Message from the Principal
Thank you to all those parents who are up to date with payments including student activities and fees sent out at the beginning of the year. It is very much appreciated.
Thank you also to Ms Gargoulakis and Ms O’Brien for relieving as Principal during the first two weeks of term. It is a pleasure to be back at school after returning from leave.
During the first week of the holidays I was fortunate, along with three other Principals to attend the European Positive Psychology Conference in Amsterdam and present work we have been undertaking in the area of leadership during 2013/14. The focus of the project is about using rigorous theories of positive psychology and organisational scholarship to build a school culture based on an affirmative bias. One way of doing this is identifying strengths and using these to make improvements rather than starting with the deficits. It was a fantastic opportunity to share and learn with others.
Our students are greatly looking forward to the science excursion planned for next week. Please be aware that if a signed permission note and money is not returned before the day, the children will be unable to attend and will need to be at school as usual. If parents need assistance with the cost of the excursion please contact the office so arrangements can be made in order for your child to participate.
This is an important part of our science program and desirable that all our students have this great opportunity.

Celebrating Success
Well done Gardeners Road for fewer playground timeouts and lunchtime reflections. You are being safer and keeping your hands and feet to yourself!

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REMINDER TO PARENTS!!!
AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2014
Tuesday, 12th August 2014.

Please return all notes and payment to the school Office by Friday 8th August.

Details:
Date: Tuesday 12th August 2014
Cost: $12.50
Time: Please be at school by 8:30am
What to wear: Full school uniform with school hat
What to bring: Snacks, lunch, hat, water bottle
Lunches: Lunches can be pre-ordered from our school canteen.

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Gardeners Road Public School Chess Championship 2014
Prize Winners
Tournament run on Tuesday 5th August 2014
Arbited by Bevan Clouston

Trophies:
1st Place – Luka Stosic 5.5/6
2nd Place – Nafisa Rahman 4.5/6
3rd Place – Joshua Thio 4.5/6
Medals:
Top Senior (Year 5 or 6) – Bilal Ghantous 4/6
Top Year 4 – Attila Hegedis 4/6
Top Year 3 – Hugo Mezei 4/6
Top Year 2 – Drew Kelso 3.5/6

The tournament was a great way of learning about Chess as well as competing. Many of the students said they practice with Dad, brothers, sisters or the computer at home. Well done to all the competitors whether they are beginners or more experienced players.

Mr Kubala reported that the most powerful lesson of the day was about the choices a player has when they find themselves in "check."
1) Move the king
2) Block the piece threatening the king
3) Capture the piece threatening the king.

Keep practising and playing!

Enrolling for Kindergarten
It’s hard to believe that the year has progressed so far. If you or your family, friends or neighbours are planning to enrol your child for Kindergarten 2015 please do so as soon as possible. A Kindergarten information evening will be held on 3 September and Orientation sessions held on 14, 21 and 28 October. Information letters will be sent out during the following week to those families already enrolled.

A quote to think about:
**Education is not only concerned with practical goals but also with values.**
*Ludwig Mies Van Der Rohe*

Fun at K-2 Sport
The children have been learning about making healthy choices with Happy Harold. The program covers lots of lifestyle areas including exercise and diet. Our K-2 students really enjoy developing skills and fitness during Friday sport-time.
Life Education

KH enjoyed learning about being healthy and safe with Happy Harold the giraffe.

Life Education

Mr Ron Hoenig MP visited to meet Harold and the children.

P&C
Thank you to those parents who were able to attend this week’s P&C meeting. The P&C does a wonderful job of supporting our school. A sincere thank you on behalf of the staff and students for the time and energy they commit.

For those parents unable to attend, I have included below the Principal’s Report presented at the meeting.

Principal’s Report for the P&C
5th August 2014

Staffing
• Welcome to Mr Chris Millist on class 5/6M.

Teaching & Learning
• PBL Program: PBL is an ongoing program at Gardeners Road and forms the basis for much of the work we do in the areas of behaviour, well-being and learning. Last year we began collecting data in the area of behaviour expectations. The results are very pleasing in relation to the expectation of “Keep your hands and feet to yourself”. The amount of playground timeouts decreased significantly from 93 in Semester 2 last year to 39 in Semester 1 this year. Similarly the amount of lunchtime reflections decreased from 57 to 39. Students and teachers are to be congratulated for this.

The area we need to focus on is “Being in the right place at the right time” i.e. in bounds at break times and following teacher instructions to be in the right place at the right time.

• A school Chess Tournament was held today. It was organised by Mr Kubala and involved 30 students from years 2-6.

• The Life Education Program has finished for this year. Ron Hoenig (MP) visited the school to meet with the children and observe the program.

• Last week was Education Week. Previously we have held a number of events over this term but decided this year, in light of the school timetable, to concentrate on the Book Swap during Book Week. Hopefully many parents will be able to attend. We also have the Science excursion next week and Commonwealth Games sports day happening later in the term.

• Ms Kim Beattie attended professional learning this week in preparation for the implementation of the new science syllabus. Ms Gargoulakis and Ms Brennan attended ongoing training on Focus on Reading. This is designed to enhance comprehension and literacy across the curriculum. Dot and Julie will be facilitating this learning with teachers 3-6.

Buildings and Maintenance
• The entry to SMOOSH has been repaired but still awaiting the tree trimming to be completed.

• The installation of a new school sign is underway.
General
- Kinder Information Evening will be held on 3 September. Request for a speaker from the P&C.

Durdans Avenue Development
As some parents are aware, a development for the operation of a smash repair business has been before council for quite a while. The school submitted a comment about the development which went before the Land and Environment Court.
A decision was reached and the following email forwarded to the school on the 25th July.

Dear Submitter
Judgment was handed down today by Commissioner Pearson, who granted consent to the development subject to the conditions and plan of management forwarded to you earlier. For ease of convenience I have attached a copy of the decision with the conditions and Plan of Management attached for your benefit.

If you lose a copy, you will see that it is a condition of consent that the conditions and Plan of Management be available at the premises on request. You will also see that there is a contact name and number and email address in the event of any complaints about odour and the like.

Council feels that it has built into the conditions and Plan of Management some very strong safeguards that will ensure that the development does not create any hazards to the health of children or neighbours. It was noted in the hearing that requirements as stringent as these had not been applied to any other similar site in the City certainly in the last 5 years and probably not before that. Happily, the Commissioner has included all of these in her decision.

As this matter is now concluded, I take this opportunity to thank you for your interest and involvement in this matter. Whilst for most submitters it would have been preferable that the development not be permitted, Council is happy that the safeguards built into the physical requirements of the site and the follow up and complaints system will ensure that the development does not generate any hazards to the nearby school children, teachers or residents.

Kind regards

Alex Singh
Senior Solicitor
Legal Services

The conditions and management plan was tabled at the P&C Meeting and is available if any parent would like a copy sent electronically to read.

Keeping our children safe!
We are very fortunate in having parking available on site. However, in order to keep our children safe please be mindful of:
- Using the pedestrian gate when walking to school
- Using the driveway to enter the school only if you are in a car
- Driving slowly and in a considerate way in the school
- Reverse park into parking spots
- Parking in and entering allocated areas only.

Thank you for your support with this.

Housekeeping - Paper towels
Last week it was necessary to call in a plumber to unblock sewerage pipes in the school. It was discovered that large amounts of paper hand towels flushed down the toilet had caused the problem. An order for $700 worth of paper towel was delivered just last month.

It would be really appreciated if parents could reinforce at home the following – to always wash hands after using the toilet, dry hands with one or two pieces of paper towel and put the paper towel in the bin.

Again, thank you for your support with this.

School Schedule for Term 3
Please be aware that sometimes circumstances arise that necessitate a change to the schedule.

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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

Book Swap:
Cost: gold coin donation

Big Band Bash:
This is a great opportunity for band members to perform with other bands. The cost of transport is covered.
Cost: Spending money (at family discretion $5-$10)

K-6 Commonwealth Sports Day:
Cost: $4

*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.

Good Luck to those students competing at the Zone Athletics Carnival this week!
Ms Sheen.
Principal.
YOU ARE INVITED TO THE GREAT BOOK SWAP!

As part of Book Week and to acknowledge Indigenous Literacy Day, Gardeners Road Students and families are once again invited to join in the Great Book Swap.

Everyone is invited to bring a book they've read and enjoyed to swap with one another. In exchange for a gold coin donation, students, families, and staff will be able to choose a 'new' book to keep at the Great Book Swap.

Once books are chosen, there will be time and space to sit and read with friends and family for the rest of the afternoon.

All funds raised will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to help buy books and literacy resources for Indigenous children living in remote communities.

Details:
Where: Gardeners Road Public School Hall
Date: Tuesday 19th August 2014
Cost: Gold Coin Donation
Time: 2pm - 3pm
What to wear: Red, Black and Yellow clothing
Book collection: Every day during Morning Assembly
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Fathers' Day Stall

The Fathers’ Day stall will be held on the morning of Friday 5th September 2014. Gifts will be available for students to purchase from $1 to $8. Please send your child/ren with some money on the day, if you would like to purchase a gift.

Are you available to assist with the running of the stall?

Please email
GRPSparents@gmail.com

Trivia Night

The trivia night will be held on Friday 24th October 2014, 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.

Raffle tickets will be given to students to sell throughout Term 3. 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. Additional tickets can be collected from the office.

Gardeners Road Cookbook

Our school is culturally diverse, with over 35 languages spoken by students. This creates a fantastic opportunity for us to develop a multicultural cookbook, that all families can contribute to.

Do you have a favourite family recipe to share?

All students and teachers are asked to submit their favourite recipe for the cookbook. Categories include breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert or snack recipes.

Recipes can be hand written and given in at the office or word processed and emailed to GRPSparents@gmail.com by the end of Term 3. Remember to include your name and a picture of the prepared dish (if possible). Briefly tell us why this is your favourite dish.

The cookbook will be available for purchase before the end of the school year.

Save the Date: P&C Disco 21 November 2014