



GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL

We strive for excellence, student growth and wellbeing

Principal update

Over the last three Terms, I have had the pleasure of getting to know each and every one of the students, teachers and SASS staff at Gardens Suburb Public School. I would like to take this opportunity to again thank them for making me feel so welcome and part of our school community.

We have many things to be thankful for at Garden Suburb Public School:

- The kind and caring nature of our students who follow the PBL values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best, prioritising the learning of themselves and other.
- The staff who share their expertise and truly are here each and every day to make a difference to the lives of your children.
- The parents and carers who inspire, love and support our students, sending them to school every day ready to learn, to be the best they can be!

We have had a very exciting year with some school improvements including new bubblers, new COLA for our bike rack, new blinds and wall wrap in the library, new computers in every classroom allowing teachers to easily access technology to support the teaching and learning in the classroom and many more plans in the works.

As well as learning in our Key Learning Areas, we also like to make school here fun! Throughout 2023 many opportunities have been offered through the year such as the Dunford Cup – Netball and Soccer, Touch football Gala Day, Public Speaking, Debating, NAIDOC week, Choir, Musical, Electrical Vehicle Challenge, Chess Club, Yoga, Art and Craft Club, Gardening Club, Great Aussie Bush Camp and Drum Blast workshop.

All of this would not be possible without the dedication of our amazing, talented and dedicated teachers, who give up their time, eat lunch on the run to ensure your children, our students have as many opportunities as possible.

I would like to thank our P&C for their tireless efforts organising events which not only raise money to benefit our students but more importantly bring our community together as a whole.

Thank you to our PBL ambassadors for 2023 you have done an amazing job representing the voice of your peers in the classroom, collectively problem-solving challenges in the playground and raising money for local community members like Ruby and national charities such as the Paralympians. The sense of giving to others and paying forward at GSPS is to be commended!

To our outgoing Student Leadership Team, each and everyone of you have done an outstanding job this year. It has been inspiring to work beside you and often lead by you (as I was getting to learn the ropes at GSPS).

Year 6, 2023 I have written in your Yearbook one of my favourite quotes 'Believe you can and you're half way there'. Continue to believe in yourselves, dream big, be proud of who you are and what you have achieved.

The results of the Musical Instrument Survey have indicated that most students are interested in guitar and keyboard for 2024. We have engaged with PMI Music to provide lessons to students on Thursday's next year. For more information, please visit their website.

Have a wonderful Christmas and safe holiday with your families. We can't wait to see you in 2024.

Claire Bradshaw
Principal





Group, Pair & Private Lessons

- PMI PLUS is now offering keyboard and guitar music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit our website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please [ENROL TODAY](#) via the PMI PLUS website
- Lessons run during school hours on school campus
- Only \$28.50 for Pair Lessons and \$37.50 Private Lessons - **\$22.50** group lessons also available.
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

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www.pmiplus.mymusicstaff.com

ATTENDANCE: WEEK 9

TERM 4

KINDERGARTEN: 94%

YEAR 1: 94%

YEAR 2: 94%

YEAR 3: 92%

YEAR 4: 94%

YEAR 5: 96%

YEAR 6: 94%



PERCENTAGES ARE CALCULATED BASED ON THE YEAR GROUPS' AVERAGE ATTENDANCE RATE

ATTENDANCE: WEEK 10

TERM 4



KINDERGARTEN: 97%

YEAR 1: 96%

YEAR 2: 94%

YEAR 3: 95%

YEAR 4: 96%

YEAR 5: 92%

YEAR 6: 96%

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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.

education.nsw.gov.au

Presentation Day 2023

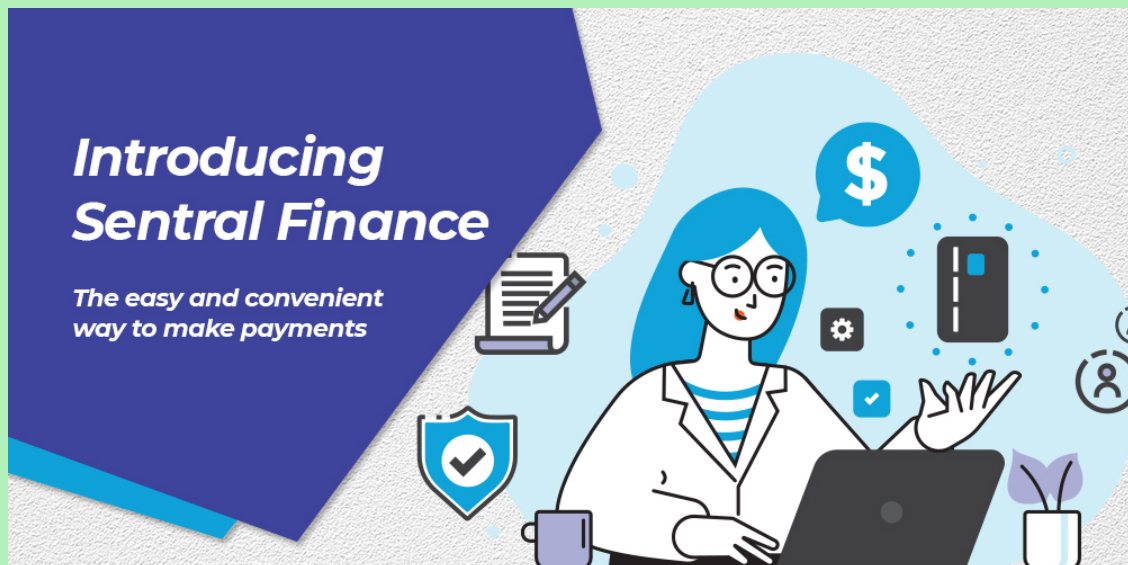
We are very proud of all of our students individual achievements in 2023. On Tuesday, 12th December we celebrated outstanding effort and inducted our 2024 School Leadership team. Well done again!



Sentral

If you have forgotten your password please contact the office. We can issue you a new password.

We are in the process of getting setup to introduce Sentral finance in 2024. Please make sure you update your Sentral app.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

May your holidays be merry and your heart be light. Happy holidays!

Dates for your Calendar

Sentral Parent Calendar

2024 – Term 1

Week 1

Staff development days	Tues 30 th Jan & Wed 31 st Jan
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Students return to school – Yrs 1 - 6	Thurs 1 Feb
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Kindergarten Best Start Assessments	Thurs 1 Feb – Mon 5 Feb
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Week 2

Kindergarten First Day	Tues 6 Dec
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Week 3

P&C Meeting	Mon 12 Feb
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2024 Swimming Carnival	Thurs 15 Feb
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

2024 Swimming Carnival

Look out for an online permission note on Sentral in the first week of Term 1 2024 for all the details.

2024 Return to school

Students will return to their current 2023 classes for the first few days in 2024 before students will be placed into their 2024 classes.

We can't wait to see our students return after a fun filled holiday break.

Year 6 shirts

Stay tuned next year for the arrival of the Year 6 2024 shirts.



Activities and Excursions Survey

We want your opinion! Please fill out the survey below to inform future directions regarding activities and excursions at GSPS. All families are encouraged to respond to each grade excursion question to ensure we are making informed decisions that represent the whole school community. The survey will close at 3pm on Friday 15th December.

Thank you! <https://forms.gle/GcFq2871PQDFD5MH7>

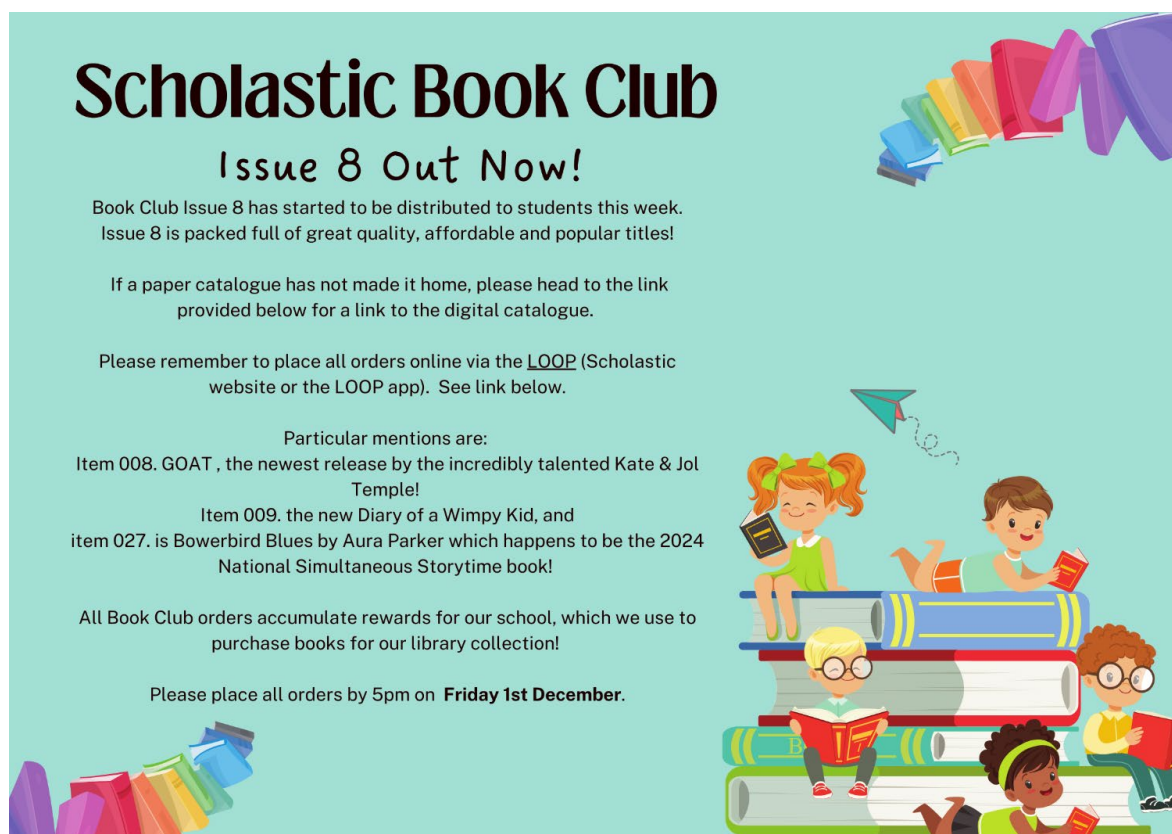
Thank you for your input on the excursions / incursions and activities survey. We value your opinion and will take this into consideration for 2024 planning.

Book Club

Dear Parents/carers, please find attached information about the current Scholastic Book Club catalogue, Issue 8. Below are some useful links:

Catalogue - <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/book-club/>

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



Scholastic Book Club

Issue 8 Out Now!

Book Club Issue 8 has started to be distributed to students this week. Issue 8 is packed full of great quality, affordable and popular titles!

If a paper catalogue has not made it home, please head to the link provided below for a link to the digital catalogue.

Please remember to place all orders online via the **LOOP** (Scholastic website or the LOOP app). See link below.

Particular mentions are:

Item 008. GOAT , the newest release by the incredibly talented Kate & Jol Temple!

Item 009. the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and

item 027. is Bowerbird Blues by Aura Parker which happens to be the 2024 National Simultaneous Storytime book!

All Book Club orders accumulate rewards for our school, which we use to purchase books for our library collection!

Please place all orders by 5pm on **Friday 1st December.**

The poster features a light blue background with a stack of colorful books in the top right corner. On the right side, there is an illustration of five children sitting on a large stack of books, reading. A paper airplane is flying above them. In the bottom left corner, there is another stack of colorful books.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

PBL Paddlepops

Students receive Dazzlers in the classroom and playground for displaying our school values and expectations. Dazzlers are placed in a raffle that is drawn out by our leaders. Winners enjoy a paddle pop with the principal. The Dazzlers from each weekly raffle are then placed into a large barrel for an end of term super raffle. Congratulations to all the winners, who were lucky enough to receive a PBL Paddlepop or iceblock this fortnight.



Dazzlers



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P&C News

The uniform shop will re-open when school resumes on Friday 2nd February 2024.

Any online orders placed will not be able to be processed until school resumes in 2024.

The advertisement features a smiling woman and a young girl, both making 'OK' hand gestures. A large blue circle with the text 'Register today!' is positioned over them. The QuickCliq logo and website URL 'quickcliq.com.au' are at the top. Below the image, three icons represent the service steps: a laptop for registration, a credit card for adding funds, and a smartphone for ordering. A central text block promotes cashless school payments, and a bottom banner includes a QR code and the text 'It's quick & easy'. Contact information is provided at the very bottom.

QuickCliq quickcliq.com.au

Register today!

Sign up & register
quickcliq.com.au

Add credit to your online wallet,
or pay as you go

Pay & place your order.
It's that easy!

Discover the benefits of cashless
school payments

Perfect for ordering school meals & uniforms, it's quicker to click.

Register today

It's quick & easy

Contact the team: Monday to Friday, 7.30am - 4.00pm on 1300 11 66 37 | support@quickcliq.com.au

Canteen News

If you can spare some time to help out in the canteen please contact the office. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

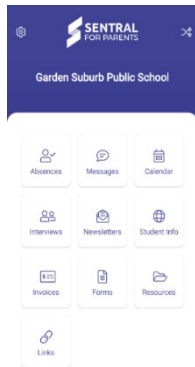
We currently don't have a roster for Term 1 2024. Donna will in contact with parents and carers over the break.

Canteen will be open the first day back to school, Thursday 1st February 2024.

COMMUNICATION

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

Sentral Parent Portal App

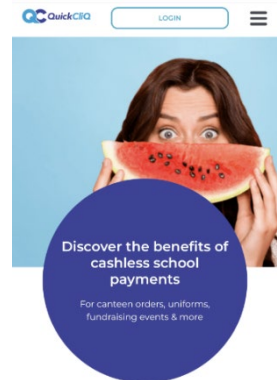


The school uses the Sentral Parent Portal app to communicate all school updates, newsletters, permission notes and fundraising opportunities with our parent community. Parents can also submit absence requests, check the school calendar for upcoming events and message the class teacher.

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.



Newcastle Holiday Programs

20DEC

COORANBONG PUBLIC

REGISTRATION LINK: [HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/CRICKET-AUSTRALIA/REGISTER/D05625](https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/D05625)

21DEC

NEW LAMBTON PUBLIC

REGISTRATION LINK: [HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/CRICKET-AUSTRALIA/REGISTER/D05625](https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/D05625)

23DEC

LAMBTON PUBLIC

REGISTRATION LINK: [HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/CRICKET-AUSTRALIA/REGISTER/D05625](https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/D05625)

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WINDALE PUBLIC

REGISTRATION LINK: [HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/CRICKET-AUSTRALIA/REGISTER/D05625](https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/D05625)





GARDEN SUBURB



Monday 18th

Wheelee Good Day

Come to OOSH for a wheelee good time riding around the service with your friends on your "wheelee item" from home.

Bring along your OOSH made licence from previous wheelee days or make a new one.

If you want to enjoy the fun, a helmet is **Mandatory**.

If you don't have a bike or scooter, there will be spares to share.

Day Camp

Tuesday 19th

Movie Lockdown

Fair Play OOSH are closing down the whole Hoyts venue and every cinema will be in use by Fair Play. Book in for this day to be the first to see the movie "WISH" before it is released to the public.

While you are there, kick up your feet in the recliner chairs and enjoy some fresh popcorn.

Back at OOSH the Educators will provide craft, games and more.

Excursion

Wednesday 20th

Christmas Carnival

Our Carnival was such a hit last holidays so we couldn't help but book another one to top off the year.

Come along and enjoy a fun filled day with rides, music, carnival treats, face painting & more to get your "Show" fix with the company of all Fair Play OOSH Services.

Ride the dodgems, climb the rock wall, jump on the bungee tramps, race your friends on the inflatable maze and enjoy a day of fun.

Excursion

Thursday 21st

Secret Santa Shopping Spree

Today we will be heading off to the shops in groups to pick a present for someone at OOSH.

Your person will be drawn from a hat and everyone will be given the opportunity to experience the joy of giving and receiving at this wonderful time of year.

Spend the day making wrapping paper and cards to go with your gift.

Excursion

Friday 22nd

Build a Bear

Come to OOSH and make your very own best friend to take home and snuggle.

Pick a bear, add it's stuffing and heart and create it's birth certificate.

Christmas Party

Today is the last day of the year so Let's celebrate the year that was and finish with a disco dance with your OOSH friends.

Incursion

Booking form to be completed to confirm your spot

Monday 8th

Irukandji Shark & Ray Centre

Today we are going on an adventure to experience the true nature of sharks and rays and the weird and wonderful world of the ocean.

You can choose to enter the animal's world and get up close to sharks and rays and feed them in the shallows or if you aren't feeling that brave you can feed and pat them from the edges of the pools.

Excursion

Tuesday 9th

Wet & Wild Fun

Bring a spare set of clothes today for a fun filled water play day at OOSH. Play with reusable water bombs and water pistols to get wet and wild with your friends.

Challenge the Educators in a water fight and participate in a range of water games and art activities throughout the day.

Top off the afternoon with an ice block to cool down.

Day Camp

Wednesday 10th

Gaming Van

Mobile Video Games will be joining us today. Enjoy the fully air-conditioned van with high definition TVs for safe video gaming fun. You will have 4 games to choose from.

Incursion

Seniors- Go Karts

This excursion is a chance to get your need for speed fix. Visit the Go Kart track, learn the basics and race your friends around the track.

Excursion

Thursday 11th

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

Friday 12th

Ice Skating

Today we are off to Hunter Ice Skating for a closed off session for Fair Play.

There is no better way to escape the heat than with a day of ice skating.

If you are feeling a bit unsure on the ice, grab onto a frame for support otherwise you can show off your best speed skating and spins to everyone on the day.

Thick socks required

Excursion

0452 487 404

Progress Place, Garden Suburb

gardensuburb@fairplayoosh.com.au



Fair Play OOSH Garden Suburb

Monday 15th
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

Tuesday 16th
Magical Mayhem

Come to OOSH in fancy dress with the theme being "Fairies & Wizards"

Today will be a magical experience at the service with science experiences and potion & slime making.

Create a personalised magical wand to decorate and write a spell to perform with your peers.

We will also be making a fairy garden to enjoy.

Day Camp

Wednesday 17th
Oakvale Farm

Join us for a day at the farm.

Bottle feed the baby animals, learn new animal facts, take a ride on the tractor around the farm and then cool off at the splash pad after lunch to finish off the day.

Swim clothing required. and sun safe clothing for a day in the sun.

On return to OOSH we will rest and relax with OOSHIE choice activities after a busy day out at the farm.

Excursion

Thursday 18th
Dolphin Cruise

Climb on the coach and travel to D'albora Marina 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

Friday 19th
My Pet Dinosaur

Just Dream Productions is visiting us at OOSH today with life like Dinosaurs that will amaze us all.

The My Pet Dinosaur show will include informative information about dinosaurs with fossils to see and touch.

You will also have a chance to have a hands-on experience with the dinosaurs and engage in fun activities.

Incursion

Monday 22nd

Speers Point Pool

Join us for a summer splash-tastic day in the water at our local swimming pool.

Jump, dive, splash and laugh the day away at the pool with your peers and Educators.

If the pools aren't for you, you can play in the splash pad to cool off under the shade.

Head back to OOSH for a movie and chill.

Excursion

Tuesday 23rd

Theatre Tuesday

We love a good video here at Garden Suburb and today we will be writing scripts, directing, performing and making a movie of our own. You will be able to make costumes and design a set to make it all come together.

After lunch we will edit the movies and make final touches before creating gold stars for the walk of fame.

Day Camp

Wednesday 24th

Outback Jack's Stockman Show

Today you get to experience a live stockman show.

Understand their connection to the land and the livestock they care for. Experience the action of a live muster and witness the bond between man and animal working together.

Enjoy some whip cracking skills and have a laugh when one of the Educators is brave enough to have an item whipped from their mouth.

Incursion

Thursday 25th

PCYC

Head to the PCYC for a closed session and enjoy rotating through multiple activities for hours of fun and games.

Challenge your nerves and tackle the rock climbing wall while racing your friends to the top.

Enjoy free play on the adventure playground or learn some gymnastic skills by trained staff or practice what you know.

Excursion

Friday 26th



Monday 29th

Yes Day

Come along to OOSH today and Educators will say yes to even your wildest requests, with a few ground rules on this whirlwind day of fun and adventure.

Research and offer suggestions for the day during the holidays to ensure we can fulfil the requests.

Lunch provided.

Afternoon water play, please bring spare clothes.

Incursion

Tuesday 30th

Party Bus & Park Crawl

Book now to reserve your seat on the party bus. Enjoy singing your heart out on the bus in between park stops.

We will also be treated to a yummy lunch in the park before venturing back for a relaxing afternoon of child lead play.

You will also have a party bag to take home.

Excursion

Wednesday 31st

Back to School

Come to OOSH today and celebrate with your friends.

Dance, play games, laugh and revisit memories from the summer holidays.

It's now time to return to school and we have some activities to get you in the mood.

Design a library bag and bag tags to add to your new resources for the 2024 school year.

Day Camp

Thursday 1st

BACK TO SCHOOL

DON'T FORGET

Booking form to be completed to confirm your spot



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GARDEN SUBURB

Progress Place, Garden Suburb



Come along and Join us in 2024!!

Registration Day

at
Garden Suburb Community Hall
2a Prospect Road, Garden Suburb
on

Wednesday, February 14th

4:30 – 7:30pm

Classes Start – February 21st

Learn more at our Facebook page

[NEWCASTLE CITY PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB | GARDEN SUBURB NSW | FACEBOOK](#)

EPphysie



<https://www.epphysie.com/>



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What is Physie?

Physical Culture or 'Physie', is a unique competitive sport combining dance, floor and standing exercises for girls and ladies aged from 3 years.

Based on basic ballet and modern dance, Physie is great for physical fitness, flexibility, coordination and posture, while building confidence and making new friends. Generations of Australian women from different backgrounds and of all abilities, love being a 'Physie girl'.

Through childhood, study, having children and grandchildren, through their busy jobs and busy lives, girls and ladies of all ages value and return to the fitness, friendships and fun that Physie brings.

Have Fun, Make Friends & Keep Fit

Improve your strength, flexibility, coordination and confidence in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

Each year girls and ladies learn a new syllabus of routines which are refined and improved through regular classes and culminate in competitions for both individuals and teams.

Affordable Classes

Edith Parsons Physical Culture is a not for profit organisation, run only for the enjoyment and well being of our members, making us one of the most affordable dance sports. We run clubs throughout NSW - Metropolitan Sydney, NSW North Coast, NSW Central Coast, NSW South Coast, the Blue Mountains and beyond.

EPphysie



<https://www.epphysie.com/>



Get your kids packing everyday lunchboxes

When children help plan and pack their own lunchbox, they are more likely to eat it.

Encourage them to swap:

- Muesli bar to wholegrain cereal bites
- Pre-packaged cheese-dip and crackers to wholegrain crackers and cheese

**SWAP
FROM**



Cheese dip & crackers



**SWAP
TO**



Wholegrain crackers
& cheese

Download our free "SWAP IT Everyday Lunchbox Planner" to try with your child: www.swapit.net.au/planner



Summer activities

Summertime sports are a great way to have fun and play outside in the sunshine.

Encourage your child to try a new activity to get their body moving. Just don't forget to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide!!

Why not try:

- Basketball
- Beach Volleyball
- Frisbee Golf
- Touch Football
- Hockey
- Tennis
- Swimming
- Bike riding
- Beach or bush walks



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Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.