Message from the Principal
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Celebrating the Strengths of Gardeners Road
I would like to acknowledge all those students who do the right thing in the playground at recess and lunchtime. Doing the right thing at Gardeners Road means:
Being safe – being in the right place at the right time and keeping our hands and feet to ourselves.
Being respectful – respecting the property of others and the school, listening to others and taking turns when playing.
Being a learner – listening to and following teacher instructions.
When I walk in the playground it is great to see so many instances of students following these expectations and having lots of fun at the same time. Those students were rewarded with an extra 15 minutes Golden Play during week 6 of this term.

Teachers joined in on the fun and wore their G Force T-shirts. Extra equipment was set up in the playground. Thank you to Ms Marks and all the teachers for making this a special time for our students.
PBL News

Gardeners Rd Public School celebrates and acknowledges students who are safe, respectful learners.

In the classroom we give G-Force cards when students are demonstrating these attributes. G-Port stickers are given for quality or improved work. When students receive 20 G-Force cards they are invited to a Morning Tea with the Principal and their parents.

In K-6 Assemblies we select the best behaved class to sit on ‘Golden Chairs’ for the next Assembly.

In the playground we have ‘Golden Play’. This occurs twice a term when students are rewarded with an extra 15 minutes play for being safe, respectful learners.

Students who have been to reflection for incidents in the playground or been on a playground time out two or more times are withdrawn from ‘Golden Play’ for Social Skills intervention with Ms Sheen.

Ms Debra Marks
PBL Team Leader

Parent/Teacher meetings

During the last two weeks of this term parent/teacher interviews will take place.

The aim of these meetings is to allow a discussion to take place about your child’s strengths and needs at this time of their schooling. Teachers will be providing feedback about how your child is progressing. This is also a great opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about your child in particular.

Due to the numbers of parents there is a limited time available. Please remember you are always welcome to make an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss their progress.

All notes are being sent home with your child this week so a suitable time can be organised. Please check your child’s bag.

School contributions and costs

Every parent at our school received a list of school fees and costs. Please note that School and P&C funds are voluntary. However, these funds are used by the school to fund our literacy and numeracy programs and benefit all our students.

The other costs are not voluntary and do require payment.

If you are having difficulty with payment please be aware families are able to pay costs off over the year rather than all at once. Please don’t hesitate to discuss this with me.

Thank you to those parents who have already paid or spoken with me or our office personnel.

Ethics classes at Gardeners Road PS

I have included an expression of interest letter for any parents who would like their child to attend Ethics lessons during scripture time.

In order to provide lessons I need to determine if there is sufficient demand. This information is forwarded to Primary Ethics and if a coordinator and teachers are available we would then be able to establish Ethics classes.

Please return the letter if you are interested by Thursday 3 April.

Ms Kim Sheen
Principal

News from the Support Unit

The students and staff in the support unit would like to thank John from Workwear.com and Tony from Tony’s Renovations for generously donating paints and their time to paint the bike track in the support unit.

Bike riding is part of our sports program as it develops student’s fine motor and gross motor skills. This program further enhances our community mobility program. Students learn the importance of safety signs and social skills generalising these skills into the community.

The bike track is now bright and freshly painted ready for the students to commence their programs.

Ms Kathy Ntziaferis
Assistant Principal Support
K-2F loves music

K-2F is having so much fun participating in the music program at our school. They have been singing and clapping along with the lovely music teacher Gabrielle with absolute joy.

Inspire Music program

This term K-2 students have been involved in a quality music program once a week. Each lesson has incorporated singing, moving, playing, organising sound and listening.

On Wednesday 2nd April at 9 am, the students in years K-2 will present an overview of the activities they have been involved in this term. Parents are welcome to join us for this informal concert which will take place in the Creative Arts Space.

School Schedule for Term 1

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School Photos

Ms Makis will be sending envelopes and order forms next week. Please check your child’s bag.
Gardeners Rd Public School invites you to come to school on

Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} April at 2pm
for our Annual Fun Easter Hat Parade.

Students will be wearing their creative hats that they have made with their buddy classes and the P and C will draw the Easter raffles.

Please help raise funds for our school by purchasing Easter Eggs and donating them for our annual “Easter Guessing Competition”.

We will use your donated eggs to create wonderful baskets of chocolate goodies.

Please bring your eggs to morning assembly where the children are invited to put them in the Easter Bunny Basket. You may also take them to the school office if you want to avoid eggs being crushed in school bags.

Tickets will be sent home soon and are $1.00 each or 6 tickets for $5.00. Prizes will be drawn at the Hat Parade at school on 11\textsuperscript{th} April.

Thank you for your support.

P & C Executive
ETHICS CLASSES FOR GARDENERS ROAD PS

Dear parents and carers,

Ethics classes are now available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE) / Scripture.

The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for-profit organisation, to design curriculum and deliver these classes. Classes are inquiry based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. Trained and vetted volunteer teachers lead discussions.

We can start ethics classes at Gardeners Road Public School if there is enough demand. Please let me know if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child by returning the slip below by Thursday 3 April.

If we have sufficient demand for classes, Primary Ethics will need 2 volunteers to start classes. They will need an Ethics Coordinator at Gardeners Road Public School to liaise between the school and Primary Ethics. We will also need one teacher for each class. If you are interested in either role, there is more information at www.primaryethics.com.au.

For general information about Ethics classes and Primary Ethics, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or email any questions to info@primaryethics.com.au.

Kim Sheen
Principal

Please return this form if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child.

Child’s Name: ____________________________________________ Class: __________

Signed: ____________________________ Date: ______________

School to keep this portion

School to return this section to Primary Ethics GPO Box 4351 Sydney NSW 2001

Yes, please register my interest with Primary Ethics:

My name: ____________________________________________ In 2014, my child is in year:

My email address: ____________________________________________

Primary Ethics will only contact you about Primary Ethics & ethics classes. Your details will be stored securely and will not be passed on to any other parties.