



GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL

We strive for excellence, student growth and wellbeing

Term 1 – Week 1

We are very excited to welcome everyone back for the new school year, we were greeted with big smiles at the gate and on the playground, so many happy faces. I think the beginning of a school year is always a great time to revisit our school vision statement from our 2021-2025 School Plan.

'At Garden Suburb Public School, we strive for excellence in an inclusive environment where all students and teachers are supported to achieve success and their personal best. Teachers, parents and students work in partnership for learning and collaboratively empower all students to become respectful and responsible learners. We support the development of student growth and wellbeing with a valued approach to culture and community.'

We are certainly looking forward to working with you and your child to ensure that everyone is achieving their Personal Best!

This afternoon we moved in to our new classes for 2024, it was important to wait until this afternoon, as we were finalising enrolments. We understand that the start of the school year can bring some big emotions for our students, so we wanted to keep them with their familiar classmates whilst we worked through this process. There are many complexities involved in placing students including social, emotional academic and behavioral. Class placements are always designed to maximise the potential of all students. Teacher's input into the formation of classes has been paramount, ensuring that your child is placed in a class with one of their identified friends on their '2024 Classes – Sociogram', whilst also considering all other complexities.

We have formed 11 classes to begin 2024

KT - Mrs Traynor

K/1P - Ms Pitts

1H - Mr Haylock

2S - Mrs Stenhouse & Mrs Shannon

2/3B - Mrs Bondzio & Miss Finlay-Jones

3/4P - Miss Perry

4/5B - Ms Butler

5/6F - Ms Fitzgibbon

K-6W - Mrs White

K-6B - Miss Blanch

K-6K - Mrs Gayler & Miss Johnson

Our Meet the Teacher afternoon has been scheduled for Wednesday February 21 at 3:30pm-4:30pm. This will be an informal afternoon, including a sausage sizzle for afternoon tea. Parents are encouraged to introduce themselves to their child's classroom teacher and to other families, also take the time to familiarise yourself with the location of your child's classroom. Classroom teachers will have a class newsletter to share with parents. Look forward to seeing you there!

We would like to send our well wishes to Mrs McShane who has accepted a temporary position for 2024 with the Department of Education in school support. Mrs Fletcher has been successful in acquiring the APCI role. Mrs McDermott and Mrs Burke are on extended leave this Term, Mrs Spencer will be replacing Mrs Burke.

Claire Bradshaw
Principal

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Above 95%
Expected Attendance



90-95%
Minimum Standard



Below 90%
Educationally at Risk



EVERY DAY COUNTS

**CHILDREN WHO HAVE A
POSITIVE START TO
SCHOOL ARE LIKELY TO
ENGAGE AND EXPERIENCE
ONGOING ACADEMIC AND
SOCIAL SUCCESS**

**WHOLE
SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
RATE**

BACK
TO
SCHOOL!

98%




02.02.24

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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




Dates for your Calendar

Central Parent Calendar

Term 1

Week 1

Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
Thurs 1 Feb – Mon 5 Feb

Week 2

Kindergarten Day 1
Tues 6 Feb

Kindergarten first day photos
Thurs 8 Feb

Assembly
In the school hall
All welcome
Fri 9 Feb
@ 2:30pm

Week 3

P&C Meeting
Mon 12 Feb

Swimming Carnival
Thurs 15 Feb

Week 4

Meet the teacher afternoon
Wed 21 Feb

Assembly
Fri 23 Feb

WHAT'S HAPPENING



2nd Half Lunch

TUESDAY YOGA

Miss Cass will see you in the hall!

Yang Yoga Flow and Yin Meditation
K-6 children welcome!



Yoga for a calm mind and healthy body!

Kinder First Day Photos

Our 2024 Kindergarten students will have their first day photos next Thurs, 8th February at school. Please send the Kinder students in full school uniform.



Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 21 February
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Sausage Sizzle will be provided



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!

P: 1300 467 092

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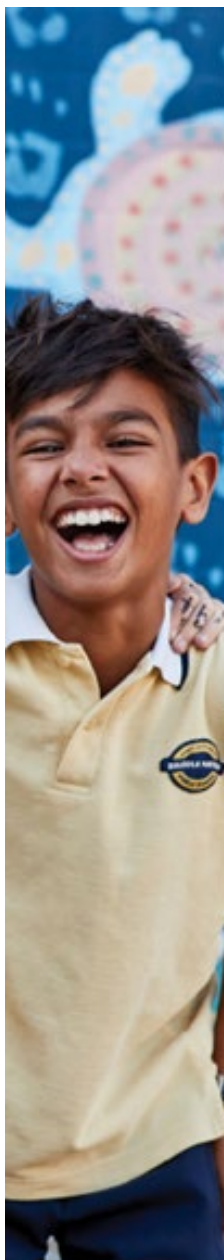
Book Club

The first Book Club magazines will be coming home shortly.

 SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs

Every Child Deserves a Good Book



Every Day Matters

A day away from school here or there doesn't seem like much, but absences add up.

Why is attendance important?

Attending school every day gives your child the best opportunity and access to a wide range of learning, wellbeing and social connections.

Each day of school builds on what was learned the day before.

Your school is here to support you in getting your child ready and motivated for school every day.

When your child is absent it is important you let your school know, including the reason why, on the day or the day before. This helps make sure schools know where their students are and offer support for you and your family if needed.

Please contact your school if your child needs to miss school for any reason, so they can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing.

education.nsw.gov.au/every-day-matters

Did you know?

If your child misses as little as

1 day per week

they will miss


8 weeks of school per year

which adds up to over

2.5 years missed over their school life

Canteen News

Make your child's day with a birthday bucket from the canteen. It's easy to order through your Quickcliq account. Make a meal order, click on the date of your child's birthday and you will see 'Birthday Bucket', then select their class.



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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 

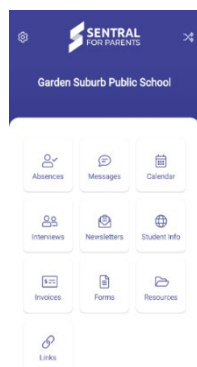
Canteen Roster

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

COMMUNICATION

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

Sentral Parent Portal App

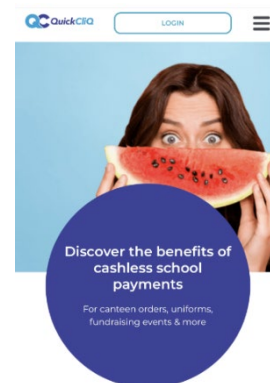


The school uses the Sentral Parent Portal app to communicate all school updates, newsletters, permission notes and fundraising opportunities with our parent community. Parents can also submit absence requests, check the school calendar for upcoming events and message the class teacher.

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.



Receive up to \$500 from ANZ for your 2025 back to school costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Terms and conditions apply.



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

saverplus

Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ 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

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:

laptops & tablets	uniforms & shoes	books & supplies
sports fees & gear	lessons & activities	camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

	NSW/Act - Saver Plus Team	DELIVERED BY The Smith Family <small>Learn today, change tomorrow.</small>
	SaverPlusNSWACT@thesmithfamily.com.au	
	1300 610 355	

Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Strength - Collaboration - Co-ordination - Creativity - Technique



UNITED
SPORT
AEROBICS



RECREATIONAL CLASS!

Thursdays 4-5.15pm

Location: Garden Suburb Community Centre

This class is great for school kids who are looking for a fun, upbeat and engaging sport.

Our athletes get to learn new skills that can assist with their gross motor skill development!

Please express your interest to unitedsportaerobics@gmail.com

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CREATIVE KIDS
ACTIVE KIDS

Stress-free fussy eating ideas

Fussy eating is common, but that still doesn't make it easy.

Does your child dislike foods because of their colour, texture or the way they are prepared?

Don't despair, SWAP IT will help with ideas on how to pack an everyday lunchbox for your fussy eater.

Try the **3:1 lunchbox rule** everyday:

- **Three** items your child likes
- **One** new everyday item



For more ideas on fussy eating visit: www.swapit.net.au/fussyeating