Message from the Principal
On Thursday 11 December at 10.30am a morning tea will be held to acknowledge the valuable work of parent and community volunteers at our school. Our volunteers include or scripture teachers, members of the P&C and parents who have supported school and classroom initiatives.

Invitations should be sent home with your child this week. Sincere apologies if somehow we have overlooked your support. Please feel welcome to attend.

Congratulations Ms Bos
On behalf of all students and teachers I would like to wish Ms Bos the very best for next year as she commences her first permanent teaching position.

This is a great opportunity for Natalia and the next step in her career in public education. We have been very lucky to have had Natalia as a temporary staff member this year. She has done an outstanding job with her beautiful Year 1 class – thank you Natalia!

Learning Support Initiatives
As part of the Department of Education's new Resource Funding Model for schools, we have been able to implement various targeted support programs to groups of student throughout the school. Using extra funding received this year, we have been able to employ extra specialist teachers to deliver highly effective literacy and numeracy support programs.

Reading Recovery
This year we have also implemented Reading Recovery, a program designed to target students in Year One struggling with literacy. This program has been highly successful with all of the 8 Year One students targeted, reaching the projected literacy benchmarks for their stage.
NSW Gymnastic State Championships 2014

On the 8th of November I competed in the NSW Gymnastics State Championships 2014, for National Development Program (NDP) Level Three Juniors. It was such a FUN and an AMAZING experience, as well as very nerve wrecking, as there were hundreds in the audience.

There were eleven teams competing, representing regions in NSW. Each team comprised of four or five gymnasts. I am one of the five gymnasts representing the Inner City Region. We all had to compete in two trials to be selected to go to the State Championship. This year I thought my team was very strong. We had two gymnasts from St Catherine’s Gymnastics, two from Bunnerong Gymnastics (including me) and one gymnast from Gladesville Gymnastics.

During the Presentation ceremony, my name was called first. I was surprised and slightly confused. It took a few seconds for me to realised that I was called up to the podium for the State Champion title for individual overall performance. Second and Third places went to gymnasts from the North West region.

My team won Gold in Balance Beam and Floor Exercise and Bronze in Uneven Bars and Vaults, and won second place overall in NSW, only beaten by 0.1 by the North West team. We were crushed by the 0.1 lost but at the same time excited with the overall results.

Amelia 3/4B

1B

Students in 1B have been busy using the Ipads to explore and develop their literacy skills.

Working on Ipads

Writing compound and complex sentences
**School Hours Reminder**

Some children have been arriving at school as early as 8.00am. Children should arrive between 8.30am and 8.50am. This means they are supervised in the playground and are in time for morning assembly.

I am also asking for your support in collecting your child from school promptly at 3 o’clock unless they are attending SMOOSH after school care or sports training.

At times it may be unavoidable to be late in collecting your child from school in the afternoon. If so, please call and let us know.

We are very fortunate to have after school care facilities available on our grounds. SMOOSH can be contacted on 8338 9678 and enrolment forms are available from the school office area.

**A quote to ponder:**

*Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand.*

Albert Einstein

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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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**Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays**

**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

**Sky Zone K-6:**

Cost: $12

*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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**Band News**

The band is making good progress & is excited about the upcoming performance on Tuesday 9th of December at the presentation assembly.

The juniors have settled in well with the existing senior band. The percussion section particularly has improved & I was very pleased with what I heard on Wednesday at their lesson.

At present there have been 8 students indicate they wish to 2015 Junior Band, if any students are interested in joining us in 2015, it is not too late to hand in your permission note to the office. We wish to see as many new members as possible.

**A reminder for band students:**

Please fill in your practice diary & get your parents to sign it off each week before bringing it into lessons.

I look forward to December 9th.

Kevin Christmas
Program Manager

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Thank you for your ongoing and valued support of our school!

Kim Sheen
Principal.
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Gardeners Road Public School

Please join the students and staff to celebrate the achievements of 2014.

Presentation Day

Date: Tuesday 9 December 2014
Time: 9.30am
Place: School Community Hall

Ms Kim Sheen
Principal
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