

# GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL

*A caring environment providing quality education*

## **Principal Award**



Congratulations Charlotte!

Charlotte has demonstrated an outstanding positive attitude across all school settings, consistently following the school rules and PBL values. In class she continually challenges herself to participate in challenging work and shows resilience and persistence to complete activities to the best of her ability.

## **Welcome to Week 4 of Term 2**

I would like to thank our wonderful and supportive P&C who have donated \$12,000 to the school this week. It was also great to see some new members at the meeting last Monday night.

The money will be used to purchase a new smartboard for the library, sport team uniforms, sporting equipment for students to use at breaktimes and for class sport programs and to purchase a new portable PA sound system.

This Saturday, the P&C are holding a BBQ and cake stall at the hall during the election voting day. Please come along and support the P&C by buying a sausage sizzle or a cake. If you are able to volunteer some time to help out, please use this [link](#).

Thank you to Mrs Traynor who has coordinated the after-school sports program this term. Mrs Traynor applied for a grant last year which has allowed the school to offer the program at no cost to our families. Students have been enjoying orienteering on Tuesday afternoons and in the coming weeks students will be participating in basketball and volleyball.

Next week our 5/6 Premiers Debating Team are participating in a debate against Telarah PS. I wish them all the best for the first round of this competition.

Please continue to keep an eye out for parent information on the Sentral Parent Portal as this is the main form of communication between the school and parents.

Regards  
Victoria Sturman  
Relieving Principal

## Introducing SMS messaging

We will be moving into the next stage of implementing the benefits of the Sentral Parent Portal.

Starting in Week 6, from the 30<sup>th</sup> of May the school will send parents an SMS message if your child is recorded as absent from school. This will eventually replace the school calling busy parents starting Term 3. Until the end of the term you will receive an SMS and if no response has been recorded the office will also be calling parents to follow up.

The primary contact will receive the message the morning of the absence between 9.30am to 10am. Please ensure your contact details are up to date.

You can simply reply to the text message with a reason for the absence.

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## Why attendance matters

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



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

[education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au)



## Birthday Treats

There have been a number of parents requesting to bring in a treat for the class to celebrate their child's birthday.

If you are wanting to send in something for your child to share with the class, we ask that you contact your child's teacher with the request at least the day prior to provide time for the teacher to contact parents of students with allergies to specific foods.

All items must have a list of ingredients attached, as we have several students with food allergies.

Suggested items that are easy to share with the class include:

Individual Cupcakes. Please do not send in cakes that need to be cut.

Share packets of chocolates, eg Freddo Frogs, M&Ms, Smarties.

Share packets of lollies.

Please note that we do not have room for items that need to be refrigerated or frozen and cannot heat items.

If you do not want your child to share any food items that are brought in by other students to celebrate birthdays, please let your child's teacher know.

## Lost property

The weather is beginning to cool down and many students are wearing jumpers and jackets to school, but unfortunately we have noticed many without names in lost property. To ensure that all clothing can be returned, we kindly ask that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name (first name, last initial).

Thank you for your support with this.

## Bookclub

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



**Book Club LOOP**  
The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

**Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?**  
**LOOP** is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

**BONUS!**

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!

**SCHOLASTIC**

The banner features a blue header with the 'Book Club LOOP' logo and a red circular seal that says 'More Kids Reading More'. Below the header, the text is white and black on a blue background. At the bottom, there is an illustration of two children reading books and the Scholastic logo.

## Coming Up

Check the *Sentral Parent Calendar*

### Week 4

Walk Safely to School Day      Fri 20<sup>th</sup>  
May

### Week 5

Premier's Debating Challenge      Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>  
May

Us v's Teralba

Girls Football (Soccer) Gala Day      Tues 24<sup>th</sup>  
May

50 nights of home reading – Morning Tea with the Principal – invite only      Tues 24<sup>th</sup>  
May

Water Safety Talk      Wed 25<sup>th</sup>  
May

National Sorry Day      Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>  
May

### Week 6

Star Struck Rehearsal      Wed 1<sup>st</sup>  
June

Dunford Cup Netball      Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>  
June

Assembly Parents Welcome      Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>  
June 2.25 – 2.55pm

Dunford Cup Football      Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>  
June

World Environment Day      Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>  
June

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Female Football Gala Day

Girls Northern NSW Football (Soccer) Gala Day for the Stage 2/3 Girls will be held next Tuesday at the Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility, Speers Point.

## Morning Tea with Mrs Sturman

If your child has received an invitation to have morning tea with Mrs Sturman for 50 nights of home reading, the morning tea has now been postponed to Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May in Week 5. It will be wonderful to congratulate these students with some yummy treats.

## Dunford Cup

Stage 2 and 3 Soccer and Netball Dunford Cup Gala days are coming up.

Soccer is at Stevenson Park, Mayfield West

Netball is at Cardiff Netball courts, Cardiff

If you haven't already please return the permission notes if your child is interested in attending.

## Specialty Photos

Sport House Captains and School Captain photos can now be ordered through [Newcastle School Portraits](#). Click on 'Order' on the home screen then scroll down to 'Specialty photo orders'.

The school's unique code is:

**68392BF**

This code is case sensitive

It will then ask you for a Password. Enter the unique code again.

## Sport Report

On Tuesday next week 15 girls in Stage 2 and 3 will be attending the Northern NSW Female Football Gala Day. We wish them good luck.

Next week Mrs Couch, Miss Perry and Mrs Traynor will catch up with our Dunford Cup Netball and Soccer teams to look at positions and start getting them ready for the first Gala days which are in the first week of June. If you haven't already, please return the permission notes for this ASAP.

Congratulations to Molly and Payton for representing the zone at Hunter Football trials this week.

The school Athletics Carnival is coming up on the 14th of June.

### Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who competed at the Zone Cross Country on Friday 6th May. The sun was shining and it was a wonderful day. Our student representatives displayed outstanding behaviour and all gave their personal best for their race. Three students will compete at the Hunter Cross Country at Tocal on Friday 17th June. We wish Liam M, Elijah S and Nixon H all the best for this carnival.

We would like to give a special mention to two students who showed amazing care and sportsmanship for other competitors. Both Miller D and Hugo S stopped during their race to help students who had fallen over. Miller also walked with the injured student and helped him cross the finish line despite losing final placings. This great act of sportsmanship is what makes a great athlete. Well done boys, we are very proud of you both!

Ms Pitts





# Awards



Congratulations to all students that received awards in the past fortnight.

## Novas

The following students received a PBL merit award: Georgia H, Caleb F, Maggie W, Isabella D, Levi M, Patrick M, Elise P, Lucy C, Evie H, Leo B, Ali Q, Sammy K

## Rockets

The following students received a PBL merit award: Kyah M, Coco C, Joey C, Amelia H, Jett A, Chloe C

## Astronauts

The following students received a PBL merit award: Indiana H, Lochlann C, Kayla M, Logan H, Brayden S

## Satellites

The following students received a PBL merit award: Dominic H, Danny Z, Xander P, Ava H, Yuna K, Henry C

## Galaxies

The following students received a PBL merit award: Everly H, Navarna G, Campbell A, Stella G, Axel M, Logan W, Layla M, Avoca L, Lawson D, Nina B

# Positive Behaviour for Learning

**GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL**

<b>RESPECT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speak politely</li><li>• Be kind</li><li>• Allow others to play and learn</li></ul>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be prepared and ready to learn</li><li>• Care for the school</li></ul>	<b>PERSONAL BEST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dress with pride</li><li>• Try your best at all times</li></ul>
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# ENVIRONMENT NEWS



After all the rain and the past beautiful warm days, our school grounds are looking fabulous. The Cosmonauts sampled mandarins off our fruit trees. Mrs McDermott gave them the thumbs up too!

New winter vegetables have been planted in the garden. Hopefully we will have a crop of cauliflower, broccoli, silver beet and Asian greens.

Our pollinators garden has settled in and is thriving. New flowers are appearing and inviting bees and other pollinators.

This Friday, 20th May, is Walk Safely to School Day and World Bee Day. If you have the opportunity walk with your child or children to school, take a look in the neighbourhood gardens and admire the beautiful autumnal foliage and flowers, see if you can spot any pollinators at work!

Happy gardening

Julie Brewer





## Wonder Recycling Rewards program

The school is still collecting any brand soft plastic bag that contains bread or a bread product in the blue bin outside the office foyer. Thank you to those who have already contributed.



### Premier's Sporting Challenge

In Term 2 and 3 2022 all students across our K-6 and support unit classes along with staff will be participating in the **Premier's Sporting Challenge**. The NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge aims to promote increased participation in sport and physical activity, leading to healthier, more active lifestyles. The motto is to get **'more students and staff more active, more often'**.

There are two challenges that we will take part in this year:

- 10 Week Challenge (10WC) - students and staff record and track their physical activity over a 10 week period as they aim to be more active, more often. This will begin next term.
- Race Around Australia (RAA) - a virtual physical activity challenge where schools, teams and participants race alongside each other around the coast of Australia. This challenge will take place in Term 3.

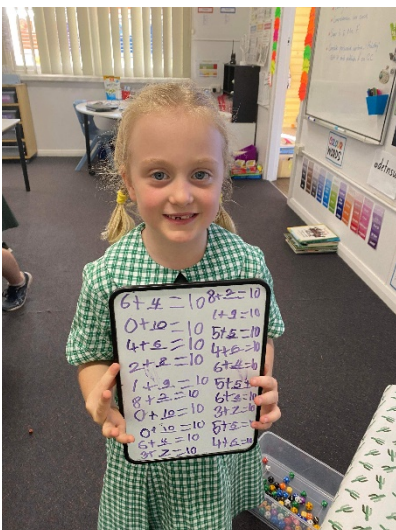
We look forward to sharing our results with our community as we strive to activ8 our lifestyles and earn rewards for sporting equipment for our school.

Ms Pitts

# CLASSROOM NEWS

The Astronauts reading to and 'teaching' the Galaxies number bonds to 10.

## Astronauts



# What's been happening

## Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Team Challenge

On 6th May our school was selected to participate in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Team Challenge. This involved 4 of our Stage 3 students competing against other local schools in a quest to correctly answer as many mathematical questions as possible. Our team consisted of Dominic A, Isaac C, Mia F and Lochlan C and they worked amazingly well together to solve very tricky mathematical problems. They all definitely had a sweaty brain by the end of the competition!

## NAPLAN

A big congratulations to all of our Year 3 and Year 5 students who have completed the NAPLAN assessments both this week and last week. We are very proud of the effort and focus displayed by all students during the assessment window.

A promotional poster for the 'Star Struck Iconic 2022' event. The word 'ICONIC' is written in large, stylized, multi-lined letters. Below it, 'star struck' is in a sans-serif font with a star icon, followed by '2022' and 'Celebrating 30 years' in a cursive script. The text 'Tickets are on sale Monday 2 May 2022 at 10 am' is in bold. At the bottom, there is a 'Pricing 2022' section with a list of ticket types and prices.

**ICONIC**  
star struck  2022 *Celebrating 30 years*

**Tickets are on sale Monday 2 May 2022 at 10 am**

Tickets for Star Struck Iconic 2022 can be purchased through Ticketek online only.  
<http://premier.ticketek.com.au/>  
*Please note there is no longer a box office at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre or a direct number.*

**Pricing 2022**  
VIP seating - \$55.95  
A reserve - \$51.95  
B Reserve - \$39.95  
Concession (Available in A and B reserve sections only) - \$39.95

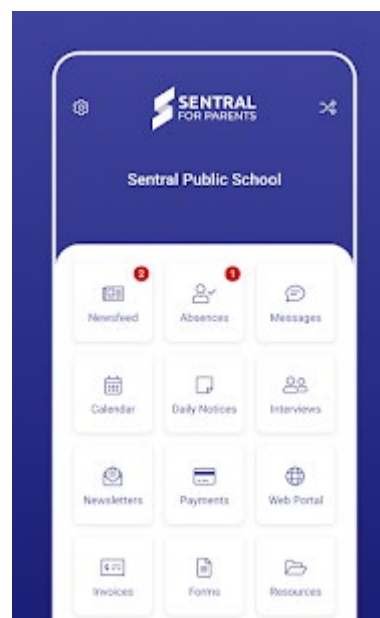
# COMMUNICATION

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. Please download this app if you haven't done so already.

All new parents and carers to the school should have received a welcome letter 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.

## 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.

# SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

## Upgrade to Parent Online Payments (POP) facility

The upgraded POP page replaces the old Westpac page. It's accessible from the school's website and allows parents and carers to make online payments anywhere and anytime.

Enhancements include:

- A quick and simpler user interface;
- Mobile-friendly experience – making it easier to pay via phone or tablet (as well as from a desktop computer); and
- Multilingual support which enables them to use POP in their preferred language.

**A new online payment page is now live on our school website!**

Access from a mobile, tablet or PC and in a language of your choice.



## Early pick-ups & Late drop offs

Leaving Early- please notify the office to advise of the early leave.

A reason for the early departure needs to be recorded and the office will organise for the student to be collected.

Please give the office plenty of time to organise your child's pick-up as it can take some time to get them ready if it's during lunch, recess, sport or assembly. You can organise the early pickups in advance if you have booked an appointment. If it is a regular appointment, the school may request a doctor's certificate or letter from the service provider.

Late Arrival – please call the office or come into the office to explain the reason for the late arrival.

Students entering the school late without a parent explanation will be marked with an unexplained late absence.



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# 2022 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Artwork by Stephen Michael King

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)



**Key dates  
for students  
in K-10:**

**Challenge opens**  
Monday 28 February

**Challenge closes for  
student entries**  
Friday 19 August



# P&C



## Uniform Shop

- Open - Thursday afternoons 3.10pm to 3.30pm to try on sizes.
- Order through QuickCliq - orders will be sent home with the students on Fridays.
- Second-hand uniforms \$2 per item or \$5 for tunics.



## CANTEEN ROSTER



<b>Week 5</b>	Wednesday 25/5 Alex	Thursday 26/5 Alex	Friday 27/5 Alex, Karra <b>*HELP NEEDED*</b>
	Wednesday 1/6 Alex	Thursday 2/6 Alex	Friday 3/6 Alex & Karra <b>*HELP NEEDED*</b>



Fair Play OOSH are committed to diversity and social inclusion: this includes Indigenous Australians, people who identify as LGBTQIA+, people with a disability and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.



Together we "Look, do, tell" and prevent, identify and respond to child abuse, neglect and harm.

All children are empowered to *feel safe and be safe* at Fair Play OOSH, in their families and in their community.

We support educators, families, volunteers, communities and children to *speak up and take action*.

We are a Child Safe Service.



# Good for kids

good for life



## Screen-free Saturday

Challenge your family to dedicate one day a week to turning off screens. Reducing screen time will give your kids more time to play and connect as a family.

### Tips

- Decide what 'screen free' will mean for your family.
- Be a role model for your kids – commit to the challenge too.
- Plan some screen-free activities to do together.
- Let your kids come up with their own ideas – start a new tradition.



Developed by Hunter New England LHD

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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



# Wushka Digital Readers

## 1

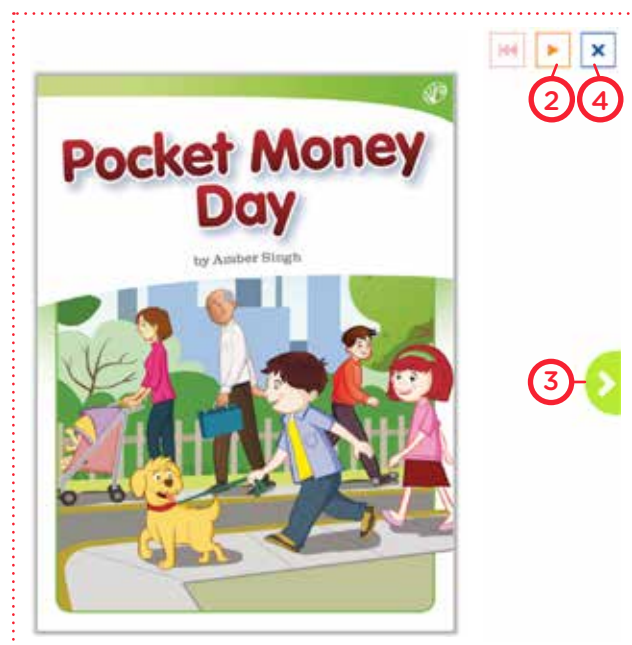
### How To Use Wushka

- Head to **www.wushka.com.au** and log in using your child's login details provided by their school (if you don't have these, please contact your child's teacher).
- Click on the **Reading Box** and choose one of the levelled readers that has been allocated to your child, then click on the cover.
- Press the **white play icon (1)** on the cover of the reader.
- When the reader has loaded, press the **orange play icon (2)** in the top right corner of the page to start reading.



- If your child's teacher has selected to turn on the narration function for that reader, the audio narration will start and the pages will turn automatically.

- To turn the pages at your own pace, use the **green arrows (3)** to click through.
- If you turn the pages manually, you will need to press the **orange play icon (2)** in the top right corner of the page each time to start the audio for that page.
- When you have finished the reader, click the **blue cross (4)** at the top right corner of the page to close the book (this will then register that the book has been completed.)



## 2

### Tips for Home Reading

#### Before Reading

- It's important to get your child into the right frame of mind for a successful reading session. Try to find somewhere **quiet** and **comfortable** that is away from distractions. This will not only improve your child's concentration and the quality of their reading, but will also help to develop a positive association with reading as a method of relaxation.

- Before you start reading, ask your child to think of **one question** about the reading material based on the subject matter, their existing knowledge or what they can see on the front cover. You can then go back to this question once you have finished reading and try to answer it.

### **During Reading**

- During reading, use **positive** and **encouraging language** to support your child. If your child makes a mistake when reading, allow them to continue to the end of the sentence without interrupting them. Then, go back to the mispronounced word and ask, 'What's that word?'
- Be patient, and allow your child time to self-correct if they have made a mistake. Avoid using negative statements such as, 'That's wrong.'  
If you are reading a story with dialogue, you could encourage your child to **use different voices**, or take it in turns to read the dialogue of different characters in voices. This will make your reading session more enjoyable and engaging, and your child will enjoy your participation.

### **After Reading**

- After reading, **encourage reflection** on what you've just read by asking questions such as, 'Did you enjoy the book? Why/why not? Who was your favourite character? What was your favourite part? Did you learn any new words/information from this book? Does it remind you of anything else you have read or seen? Would you like to read more books like this?'
- Above all, **have fun!** Happy reading!

## **3**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

- **I've forgotten/lost my child's login details. How can I retrieve them?**

Your child's teacher will be able to help with this. The teachers and Wushka Product Coordinator at your child's school are the only ones who are able to retrieve or reset your child's login details.

- **My child has completed all of the readers in their dashboard. How can we access more readers?**

Your child's teacher is the only one who can allocate readers to your child's account so you can contact them to let them know that you are ready for more books. They are also the ones who decide whether or not to turn on the audio narration and comprehension quiz functions for each reader.

- **My child completed one of the readers, but it is not showing up in their Reading Record. Why is this?**

Each time your child finishes a reader, make sure that they click the blue cross in the top right corner of the page to close the book. If they simply exit the web browser or close the Wushka page, it will not register that the reader has been completed and therefore not be captured in their Reading Record.

Bring along  
some cash \$\$

# ELECTION DAY BBQ AND CAKE STALL



Bacon & Egg Roll \$5  
Sausage Sizzle + Drink Combo \$5  
Coffee & Cakes Galore!



Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
From 8:00am

Garden Suburb Public School

2A Prospect Rd, Garden Suburb NSW 2289



RAISING FUNDS FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS