Message from the Principal
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Celebrating the Strengths of Gardeners Road
As Principal, I am required to publish an Annual School Report about our school including information about our budget, staffing, enrolments and achievements. This is always a valuable task as it requires gathering information and reflecting on our direction as a school. I was very heartened to write about the many positive aspects of our students, staff and community.

The Annual School Report 2012 is available on the home page of our website. If you would like any additional information or clarification please don’t hesitate to make a time to see me.

Easter Fun

Students had great fun making their Easter hats with their buddies.

Buddy classes paraded together.

Each hat was a little different

Thank you to the P&C and parents who supported the Easter raffle. So much chocolate!
Congratulations to the many winners of the Easter Raffle:

Cohen  Endrit  Aiden
Florance Maria  Ms Ntziaferis
Ellie Maxwell Aulola Giselle
Benjamin Sam Micah
Mark Josef Jorjah Oquist
Jarryl Drew Biddy
Shweta Kartika Mya
Christine Maria T
Maria K

Supporting our P&C
The P&C held their monthly meeting on Tuesday night. Thank you to those parents who make the time to come along every month and welcome to those parents who have started attending.

Below is the Principal’s Report from Tuesday night for those parents unable to attend.

Principal’s Report 2 April 2013

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<td>Annual School Report 2012</td>
<td>Attached and tabled. For consideration: Enrolments Budget Suspension Rates</td>
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<td>External painting and repair work to Buildings A, D &amp; E</td>
<td>To commence in the school holidays</td>
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<td>Community Development– Urban Renewal for the City of Sydney</td>
<td>Met with Cara Levinson Will be attending a Green Square Meet Your Neighbour Day on Saturday 20 April Discussed new development in the area and the role of the school as a focal point for the community Discussed additional catchment area for our school. We are now bordered by Epsom Rd, Reserve St, the Canal, Ricketty St, Church Avenue, Coward St and Dalmeny Avenue.</td>
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<td>Easter Raffle</td>
<td>Thank you once again to the P&amp;C for organising and for continued support</td>
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<td>School Development Days</td>
<td>Will be taking place on the 29th and 30th of April.</td>
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Monday 29:
- School based activities to revisit out Statement of purpose and realign with our direction and school plan
- First Aid & Asthma Awareness

Tuesday 30:
- Professional learning to raise awareness of and engage with the new NSW English Syllabus. This will be held off site at either Rainbow St or Daceyville with our Learning Alliance partners – Daceyville, Rainbow St and Banksmeadow.

Wednesday 1:
- Students return

Easter lunch time activities

Year 6 set up fun activities for lunchtime last Thursday. There was an Easter craft table, egg and spoon races, pin the tail on the bunny, bunny hop races and egg rolling competitions.

Thank you Ms Mack and year 6.
What did YOU do on the long weekend?
Here’s what some people in 2/10 did:

On the long weekend I went to Mittagong with my grandparents. It took half an hour to drive. When we finally got there the people gave us some Easter bunnies. Judy gave us lots of food.
Anika 2/10

On the long weekend I went for a two hour drive to a wedding. It was the best wedding ever! Instead of sitting around and eating they hired a jumping castle. It was a fun day.
Amelia 2/10

On the Easter long weekend I went to the Easter Show with my family. First it wasn’t fun but then it was fun at night. A story started. A girl came to the stage. Her name was Daisy and she had a horse called Prince. Daisy lost her horse but at the end she found him.
Erwin 2/10

On my Easter holiday I went to Yamba. I went to the swimming pool and I went on an Easter egg hunt. My Nan bought me and my sister presents. I went with my father and my sister and we stayed in an apartment. But that’s not all. I also went to the beach and a wave knocked me over and I was inside it. I got an ice-block and then we went back to our apartment. I downloaded games on my iPad. It was a fun holiday.
Orlando 2/10

2L Scientists hard at work!

We’ve been making paper helicopter rotors. We’ve been working out how and why they drop and spin.

Gravity is pushing it down and air pushes against it as it falls. This makes it spin.

We had to follow instructions on how to make it. We cut along the dotted lines and folded it so the arms are the opposite way. This is important because if they’re not the opposite way gravity would just push it. If the paper is straight there would be nothing for the air to push and it wouldn’t spin.

Cherilyn, Jacob and Adil

Reminder and thank you
Thank you to the overwhelming majority of families that are ensuring their children are in correct uniform. It’s great to see!
Winter uniforms are available at PSW Uniforms Kingsford.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 9 April
School Photos

Thursday 11 April
G Force Morning Tea

Friday 12 April
Last day of Term 1

Important reminder: Due to the introduction of the NSW English Syllabus there is an additional School Development Day for teachers.

Monday 29th April
Teachers return to school

Wednesday 1 May
Students return for Term 2

Congratulations to our G Force members!
The following students have achieved 20 or more G Force cards. They have been “caught” being safe, respectful learners.

Jorja 1B  Jayson 1B  Nashon 1B
Aleena 3R  Amanda 6M  Lukas 1B
Umut 1B  James 6M  Josephine 2/10
Daniel 4/3K  Micah 1B  Joshua 1B

Be safe, be respectful, be a learner and be a G Force member
Students in our support classes working hard to achieve their outcomes

This is Zoe in K-2F learning to read her name. Zoe is also talking and listening in Morning Circle.

This is Mark doing a painting of a rocket. Mark is learning about ‘things that move’.

Here is Jarrelle doing puzzles. This will help him develop fine motor skills for writing. He is also learning to identify 2D shapes.

Travelling Boat

K-5N in their Science lesson have been learning about things that are On The Move. During one of the lessons children participated in creating a boat. They used empty milk cartons, skewers and small elastics. When the students put their boats together they placed their paddle between the elastic band and twisted it 25 times. Then they put the boat in the water. The boat travelled forward as the paddle pushed the water away!
Schedule and Costs for Term 2

Thank you to the overwhelming majority of parents for payment received to cover learning activities and resources during term 1. **Please remember if you need assistance with payment or would like to pay in instalments don’t hesitate to call me on the school number - 9667 2193.**

In order to make planning and budgeting easier you will find below a schedule of activities for the term with any associated costs listed. Permission notes and further information will follow.

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<td>Footsteps Dance Program</td>
<td>Creative &amp; Practical Arts</td>
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<td>English / Drama</td>
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<td>SRC Disco</td>
<td>Leadership</td>
<td>Years K-6</td>
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Other costs may include:
Bus fares for students representing our school in sporting teams or zone events.
Tuition fees for students who participate in Tennis for Sport or the School Band.
P & C News 2013

Wow! Due to the generosity of our school community we raised $989 from the School Easter raffle and a further $237 from the market Easter raffle, a total of $1226

Thanks everyone for donating eggs who made this possible and to Catherine for wrapping up all the baskets!

Find us on FACEBOOK to keep up to date on the P&C, find Gardeners Road P and C and LIKE the page.

Mothers Day Stall
We will be running a mother’s day stall at the school on Friday 10th May—great gifts from 50c. If you would like to help run the stall please contact the P&C.

Mother’s Day Guessing Competition at the Markets
The P&C will be organising a mother’s day competition and will be selling tickets at the markets on Saturday 11th May. We are looking for donations for the basket—do you have something you would like to donate? Perfume? Chocolates? Hand Cream? Wine? If you have anything to donate (new and sealed items only please!), please drop it to the office by Monday 6th May. Kids, don’t forget to check with your parents before bringing in something to donate! If you would like to help sell tickets at the markets, please contact the P&C.

Update on P&C Spending
⇒ As with previous years, the P&C will fund the school Mathletics program—this costs $2500 and would otherwise cost $50 per student so we hope that it’s a big help for families!
⇒ The P&C continues to fund reading resources like library books and home readers
⇒ Lastly, consideration is being made to fund some playground activity / sporting equipment...stay tuned for more details on this......

How to contact the P & C to find out more or to offer help
Attend a P&C Meeting (next meeting Tuesday 7th May in the staff room opposite the kindergarten rooms @ 630pm), contact us via Facebook or talk to a committee member in the playground.