



# GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL

*We strive for excellence, student growth and wellbeing*

## **Term 1 – Week 11**

After an extremely busy start to the year I would like to wish you all a safe and Happy Holiday!

Our staff will return to school on Monday 29th April for a full day of professional learning on the new curriculum. We look forward to seeing all of our students return to school on Tuesday 30th of April.

## **Have you seen the new plan for NSW Public Education?**

Our plan sets our direction and priorities for the coming years, and harnesses the commitment of our teachers and schools to provide an outstanding education for every learner.

We believe in every student and support them to achieve their potential by enabling lifelong learning. Students will be prepared for life as informed, critical thinkers with a love of learning – ready to contribute to the world as active citizens.


Our commitment to equity and excellence means every student can learn, grow and belong at school. They do this in a safe and inclusive environment that celebrates the strength of our vibrant, diverse and multicultural community.

We are committed to improving the status of the teaching profession as well as the wellbeing of our teachers and staff – by addressing workload concerns and supporting teachers to do their core job of teaching and leading students.

Our Plan for NSW Public Education outlines how we will create an equitable and outstanding education system, and strengthen trust and respect for the teaching profession. Our approach has been informed by evidence and insights from engagement with our education community.

Claire Bradshaw  
Principal

NSW Department of Education




## Our Plan for NSW Public Education









Transforming lives through learning

Our plan is built on the power of public education to provide opportunities for all and transform lives through learning. Our plan sets our direction and priorities for the coming years and harnesses the commitment of our teachers and schools to provide an outstanding education for every learner. Our approach has been informed by evidence and insights from engagement with our education community.

**Our commitment**  
Every student learns, grows and belongs in an equitable and outstanding education system.

**Acknowledgement of Country**  
We recognise the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we learn, work and live, paying respect to Elders past and present as teachers of knowledge, songlines and stories. We strive to ensure every NSW Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander learner achieves their potential through education.



Together we will	Advance equitable outcomes, opportunities and experiences	Strengthen trust and respect for the teaching profession and school support staff	Give children the best start in learning	Deliver outstanding leadership, teaching and learning	Strengthen student wellbeing and development	Provide meaningful post-school pathways	
<b>With actions that</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster a culture that values diversity by advancing reconciliation and eliminating barriers</li> <li>• Ensure schools have access to the staff and specialists they need</li> <li>• Prioritise resources where they are needed most</li> <li>• Develop targeted, differentiated, evidence-informed initiatives and supports</li> <li>• Embed diverse learner, family and staff voices in decision-making</li> <li>• Provide broad, inclusive and rich curriculum with strong co-curricular activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address staffing shortages</li> <li>• Attract and retain more high-quality teachers, especially in high-need locations and specialist subject areas</li> <li>• Ensure initial teacher education is fit-for-purpose by partnering with the university sector</li> <li>• Improve staff wellbeing</li> <li>• Address workload pressures to ensure a manageable workload for all staff</li> <li>• Support staff development through high-quality and accessible professional learning</li> <li>• Make public education a more attractive career with more quality career pathways</li> <li>• Strengthen development for leaders at all stages of their careers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase enrolment and participation in preschool for all children</li> <li>• Build new public preschools co-located with public primary schools</li> <li>• Create better transitions between early education and primary school</li> <li>• Deliver the NSW Aboriginal Children's Early Childhood Education Strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support schools to deliver school excellence through continuous improvement</li> <li>• Deliver effective teaching practices including explicit teaching and effective feedback underpinned by high expectations</li> <li>• Strengthen educational and instructional leadership</li> <li>• Provide high-quality, evidence-based curriculum resources</li> <li>• Increase student literacy and numeracy</li> <li>• Strengthen high-quality assessment</li> <li>• Improve how data is used to inform teaching</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement evidence-informed, whole-school wellbeing approaches</li> <li>• Create positive school cultures that value student voice</li> <li>• Build partnerships with students and families to connect them with the support they need</li> <li>• Provide equitable access to services by building partnerships across agencies</li> <li>• Expand counselling services in schools</li> <li>• Improve support for students at all transitions through school</li> <li>• Ensure schools are inclusive and safe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance access to high-quality vocational education and training (VET) in schools, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, and HSC pathways</li> <li>• Support, inform and inspire all students to choose post-school pathway options aligned to their goals</li> <li>• Improve access, opportunities and choice across post-school pathways including university, training and work for all students</li> </ul>	
<b>So</b>	Every learner receives a high-quality education that enables them to excel	Our teachers and staff feel valued, included and supported to perform at their best	All children have the best start in life	Every student achieves ambitious learning goals every year	Every student is known, valued and cared for	Every student finishes school ready to succeed in their chosen pathway as an informed, responsible citizen	
<b>And we'll measure success by</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing gaps in student outcomes, due to structural inequities</li> <li>• Increasing community confidence in public education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing the number of school staff so supply meets demand</li> <li>• Increasing the proportion of teachers and school staff who feel valued, trusted and respected in their profession</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing the proportion of children enrolled in preschool</li> <li>• Increasing the proportion of children who are developmentally on track</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students</li> <li>• Increasing the proportion of students completing Year 12 in public schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing the proportion of students reporting a sense of belonging</li> <li>• Increasing attendance rates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing the proportion of students who take up university, training or work in the year after school</li> </ul>	
<b>Enabled by</b>		 <b>Support services</b> that are efficient, effective and easy to access		 <b>School infrastructure</b> that meets the needs of a growing population and supports improved student outcomes			
<b>Our values</b>		 Excellence	 Integrity	 Equity	 Accountability	 Trust	 Service

There is a copy displayed in our school foyer.



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

TERM 1 - 2024

**ATTENDANCE: WEEK 10**



**KINDERGARTEN: 97%**  
 YEAR 1: 96%  
 YEAR 2: 97%  
 YEAR 3: 91%  
 YEAR 4: 96%  
 YEAR 5: 94%  
 YEAR 6: 96%

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

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**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**



**Above 95%**  
 Expected Attendance



**90-95%**  
 Minimum Standard



**Below 90%**  
 Educationally at Risk



**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

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

### Sentral Parent Calendar

#### Term 1

##### Week 11

ANZAC Day Assembly	Fri 12 Apr
Last day of school	Fri 12 Apr

#### Term 2

##### Week 1

Staff Development Day	Mon 29 Apr
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Students first day of Term 2	Tues 30 Apr
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Star Struck rehearsal Newcastle basketball stadium	Thurs 2 May
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##### Week 2

Cardiff HS Yr 7 2025 Parent Information Session	Tues 7 May
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Yr 6 Canberra excursion EOI due	Wed 8 May
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Selective High School placement test	Thurs 9 May
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Library Wrap and Chat	Thurs 9 May
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P&C Mother's Day Stall	Thurs 9 May
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Zone Cross Country – Federal Park	Fri 10 May
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KT Parent teacher interviews	Fri 10 May
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Mother's Day	Sunday 12 May
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##### Week 3

P&C Meeting in the library	Mon 13 May 6PM
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Student mobile phones and smart watches

This is a reminder that if you give permission for your child/ren to bring a smart phone or smart watch to school you will need to complete the 'Mobile phone procedures' permission form and hand it into the office. The form can be found in the 'Resources' icon in your Sentral parent portal, under School Information or a printed copy can be collected from the office. Watches will need to be turned off while at school and phones will need to be handed into the office before school and collected after the end of day bell.

## Dunford Cup

Competitive Galas for Soccer and Netball will be held in Term 2, with the first game being on the 17th May for both Junior and Senior players. Try-outs will take place in Term 2 as limited spots will be available. More information will be released as the date gets closer.

## Wrap and Chat

Our wonderful library has a large number of books needing to be covered. We would love help from the community members to cover these books so we can make them available for borrowing.

On May 9th the library will be open between 9am-3pm for a “wrap and chat” session. If you are interested in joining us, please write your name on the Google document provided and the times you anticipate you are available (plus your favourite song to add to the Spotify playlist for background music).

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c9eV1aHfh5cMiJxDOVrQNxi256X8f8HIDz1ys82loTk/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c9eV1aHfh5cMiJxDOVrQNxi256X8f8HIDz1ys82loTk/edit?usp=drive_link)

## KT Parent teacher interview booking

Parent teacher interview bookings for KT are now open to be held in Week 11 this term. Students are **NOT** required to be with you for these appointments.

Parents **DO NOT** need to make a parent teacher interview booking if you have recently had a PLSP meeting with your child's teacher.

If you can't make it to any of the available times please contact the office to arrange a different time or day.

If you have any questions please contact the office on 4943 4898.

To make a booking follow this link:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/4kubm>

OR use this QR code:



## MAGS Day Stall (Mother's Auntie's, Grandma's or Special Person)

Our amazing P&C have organised the annual Mother's Day Stall, renamed MAGS to acknowledge that every family is unique. Jump in and pre-purchase a voucher for your child to be able to purchase a gift at the MAGS Day Stall.

<https://garden-suburb-public-school-pc.square.site/>

A promotional poster for a Mother's Day Stall. The background is split vertically into dark blue on the left and yellow on the right. On the right side, there is a photograph of a yellow rose with green leaves and a monarch butterfly perched on a stem. The text is in white and yellow. At the bottom right, there is a circular logo for Garden Suburb Public School P&C.

**Mother's Day Stall**

**THURSDAY 9TH  
MAY 2024**

**Cash or Prepaid  
vouchers accepted**

**GIFTS AVAILABLE  
\$2, \$5 & \$10**

**GARDEN SUBURB  
P&C  
PUBLIC SCHOOL**

## Yr 4 - 2025 Opportunity Class placement applications

Applications for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2025 open 4 April and close 20 May 2024. [Here's how to submit an application.](#)

Opportunity classes are an important way to support high-potential and gifted students. Parents will need to apply for Year 5 opportunity class placement while their children are in Year 4. The tests will be held in designated government high school test centres or other facilities.

### Key dates

Thursday 4 April to Monday 20 May 2024 – Applications open for Year 5 entry to opportunity classes in 2025.

Thursday 1 August 2024 – Candidates sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test.

## Star Struck

Soon you will be able to purchase your tickets to see the Star Struck performance. Garden Suburb PS is in Cast B which is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June evening (7pm) and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June matinee (1pm).



Star  
Struck 

*Love it* <sup>20</sup>/<sub>24</sub>

**Tickets on sale**

Tuesday 30th April @10am



**Performances**

Friday 14 June @11am & 7pm

Saturday 15 June @1pm & 7pm



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## Yr 7 Cardiff High School Enrichment Program 2025

Please find below information regarding the Year 7 2025 Cardiff High School Enrichment Program. If you would like a hard copy of the application form, please see Ms Fitzgibbon.

If you would like any more information regarding the class or the process, please see Ms Fitzgibbon or Miss Perry.



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Applications are now open for Year 7 2025 students to apply for the Cardiff High School Enrichment Program.

The Enrichment program is for students who:

- *are capable learners*
- *exhibit strong skills intellectually, creatively, physically and social-emotionally*
- *are curious, interested and passionate*

APPLICATIONS  
AVAILABLE VIA YEAR 6  
TEACHERS OR CARDIFF  
HIGH SCHOOL ADMIN  
OFFICE

APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
**FRIDAY**  
**14TH MAY**  
**2024**

ENRICHMENT CONTACT

**AMY NICOL**  
HT Quality Teaching  
02 4954 9966





# ES1 Oakvale Farm Excursion





# S1 Hunter Valley Wildlife Park Excursion





## S2 & 3 Reptile Park Excursion





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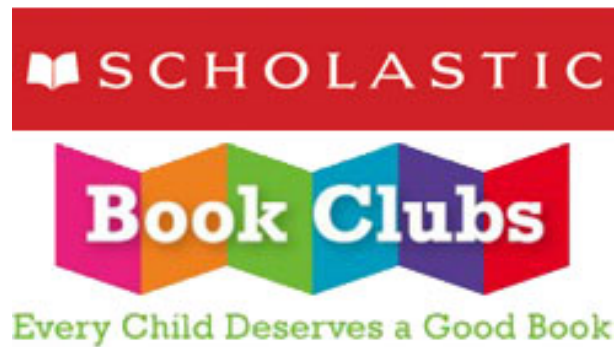


## Book Club

Parents please use the below links to access the Book club catalogue and order online using the LOOP app.

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

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



# FROM THE P&C

Keep up to date with P&C Fundraising and Information via our Website and Facebook Page


Website: <https://garden-suburb-public-schoolpc.square.site/>

Facebook: @GardenSuburbPublicSchoolP&C <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083216018103>

Join the P&C and be a financial member for \$2 per calendar year. Receive minutes of each meeting and be involved in a group of like-minded parents!

<https://garden-suburb-public-school-pc.square.site/join-us>

## Entertainment Book



**When sharing is caring.**

*Support us today*

Entertainment Fundraising

GET IT ON Google Play | Download on the App Store

Have you ever thought about the benefits and perks of having an Entertainment Book? 🤔

- 👉 1. 20% of every purchase goes directly back to the school
  - 👉 2. From now until the 2nd of April, purchase any Single City Membership and receive a free upgrade to Multi City
  - 😊 3. If you go out for two buy one get one free meals (valued at \$35 each), you will have already made your money back for the cost of book
- Follow the link to support GSPS get the library of their dreams. It's a win-win for everyone! 🙏😊📖

Garden Suburb Public School P&C Association



<https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/3426v2>

## 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.



Canteen volunteers link is <https://garden-suburb-public-school-pc.square.site/school-canteen>



## Canteen Roster

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

Week 1		Week 2	
<b>Wed 1/5</b>	Donna	<b>Mon 8/5</b>	Donna
<b>Thurs 2/5</b>	Donna	<b>Wed 9/5</b>	Donna
<b>Fri 3/5</b>	Donna, Toni & Vicki	<b>Thu 10/5</b>	Donna



# Lake Macquarie Holiday Programs

15 APR

TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL

REGISTRATION LINK: [HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/  
CRICKET-AUSTRALIA/REGISTER/5A4236](https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/5A4236)

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19 APR

COORANBONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

REGISTRATION LINK: [HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/  
CRICKET-AUSTRALIA/REGISTER/5A4236](https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/5A4236)

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BOTH PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED  
FOR KIDS AGES 5-10 AND ARE FREE!

9.30AM-3.30PM





# IMAGINE THE FUN



## FREE School Holiday Programs

Thu 18 April

CHARLESTOWN SOUTH  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mon 22 April

NEW LAMBTON  
PUBLIC SCHOOL



CRICKET NSW

TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO:

[https://www.playhq.com/cricket-  
australia/register/6a4b1f](https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/6a4b1f)



# Free Holiday Activities for Young People in Lake Macquarie

Free skateboarding clinics & Sk8 Comp', prizes, music, food by Grundy's Skateboarding.



Female and male coaches to encourage everyone to give skating a go

**Tuesday 16 April 2024 / 1pm-4pm**  
Marks Point Baxter Field / Pop-Up Sports Activities

**Thursday 19 April 2024 / 1pm-4pm**  
Bonnells Bay / Skateboarding Clinics & Pop-Up Sports Activities

**Friday 19 April 2024 / 1pm-4pm**  
Charlestown Oval & Stage / Pop-Up Sports Activities

**Tuesday 23 April 2024 / 1pm-4pm**  
Morisset – Bernie Goodwin Reserve / Skateboarding Clinic & Comp + Pop-Up Sports Activities

**Friday 26 April 2024 / 1pm-4pm**  
Cameron Park (Pasterfield Complex) / Pop-Up Sports Activities

Free pop-up sport activities facilitated by skilled sport instructors. More info contact Ray on 0424 951 175



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For more information email: [youthsafety@lakemac.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youthsafety@lakemac.nsw.gov.au) or call 4921 0333





# YOUTH WEEK 2024 EXPRESS EMPOWER GET LOUD

11-21 April 2024

Go to [lakemac.com.au](http://lakemac.com.au) for more  
information and a full list of what's on



Get involved!



## Young Dobell competition

Entries into the are open from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Click on this link to register [Young Dobell competition](#). Age groups range from 5 – 8 yrs and 9 – 12 yrs.



# FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

APRIL 2024 • NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

<b>TUESDAY 16 APRIL, 1-4PM</b> Pop-up sports activities* Baxter Field, Marks Point	<b>TUESDAY 23 APRIL, 1-4PM</b> Skateboarding clinics and competition^ plus pop-up sports activities* Bernie Goodwin Memorial Park, Morisset
<b>THURSDAY 18 APRIL, 1-4PM</b> Skateboarding clinics^ and pop-up sports activities* Bonnells Bay skatepark	<b>FRIDAY 26 APRIL, 1-4PM</b> Pop-up sports activities* Pasterfield Sports Complex, Cameron Park
<b>FRIDAY 19 APRIL, 1-4PM</b> Pop-up sports activities* Charlestown oval and stage	* Skilled coaching provided by motiv@sports Lake Macquarie. Contact Ray on 0424 951 175 for more. ^ Female and male coaches provided by Grundy's Skateboarding.



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## Screen habits to improve sleep

### Did you know?

**School aged children need between 9 & 11 hours of sleep each night to help them play and learn during the day.**

Using screens can affect the quality of sleep and the time it takes for your child to fall asleep.

Try these tips to reduce the negative effects of screens on your child's sleep:

-  Avoid using screens for at least one hour before bedtime. Wind down by reading or playing quiet games
-  Keep tablets, mobile phones and other screen devices in a dedicated place outside of the bedroom every night
-  Encourage your child to connect with friends during the day, rather than messaging or playing games at night
-  Encourage active play outside, rather than using screens after school



[HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au)  
<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

Developed by Hunter New England LHD



*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.*

## Healthy doesn't = expensive

Packing everyday foods in the lunchbox can actually save you money.

Try these cost saving ideas:

- Swap from a chocolate muffin to two pikelets and save 60c per serve
- Buy vegetables and fruit that are in season
- Buy a big packet of rice crackers instead of individual serves and save 15c per serve

**SWAP  
FROM**



Chocolate muffin



**SWAP  
TO**



Pikelets

For more tips on saving money visit: [www.swapit.net.au/savemoney](http://www.swapit.net.au/savemoney).