

# GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL

*A caring environment providing quality education*

## Welcome back to school for 2023

It was wonderful to see all the students return last week and settle quickly into their new classes. This year we have a lot of exciting activities planned, both for the students in their classroom learning programs and for the community.

Come along and meet your child's teacher on Wednesday 15th February from 3:15-4:00pm. This is an opportunity to say 'hi' to your child's teacher and have a look at the classroom. The P&C will be supporting this event by providing some afternoon treats.

On Tuesday, students took home permission notes for parents to sign. We appreciate you returning these to school as soon as possible.

Good luck to our Zone Swimming team who will be representing the school at the Cross Roads Zone Carnival on Thursday 16th February.

COVID-19 information for families has remained unchanged since last year. Please remember to keep children who are feeling unwell at home until they are feeling better and symptom free. If your child tests positive to COVID-19, you need to register this through the Service NSW website or app and notify the front office. The school will continue to notify the community when there is a positive case in the school.

The sports house leaders will be inducted with their new badge at the first assembly on Thursday 16th at 2:25pm in the hall. Parents are invited to pin the badge onto their child.

NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance matters

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



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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## **Learning and Support Team (LST)**

The GSPS LST meet weekly on a Tuesday to discuss the learning, wellbeing and additional support needs of students. If your child is supported by allied health professionals (e.g. occupational therapists, speech therapists, psychologists, paediatricians, behavioural therapists) outside of school can you please forward any recent reports to the school so we can attempt to incorporate school based recommendations into the teaching and learning programs.

Students need to be referred to the LST via the classroom teacher and the Stage AP. If you have any concerns about your child's academic needs or wellbeing, please first discuss these with the classroom teacher. If your child is referred to the LST you will receive communication about this and information about the outcome of the referral.

## **PSSA Sport**

Students that participate in sports at a high or representative level have the opportunity to utilise their skills and talents against students from schools within our Zone. From here, students have the opportunity to represent at Hunter, State and National levels. Students are able to trial for teams in the following sports:

Tennis, Touch Football - Zone trials scheduled 15.2.23, Basketball, Rugby League - Zone trials scheduled 23.2.23, AFL, Hockey, Diving, Football (Soccer) - Zone trials scheduled 10.3.23, Netball, Rugby Union, Rugby 7s (Girls only), Softball, Golf, Cricket

Your child should be playing the sport at a high competitive level to trial for the Zone team. Please email the school and Mrs Couch will be in touch with further details, if your child would be eligible to attend the zone trials.

## **Other sporting opportunities:**

GSPS will again participate in Dunford Cup Netball and Football (Soccer) competitions in 2023 for students in Years 3 - 6. Further details about these gala days will be available closer to the dates. The gala days are scheduled for:

Friday Week 3 Term 2 - 12/5

Friday Week 6 Term 2 - 2/6

Friday Week 3 Term 3 - 4/8

Finals - top 4 schools only Friday Week 8 Term 3 - 8/9

## **Sports Information**

All students will participate in the 2023 Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals at GSPS as part of the school sport program. Further details will be available closer to the dates. From the school carnivals students, who are older than 8 years or turning 8 in 2023, are eligible to be selected to represent our school at the Zone carnival and potentially at Hunter, State and National carnivals. Selection for Zone, Hunter, State and National carnivals is based on qualifying times and distances and students can only be eligible if they meet these times and distances.

The dates for these are:

GSPS Athletics Carnival - Wednesday Week 10 Term 2 - 28/06 - This will be held at the Fernley Dawes track in Newcastle West

The Zone Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Tuesday 8/8 at Hunter Stadium Glendale.

GSPS Cross Country Carnival - Tuesday Week 10 Term 1 - 28/03 - This will be held at school.

The Zone Cross Country Carnival is scheduled for Friday 5/5 at Federal Park Wallsend.

We held our school swimming carnival for 2023 at the end of 2022.

The Zone Swimming Carnival is scheduled for Thursday 15/2 at Speers Point pool. Successful students have received their note for this and we ask that these are returned ASAP. Mrs Dorahy will be attending on the day.

## **Mobile phones and devices**

At Garden Suburb Public School, we are looking at implementing a mobile phone policy for students. If your child needs to carry their phone for security reasons to and from school, you will need to contact the office for a copy of the policy and information regarding the storage of mobile phone devices during school time. Students are not permitted to have their mobile phone with them during school hours.

Smart watches that can make calls or have WiFi capability are also not encouraged at school and must have any call and WiFi features turned off during school time.

## Attendance Matters

Miss Perry will be working closely with our Home School Liaison Officer, Melinda McGrath, to monitor our whole-school and individual students' attendance. Melinda will be on site regularly and, alongside Miss Perry, may be in touch with parents/carers if there are concerns regarding their child's attendance.

Each week attendance rates will be calculated and communicated via the school Facebook page, weekly, and the school newsletter, fortnightly. Please ensure that if your child is well, they are at school, on time, every day.

Together, we can make a difference.

# ATTENDANCE: WEEK 2



KINDERGARTEN: 99%

YEAR 1: 95%

YEAR 2: 96%

YEAR 3: 98%

YEAR 4: 98%

YEAR 5: 100%

YEAR 6: 100%

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

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Coming Up

Check the *Sentral Parent Calendar*

Add these dates to your calendar

### TERM 1 2023

#### Week 4

Meet the Teacher Afternoon Wed 15<sup>th</sup> 3:15pm – 4pm

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

Assembly – Sport House Leaders induction Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> February 2:25pm – 3pm

#### Week 5

Scripture (SRE) first week Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> February

#### Week 6

Assembly (parents welcome) Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2:25pm

Clean Up Australia Day Sat 4<sup>th</sup> March

#### Week 7

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

Parent Teacher Interviews (Bookings via Sentral - Details to follow) Mon 6<sup>th</sup> March – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March

National Ride to School Day Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March

#### Week 8

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

#### Week 10

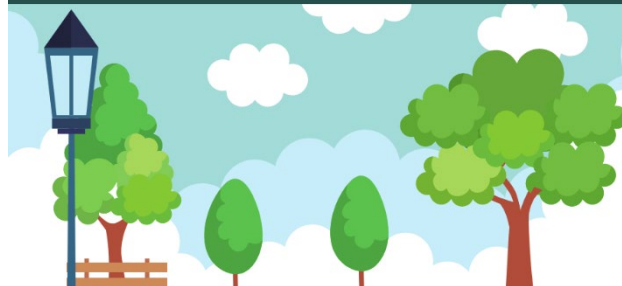
Cross Country Carnival Tues 28<sup>th</sup> March

#### Week 11

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

## Meet the teacher afternoon

Join us to meet your child/ren's teacher on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February between 3:15pm - 4pm



### Meet the Teacher Afternoon

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February we invite our parents and carers to a Meet the Teacher afternoon from 3:15-4:00pm. Parents and carers are welcome to come to their child's classroom at any time between 3:15-4:00pm.

This is an informal meet and greet where parents and carers can meet the teacher.

The P&C will be providing some afternoon tea under the COLA.

## Regional Athletics Carnival

Fred and Theo competed at the Regional Athletics Carnival on the weekend. They both have qualified to compete at the State Athletics championship at Sydney Olympic Park in March. Fred won a Gold medal for 1st place in High Jump and Theo won two Silver medals for 2nd place in Discus and High Jump. They both were very excited and had a fun weekend. Well done Fred and Theo!



## Book Club

The first Book Club brochure has gone home this week. We kindly ask that all orders for Book Club be made through LOOP. Book Club's online ordering platform. There are extra copies in the office if needed.

**SCHOLASTIC**

## Book Club LOOP

for Parents

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Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.  
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[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

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# 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

# ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

**Week 3, 2023**



Last year GSPS won a Lake Mac City Council School Environment Award. With this money we purchased a Subpod along with soil, worms and a compost turner. A Subpod is an in ground worm composting system. 1/2C combined coconut coir with water and added this to the Subpod with shredded cardboard before the composting worms were added along with some fruit scraps. The Subpod system is currently being established in an existing garden bed, ready to compost fruit scraps from our daily compost buckets.



The sunflower seeds planted at the end of term 4 are starting to bloom. They are looking stunning. So is the pollinators garden.



Our Totally Trash Free Tuesday is up and running again. If students bring a waste free lunchbox to school on Tuesdays they receive a green dazzler to go in the weekly dazzler draw for an ice block. Of course some students bring a waste free lunchbox every day. Well done!



Julie Brewer





On Tuesdays, students and staff are encouraged to bring their lunch, recess and fruit to school in a reusable container, and bring a refillable water bottle. Rubbish bins will be removed from the playground, and students will take home any food packaging.

**HELP GSPS BE TOTALLY TRASH FREE ON TUESDAYS!**

## 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.

Back to School vouchers are able to be used at the Uniform. Please follow the instructions on the following pages.

We have a vacancy for a Volunteer Uniform Shop co-ordinator. Please enquire at the office if you are interested.



## 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

From next week onwards the cut-off time to place orders through Quickcliq will be 9am. Please ensure orders are placed well before this time as the system can be overloaded at this time.

Canteen Volunteers	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Jenny H
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Alex L

Volunteers are needed for the canteen. Please contact the office if you have a spare hour or two on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings.



# How to claim for Uniform Purchases

## Orders Placed via QuickCliq

QuickCliq has not been able to implement on-the-spot processing of vouchers at the time of your order placement.

Orders placed via QuickCliq need to be paid in full, and voucher(s) sent to P&C email with your bank details.

Upon successful processing of the voucher, a refund will be made directly to your nominated bank account.

Please note that refunds will be processed when your order is completed (each Friday)

*If the voucher fails to process, then a refund will not be made.*

Place order in QuickCliq  
**PAY IN FULL**



Email your Back to School Voucher to the P&C Email address with your bank details



Refund to be settled when the uniform order is completed

## Orders placed via Uniform Form

For orders placed via the Uniform Form and paid via any payment method other than QuickCliq, please pay the difference between your order total and the voucher(s) value.

Uniform orders via the Uniform Form (and placed in the P&C box at the office) will be processed each Friday when the Uniform Shop is open.

Voucher(s) can be presented in-store (Friday's 9am) or via P&C email for processing.

*If the voucher fails to process, the balance of the order will need to be repaid to the Uniform Shop.*

Complete Uniform Order Form and place in P&C Box in office



Complete payment via cash, direct deposit to bank, cheque or Square terminal in-store  
**PAY THE DIFFERENCE**



Present voucher in-store or via P&C email for processing

### Please note for all payment methods:

If the uniform order value is less than the total voucher value you intend to claim, only the order value will be refunded or claimed, and the difference of your voucher will be forfeited.

★ **All valid vouchers can be used until 30 June 2023!** ★



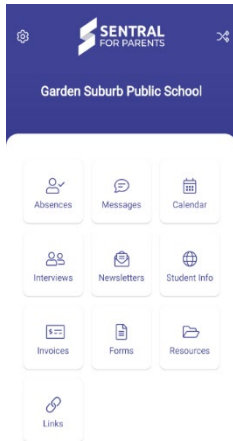
### P&C Email:

[gardensuburbpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:gardensuburbpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

# 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.