Message from the Principal
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Celebrating the Strengths of Gardeners Road
As the school year progresses I am once again in awe of our whole school community and the genuine inclusiveness of our school. Our students and staff not only understand and tolerate difference but embrace it. This is a great strength of Gardeners Road that I am very proud of as Principal. All students benefit from learning in a positive culture that recognises and values each individual regardless of circumstance.

Meet & Greet (and enjoy an easy sausage sizzle dinner for the kids!)
On Wednesday 27 February at 5.00pm parents are invited to meet their child’s teacher and hear about the learning program and information relevant to their child’s class. This is also a great opportunity to meet other parents.

What will happen:
5.00 pm: Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Support Unit parents will meet in the school hall for the principal’s welcome, followed by time in the classroom with their child’s teacher. Children will be supervised in the hall.

5.45 pm: The sausage sizzle will start serving. All families K-6 are invited to join us.

6.15 pm: Years 3-6 parents will meet in the school hall for the principal’s welcome, followed by time in the classroom with their child’s teacher. Children will be supervised in the hall.

Students look fantastic in uniform
We have a great school and a uniform our students can proudly wear.
Thank you to those parents who ensure that their child is in correct uniform. The sports uniform should only be worn on sports days.

If you would like a copy of the school uniform policy please ask at the office.

Payment is due by Thursday 28th February. Please remember that all money should be handed in to the office via the letter box on the counter. Money should be in a sealed envelope with your child’s name, class, activity and amount clearly written.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 27 February
* Kindergarten Vision & Hearing Screening
* Year 6 visiting JJ Cahill High School – Guest Speaker / Cyber Bullying
* Meet & Greet evening

Tuesday 5 March
P&C Meeting in the staffroom at 6.30 pm

Wednesday 13 March
Years 3 - 6 Excursion – Monkey Baa Theatre’s production of “I am Jack”

Tuesday 5, 12 & 19 March
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Program for K-1 parents – 9-11am

Wednesday 6, 13 & 20 March
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Program for K-1 parents – 5.30-7.30pm

Thursday 21 March
Harmony Day

Thursday 28 March
Easter Hat Parade

Friday 29 March & Monday 1 April
Good Friday & Easter Monday Public Holidays

Friday 12 April
Last day of Term 1

Wednesday 1 May
Students return for Term 2

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all students who participated in the swimming Carnival held on Monday. Behaviour was excellent.
It was great to see so many parents attend the carnival. The children love having their parents there. Special thanks to Matthew and Firomena Pye for assisting teachers on the day. The winning house will be announced at assembly this week.

Reminder:
Many parents (years 1-4) have already sent payment for the Footsteps fitness/dance program. Thank you.
Year 5 & 6 developing leadership skills
Ms Gargoulakis, Ms Mack and Ms Knight have enjoyed a great two days this week working with our senior students. Years 5 & 6 have been taking part in Peer Support Training. During the coming weeks they will be using the skills they have developed to lead Peer Support sessions K-6. As leaders they will be working with teachers to present our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) lessons to younger students. These lessons explicitly teach what it means at Gardeners Road to Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner.

Aleyna, Sienna and Nina were happy to explain a task their group was set. Using newspaper and tape the group had to create a sculpture based on the theme of friendship. They needed to discuss what friendship is, work together as a team and share their sculpture with everyone. They agreed Peer Support is fun, interesting and will make them better leaders.

Students collaborated……

They discussed and made decisions.

A friendship sculpture

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Gardeners Road Scientists

Class 5/4G has been investigating energy through their work on the science topic *Energy Essentials*. This topic explores the physics of energy and movement. Students were given some straws, lifesaver lollies, paper and sticky tape. Their task was to design a vehicle (puffmobile) that could be powered by wind energy – in this instance their breath.

Ms Gargoulakis told me there is a puffmobile race scheduled for this week. Good luck everyone!

The puffmobiles needed to be designed and planned

Then they were constructed

How many puffs does it take to travel a meter?

Don’t run out of puff.

Great work 5/4 G and all our scientists K-6 this term. Thank you to Ms Beattie and Mr Rueger for their commitment to ensuring science is alive and well at our school.
News from the Science Lab

A very happy New Year to all of our science enthusiasts – students, families, staff and community - at GRPS. And judging by our student science surveys (see quotes below), there are many of you out there!

But first, some fast facts for you:

Did you know that 2013 is the Chinese Year of the Snake? And did you know that the snake is a living thing, which we learn about in Biological science?

A snake is a vertebrate, meaning it has a backbone on the inside of its body (yes, just like us!). Other interesting facts about the snake include:

- Snakes have no eyelids – they sleep with their eyes open
- Snakes have no ears – they ‘hear’ through vibrations that they feel with their body
- Snakes ‘smell’ with their tongues
- Australia is home to a number of snakes that are among the deadliest in all the world. Can you name one of them?
- There are no native snakes in New Zealand or Ireland
- When a Brown Snake is first born, it is ‘ready to go’ with the same venom as an adult. Don’t mess with those babies!

Over the page you will find some wonderfully scientific quotes from your fellow scientists, I mean students, here at GRPS. These were collected in our student science surveys late last year in answer to the question:

What do you think science is? All responses were anonymous but hopefully some of you will remember who you are!

Until next time, happy discovering and remember to always ask WHY???

Kim Beattie
Science Curriculum Coordinator
Science is about exploring and experimenting.

Science is finding out things and making theories.

Science is everywhere.

I think science is about working in a team to figure out awesome things. What I know about science is that when the sun shines on the sea it makes clouds and when it rains it goes back in the sea and it keeps on going this is called the water cycle.

Doing cool experiments and working with friends.

Science is experimenting finding out new things while having fun.

I think science is involved in almost everything.

I think science is a fun subject that is a never ending thing. I think science is about learning complicated things about this world, the modern world. One of the things I know about science is that a candle needs oxygen to light.

Science is a subject where you test things, use chemicals, science equipment and all that kind of stuff.
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OPEN NIGHT

5 March, 2013 6:00pm - 7:30pm

- Information session in the School Hall
- Interactive school tour with opportunity to meet staff and view school facilities
- Light refreshments will be provided

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A LOCAL NETWORK FOR ARABIC SPEAKING PARENTS

Would you be interested to have contact with other parents who have children with special needs?
It would be an opportunity for sharing information, with discussion in Arabic language on what you’d like to know more about to help support your child and family.

Discussion about services, different agencies, choices on what interests you - parenting, support behaviours, development stages, supporting children with development.

Meet with representatives from Autism Spectrum Australia, Sydney Multicultural Community Services, South East Neighbourhood Centre, Botany Family and Children’s Services, Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Project and ADHC Community Access for tips on ways to develop a support network that’s good for you.

Come along to let us know your views. There’ll be assistance from an Arabic Interpreter. It’ll also be an opportunity to become familiar with Arabic Community Workers available at local agencies.

For further details, please contact Tanya on 02 9662 7627 or Rosetta on 02 8344 2700?