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**Celebrating the Strengths of Gardeners Road**

As the school year commences I am once again in awe of our school community and the genuine inclusiveness of our school.

This is a great strength of Gardeners Road that I am very proud of as principal. All students benefit from learning in a positive culture that recognises and values each individual.

Congratulations to Kindergarten students for making a great start to the year. A big thank you to Kindergarten parents – you have done a wonderful job of preparing your children for the next exciting stage of their life!

**Let’s keep our students safe**

Thank you to those parents who close the gates when they enter and leave the school. **Unless driving or being driven, parents and students are asked to use the pedestrian entrance at the corner of Gardeners and Botany Roads.**

Your support with this is very much appreciated.

Ms Kim Sheen
Principal
P&C News

The first P&C meeting for 2015 was held this week Thank you to those parents who were able to make it. For those unable to join us I have included the Principal’s Report below.

Principal’s Report for the P&C
3rd February

School Organisation and Staffing
A new class has been formed due to increased student numbers. Total number of students including our students enrolled in the Support Unit is currently 310. We welcomed 55 Kindergarten students to our school.

The mainstream classes are as follows:  Support classes are as follows:

KF Ms Clare Fidler 17  1-3N Ms Kathy Ntziaferis 4
KH Ms Julie Hunt 18 K-3F Ms Wendy Fox 10
KL Ms Paula Lott 20 2-6H Ms Lydia Hamer 9
1H Ms Jenny Huynh 23 3-6A Mr Dimitri Adamou 17
1/2MB Ms Kim Beattie &
Ms Bernadette McDermott 25 Teachers and students in these classes are ably assisted by our team of Student Learning Support Officers:

2K Mr Michael Kubala 25 Ms Debra Hume
3B Ms Julie Brennan 27 Ms Nicole Clifton
3/4R Mr Pascal Rueger 30 Ms Natasha Thoma
4M Mr Chris Millist 29 Ms Gabby Brook
5/6G Ms Dot Gargoulakis 28
5/6S Ms Cherie Stone 29

We welcome Ms Jenny Huynh (formerly Ms Chan) back to our school. A warm welcome is also extended to our new Assistant Principal, Ms Cherie Stone. Ms Aileen Anderson is returning for 1 day per week this year.

Our team of support and additional staff also include: Our Administration and Office team continue to ensure the smooth running of the school. They are:

Ms Linda Grivas Library Ms Mandy Simpkins School Admin Manager
Ms Beverley Fine ESL Ms Lesley Anderson School Admin Officer
Ms Joanne McDonald Technology Ms Jenina Ingster Library Assistant (.5 day)
Ms Sherryl Mourad Learning & Assistance Mr Bruno Nedovski General Assistant (1.5)
Ms Ruth Gold Learning & Assistance
Ms Pam Georgoulas Learning & Assistance
Ms Aileen Anderson Learning & Assistance
Ms Makis Community Languages
Mr Selahattin Fil Community Languages
Ms Karen Burt District Guidance Officer &
School Psychologist

Buildings and Maintenance
During the holidays Mr Rueger’s and Ms Gargoulakis’s classrooms were painted. The classroom used for Playgroup is currently being painted with exterior painting work planned for Building C (Support Unit).

Teaching & Learning
The parent forums held at the end of last year provided some great information. Along with staff and student input it is currently being used to formulate a School Improvement Plan 2015-2017. This will be shared at the next P&C Meeting and published for all parents by the end of Term 1.

Wearing uniform is important

"The wearing of a school uniform can encourage pride in the school, assist in the maintenance of tone and good conduct, and reduce to a minimum the undesirable distinctions between children in the same school because of clothing. The wearing of a school uniform may provide greater security for children travelling to and from school"

NSW Department of Education.

Please note . . . . .

The second hand uniform shop managed by Mr Peter Horniak (Nicholas and Abbygail’s Dad) will not be running until another parent volunteer is found to continue Peter’s good work. The second hand uniform shop was available every
first Wednesday afternoon of the month. **A huge thank you to Peter** for the service he provided for parents. It was very much appreciated!

**Girls Uniform**

**Summer**
School summer tunic, white short socks, black shoes
School hat

**Winter**
Royal blue pinafore, white blouse or skivvy.
White socks or navy tights, black shoes, school jacket
Option—School track suit
School hat

**Sport**
Royal blue shorts or netball skirt, white polo shirt, white socks and runners, School hat.
Tracksuit in cooler weather
T Shirt in house colours for carnivals—will be advised.

**Boys Uniform**

**Summer**
Grey shorts, blue shirt, grey socks, black shoes
School hat

**Winter**
Grey trousers, blue shirt, school jacket, grey socks, black shoes
Option—school tracksuit
School hat

**Sport**
Royal blue shorts, white polo shirt, white socks and runners, School hat,
Tracksuit in cooler weather
T Shirt in house colours for carnivals—will be advised

**Jewellery**—only wear watches, studs or sleepers.
**Accessories**—only wear hair ties, tights and accessories in the school colours.
**Sandals or thongs are not permitted under any circumstances.**

**Thank you for ensuring your child is in uniform every day!**

**Lots to do in Kindergarten…..**

Interesting books in the library to read
Writing and games to do in class

Then time for recess and a well-earned play break.

**Our Own Budding Socceroos at Gardeners Road**

Sportsmanship

A great game of soccer can often be watched at recess and lunch times in our playground.

Sportsmanship is an important attribute.

Today I asked some of our “Gardeneroos” about sportsmanship. This is what they said.

*It means playing your best, celebrating when you win without making your opponents feel bad and ending with congratulations to both sides and a handshake.*

There were smiles all around as seen in the following photo.
Budgeting & Planning
As a school we are committed to providing the optimal learning environment for all our students. We are also aware of the need to consider the requests made of parents in terms of money and resources.

Below are the requirements that apply to all students. A more complete list with information about class requirements will soon be distributed.

Information about excursions and in school experiences will be provided as soon as the planning is completed.

Payment for the items below can be made any time from now. It would be appreciated if payments could be finalised by Friday 27 February 2015. Eftpos is available in the office.

Thank you for your support with this.

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Welcome to 2015.

The P & C wish you all a very happy start to the school year.

The P & C is a team of parents, community members and teachers who care about our school and participate in fun activities designed to bring our community closer together for the benefit of our students. If you are interested in finding out more please contact any member of the P & C.

A member of the P & C will be on the playground to answer any questions after school on Friday 6 March. Please come along and say hello.

P & C AGM

The P & C AGM will be held at 6.30pm, 10th March in the school staff room followed by our usual P & C meeting.
The P & C executive positions are decided at this meeting. If you would like to nominate yourself for a role or join the P & C please feel free to attend.

NEXT P & C MEETING: First Tuesday of every month. Everyone is welcome.

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook!
Search for Gardeners Road P & C
or email us at grpsparents@gmail.com.au
SENC Family Support
Parent Information Session

CPR and 1st Aid for Children

Presented by Dr Debbie Perkins
Sydney Children’s Hospital

Topics include: choking, drowning, sunburn & burns, poisonings, bites and stings.
Learn also about CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) for children and see a demonstration.

Wednesday 25th February 2015
10:00am-12:00pm

Where: Gardener’s Rd
Public School
Gardener’s Rd entrance
Rosebery 2018

Childcare: $10 per child
****** Nut Free ******

Limited spaces—Bookings essential
Enquiries:
SENC Family Support
Ph: 8338 8506
Email: familysupport@senc.org.au
PlayPower

Making the Most of Everyday Moments

Birth to 3 years

Wednesday

Thursday 26th March 2015

10.00am-12:00pm

Gardeners Rd Public School library
Gardeners Rd entrance, Rosebery

PlayPower Workshops

Provide parents with early childhood and brain development information, and ideas for play activities using everyday household items. Parents have the opportunity to ask questions and share their parenting experiences.

The first three years of life are critical for a child's lifelong wellbeing. Strong parent-child bonds developed during this critical time boost children's resilience to handle life's challenges.

PlayPower helps parents to:

Build loving Relationships with their children
Capitalise on daily Routines in their family life
Play, have fun and Relax with their children
Give positive Responses to build self-esteem
Establish Rituals that strengthen family bonds
Use Repetition to promote learning and Development.

Limited childcare
Cost $10 per child
bookings are essential.
Please contact
SENC Family Support
at the South East Neighbourhood Centre

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