Back to School NSW Voucher from 12 December.

Yours sincerely,

**Dominic Perrottet MP**  
Premier

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Coming Up

*Check the Sentral Parent Calendar*

### Week 10

Mugs Cup & Clap Out      Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Students Last day      Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December**

### Add these dates to your calendar

#### TERM 1 2023

#### Week 1

Yr 1 – 6 Students commence class      Tues 31<sup>st</sup> January

Kindergarten Best Start Assessments      Tues 31<sup>st</sup> – Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Kindergarten First Day & Photos      Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> February

#### Week 3

P&C Meeting      Mon 6<sup>th</sup> February

#### Week 4

Zone Swimming Carnival      Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> February

#### Week 7

P&C Meeting      Mon 6<sup>th</sup> March

#### Week 8

NAPLAN Testing Window Yr 3 & 5      15<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> March

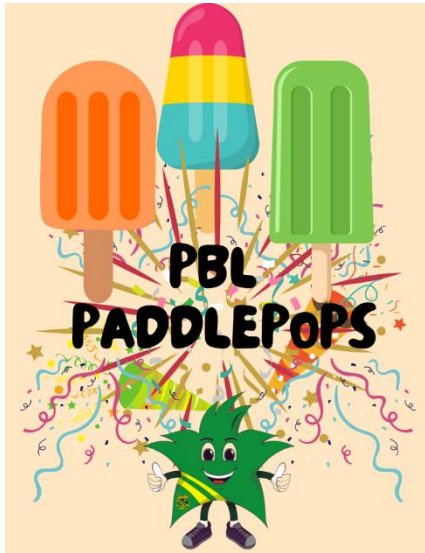
#### Week 11

School Photo Day      Tues 4<sup>th</sup> April

## Library returns

If you find any school library books at home please let the school know.





# PBL Paddlepops

Congratulations to all the winners, who were lucky enough to receive a PBL Paddlepop with Mrs Sturman this fortnight.



## Dazzlers



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

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

PERSONAL BEST

# CLASSROOM NEWS

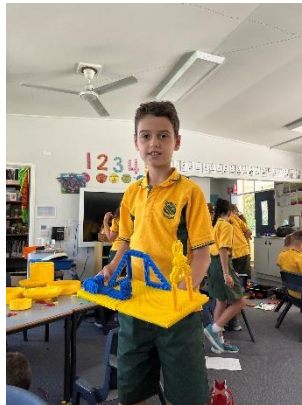
## Meteors

Working hard on our "All about me" websites.



## Comets

Christmas Lego construction in the Comets.



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## Rockets

The Rockets reflecting on their year.

### The best thing I did this year was:

Penny – Performing 'I can sing a rainbow.'

Louis – Doing number talks and division.

Sam – Having fun with my class and teacher.

Harrison – Writing on the topic 'Stranded'.

Mylee – Singing at the Christmas Carnival.

Anja – Going to the Swimming Carnival.

Zoey – Doing Heggerty Spelling.

Ella – Playing T-ball.

Leo – Speaking in the Speak off.

Chloe – Playing Kick Cricket.

Elliot G – Making new friends.

Coco – Doing Number Talks.

Alice – Having Miss Cootes as a teacher and hanging out with my friends.

Elliott M – Being in the Rockets class.

### I am proud of:

Zoey – I am proud of all of my work.

Harrison – I am proud of all I have achieved this year.

Leo – I am proud of how hard I worked this year.

Levi – I am proud of all of the goals I have achieved this year.

Aleina – I am proud of how good I have been this year.

Mylee – I am proud of my attendance.

Louis – I am proud to be a PBL ambassador.

Theo – I am proud of my great writing.

Elliot – I am proud of who I have become.

Kyah – I am proud of going to Zone for running.

### The best book I read this year was:

Ella – Yule Not Open This Book

Orlando – Billy Goats Gruff

Joey – Bin Chicken

Penny – The Cow Tripped Over The Moon

Sam – Marmalade the Orange Panda

Chloe – Tidy

Aleina – The Curious Garden

Savanna – The Shelter Puppy

Anja – Fitzy Fox

Olivia – Marmalade the Orange Panda



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## Galaxies



# What's been happening

## Stage 2 Sleepover

Our Yr 3 & 4 students had a great night sleeping over in the school hall on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. So much fun had by all!



## P&C Christmas Carnival

A great evening was put together by our dedicated P&C. It was lovely to see our community come together and enjoy the evening on our fabulous grounds.





## Presentation Day 2022

Thank you to our families for coming to Garden Suburb PS's presentation day last Tuesday. We would like to celebrate all of our amazing students that have worked hard and achieved their personal best in 2022.



## Yr 6 Farewell

The long awaited Year 6 Farewell was on Wednesday evening where the students were got to enjoy a disco, dinner and presentation from the teachers.



# What's been happening

## Thank you for your donation

Lake Mac Libraries Fab Lab made wooden painted letters for the Library which reads "NEW BOOKS". <https://library.lakemac.com.au/Explore/Fab-Lab>



## Book Club

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

**SCHOLASTIC**

## Book Club LOOP

for Parents

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club  
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)

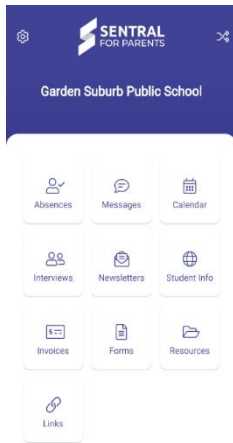
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# COMMUNICATION

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).

**GIRLS ONLY**  
**LEAGUE STARS**



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The League Stars program appeals to the true nature of kids, in all their messy, high energy, love of fun and play. During the holiday clinic your child will participate in specially designed games that get them smiling and sweating.

League Stars kids have loads of fun with their friends, old and new, but the program delivers so much more. The holiday clinics unlock more of their unique strengths, building physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that will help them take on challenges big and small, now and in the future.

**REGISTER FOR OUR HOLIDAY CLINICS AT**  
**LEAGUESTARS.COM**

**DATE:** Tuesday 24/01/2022  
**TIME:** 9:30 - 12:30pm  
**LENGTH:** One Session  
**AGE:** 5-12 years  
**COST:** Free of Charge

**YOUR LEAGUE STARS COACH IS:**

**WHERE:**  
St Johns Oval,  
8 Bula Street,  
Charlestown NSW 2290

Brianna Ritchie  
britchie@nrl.com.au  
0487 432 293



[LEAGUESTARS.COM](http://LEAGUESTARS.COM)



# GARDEN SUBURB

Fun, engaging & value for money

**Monday 19th**  
**Box City**

Have you ever dreamed of living in a world where everything was made from boxes?  
If so, then today is your day to make that dream reality. Come along and create our very own box city at OOSH with salons, schools, houses cars and more.  
Let's see how creative we can get.  
The afternoon is kids choice. You can run out your energy outside or relax and unwind inside.  
**Day Camp**

**Tuesday 20th**  
**Oakvale Farm**

We are venturing to a local attraction where we will be able to explore and get up close with a range of animals.  
Hand feed the farm animals, enjoy the animal talks and take a walk or train ride around the farm and enjoy seeing the animals in their habitats.  
Bring along your swimmers and a change of clothes to be able to enjoy the wet and wild fun in the splash bay.  
**Excursion**

**Wednesday 21st**  
**Paint & Sip - Xmas Edition**

Come along and become an artist for the day.  
Paint a beautiful Christmas inspired painting of your choice to take home while you sip on a delicious refreshing milkshake.  
Today isn't about being the fastest or best painter, it's about using your creative flare to create a unique masterpiece.  
**Incursion**

**Thursday 22nd**  
**Revolution**

Come along and join us for a PRIVATE closed session at Revolution.  
Enjoy the main arena with over 50 interconnected trampolines and an ICE BOX (foam pit) or find your way into the inflatable arena where you can tackle the obstacle course, go head to head on the battle beam or enjoy the slides.  
The kiddies arena and the climbing playground is also available for our fun and entertainment.  
**Excursion**

**Friday 23rd**  
**Magical Time of Year**

It's been another long year and one that we would like to end with a "BANG".  
Join us for a Christmas party with your OOSH friends.  
Enjoy some party snacks to fill up your tummy and play games and activities to get you into the Christmas spirit in a merry atmosphere.  
Finish off the day with a disco.  
**Day Camp**



Booking form to be completed to confirm your spot



**Monday 9th**  
**Wet & Wild Fun**

Bring a spare set of clothes for a fun filled water play day at OOSH.  
Play with reusable water bombs and water pistols and get wet and wild with your friends.  
Challenge the Educators in a water fight!  
Participate in a range of water games and art activities.  
**Day Camp**

**Tuesday 10th**  
**Merewether Beach**

What's summer without a trip to the beach.  
Come along and enjoy hours of fun at the beach.  
Build sandcastles on the shore of the baths, collect shells and explore the rock pools.  
Play a game of beach cricket in and out of the water while you cool off splashing around in the baths.  
**Excursion**

**Wednesday 11th**  
**Timezone**

Today is your opportunity to come to OOSH and jump on a coach to Timezone to enjoy unlimited arcade games with your friends.  
There is multiple games available to suit everyone's interests on the day.  
After having our technology time for the day, head back to OOSH for an afternoon of child lead play.  
**Excursion**

**Thursday 12th**  
**Movie Madness**

The time has come for us to escape the heat and head to the cinemas for a private viewing of ***Puss in Boots: The Last Wish***  
While you are there, kick up your feet in the recliner chairs and enjoy some fresh popcorn.  
If you would like to, feel free to dress up and get into character.  
Back at OOSH the Educators will provide craft, games and more.  
**Excursion**

**Friday 13th**  
**Bricks 4 Kids**

We have the wonderful people from Bricks 4 Kids joining us today for a Lego master class in the theme of Mining and Crafting (Inspired by MineCraft®.)  
If you haven't had enough of Lego by the time the Incursion is done, the OOSH Educators will have more Lego challenges on offer to keep your creativity alive.  
**Incursion**



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Fair Play OOSH Garden Suburb





# SUMMER Fun



**Monday 16th**

### Putt Putt

Today is Mega Putt Putt day and we have 36 holes to tackle at Newcastle Supa Putt.

Choose a group and make your way through all the course trying your best to get a hole in one.

Back at OOSH we will have a range of games available to continue working on your hand eye coordination and target practice.

**Excursion**

**Tuesday 17th**

### 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 that is sure to amaze you all.

Watch the horizon and look out over the beautiful blue water and spot every dolphin that surfaces to say hello.

Enjoy a packed lunch in the park before we head back to OOSH.

**Excursion**

**Wednesday 18th**

### Sweet Valley Petting Zoo

Today is for all the animal lovers amongst us.

Sweet Valley Farm are visiting us and allowing us to get up close and personal with some tiny farm animals. You will be able to pat and cuddle a piglet, goats, baby lambs, guinea pigs, chickens, ducks and more.

Spend the afternoon creating your own farm using the craft materials available.

**Incursion**

**Thursday 19th**

### Sydney Aquarium

Today is an excursion not to be missed. This is a never been done before opportunity to visit Sydney and have a tour of the Aquarium.

Early start and late finish but the memories and fun in between will be well worth the trip. There is nothing like this locally and we are giving you a chance to experience it with your OOSH Educators.

**Limited Spots Available**

*\*Additional Cost but still Subsidised by CCS\**

**Excursion**

**Friday 20th**

### Hunter Sports Centre

Come to OOSH and go on an adventure to Hunter Sports Centre where you can jump, flip, balance and tumble through the rotations. Learn basic gymnastic skills from trained coaches in the Olympic sized gymnastic centre.

Come back to OOSH and spend the afternoon enjoying our outdoor space for a fun filled child lead afternoon.

**Excursion**



## GARDEN SUBURB



**Monday 23rd**

### Wacky Water Play

It's summer and the perfect opportunity to have endless water fun.

The OOSH Educators will have a range of activities available to cool you off and keep you entertained, make sure you wear sun safe clothing and get ready to get "Wet".

We will also provide you with a range of activities and art and craft that involve water to top off the day.

**Day Camp**

**Tuesday 24th**

### Fighter World

Today we will head to Fighter World and have a tour of preserved Royal Australian Air Force history.

We will be able to walk around, touch and look into the cockpits of famous aircrafts.

Around every corner you'll find many things to see and discover.

It will be a day to experience.

**Excursion**

**Wednesday 25th**

### Dullboy's

Today is your opportunity to come to OOSH and jump on a coach to Dullboy's.

Enjoy a game of ten pin bowling and see how many strikes you can get.

Venture into the arcade area and enjoy half an hour of unlimited games to get your technology fix in for the day.

Come back to OOSH and run out your energy on the field with your friends.

**Excursion**

**Thursday 26th**



**Friday 27th**

### 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 of laser tag to play.

Head back to OOSH and take part in more activities to test your target skills as well as working on hand eye coordination.

**Excursion**

**Monday 30th**

### Fun with Friends

Come to OOSH today and have a whole lot of fun with your friends, new and old.

Create friendship bracelets, make cards for each other and build lasting friendship to take with you into 2023.

**Day Camp**



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**CARDIFF HAWKS**  
**LAKE MACQUARIE DOCKERS**  
**MAITLAND SAINTS**  
**MUSWELLBROOK CATS**  
**NELSON BAY MARLINS**  
**NEWCASTLE CITY BLUES**  
**PORT STEPHENS POWER**  
**SINGLETON ROOSTERS**  
**WALLSEND WEST NEWCASTLE SWANS**  
**WARNERS BAY BULLDOGS**



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SPRING COMPETITION