

GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL

A caring environment providing quality education



Principals award – Emily B

Emily is a kind and compassionate student who consistently goes out of her way to make sure other students are included, respected and happy during the school day. She always demonstrates the PBL values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best. Emily sets a wonderful example to those around her by continuously showing support, empathy and kindness to her peers.

Share our space

Garden Suburb PS will be involved in the Share Our Space program over the coming school holidays. The outdoor facilities at the school will be open from Friday 7 April to Sunday 23 April 2023, from 8 am to 5 pm. The school grounds will only be available on weekends and public holidays. Entrance to the school grounds will be via the gate near the hall on Progress Place.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS:

Unfortunately, there has been a substantial decrease in student's whole day and partial attendance over the term. The aim is for children to attend school for 95% of the time.

Yesterday an attendance letter went home with every student, outlining their personal attendance rate for Term 1, 2023.

These letters will be emailed to parents Week 5 and Week 10 each term, starting in Term 2. This has been implemented as part of the review of attendance procedures at the school.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance, please contact your child's teacher.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight 	= 4 weeks	= Over 1 year missed
1 day per week 	= 8 weeks	= Over 2.5 years missed

education.nsw.gov.au

ATTENDANCE: WEEK 7

KINDERGARTEN: 97%

YEAR 1: 88%


YEAR 2: 96%

YEAR 3: 92%

YEAR 4: 92%

YEAR 5: 97%

YEAR 6: 92%



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

ATTENDANCE: WEEK 8

KINDERGARTEN: 92%

YEAR 1: 91%


YEAR 2: 94%

YEAR 3: 91%

YEAR 4: 88%

YEAR 5: 92%

YEAR 6: 93%



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PSSA Sport

Congratulations to Elijah, Patrick and Eli for representing GSPS at the PSSA Football zone trials at Speers Point.



Congratulations to Case, Nixon, Liam and Patrick for representing GSPS at the PSSA zone swimming team at the Forum.



Ethic Classes Survey Results

Thank you to all our parents and carers who responded to the Scripture/Ethics Classes survey sent out on the Parent Portal.

The results from the survey showed that the majority of respondents whose children did not attend scripture would consider ethics classes as an alternative.

There were two community members who said they were interested in volunteering to teach ethic classes and we will be in touch with them soon.

Once the volunteers have completed the course, we can look at the logistics of providing ethic classes at the school later on in the year.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Coming Up

Check the Sentral Parent Calendar

Add these dates to your calendar

TERM 1 2023

Week 9

National Ride to School Day Fri 24th March

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

P&C Election Day BBQ Sat 25th March

Week 10

Cross Country Carnival (Parents welcome) Tues 28th March

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

Aboriginal Families Breakfast 8:15am – 9am Thurs 30th March

Assembly (Parents welcome) 2:25pm – 3pm Thurs 30th March
PBL Super Raffle

Triple M Breakfast 5:30am – 8:30am
Radio broadcasted from the school – Free Breakfast Fri 31st March

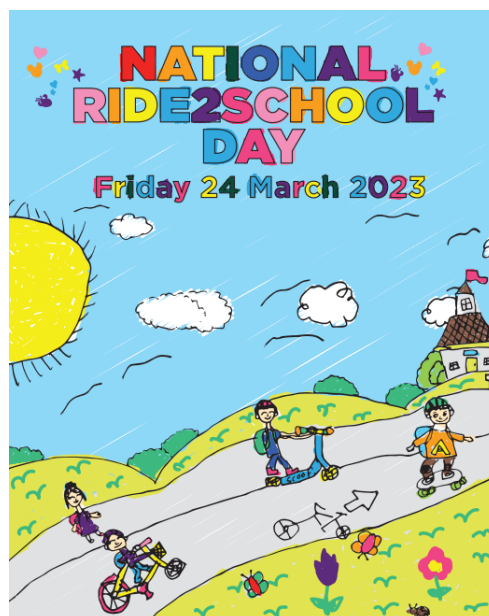
SRC Crazy Sock Fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House Fri 31st March

Week 11

School Photo Day Tues 4th April

Easter Hat Parade, Family Picnic, Easter Fun-Day Treat Meal, P&C Easter Raffle & PBL Rewards Day 9:30am start Thurs 6th April

Last day of Term 1 Thurs 6th April



Cross Country

Our school Cross Country race will be held next Tuesday 28th March. You are welcome to attend to watch your child participate. Entry will be via the front gate only, and we ask that you close the gate after you enter to ensure student safety. The area for viewing the Cross Country will be on the hill on the bottom field. Please also do not allow any accompanying children to use the play equipment at this time as we cannot ensure safety. Please see below for estimated times, times may vary on the day.

- 11 year boys/girls (9.30 am)
- 12/13 year boys/girls (9.50 am)
- 5/6/7 year boys/girls (10.10 am)
- 8/9 year boys/girls (10.40 am)
- 10 year boys/girls (11.00 am)

ELECTION DAY BBQ and Cake Stall

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH



SAUSAGE SIZZLE
BACON & EGG ROLLS
COFFEE VAN
CAKE STALL TREATS
COLD DRINKS



We need your help!

Election Day BBQ - Saturday 25th March

The P&C will be hosting a Democracy Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall on Election Day to raise funds for the school.

We are looking for volunteers to help on the day.

If you can spare a couple of hours, please register using the link below.

<https://volunteersignup.org/XEJY3>

Thank you for your help!

GSPS P&C

GSPS PARENTS, CARERS AND COMMUNITY WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The GSPS P&C will be doing a BBQ and cake stall at the school on election day Saturday 25th March

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO COOK AND SERVE ON THE DAY. PLEASE SIGN UP USING THE VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET.


We are also asking for donations for the cake stall - baked goods can be dropped off at the school on Friday 24th March or on the Saturday morning at the stall. Nothing that needs refrigerating and please include an ingredients list - anything without a list can't be sold!

SPREAD THE WORD TO FAMILY MEMBERS, NEIGHBOURS AND FRIENDS!



Use this QR code for the sign up sheet. Link to sign up can also be found on our facebook page and on the central parents portal if you're available to help but the time slots don't suit send us an email!

 Garden Suburb Public School P&C

 gardensuburbpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au



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



**GARDEN SUBURB
PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL
ALL WELCOME**

**RAFFLES,
GUESSING GAME,
SAUSAGE SIZZLE &
CANTEEN**

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



Tanya & Steve Breakfast broadcast from GSPS

A parent has nominated Garden Suburb Public School for the 'Triple M Tuckshop'. The school has been selected to host next Friday 31st March.

Our Garden Suburb Public School families will be invited to a breakfast while Triple M broadcast live from the school.

More information will be sent on the Sentral parent portal after a meeting with the radio station on Monday.



Who: All Students

Where: Garden Suburb Public School

When: Friday The 31st March

WEAR A PAIR OF
YOUR CRAZY SOCKS
AND BRING A GOLD
COIN DONATION

All The Money donated
to Ronald McDonald
House



RMHC[®]
Australia

All Socks
Allowed



LAST DAY OF TERM
6TH APRIL

- EASTER HAT PARADE
- FAMILY PICNIC
- P&C EASTER FUN-DAY TREAT
- P&C EASTER RAFFLE
- PBL REWARDS DAY



Hop into Easter Hampers!

Drawn: Thursday, 6th April 2023 @ 11am

Buy your tickets online and go in the draw to win an Easter Hamper!

www.raffletix.com.au/gardensuburbpublicschool



GSPS

Easter HAT PARADE

Thursday, 6th April 9:30am
Come along to watch the
students parade their home made
Easter hats on the last day of term



GSPS P&C Fundraiser
Easter Fun-Day Treat!
\$6.00

Thursday 6th April 2023



All orders must
be received by

**9am
Monday 3rd April
2023**

*Orders and payments
through QuickCliq
ONLY*

**1 Traditional, Fruit-free or Choc-Chip Hot Cross Bun
Easter Egg and a Juice Popper**

**** Orders to be made by 9am Monday 3rd April 2023 ****

**QuickCliq Order
and Payment**

1. Select Student
2. Select Meal Order
3. Select the date: "06/04/2023"
4. Select "Special Event Menu"
5. Click on "+Special Event Items" and select your preferred HotXBun flavour (choose one only) and click on "Add to Cart"
6. Normal canteen items are available as well
7. Confirm the Order and click "PAY & PLACE ORDER"

Please note:

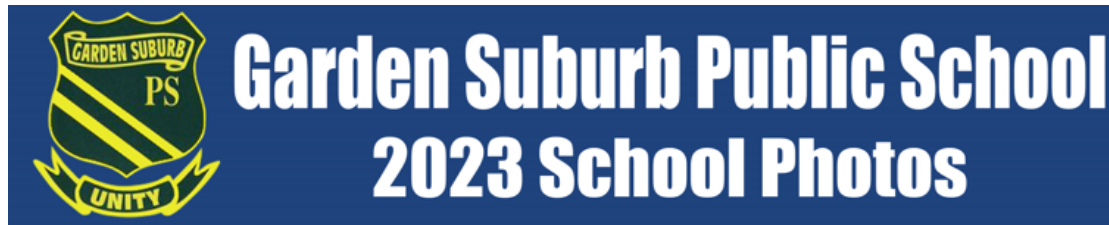
The canteen will be open for normal canteen orders as well as the Easter Fun-Day Treats.

Easter Fun-Day treats will be given out after the Easter Hat Parade for morning tea. Normal canteen items will be given at lunch time.



School photos

School leader and sport leader photos, as well as whole school photos will be available to purchase after the school photo day. We will provide the shoot key to the specialty photos when available.



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>Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo</p> <p>Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4-Wallets with an extra set in BW & a 8x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.</p> <p>Softcover Album 8x10" to store many years of photos (Holds 32 photos)</p>
Qty Ordered	B Pack	\$50	<p>Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo</p> <p>Colour 1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4-Wallets with an extra set in BW & a 8x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.</p>
Qty Ordered	C Pack	\$42	<p>Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo</p> <p>1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4-Wallets</p> <p>Free low res Digital Image of individual.</p>
Qty Ordered	D Pack	\$29	<p>Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo</p> <p>There are no individual photos in this package.</p>
Qty Ordered	E Pack	\$27	<p>1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4-Wallets & low res digital image.</p>
Qty Ordered	Photo Album	\$27	<p>8x10" Photo Album (Holds 32 Photos)</p> <p>A great way to store your child's photos over the years.</p> <p>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 & 8x12" 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

The 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge is open!

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) 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





PBL Paddlepops

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

Dazzlers



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

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ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Week 7, 2023

As we all know, REDcycle has ceased to collect soft plastic through collection bins in Coles and Woolworths. This year at GSPS, we have continued to collect soft plastic but have had to find a new method of disposal other than rubbish (landfill). Newcastle Council has a curb side soft plastic collection called Curby. Our soft plastic is collected and bagged according to Curby instructions. A staff member, who lives in the Newcastle Council area is registered with Curby. The bag is labeled with a Curby sticker and the barcode scanned. The bag is then placed in their home yellow recycling bin, ready for collection. At the recycling plant it is retrieved and sent to Curby for soft plastic recycling. At this time Lake Macquarie City Council does not participate in the Curby program.



We continue to collect poppers, LOL and juice bottles for recycling at Return and Earn. On an average week \$7 is collected. Money raised goes towards purchasing items for our vegetable garden.

This Saturday 25th March at 8.30pm is Earth Hour. The theme is take #TimeOutForNature. The goal of Earth Hour is to raise awareness of nature conservation, climate change solutions, and how we

can work together to shape a better future for everyone.



Julie Brewer

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



+ 2 more awards



+ 2 more awards



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.

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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 \$2!
 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 24th March	Simone, Stephanie, Julia		
Wed 29th March	None	Wed 5th April	Danielle
Thurs 30th March	Gemma	Thurs 6th April	Alex, Simone, Jessica
Fri 31st March	Jenny, Dominique		



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

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

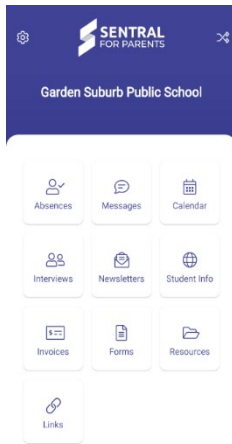
Water - 600mL	\$1.50
Hot Chocolate (term 2 & 3 only)	\$1.60
Juice - 99% juice, 200mL	\$2.60
Orange, Apple Blackcurrant, Apple	
Popper Juice 99% 250ml	\$2.00
Milk - Reduced Fat, 200mL	\$2.60
Choc, Strawberry	
Juice Bomb - AppRasp, AppBC	\$2.60

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

COMMUNICATION

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

Sentral Parent Portal App

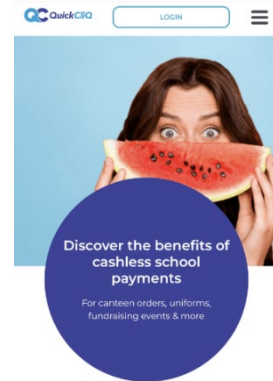


The school uses the Sentral Parent Portal app to communicate all school updates, newsletters, permission notes and fundraising opportunities with our parent community. Parents can also submit absence requests, check the school calendar for upcoming events and message the class teacher.

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES



SUPPORTED BY
LAKE
MACQUARIE
CITY

GONE FISHING

Rock Fishing Safety & Skills Day

**FREE HOBBIE
LIFEJACKET VALUED
AT \$160!**



SUNDAY 26th March 2023

Lake Macquarie
Flowers Drive, Catherine Hill Bay
9.30am to 3.30pm

LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW
bit.ly/GoneFishing-LakeMacquarie

