

GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL

A caring environment providing quality education

Carpark Works

The long-awaited works on the front area of the school and the carpark will begin on Monday 19th September 2022.

The works include removing the asphalt from in front of the office block, laying turf and adding a ramp to access the front office. The staff carpark will be undergoing works during the school holiday period.

All work is expected to be completed by the first day back of Term 4.

From Monday 19th September, the front gate on Prospect Road will not be able to be used until next term.

Staff will be on duty in the morning and afternoon outside the school gates to help with student drop off and collection.

We appreciate your understanding of this and your awareness of having more students using the side gate than normal when driving in the school zone area.

Morning entry to the school

Students will need to enter the school grounds in the morning using the side gate on Progress Place (near the hall). No students, except our support class students, are to enter through the carpark gates in the morning.

To avoid traffic congestion in Progress Place, we would request that if you usually drop off your child at the front of the school, continue to do this. Staff will supervise outside fence from 8:40am and direct students to the side gate on Progress Place once they have crossed the road using the school crossing.

Afternoon exiting the school

In the afternoon, students who usually leave through the front gate on Prospect Road, will be able to leave through the staff car park gate to meet parents outside the school fence.

Alternatively, you can arrange to meet your child at the side gate on Progress Place, however please make sure your child is aware of this change if they normally meet outside the front of the school.

Support unit students will continue to meet the support unit staff at the front of the school in the mornings and will use the carpark gate to enter the school with the staff.

In the afternoon, staff will walk the support unit students out to their usual meeting place.

Attending the office during the school day

If you need to come into the office during the school day, please enter via the staff carpark gate. The gate will be closed but not locked. There will be information on the gate so you can open it and there will be signs to help you get to the office.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause and are looking forward to having the works completed.

Regards

Victoria Sturman

Relieving Principal



Share Our Space - GSPS

We are open on weekends and public holidays only as our school has a vacation care.

The outdoor facilities at our school will be available to use from 8 am to 5 pm on weekends and public holidays only as part of Share Our Space.

Please visit edu.nsw.link/ShareOurSpace to find out which one of our gates will be open before you visit.

We're also keen to know what you think about using our school during the holidays through our [online feedback form](#).



2023 classes

We are starting to plan classes for 2023. If you intend on moving before the start of the 2023 please advise the office via email before the end of Term 3 to assist with reviewing and grouping our 2023 classes.

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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for Parents

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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



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



=

3 days



30 mins
per day



=

18 days



**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**

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Coming Up

Check the *Sentral Parent Calendar*

Sensory and School Disco	Wednesday 23 rd September 4:45pm – 7:30pm
National Day of Mourning – Public Holiday	Thurs 22 nd September
Last day of term 3	Fri 23 rd September
Term 4	
Week 1	
First day of Term 4	Mon 10 th October
Swim School Scheme	10.10.22 – 21.10.22
Assembly	Thurs 13 th October
Week 2	
GSPS Art Show & photography competition	Thurs 20 th October
Week 3	
P&C Meeting	Mon 24 th October
2023 Kindergarten Orientation Session 3	Wed 26 th October
Assembly	Thurs 27 th October
Week 5	
2023 Kindergarten Orientation Session 4 - Teddy Bears Picnic	Wed 9 th November
Assembly	Thurs 10 th November
Week 6	
Reading cards Morning Tea	Tues 15 th November
P&C Bunnings	Sun 20 th

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Dunford Cup Finals

The Dunford Cup Football Finals have been postponed until term 4 due to wet grounds. Parents will be advised of the new date as soon as possible.

End of Term 3

This has been an eventful term and we hope our families enjoy some rest time during this upcoming holiday period.

We hope you all have an enjoyable break.

See you next Term



DISCO
NIGHT PARTY

Students who have sensory needs are welcome to attend the disco with lower music and fewer students from 4:45 -5:20pm

P&E
school
disco

FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY

Wednesday 21st September
5.30pm - 7.30pm

GSPS HALL

**BRING YOUR DOLLARS
AND YOUR DANCING SHOES!!**

Music & Games
Sausage Sizzle
Lollies, Chips and Drinks

Parents/carers to stay for duration



GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL

ART SHOW

Thursday 20th October

4PM-6PM

Artworks \$10

Gold Coin Entry

Photography Competition

Music Performances

P&C Cake Stall





The Photography Competition is now open!!

- This is a competition for **GSPS students** only.
- Students and parents must verify that it is the student's own work.
- Digitally altered images are permitted but must be declared as such.

- Suggestions:
Colour my world
 Nature: flowers, animals, sunsets
 Landscapes: seashore, mountains, scenery
NO humans

- Entry fee is \$5 per entry OR \$10 per family
- Entries to be printed on A4
- **Entries close Thursday 13/10/22**
 - Prizes to be announced
 - Presented at a future assembly

- Cash payments only
- Entry with photo and cash money *directly to the office* – not the classroom teacher.
- There are *no facilities for online payment* for this competition.

Commercial printing is recommended and preferred
Look for special; among the big retailers;

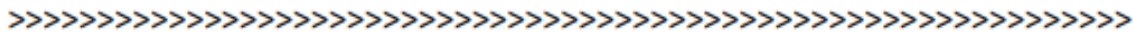


Photo Competition Entry – attach to back of photo

Name _____ Class _____

Name of photo _____

This is my own work. It has / has not been digitally altered.

Signed _____ Parent _____

I have enclosed \$5 / \$10 entry fee.

Awabakal Word of the Week

Term 4 Week 1-2

stand-ngurakila



stand!

ngurakila





ngu ra ki la

ngurakila



Are you eligible to join Saver Plus & receive \$500 for your back to school costs?

Must meet all eligibility criteria:

-  Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*
-  Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
-  Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
-  Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible


saverplus



Share the Dignity #itsinthebag

We are asking for support from our students and the community to help Caitlin C from the Astronauts to collect handbags and essential items to help young women/adults in need. Donations of pre-loved good condition bags, handbags and backpacks.

New everyday personal care products from the list below:

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Body wash or soap
- Roll on deodorant
- Sealed packet of pads &/or tampons



All items included in the bag must be new and in sealed packaging for health and safety reasons.

Place these items in the boxes that will be in the front office from Term 4. Students will receive a dazzler for any donations.

Caitlin is aiming to collect 40 bags to be donated to those women in need at Christmas time for a Christmas gift.

All donations need to be collected by 1st November 2022.

We love that Caitlin has taken the initiative to organise this donation for such a wonderful charity helping women who do it tough.

Dazzlers



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

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

PERSONAL BEST



Milkshake Monday

Congratulations to all the winners, who were lucky enough to share a milkshake with Mrs Sturman this fortnight.



Coming up in Term 4...





Awards



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

Novas

Sammy K, Maggie W, Ari B, Angie S, Emily L, Angie S, Hayley P, Emily L

Rockets

Chloe C, Jett A, Orlando H, Elliot G, Coco C, Olivia W, Theo W, Ella B

Satellites

Tyrell H, Joshua K, Dominic H, Yuna K

Titans

Henry W

Astronauts

Travis R, Phoebe L, Brayden S, Indianna H

Positive Behaviour for Learning

GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

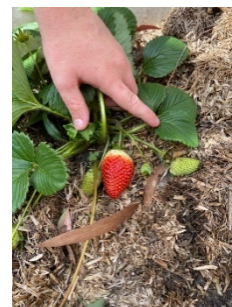
Week 10 Term 3



Spring has arrived at GSPS. Flowers are blooming and our gardens are a buzz of activity! Students are keen to help water and weed the vegetable garden. The strawberries are starting to ripen, and the fruit trees are covered in blossoms.



The Rockets went for a walk around the school grounds to discover our vast biodiversity. They found fungi growing on a tree stump, bees in the vegetable and pollinator's garden as well as a



variety of different species of grass and birds. The native bees that have lived in a stump for years were active around the entrance. We discussed nocturnal species that live in our school but are not usually sighted during our school day.

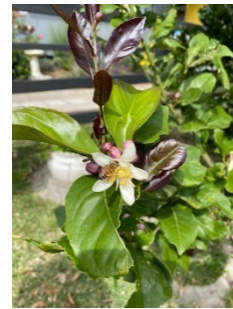
This Saturday 24th September is the Lake Macquarie City Living Smart Festival held at Speers Point between 9.00-2.00pm. GSPS have entered in the School Garden Bed competition again. To vote for our school come along to



Speers Point. Costa from Gardening Australia will be judging Best in Show (\$1000 prize) between 12.30-1.30pm and will be talking to students. Costa will announce the winners between 1.30-2pm on the main stage.

Enjoy the spring school holidays!

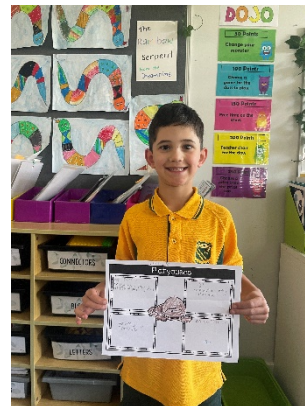
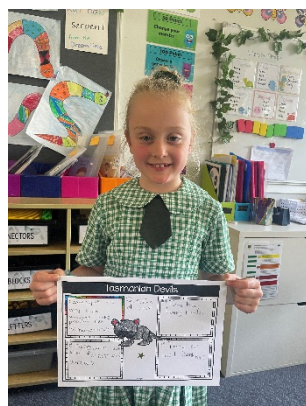
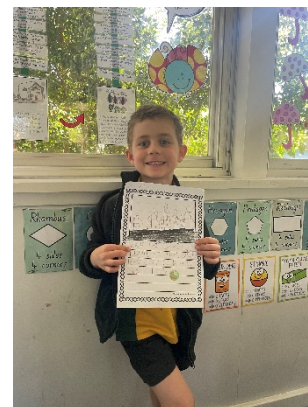
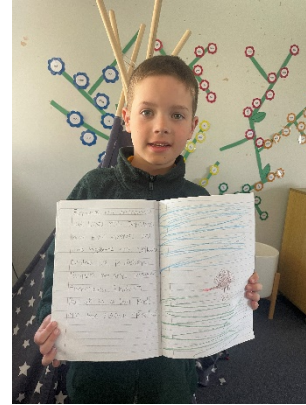
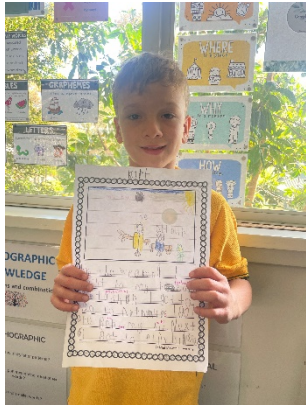
Julie Brewer



CLASSROOM NEWS

Galaxies

The K/1 Galaxies have been working hard on their writing. They are smashing their weekend recounts, starting to add more detail and time connectives to their work. They have also enjoyed learning all about Australian Animals and putting them into templates to write information reports into their books. Maybe you could ask us a fun fact that we have learned about some of the animals! Here is some examples of what we have been getting up to this term.



CLASSROOM NEWS

Astronauts

The Astronauts have been very busy using their devices to research information for and compose informative texts on a variety of topics. We have linked our learning on informative texts to our Science unit on plant and animal adaptations.



In Maths we have been investigating volume and capacity. We have used unifix blocks to create many different 3D objects and determine their volume based on their length, width and height.



What's been happening

PBL Magic Show

Joel Howlett from JD's World of Magic was a hit last Monday for our PBL Rewards Day. Students were amazed with juggling, puppets and of course pulling a rabbit out of a hat!

Congratulations to our PBL Super Raffle Winners! At the end of each term, the Dazzlers that students have collected go into a large barrel for an end of term PBL Super Raffle!

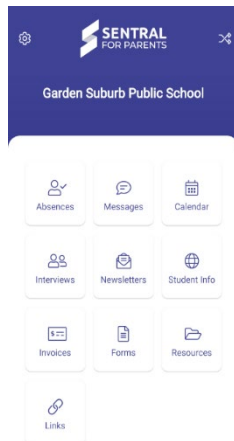
As part of our PBL Rewards Day Magic Show, our PBL Super Raffle Winners were treated to VIP seating during the show and an iceblock.



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.

Uniform Shop

Dear families,

The P&C aim to keep uniform prices as affordable as possible and have absorbed all wholesale price increases for the past three years. However continued cost increases have made it necessary to review the prices of the school uniforms. The updated uniform order form is attached. **Changes will be effective in the QuickCliq system at the beginning of term 4.**

We are aware of the issue that families are experiencing with dye running in some shirts. We are working to source an alternative supplier and have made the decision to freeze a price increase on shirts until this is resolved.

There continues to be a selection of quality second-hand uniforms that can be purchased from \$2-\$5 per item. Please visit the uniform shop which is open on Thursday afternoon at pick-up.

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.



The Uniform Shop sells...

Available Thursdays at School, on Quickcliq or enquire at the School Office
 PLUS CHECKOUT THE SECOND HAND OPTIONS - MOST ITEMS AVAILABLE 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.










Garden Suburb Public School P&C
Uniform Shop order form

Student name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Parent name _____ Contact number _____

Payment options





- **Direct deposit**
 Account name: Garden Suburb P&C BSB: 032-521 Account no: 195671
 Description: Surname-UN Receipt number: _____ Date: _____
 - **Cash**
- NB: Orders can be made directly through www.quickcliq.com.au No order form is required

ITEM	SIZE available	PRICE	IMAGE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL \$
Polo Shirt Gold and green with embroidered GSPS emblem.	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$25				
	Adult S, M, L	\$30				
Shorts Bottle green gabardine.	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$23				
Pleated Shorts Bottle green, gabardine, box pleated.	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$28				
Tunic Custom made, green and white checked cotton.	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$60				
Polar Fleece Jacket Bottle green with embroidered GSPS emblem	14, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$35				
	16+ available on order					
Boys/Girls Long Pants Bottle green, gabardine.	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$25				
Track Pants Bottle green, low pill jersey knit, double knee and cuff. Very warm.	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$28				




Garden Suburb Public School P&C
Uniform Shop order form

SPORT

ITEM	SIZE available	PRICE	IMAGE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL \$
Sports Shirt Gold and green poly/cotton with embroidered GSPS emblem.	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$25				
	S, M, L	\$30				
Sports Shorts Bottle green, micro mesh.	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$20				
Sports Jacket Green with gold piping microfibre embroidered GSPS emblem.	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$43				
Sports Track Pants Green with gold piping, microfibre.	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$33				

SUN HAT

Sun Hat Bottle green, adjustable microfibre hat with embroidered GSPS emblem.	S-M	\$17				
	M-L					

<i>Thank you for your ordering from Garden Suburb P&C Uniform Shop All uniform sales go towards fundraising for the school!</i>		TOTAL ORDER
NOTES		\$

Orders can be made in-store during opening hours or sent to the office. Uniforms can be collected or sent home with your child.

Please see newsletter or contact the school for uniform shop opening times

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 or contact Catie on 0427 356 193 (SMS preferred).



Uniting Church Charlestown

Holiday Kids Fun Club



Wednesday 28th Sept 2022

(Children in Years K - 6)

9.30am - 3pm

Cost \$10/Child (maximum family payment \$20)

(includes lunch & craft)

Registrations & payment essential by **25/9/2022**

Charlestown Uniting Church
P O Box 449
Charlestown. 2290

All enquires please phone:
0409 445 933 - Cathy
or
4944 7826 - Laraine



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GARDEN SUBURB

Fun, engaging & value for money



Monday 26th

Harry Potter & Star Wars Day

Come along for a day full of Harry Potter & Star Wars themed fun and games.

Dress up as a character from either theme

Be prepared to be sorted by the sorting hat into your house on arrival and enjoy various activities that will tie the two sagas together.

Enjoy a movie to finish off the afternoon

Day Camp

Tuesday 27th

NetWorld

Discover a new world in the treetops as you leap, spring and bounce into NetWorld.

This vast series of elevated, interconnected nets, trampolines and ball pits is yours to discover and interact with!

Pack a yummy lunch and lots of snacks as you will be hungry after all the action and excitement.

Don't forget a refillable drink bottle.

Excursion

Wednesday 28th

Megamania

Fun and excitement awaits us today at Megamania for a 3 hour closed session.

There is so many opportunities for fun today, explore the play arena with your friends and play games, enjoy the ball cannons, make it to the top of the rock climbing wall, jump on the jumping castle and if you are brave enough, tackle the giant slides.

Excursion

Thursday 29th

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

Friday 30th

Ship-O-Fools

Are you ready to laugh? Come along and enjoy a clown show at OOSH by Ship O Fools starring Willy Doodrop. Be prepared to be amazed by magic and more.

Willy will hang around following the show to make balloon animals for all the OOSH kids to enjoy.

Continue the fun into the afternoon by learning magic and putting it to test on your peers,

Incursion

Monday 3rd



Tuesday 4th

Teddy Bear Picnic

Join us today at OOSH for a teddy bear picnic.

You will be able to create your own cuddly friend to take home forever.

Choose the design, fill them with stuffing and love and finish off your teddy by naming them and creating a unique birth certificate.

During lunch we will sit outdoors and enjoy a picnic with our new fuzzy friends.

Incursion

Wednesday 5th

Reptile Park

Board the coach for a day trip down the coast where you will get up close and personal with native animals in their enclosures or roaming around the park.

Be brave and enter the reptile cave and get creeped out by the slithering, sliming creatures.

Play on the playground and enjoy a day out in the sunshine.

Excursion

Thursday 6th

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.

If this still isn't what you want to do, you can enjoy the kiddies arena and the climbing playground.

Excursion

Friday 7th

Fair Play Fete

Get your thinking cap on and become a young entrepreneur for the day.

Create a stall of your choice using objects and materials around OOSH.

Create and make your items before selling them to your friends with play money and see who can make the most on the day.

Items can be created throughout the holidays in preparation for this day.

Day Camp

Booking form to be completed to confirm your spot



Don't forget to apply for your \$500 worth of vouchers for OOSH which can cover your GAP fees before they expire on 30/9/22



Green Fair Play Shirt required on Excursions



\$15



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Fair Play OOSH Garden Suburb

Spring School Holiday activities at PCYC Lake Macquarie

COST: \$35 1/2 day \$45 Full

AGES: 5-12 years

TIME: 8.30am-3.00pm

Contact 02 4948 6622

Laser Tag days \$50

BOOK NOW



Mon 26th	Gymnastics Fun, Canvas painting, Pickleball
Tues 27th	Gymnastics Fun, Tie dye, Hall sports
Wed 28th	Laser Tag, Halls sports, Cupcake decorating
Thur 29th	Gymnastics Fun, Design and create, Pickleball
Fri 30th	Laser Tag, Halls sports, Design and create (8.30-1pm)
Mon 3rd	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 4th	Gymnastics Fun, Just dance, Design and create
Wed 5th	Mini Olympics, Card making, Hall sports
Thur 6th	Gymnastics Fun, Survivor, Hall Sports
Fri 7th	Minute to win it, Design and create, Hall Sports (8.30-1pm)

CONTACT US:

PC C | **SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES** **IS LIFE CHANGING**



SEPT / OCT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Wrapping the Wetlands

September 10th to October 7th



We're Yarn Bombing the Wetlands, turning it into a colourful knitted and crocheted installation. Come along and see all the imaginative decorations created by volunteers and members of the community.

Follow the discovery trail and find bees in the trees, teddies having tea, twirls spinning, flowers blooming and lots more.

Monday to Friday - Make a turtle to add to our collection (or take home).

Entry Fees: Adults \$7.50; Concession \$5;
Children 4-15yrs \$5



Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day

Saturday 8th October 9.30am to 11.30am

Get to know our Shorebirds - kids art activity

Get to know our local and Migratory Shorebirds and celebrate World Migratory Bird Day. Learn by painting these birds and their habitat, take them home and photograph them on the shore.



Please wear closed in shoes and bring a hat and water bottle. Wear clothes you're happy to get paint on.

No booking required
Free with entry



There's always lots to do at the Wetlands.

- ♦ Try dip-netting ♦ Watch the bird feeding at 10.30am
- ♦ Visit the Animal House ♦ Have fun on the playground
- ♦ Climb the Egret Tower
- ♦ Go Canoeing ♦ Bring a picnic or eat at the Café.



www.wetlands.org.au/whats-on

Good for kids
good for life








Serving up veggies!



Vegetables have nutrients, minerals, vitamins and fibre essential for kids growth, development, health and wellbeing.

Tips to get kids eating 5 x serves of veggies daily

-  Eat as a family. Offer kids a variety of cooked and raw vegetables daily
-  Be a role model! Fill your plate with a vegetable rainbow. Talk about what veggies you like to eat and why
-  Add raw or cooked veggies to lunchboxes e.g. veggie pikelets or muffins, carrot & cucumber sticks with salsa
-  Veggies are a great snack! Keep sliced veggies in a container in the fridge e.g. capsicum, celery, carrot
-  Ask your kids what veggies they'd like to eat. Involve them in shopping for, choosing and cooking veggies

Source: Queensland Government | How to get your kids to eat more fruit and veggies - Healthier. Happier.
<https://www.healthier.qld.gov.au/guide/how-to-get-your-kids-to-eat-more-fruit-and-veggies/>



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