



GARDENERS ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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GAZETTE SCHOOL NEWS

Term 1 Week 7 2018

THURSDAY NOTE DAY

16 March 2018

2018 EVENTS

Week 7	EVENT
Week 8	EVENT
20.3.18	School Photos
21.3.18	Harmony Day
23.3.18	K-6 Assembly
Week 9	EVENT
29.3.18	Easter Hat parade
30.3.18	Public holiday
2.4.18	Public holiday
6.4.18	K-6 Assembly



**PLEASE DO NOT PARK
IN STAFF PARKING
ZONES.**

**Pedestrian entry and exit
via the corner of Botany
Road and Gardeners Road
THROUGHOUT THE DAY.**

BE SAFE

**GATES MUST REMAIN
LOCKED BETWEEN
9-2:50PM. Enter school on
foot to pick up child early
or
late arrival.**

KEEP EVERYONE SAFE

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

PLEASE make payments to support
in the purchasing of necessary
resources.
Thank you for your support with this.

Workbooks	\$30
Paper levy	\$10
Mathletics & Reading Eggs	\$20

School Contribution
\$40 (or a discounted family rate of
\$35 per student)

EFTPOS MIN \$20

Achieving Personal Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend my thank you to the P & C committee and the work they do tirelessly for the benefit of all the community.

A big thank you to the representatives of 2017:

President: Jo Galloway
Vice President: Laura Sherritt
Secretary: Athena Paipetis
Treasurer: Dorisa Hegedis

At the AGM meeting on Tuesday 13 March the following representatives were voted, to form the

P & C for 2018:

President: Clint Bell
Vice President: Jo McClellan
Dario Residovic
Secretary: Rosemary Reynolds
Treasurer: Declan Lee

Three Way Interviews

The three way interviews were successful, with most parents and carers from each class organising a time to meet with their child's teacher. A big thank you to the staff that have worked until late for the last four days to meet with parents and carers and organise their classrooms for the next day.

School Plan

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at a draft for the reports and completing the school plan. We will share these documents with the school community as we complete each draft for feedback and consultation.

Peer Support Program

Our whole school Peer Support program commenced this week. Students from year 6 lead the lessons for students mixed in groups from Kindergarten to year 5, inclusive of the Support Unit. Ask your child/ren throughout the week on the activities and focus areas they have been engaging with during the lessons.

Easter Hat Parade

All classes have formalised and joined with a buddy class to start designing and creating their Easter Hat for the parade. We ask parents and carers to provide their child with accessories to add to their hats; glitter, cotton wool, baby chicks (not real ones), or other craft that would suit their child's creation. We hope to see you all at the parade; Thursday 29 March from 2pm. Don't forget to bring in your raffle tickets, lots of amazing baskets to be won. A big thank you to the P & C for this organisation.

Thank you and enjoy



your weekend.

EVERY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS - EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

School Times

8:30am	Playground is supervised
8:55am	Students line up for Monday morning assembly under the blue shade cloth
9:00am	Students and teachers move to their classrooms
11:00-11:30am	RECESS
1:15-2:00pm	LUNCH
3:00pm	School finishes



Please make sure that your child arrives to school on time in a calm manner to assist them in having a successful school day. If you are running late and no arrangements have been made with SMOOSH we ask that you contact the school and let us know. This will assist us in notifying your child and keeping them calm and happy.

We advise parents and carers to park outside the school and enter via Gardeners Road and Botany Road to assist us in keeping everyone safe on school grounds.

Please note: Monday morning we hold a whole school short assembly as we all stand together to welcome the new learning week. The student leaders will ask the students to stand for the National anthem followed by the school pledge. Messages will then be read out by an executive staff member on the week's events. For the remainder of the week students will line up in the morning and go straight to class. All messages or information for parents will be going through the school app, school website and school newsletter.



Every THURSDAY gates close for after school activities



Gardeners Road Public School



Communication Policy between Parents and the School

I. Objectives

Communication between parents and our school is an essential component of running and maintaining a successful school. We strive for transparent, positive and meaningful communication in everything we do. We encourage an exchange of ideas with all our stakeholders and understand that this notion is a key to positive and long-lasting growth. Our school aims to maintain an environment where people feel their views are valued and respected, and where they feel they have been heard.

II. Definitions

1. For the purpose of all these definitions, and where mentioned throughout this policy – the singular or plural versions of a word hold identical meaning (e.g. parent and parents).
2. 'Parent' is defined as a parent, caregiver or legal guardian.
3. 'School' is defined as Gardeners Road Public School.
4. 'Stakeholder' is defined as any person reasonably considered to have an interest or concern with school matters (e.g. student, classroom teacher, NSW Minister for Education).
5. 'Classroom Teacher' is defined as the main classroom teacher responsible for a student's education.
6. 'School Note' is defined as official written correspondence between the school and parents. It will always contain the school's logo and contact information.

III. General Communication

1. At the beginning of each academic year, parents will be given an opportunity to attend a meet-and-greet. The purpose of this is to provide parents with an opportunity to meet their child's teacher in a relaxed, informal setting and gain a brief snapshot of their child's upcoming academic year. Information regarding this event will be sent to parents in the form of a school note.
2. Students are issued with a school report twice a year. School reports contain assessments of student academic performance and comments relating to a number of key learning areas. Unless otherwise prearranged between the respective classroom teacher and parent, all school reports will be enclosed in a sealed envelope and given to students to take home.
3. Parents are given the opportunity to attend annual Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews. The purpose of these interviews is to discuss a student's progress and any academic concerns. Information regarding this event will be sent to parents in the form of a school note.
4. Teachers are available for additional meetings with parents throughout the academic year. Parents who wish to engage with a teacher for an additional meeting are required to schedule an appointment with school office staff either by phone, email or in person. The initial communication between parents and office staff should include availabilities and the general nature of the meeting.
5. The designated day which school notes are distributed is Thursday. From time to time, the school may send additional school notes on other days due to its pressing nature (e.g. Warning about Head Lice).
6. A minimum of two weeks notice in writing is provided for school events that affect parents or require them to make a monetary payment.
7. A school gazette is distributed fortnightly. The gazette contains information about upcoming events, up-to-date school matters, promotion material and messages from teachers. The gazette is primarily made available to parents via the school mobile phone application 'School Enews'. Parents can make arrangements via the school office to receive the gazette by another method (e.g. printed copy, email).

IV. Electronic Mail

1. Parents are provided with the email address of their child's classroom teacher.
2. Parents are advised not to use email as a way to communicate pressing matters and should only be used for professional purposes.
3. Teachers will reply to emails within 48 hours, however:

- a. Teachers who are not on school grounds at the time they receive an email will respond within 48 hours from the next time they are at school
 - b. Occasionally teachers may seek advice prior to replying to an email; delaying the response
4. Teachers may request a meeting with parents if an issue is too complex to resolve by email.

V. Other Electronic Forms

1. The school website (www.gardeners-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) is designed to share the school's overall mission and vision, as well as other important information, website links and documents.
2. The website is updated infrequently and should not be relied upon for the latest up-to-date information.
3. A mobile application called 'School Enews' is used to communicate the latest information (including The Gazette) to parents. It is also used to communicate last minute changes to school events, and as an additional way to make school notes available. The application can be downloaded onto your mobile device via your application store (e.g. App Store, Google Play).
4. It is important that all parents have access to 'School Enews'. Teachers from the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Team are available to assist parents with downloading and using the application. Parents who would like assistance are encouraged to make a request via the office staff.
5. The school Twitter (twitter.com/gardenersroad) is designed to promote the school, share our academic success with the community and other educational agencies, provide updates and messages to parents, and showcase the specific work being achieved by our teachers and students.
6. The school Twitter can be viewed using these methods:
 - a. Follow the Twitter handle: @GardenersRoad (this requires a Twitter account)
 - b. Go to the website: twitter.com/gardenersroad
 - c. Type the following keywords into a search engine: gardeners road twitter
7. The rules of consent with regard to publishing photos of students apply to Twitter, as they would for our website, gazette and any other means whereby it may be reasonable to suspect a member of the public can view such material. A copy of the most up-to-date 'Permission to Publish' records are kept by the ICT Coordinators and due vigilance is maintained whenever material is posted or uploaded.
8. In the event a photo is posted in error and reported to the school's ICT Coordinators – the photo will be immediately removed.

VI. Grievances

1. Parents who have a complaint or concern are encouraged to advise the school.
2. The first point of contact should be the classroom teacher.
3. Complaints or concerns should not be raised through the school's social media platforms.
4. Any parent making a complaint or raising a concern is expected to:
 - a. Do so promptly, as soon as possible after the issue occurs
 - b. Provide complete and factual information; preferably in writing
 - c. Respect the privacy and confidentiality of all parties
 - d. Acknowledge that a common goal is to achieve an outcome acceptable to all parties
 - e. Act in good faith, and in a calm and courteous manner

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

PLEASE DROP OFF AND CONTINUE TO END

**NO PARKING AT
THE END, AS IT
STOPS THE TRAFFIC
FLOW.**

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THE END, AS IT
STOPS THE
TRAFFIC FLOW.**

**TURN
POINT**

5

DON'T SPEED

DON'T SPEED

5



**KISS
AND
DROP**

DON'T SPEED

DON'T SPEED

**NO PARKING
KISS AND DROP
OFF ZONE AND
PICK UP**

5

**GATES CLOSE AT
9AM
(closest to the
playground)**

5

**SPORT STORAGE
CONTAINER**

P CAR PARK INFORMATION



SPEED LIMIT =



within the school grounds

Roads and Maritime has placed a **NO RIGHT TURN** on Gardeners Road on the south bound lane entering onto school grounds. Please take note of this and come around from Botany Road .

THE PADESTRIAN CROSSING AT THE LIGHTS IS NOT A DROP OFF AREA.

Continued support by staff makes our school a safe learning environment. Thank the staff for doing additional duties in keeping everyone safe.

ALL SCHOOL GATES MUST REMAIN LOCKED BETWEEN 9:00AM –2:50PM

School gates

- All gates must close at 9am. EXIT before this time.
- No parking is available for parents and carers with an appointment with teachers between **9-3pm**
- You will need to move your car before all the gates are locked at 9:00am.

'kiss and drop' off between 8:30-8:55am, please follow the steps below;

1. Drive into the school via Gardeners Road to turn left onto the driveway of the school grounds;
2. Do not exceed the speed limit of 5kms;
3. Drive past the second set of gates;
4. **DO NOT PARK** your vehicle if you are exiting immediately. The staff at the steps are present to make certain your child exits the car safely and moves to the playground;
5. Stop at one of the two sets of steps and allow your child to get out of the car safely;
6. Drive to the end and do a U TURN and exit safely;
7. Do not exit the school drive way and turn right. It is much safer to turn left and drive around the block. Your safety matters.

Please note; The Kiss and Drop off is available to parents that do not have the time available due to work commitments to stay for the morning assembly. This is an extra duty for staff to support all families. We thank you for your ongoing assistance and support in maintaining SAFETY a priority.

Please note, that we provide the highest quality care for all children, families and staff. The Respect and Dignity Charter in the workplace applies to all and we value the safety of everyone within our community.

NO PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR ASSEMBLY.

Road safety education: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education>



Afternoon Pick Up Procedures

Schools have an obligation to ensure the safe entry and exit of students to school.

Gates OPEN at 2:50pm

DO NOT PARK AND BLOCK THE DRIVEWAY.

DRIVE AROUND THE BLOCK UNTIL THE GATES OPEN.

FOLLOW AND RESPECT OUR SIGNS FOR SAFETY.

Roads and Maritime has placed a NO RIGHT TURN on Gardeners Road on the south bound lane entering onto the school grounds. Please take note of this and come around from Botany Road for your safety.

1. Arrive in a calm respectful manner after 2:50pm. If the gates are closed drive around the block. Your child is safe inside the school with a teacher. Teachers and supervisors remain with students until they are collected by parents and carers.

Please remember no child can leave the school grounds without an early leavers note from the office before 3pm. We have a duty of care to follow from the Department of Education.

2. Place your **family name badge on the dashboard of your car.**
3. Drive past the second set of gates. Remain calm if there is a queue.
4. Remain in your vehicle – do not park your car. Your child will be taken to your car and placed inside your car in a safe manner. STAY CALM. There is NO reason to rush.
6. Drive to the end, U Turn and exit the school slowly.
7. Do not exit right onto Gardeners Road from the school driveway. Turn left and go around the block. Keep your CHILD/REN SAFE.
8. Enter from Botany Road, turn left onto Gardeners Road and then safely enter the drive way. If the entry is full, drive around the block.
9. Remain patient, you're doing a great job. We need your support to maintain the highest form of safety.

Pedestrian access is via the corner of Botany Road and Gardeners Road. Please do not enter on foot via the double gates on Gardeners Road or Botany Road, this is for vehicle entry and exit only.

If you need to pick up your child early, please go directly to the office to ask for an early leavers note.

No parking on school grounds.

The Inclosed Lands Protection Act 1901 applies for any misconduct towards staff.



Gardeners Road Public School

Achieving personal excellence in a safe, respectful learning community

Harmony Day

Wednesday 21 March 2018

***Assembly on Friday 23 March 2018 at
2pm.***

Dear Parents,

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. The message for Harmony Day is that 'everyone belongs.'

1. We will be celebrating Harmony Day on **Wednesday 21 March 2018** by wearing colours below and bringing a gold coin donation. Then
2. ***You are invited to join us for an Assembly to celebrate Harmony Day on Friday 23 March 2018 at 2pm.***

There is no parking on the school grounds.

All students are encouraged to wear Mufti clothes on **Wednesday 21 March** with a Gold Coin donation towards (to be decided by SRC).

Students can wear EITHER:

Pink clothes **OR**

Yellow clothes **OR**

Orange clothes

Harmony Day Committee

Ms E Ortega Kardasis
Principal (Rel)

PBL- OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE A LEARNER

These learning expectations apply in all learning and play spaces at Gardeners Road.

FOCUS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Last fortnight our Focus of the Fortnight **we move safely and respectfully through the buildings.**

We had an enormous amount of raffle tickets turned in for the whole school assembly which means we are all doing a great job at moving around the school safely and respectfully.

Congratulations to Jayden 2R and Ethan KP for winning the Focus of the Fortnight raffle last week!

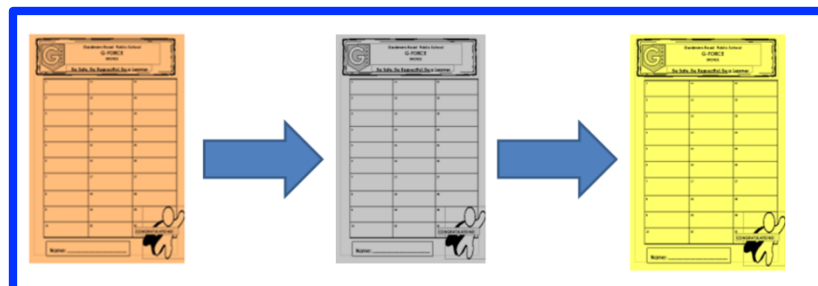


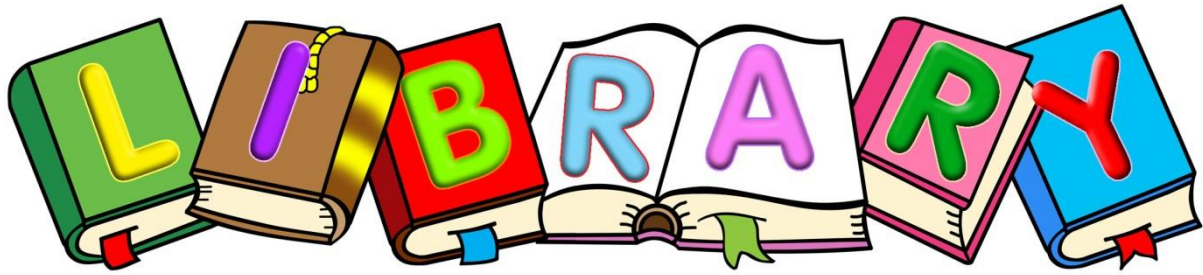
This fortnight the focus of the fortnight is- **WE RECYCLE OUR PAPER.**



GARDENERS ROAD REWARD SYSTEM

Every classroom at GRPS has the G-Force Reward System. This reward system is used as a way to reward all students who are displaying the Safe, Respectful, Learner expectations. Each student starts on a Bronze G-Force Card, when they have achieved 30 G-force stickers they are rewarded at whole school assemblies and move up to the Silver G-Force Level and then onto the Gold G-Force Level. When students achieve the Gold G-Force they are rewarded with a bowling day with Ms Ortega Kardasis.





Congratulations Library Monitors

A big thank you to all of the students who put their name down to be a Library Monitor for the semester. I would like to recognise the following students in Years 4, 5 & 6:

From 5/6A --Esma, Vayia, Karleisha, Eda

From 5-6L - Nina, Bhavya, Focus, Michael, Jemma, Rugile, Jonell

From 4-5G - Dominique, Anya, Leora, Abbygail, Ainhua, Mana, Ella, Jerome

I am confident these students will keep our Library in great shape!

Students are reminded to bring their library bag on their library day. At the moment 2R and 3/4M lead the way with the highest number of borrows.

The library is open every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at lunchtime. A variety of activities will run on these days. Students are encouraged to check the library notice board at the start of each week to see what's on.

Ms Brennan

2R WORMY FACTS!

DID YOU KNOW...

THE POINTY END OF THE WORM IS ITS HEAD, AND THE
ROUNDER END IS ITS TAIL – JACK, REAGAN AND NIKOLAS

WORMS HAVE FIVE HEARTS
BECAUSE THEY HELP PUMP
BLOOD AROUND THEIR
BODY – SCARLETT, LAYLA,
VERONICA AND HILLARY

EARTHWORMS ARE STRETCHY BECAUSE
THEY HAVE NO BONES. THEY MOVE BY
STRETCHING BY STRETCHING AND
SHRINKING – ARIBAH, MADELINE, EMMA AND
ANNABELLE



WORMS BREATHE
THROUGH THEIR SKIN
AND SO THEIR SKIN
NEEDS TO BE KEPT
WET. – STYLIANI,
LORENZO, JULIA AND
TARA

TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, WORMS CAN GO
UNDERGROUND – REON, KENDRICK AND
SAAD

WORM DROPPING IS CALLED CASTING.
CASTING IS GOOD BECAUSE IT MAKES
GOOD SOIL. – EKIN, ISAAC AND JAYDEN

AFRICAN EARTHWORMS LIVE UP
TO 10 YEARS. THEY CAN GROW
UP TO 6.87 METRES LONG. –
GADIN, WILL AND LIAM

WORMS EAT DEAD PLANTS
AND ANIMALS – BLAKE,
BILGUUN AND ENKHMUNKH

4/5G Term 1 Week 7



Look at us loving Daily 5 in our class! We are so busy learning and trying out new things in our class. We are super proud of our work. We love learning, we love exploring. We are the 4/5G-Geniuses.

3-6T love their veggies!

Children need about 5 serves of vegetables every day (depending on their age).

3-6T took up the challenge to try some familiar and unfamiliar vegetables using their spiralizer and even had a blind taste test!



These brave students are challenging you to eat more vegetables every day!

Thanks to Live Life Well @ School for the spiralizers.

For more information see

www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

Quick Bites

Crunch & Sip

Crunch&Sip gives your child the opportunity to refuel with fruit and vegetables and rehydrate with water during class time.

Remember!

Be sure to pack a water bottle and vegetables/fruit for your child's Crunch&Sip every day! To keep your snacks interesting, try packing a range of fruit and veg including all colours of the rainbow.

For some healthy Crunch&Sip snack ideas visit:

<https://healthy-kids.com.au/crunchsip-healthy-snack-ideas/>



At Gardeners Road Public School we have been exploring new tastes in fruit and vegetables.

Every class has received a vegetable spiralizer so that we can have fun with vegetables.



Gardo Sport Report

PSSA Season starts with a bang!

We are 4 rounds into the Eastern Suburbs PSSA Summer Season with Gardeners Road having entered a whopping seven teams into competitions. Most teams have already enjoyed their first win of the new season and are working towards their next! Games take place on Friday mornings against opposition Eastern Suburbs PSSA teams. Thank you to the following teachers for giving their time to coach the following teams:

- Mr Tacuri – Junior and Senior T-Ball/Softball Coach (Blue team)
- Ms Lott – Junior and Senior T-Ball/Softball Coach (White team)
- Mr Lukins – Junior and Senior Cricket Coach
- Mr McKeown – Junior AFL Coach



Game, Set and Match!

Congratulations to Janet Waddell for her outstanding effort in being chosen as one of three girls to represent the Eastern Suburbs PSSA in the Sydney East Primary Tennis Trial last week. An outstanding feat for a Year 3 student, especially considering there was no age limit.



Well done Janet!

Rabbitohs visit GRPS



Thank you to the NRL and South Sydney Rabbitohs for coming to speak to the Year 2-6 students of Gardeners Road about belonging and wellbeing. The students were thrilled to hear from current players Mark Nicholls and Braydon Burns on the eve of the NRL season.



K-2 Sports Superstars!

Every fortnight at K-2 assembly, two students from each grade are recognised for outstanding sporting achievement from sport and PE lessons. Congratulations to the following students: Harley, Aylin (Kindergarten), Rex, Joni (Year 1), Amaali and Zephyr (Year 2).



Coles Sports for Schools

Thank you for bringing your Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. We have now placed our GRPS collection box at Coles Eastgardens. This will assist families in continuing to lace your vouchers in through the week and weekend after your shopping. We thank you for your support.

