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Celebrating the Strengths of Gardeners Road
This fortnight’s Gazette highlights the many opportunities that are provided for students as part of our Gardeners Road curriculum.

Please look out for notes coming home in the following week for the SRC Disco being held on the 18th June, NAIDOC celebrations on the 26th June and the K-2 Music Assembly on the 25th June.

Well Done Debaters!
On Wednesday this week our debating team visited Clemton Park Public School to contest a round of the Premier’s Debating Challenge. Our students have been honing their skills in class and did a great job of arguing the negative position to the argument that parents should only let children watch television on the weekend.

Sports news
PSSA sport has had a good run this term with no washouts so far. Our Socceroos and Netballers are enjoying the competition and training afternoons. Ms Makis and the Tennis Club are also enjoying the Friday weather each week.

Congratulations to our ZONE CROSS COUNTRY squad who put in a tremendous effort to complete the gruelling 2km /3km event. Thank you to a number of parents who came out to cheer the students on.

Special congratulations go to Amelia Shariff and Indyanna Pye for finishing in the top 10 for their age race. Both girls are the next two reserves for the Regional Carnival scheduled for the 11th of June.

Special mention goes to Miguel Concaives and Ellen Hegedis our youngest competitors on the day.

Ms Dot Gargoulakis

Mikayla, Kelly, Antonio and Bilal enjoy the sweet taste of victory after their debating win at Clemton Park PS.
Important Information for parents

Student safety is important to parents and staff at Gardeners Road. Thank you to the many parents who enter and leave the school in a safe way.

I am concerned that on occasion the pedestrian gate on Botany Road has been left open when people have entered or left the school site. Due to the nature and weight of the gate it is not possible to fit with a spring action.

The pedestrian gate on Gardeners Road means that children are entering and leaving the school in a high traffic area. Some parents are entering the staff parking area.

In order to ensure the safety of students, the main gate at the corner of Botany and Gardeners Road will be open for pedestrian traffic. The smaller gates will be locked. Parents are asked to use the driveway for cars only.

This was discussed at the P&C meeting held this week. If you would like more info please don’t hesitate to call.

Thank you for your support.
Ms Kim Sheen
Principal

Microsoft & Adobe Software for Students
All NSW DEC students are eligible to download and licence Adobe and Microsoft software onto personally owned devices. Students will need to use their @education.nsw.gov.au student email address to register. One download per application only.
http://tinyurl.com/swstudent

Please see instructions for downloading the software at the end of the gazette.

Ms Joanne McDonald

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

On Monday this week four students represented our school wonderfully at Oatley Public School.

All students learn about Public Speaking in class and a “speak off” was held to decide those students who would compete at the local final.

Our four students prepared and rehearsed their speech about what multiculturalism means in Australia. Topics included such things as Learning Another Language and Living Between Cultures.

The students will be participating in a number of Aboriginal activities. As part of our celebrations students may wear mufti clothes in colours red, yellow and black on this day. During the day students will have fun participating in An Indigenous Experience with James Stephens. Cost per child for all activities is $8.

A permission note will be sent home this week. Please return it with payment to the office by the 25th June.

Ms Kathy Ntziaferis

National Aborigines’ and Torres Strait Islanders’ Day was initiated by Aboriginal leader, William Cooper of Cummeragunja in 1941. Its purpose was to have a National Day of Observance for Aboriginal people each year on the second Friday in July. This day is still recognised within the week of celebration.

Week 9, Term 2 will be the official week of celebrations at Gardeners Road Public School, because the official National Day of Observance falls in the holidays. We will be having a full day of NAIDOC activities on 26th June 2014.

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Ms Kathy Ntziaferis
Ms Grivas is providing a quality art program for students. Three artworks were entered in the Reconciliation Week Art Competition this year. The theme was *Let’s Walk the Talk.* Well done to Danica for winning her age category.

#### ....and we can play Chess!

Mr Kubala took a four person team to a Chess tournament at the French School in Maroubra. Our team took second place with Luka winning an individual medal for coming 7th in a field of 45.

They will be presented with their trophy at our whole school assembly so look for their photo in the next edition of the Gazette.

All students are welcome to come along to Mr Kubala’s Chess Club held on Wednesday at lunch time. Mr Kubala is often looking for people to challenge him to a game.

#### P&C

Thank you to all those parents who attended the P&C meeting this week. It was a great response. For those parents unable to attend I have included the principal’s report presented at the meeting.

**Principal’s Report for the P&C - 3rd June 2014**

#### Staffing

- Welcome to Mr Rueger tonight who is attending as relieving assistant principal. Ms Marks is currently working on a project at District Office. Ms O’Brien and a new teacher employed on a temporary contract are teaching KM and doing a fantastic job.

#### Teaching & Learning

- Speech pathologists from the ENT Clinic at Randwick completed screening of most of our Kinder students today.
- Ms Gargoulakis is working with Ms Cat Robinson from the DEC in reviewing our Learning Support Team procedures as part of our plan for continual school improvement.
- Students are being given opportunities to participate in Public Speaking, Debating, UNSW Exams and Chess.
- Ms Grivas entered three artworks in a Reconciliation Week Competition. Danica in 5/6M won a prize.
- Reports will be sent home at the beginning of Week 9.

#### Buildings and Maintenance

- Have been in contact with Spotless maintenance contractor re the entry to SMOOSH. Assured that this would be happening very soon.
- Discussed gate on Botany Road. The gate is too heavy for spring to be attached. Propose locking this gate and the Gardeners Road gate, reopening the main gate and directing with signage all pedestrians to use.

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Amelia and Anika at Oatley Public School

...and we have great artists at Gardeners Road!

Danica and Ms Grivas at the awards ceremony at Mascot Library.
Schedule
The proposed schedule (at this stage) for Term 3 includes:
- Life Education Van
- Sports Carnival – proposal for primary aged carnival at Erskinville Oval and Commonwealth Games event K-6 at school or Turrawul Park
- Education Week
- Whole school Science excursion
- Book Swap during book Week
- Support Unit excursion to Ridge Farm
- Kinder Information Evening

General
- We received a supplementation payment of $34000 from DEC for expenditure in 2013. Thank you to Sue for the work she did in getting this.

School Schedule for Term 2
Please note the schedule may be updated during the term.

Week 7: 9-13 June
9: Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

Week 8: 16-20 June
16: ICAS Writing exam
17: ICAS Spelling Exam
18: SRC Disco

Week 9: 23-27 June
Reports home to parents
25: K-2 Music Assembly
26: NAIDOC Celebration
27: Last day of Term 2

The ICAS English and mathematics exams will be conducted during Term 3 on 29th July and 12th August respectively for those students involved.

PSSA schedule of matches

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Snapshots from Golden Play in Week 5

It’s great to be acknowledged when you do the right thing. 15 minutes of Golden Play time was enjoyed by all our students being safe, respectful learners in the playground.
DEC STUDENT SOFTWARE
available to K-12 students

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1 Log in to Student Portal

2 Expand “Learning” and click on Adobe DEC software download.
   The link takes you to “On the Hub” website.

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Note: Individual students are eligible for one download per application only.

Download Software

Correct as at April 2014  created by Ree Higoe
For first time use, students need to click “Register”.

Enter DEC student email address: user.name@education.nsw.gov.au.

Students are then prompted to enter their name and choose a password.

As part of the registration process you will be asked to verify your email account and click on a link in the email.
IMPORTANT NOTE: You only have 30 days to download the software and activate it using the product keys you are given.

To avoid losing access to the free software, only download the software that you want to install at this time. Log back in at a later stage to download further software.

1. Log back in and go “shopping”.

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4. Click on the desired software (eg. Office 2013)

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10 Keep a copy of the product keys you are issued with.
Download the software as instructed using the Secure Download Manager - also keep a backup of the software (eg. on a USB)

11 Activate software eg. open Word and click on Activate

12 You need to click on ‘Enter a product key instead’.
Enter the product key you were given.
This will complete the activation process.