Message from the Principal

It was with great pleasure that I read the following email from an ex student. Tim was approached by our school P&c to provide a prize for our fundraising raffle. He was happy to do this and in a business capacity provided movie tickets for the Randwick Ritz Movie Theatre.

Tim went on further to share his heart-warming thoughts and feelings about Gardeners Road. Our school has a long and proud tradition of providing a great learning environment for the community.

I wish you all the very best with your fundraising efforts.

As an aside, being an ex-Gardo student it brought me great joy when I received your letter. My brother and I have very fond memories of our time there. He graduated in 1989 and myself in 1995. I always love even just driving past and looking at the grounds. If I still lived in the area, I would definitely send my kids there.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me in the future if you have any other events. I’d be happy to help!

Kindest Regards,

Tim Yalizis

The P&C committee are working hard to make the upcoming Trivia night a success. All funds raised will be used to support school technology for the benefit of all students.

Thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to catching up with parents on the evening.

Ms Kim Sheen
Principal

Celebrating Success
ICAS Maths Results

Well done and congratulations to the following students for fantastic results in Mathematics:

Year 2
- Ellen Distinction
- Drew Credit

Year 3
- Jayden Credit
- Chloe Merit
- Tanveer Credit

Year 4
- Ansh Credit
- Jasmine Merit

Year 6
- Andy Credit

G Force

Congratulations to the following G Force members for being safe, respectful learners:

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Welcome to our Kindergarten 2015

It’s always an exciting time when we welcome our new Kindergarten students for 2015. The first session of our orientation program was held this week.

Some of our senior students assisted with the morning and also had a great time.
You’re never too old to enjoy a fun game!

Well done - looking ready for big school. Our new students are following instructions and listening to the teacher.

A classical quote to ponder:
The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled – Plutarch

Excursion to Golden Ridge Farm
Support students and staff enjoyed a great day last term at Golden Ridge Farm. This experience was generously provided by our community partners DLA Piper.

Our Day at the Farm
By Nathan and Christopher 3-6M

On the last day of term 3 we went to Golden Ridge Farm. There were pigs, cows, ducks, rabbits, geese, deer and ponies. We got to hold some of the animals. They were so cute! When we held the ducklings they flapped their wings. We milked the cows and it felt squishy. All the milk squirted out into the bucket. The lawyers from DLA Piper walked around with us and we fed the goats with hay and bread. It was really funny when a chicken started running around. Its wings were straight out, its mouth was open and it was running around like crazy. We had a fantastic day!

Everyone was excited to be setting off.
Holding and feeding the animals was a big hit.
**P&C Meeting**
The first P&C meeting for term 4 was held this week. Ms Gargoulakis and Ms McDonald came along to present information about the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program that will be trialled in 5/4G.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend. I have included below the Principal’s report for those parents who were unable to make it.

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**Principal’s Report for the P&C**
**14th October 2014**

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**Staffing**
A panel is being formed to fill a vacancy for an Assistant Principal at our school.

The panel is comprised of:
- **Convener:** Kim Sheen
- **Staff Rep:** Julie Brennan
- **External Rep:** Ben Heincke (Banksmeadow PS)
- **Parent Reps:** Jodie Kelso, Mehregan Madhavi

An ad for the position needs to be submitted and approved by Thursday 30th October.

The rough timeline is as follows:
- Meeting to develop ad and criteria for position – Monday 20, Tues 21 or Wed 22 October.
- Ad submitted Thursday 23rd for publishing on Monday 27.
- Meeting to shortlist applicants, contact referees and develop questions.
- Interviews scheduled to be within 10 days of the closing date. Need for all panel members to commit to a whole day for the interview.

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**Teaching & Learning**

Ipads and hardware totalling $15 000 has been purchased and training will be provided to teachers.

School Planning is commencing this term. I would like to request that some time at the next P&C meeting is allocated to this. I will also be asking for parents to volunteer to be part of a parent forum to develop a vision for our school as the basis for our planning.

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**Buildings and Maintenance**
The SMOOSH garden has been established and will be launched as part of Children’s Week next Tuesday 21 at 3.30pm.

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**General**
Thank you to Jodie for speaking at our Kindergarten information session.

First Orientation session held this week. It is expected that two kindergarten classes will be formed in 2015.

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**School Schedule for Term 4**

There may be changes and/or additions to this in the following weeks.

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**Week 3: 20-14 October**
- 21: Kinder Orientation
- SMOOSH Garden Launch
- 24: P&C Trivia Night

**Week 4: 27-31 October**
- 27–29: Stage 3 Camp
- 28: Kinder Orientation
- 30: Big Band Bash
- 31: World Teachers Day

**Week 5: 3-7 November**
- 4: P&C Meeting
- Year 6 Fun Day

**Week 5: 10-14 November**

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**Week 6: 17-21 November**
- 21: P&C Disco

**Week 8: 24-28 November**

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**Week 9: 1-5 December**
- 1: Swim School for Year 2 commences
- 2: P&C Meeting
- 4: Aspire for Year 5

**Week 10: 8-12 December**
- 9: Presentation Day
- 12: Reports Home
- Swim School ends

**Week 11: 15-19 December**
- 15: Year 6 Farewell
- 16: Sky Zone end of year celebration K-6
- 17: Last day for students
- 18/19: School Development Days for teachers

**Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays**

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**For family budgeting**

**Music Program 3-6:**
All children in Years 3-6 will be participating in this program. Thank you to those parents who have already paid for this in Semester One. It is great value as the children are receiving 20 weeks of music lessons.

Cost: $60

**Years 5 & 6 Camp:**
Cost: $270

**Sky Zone K-6:**
Cost: $12

**Swim School for Year 2:**
Cost: $90

*Students participating in PSSA sporting teams and tennis coaching pay for participation each week

Please talk to the office about paying by instalment if this makes budgeting easier for your family.

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Please support our hardworking P&C. Sell some raffle tickets and come along to the Trivia Night. All money raised benefits our school and students!
GRPS P&C
TRIVIA NIGHT

@ The Newmarket Hotel 6.30 for 6.45pm start

Tickets are $20 and will be sold leading up to the night. Organise a table of 10 or join others for a fun filled night.

Plenty of raffle tickets are available to be sold. We are hoping to raise an ambitious $5000 for the school and we need your help! Tickets can be collected from the office. The student who sells the most tickets will receive a voucher for a bowling birthday party, donated by the Newmarket Hotel. The winner will be announced during the morning assembly on the day of the Trivia Night. The raffle will be drawn on the night. Tickets must be returned by the 23rd October 2014.

Email to reserve a table:
GRPSPARENTS@GMAIL.COM
Local Rosebery and Mascot businesses are invited to have a regular ad placement in our newsletter each week. Payment of $75 incl. GST will be by the term. The ad specs are: Business Card size (90mm x 50mm) or Banner size (185mm x 28mm). Please contact Claire Williams on 0447573309 or email her at claire@insydneytutoring.com.au if you would like to place an advertisement. All submissions must be in jpeg or pdf format.

While we exercise due care, Gardeners Road Public School does not endorse or guarantee any goods or services advertised.
2014-2015
Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight
16 June 2015

$150* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
SMOOSH NEWS

The Vacation Program is now available and we urge you to book your children in ASAP as the spaces get filled fairly quickly. The program is available on the SENC website (www.senc.org.au) for you to download and print.

SMOOSH GARDEN PROJECT

SMOOSH was successful in accessing funding of $5000 from City Of Sydney for an Environmental Grant project last year. This funding is being used to establish a sustainable garden and compost area outside SMOOSH. Through this initiative children will learn the benefits of gardening, recycling, composting and using the healthy produce to enhance their diets long after being at SMOOSH. Sarah Brill from grow.eat.enjoy has been the main force behind establishing the garden.

“LITTLE GROWERS - NURTURING AND SUSTAINING OUR ENVIRONMENT”

As part of Children’s Week, SMOOSH in conjunction with Gardener’s Road Public School and grow.eat.enjoy will be launching the community garden on Tuesday 21st of October 2014 from 3.30 -5.30 pm. The purpose of the event is to empower children, families, teachers and the community to learn about the restoration and protection of the environment, to value the principles of sustainability and to be active participants in the local community environment garden. There will be a range of activities offered, including an environment education presentation, planting of seedlings, children’s arts and craft activities and story telling around the theme of the environment followed by afternoon tea/refreshments. Please join us in celebrating Children’s Week and launching our community garden.