

GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL

A caring environment providing quality education



Principals award – Edward M

Edward is a positive school citizen who shows empathy towards all students at GSPS. He is always seeking out leadership roles within the school and fulfils these roles with commitment and determination.

When visiting the office, he always displays courtesy and respect and is friendly and helpful when his class has a visiting teacher.

As a kinder buddy, Edward is a great role model and is also being recognised for checking in on other students in the playground when he notices that they look a bit sad or are alone.

Edward should be congratulated on his ability to follow our classroom expectations and be a fantastic PBL role model.

Primary Ethics Classes

At the P&C meeting on Monday night a parent discussed the possibility of having Primary Ethics classes at Garden Suburb Public School as an alternative to special religious education (SRE) on Wednesday afternoons.

Primary Ethics classes aim to give children the opportunity to explore ethical questions and critical thinking as an alternative to SRE classes.

The program relies on volunteers who must complete the Primary Ethics training and spend about 30-45 minutes of preparation time each week

(all lesson plans and content are provided by Primary Ethics). Lessons would be taught at Garden Suburb Public School every Wednesday at 2:30-3:00pm.

Further information is available on the Primary Ethics website <https://primaryethics.com.au/>

A Survey Monkey has been sent to families on the Sentral portal to see if this is a viable opportunity for Garden Suburb Public School. We appreciate your input into this by Wednesday 15th March.

ATTENDANCE: WEEK 6



KINDERGARTEN: 98%

YEAR 1: 94%

YEAR 2: 96%

YEAR 3: 97%

YEAR 4: 96%

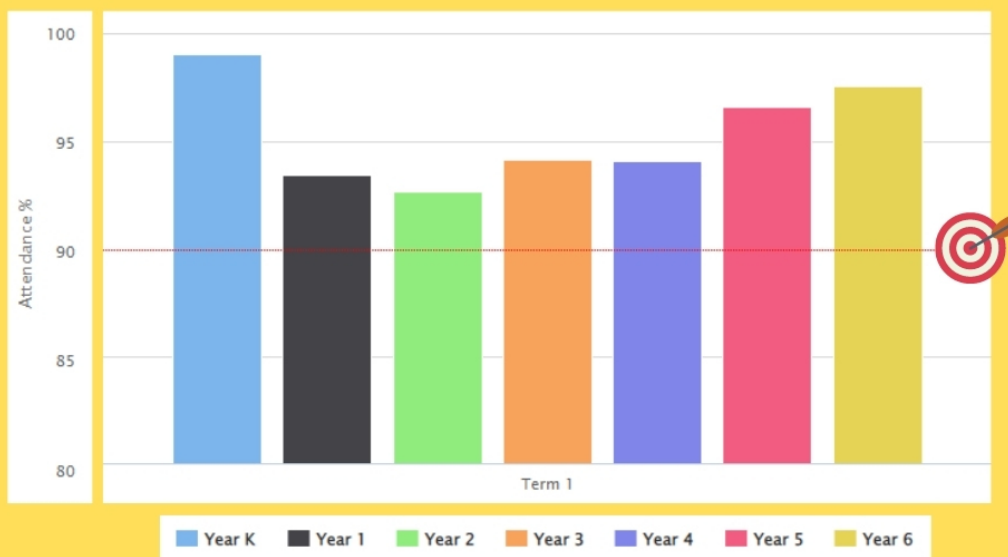
YEAR 5: 98%

YEAR 6: 96%

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

ATTENDANCE SNAPSHOT: WEEKS 1-5

Great work GSPS! Whole school attendance is tracking well above our target of 90%, with Kindergarten in the lead.



PSSA Sport

Congratulations to Patrick C, Nixon H, Liam M, Case H and Nahni JT who have been selected to represent Crossroads at the Hunter swimming trials next Tuesday the 14th of March. Which wish them all good luck in their events.

Good luck to Elijah S, Eli H, Patrick C who are trialling to make the Crossroads PSSA soccer team on Friday, and to Edie H who will be attending the Hunter Girls basketball trials. Good luck also to Nahni JT who will be attending the Crossroads netball trials in the coming weeks.

Finally, congratulations to Nixon H who went the very competitive Newcastle combined zones PSSA rugby league trials last week. Nixon was unlucky to miss out on selection coming up against some very strong competition.

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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



Learning and Support Team news

PLSP meetings begin next week. Teachers have been working with students to identify their personal learning goals. A pre-meeting note should be sent home at least 3 days before your scheduled meeting including the proposed goals for the student.

The 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge is open!

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is a program that encourages students to read quality fiction and non-fiction books from a selected list nominated by the premier's office. The premier reading challenge opens from 27 February 2023 and will close on the 18th of August, 2023. Please remember the challenge is not a competition but an opportunity for students to read more and widely. Students can use books from their school library, books from home and or books from your local library. The expectations and rules can be found on the [PRC NSW web page](#). Students can login in and register their books through their student portal, using their DET Student login and password.

Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Hughes

Teacher Librarian

PRC coordinator



NSW Department of Education

2023 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Artwork by Elise Hurst

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



Key dates for students in K-10:

Challenge opens
Monday 27 February

Challenge closes
for student entries
Friday 18 August



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Coming Up

Check the Sentral Parent Calendar

Add these dates to your calendar

TERM 1 2023

Week 8

NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Writing Wed 15th March

NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Reading Thurs 16th March

Assembly (Parents welcome) Thurs 16th March

Week 9

NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Language Conventions Tues 21st March

NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Numeracy Thurs 23rd March

National Ride to School Day Fri 24th March

Harmony Day – **Out-of-uniform day** Fri 24th March

Week 10

Cross Country Carnival (Parents welcome) Tues 28th March

OOSH Community Disco Night Wed 29th March 5:30 – 7:30pm

Assembly (Parents welcome) Thurs 30th March

Week 11

School Photo Day Tues 4th April

Easter Hat Parade Thurs 6th April 9:30am start

Hot Cross Bun Treat Day Meal Deal – more info to come Thurs 6th April

Last day of Term 1 Thurs 6th April

Harmony Day

Harmony week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversation. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Students can choose to wear something orange or their cultural dress on Friday 24th March. Students will participate in a range of activities during the day to support cultural diversity.

Book Club

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.



COMMUNITY DISCO NIGHT

With Bop Til you drop

5:30-7:30 P M

ALL PROFITS WILL GO TO GARDEN SUBURB SCHOOL P&C

MAR 29

RAFFLES, GUESSING GAME, SAUSAGE SIZZLE & CANTEEN

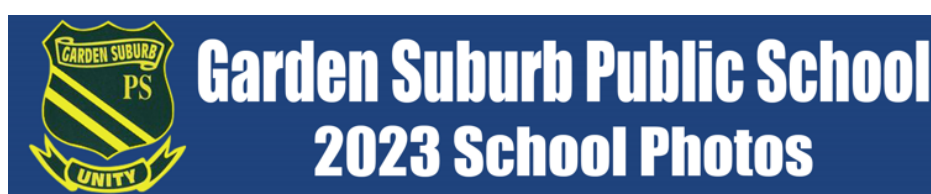
GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL ALL WELCOME

COMMUNITY DISCO GLOW GEAR

Glow gear will be available for purchase during the disco.

All profits from the sales of glow gear will be donated to Garden Suburb Public School P&C

- Glow Headbands \$7
- Glow Glasses \$6
- Glow Rings \$3
- Glow Balls \$3
- Glow sticks \$2



2023 School Photos can be ordered online.

To view packages and to place your order please visit

www.newcastleschoolportraits.com

and enter your code.

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Orders to be done before photo day to avoid late fee.

Payments can be made with any Mastercard or Visa cards.

School Packages

Qty Ordered	A Pack	\$72	<p>Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets with an extra set in SW & a 6x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.</p> <p>Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo</p> <p>Softcover Album 8x10" to store many years of photos (Photo 32 photos)</p>
Qty Ordered	B Pack	\$50	<p>Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets with an extra set in SW & a 6x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.</p> <p>Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo</p>
Qty Ordered	C Pack	\$42	<p>Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets with an extra set in SW & a 6x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.</p> <p>Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo</p>
Qty Ordered	D Pack	\$29	<p>Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets with an extra set in SW & a 6x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.</p> <p>Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo</p>
Qty Ordered	E Pack	\$27	<p>Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets with an extra set in SW & a 6x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.</p> <p>Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo</p>
Qty Ordered	Photo Album	\$27	<p>8x10" Photo Album (Holds 32 Photos) A great way to store your child's photos over the years. Photo Album is available for purchase without purchasing a photo pack. These albums contain no photos.</p>

**EXCLUSIVE PACKAGES
AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.

Family Packages

Qty Ordered	Family A Pack	\$30	<p>1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets & Digital Low Res Image of Family</p>
Qty Ordered	Family B Pack	\$40	<p>1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets & 6x12" Enlargement & Digital Low Res Image of Family</p>

Newcastle School Portraits

Capturing your memories for over **30 Years**

www.newcastleschoolportraits.com
21 Broadmeadow Rd, Broadmeadow 2292
4965 4114



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR CURRICULUM INFORMATION SESSION

Phonics and decodables snapshot...



**Phonics and
decodables
snapshot**

"I really enjoyed learning about the different ways children are being taught so we can better support them at home"

"I love the GSPS Language Features handout. It's great to be able to use the same language"

If you would like a copy of our handouts, please see the front office

To view a copy our presentation, please visit our school website and go to:
Learning at our school - English



PBL Paddlepops

Congratulations to all the winners, who were lucky enough to receive a PBL Paddlepop or iceblock this fortnight.



ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Week 7, 2023

Last Friday, 3rd March, was Clean Up Australia Day at school. Thanks to all the students and teachers who participated and cleaned up a mammoth 37kg of rubbish from around our school grounds. This total did include a 9kg car tyre, a broken broom and items of lost property.



Please consider packing waste free lunches and recess for your child. It is a starting point to reducing rubbish in our school environment.

At the end of last year, students planted some Jewel Popping Corn seeds in the veggie garden. They grew over the holidays and continued to ripen in the past few weeks. 1/2C had the task of harvesting the corn. With much delight the students

picked the ears of corn and peeled back the husks to reveal the stunning jewel coloured corn cobs. They are currently drying . When ready we will attempt to make pop corn.



Julie Brewer



Sadly, this amount of rubbish shows our waste is not going in the correct bin and it is finding its way into all areas of our school environment.



AWARDS SYSTEM

PBL Awards (Respect Award, Responsibility Award, Personal Best Award) are handed out at fortnightly whole school assemblies. These awards are designed to recognise students consistently of students in the class determines the number of awards that are given.

Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards

This year there has been a change to the way students can earn bronze, silver and gold awards. These awards can now be earned over a number of years. Once students have achieved a gold the process starts again.

Any 4 awards



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+ 2 more awards



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+ 2 more awards



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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 Shop. Instructions are available in the Sentral under the 'Resources' icon > P and C Fundraisers and Events folder.

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



GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C UNIFORM SHOP

DID YOU KNOW ?



The Uniform Shop sells...

Available Thursdays at School, on Quickcliq or enquire at the School Office
PLUS CHECKOUT THE SECOND HAND OPTIONS - MOST ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR \$21
Just a reminder our uniform includes Black Shoes and White Socks



Canteen

The cut-off time to place orders through Quickcliq is 9am. Please ensure orders are placed well before this time as the system can be overloaded at this time.

Canteen Volunteers			
Fri 10th March	Alex, Toni, Vicki		
Wed 15th March	Minyon	Wed 22nd March	None
Thurs 16th March	Jenna	Thurs 23rd March	Karen
Fri 17th March	Sita, Simone, Byrnley	Fri 24th March	Simone, Stephanie



CANTEEN MENU

2023

SANDWICHES

Vegemite/Jam	\$2.20
Cheese	\$2.60
Egg & Lettuce	\$3.50
Ham	\$3.50
Diced Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50
Salad	\$4.50
(let/tom/beet/carrot/ cucumber)	
Salad with Ham/Diced Chicken	\$5.00

Toasted Extra \$0.50

**Choice of White, Wholemeal
or Gluten Free Bread available**

WRAPS

Salad	\$4.50
Ham/Diced Chicken & Salad	\$5.00
^Chicken Finger	\$5.50
with Lettuce, Cheese & Mayo	
Chicken Finger, Salad & Mayo	\$6.50

SALAD BOXES

Salad	\$5.00
Ham/Chicken & Salad	\$6.50
Ham/Chicken with Egg & Salad	\$6.50

FROZEN TREATS

Fruit Ice Block (4 flavours)	\$0.60
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Frozen Juice Cup	\$1.00
Apple Blackcurrant	\$1.50
Juicies (3 flavours)	\$1.60
^Moosies - Chocolate	\$1.20
^Ice Cream Cups	\$2.60
^Frozen Yoghurt	
Choc Vanilla, Watermelon	

EXTRAS

Paper Bag	\$0.20
Sauce - Tomato, BBQ, Mayo	\$0.50

HOT FOOD

Corn on the Cob	\$1.00
Hard Boiled Egg	\$1.00
Garlic Bread	\$2.00
^Chicken Burger	
with Lettuce & Mayo	\$5.50
^Chicken Fingers (each)	\$0.60
Max 8/order	
^Party Pie (Low Fat)	\$2.60
^Large Pie (Low Fat)	\$4.50
^Sausage Roll (Low Fat)	\$2.90
Fresh Made Pizza	\$3.80
Cheese, Ham & Cheese or Hawaiian.	
Pasta Bolognese	\$5.00
^Nachos	\$5.00
Spring Roll	\$1.00
Hot Chicken and Gravy Roll	\$5.00

SNACKS

Watermelon Tub	\$2.50
Slinky Apple	\$1.20
Fresh Vanilla or Strawberry Yoghurt Cup	\$1.50
Fresh Popped Popcorn	\$0.60
Pikelets - Jam or Margarine	\$0.60
^Fresh Baked Muffin - Choc	\$1.00
^Grainwaves, Sour & Cream	\$1.50
^Red Rock Chips, Sea Salt	\$1.50
^Monster Noodles	\$1.00
Chicken, BBQ	
Cereal Bag (Cherrios)	\$0.60

DRINKS

Water - 600mL	\$1.50
Hot Chocolate (term 2 & 3 only)	\$1.60
Juice - 99% juice, 200mL	\$2.60
Orange, Apple Blackcurrant, Apple	
Popper Juice 99% 250ml	\$2.00
Milk - Reduced Fat, 200mL	\$2.60
Choc, Strawberry	
Juice Bomb - AppRasp, AppBC	\$2.60

*^Occasional Choice Items. They have a
health star rating of 3.5 or above.*

We're hiring School Crossing Supervisors



Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, and school staff.



Be a second set of eyes for local motorists at busy times.



Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest.

Casual roles available in Lake Macquarie Local Government Area - 82854

- Lake Macquarie

Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

Days and hours

- Shifts will fall between 8:00am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4:00pm with a minimum of one hour shift as required.

Apply today

Applications close
Wednesday 8th March 2023

See jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number: 82854** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list of vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

Sandhini Chaudhary
sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au
P: 0466 343 704



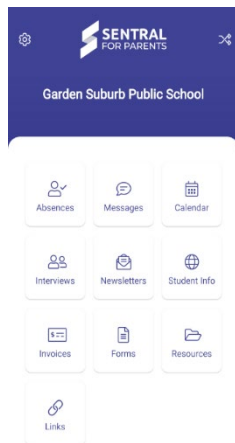
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COMMUNICATION

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

Sentral Parent Portal App



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

All new parents and carers to the school should have received a welcome email with instructions on how to register and your access key. If you don't have an access key, please let the office know. Parents can have multiple access keys for each parent to stay up to date on what's happening in the school.

QuickCliq

Canteen and Uniforms orders can be purchased online through the website QuickCliq. Parents are encouraged to register an account, add their students details to the account and purchase credit through the website. For detailed instructions please see ['How to'](#) guide.



Website

Information regarding the school's policies, planning, reporting, expectations, P&C and so much more can be found on our [website](#). All parent payments and enrolment applications are made online using the quick link tabs along the top of the home page.

Facebook



The school has a Facebook page where you can find information on student successes, good news stories and community information.

Our school Facebook page can be found by searching 'Garden Suburb Public School' on Facebook.

NSW School Updates app

The NSW School Updates App has the ability for parents and carers with children in multiple schools to receive newsletters and updates within the same app and receive push notifications on their phones when newsletters and events are posted by the school. Information feeds are filtered by school year are customised for parents and carers and includes direct contact line details to the school.



Calling all aspiring performers Calling all aspiring performers Calling all aspiring performers

HSPA OPEN DAY

Join us for Hunter School of the Performing Arts' Open Day on **Wednesday 15 March 2023.**

*Tour our **state-of-the-art facilities**, meet our talented staff and student leaders, and learn how you can take your performing arts career to the **next level.***

WHERE - Hunter School of the Performing Arts, Broadmeadow
WHEN - Wednesday 15 March from **3:15 pm**
ARRIVAL - Enter via gates in front of Hunter Theatre, Cameron Street, Broadmeadow

Calling all aspiring performers