Message from the Principal
Welcome back to Term 3. I trust all families enjoyed a happy and safe vacation. The students have all settled back into class routines and we look forward to an exciting and productive term.
Next week is education week and a chance for parents and carers to visit their child’s classroom. Please see below for times.

Well done G-Force students
The following students are congratulated for being safe, respectful learners.

KF
Rishan Elijah Max Sena

KH
Maral

3B
Camilo Fatema Fordyrick Atilla Jana Stevany Shayla Jayson Julio Awaab Lawriza Cassie Jasmine

K-2 Music Program
All children in Years K-2 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

Year 5/6 Camp
Stage 3 students and teachers had a wonderful time at camp last week. Congratulations students on your fantastic behaviour at camp and a big thankyou to Ms Gargoulakis, Ms Stone and Ms Shauna, who attended. Look for photos in the next edition of the Gazette.

THE GREAT BOOK SWAP
Students and families are once again invited to join in The Great Book Swap on 25 August. Everyone is invited to bring a book to swap. Please bring a book that you have read and enjoyed and you are willing to part with. Please make sure the book is in good condition so that someone else will enjoy owning it. A gold coin donation on the day will be used to support the Indigenous Literacy foundation.

Naidoc Week
NAIDOC Week (13-19 July) is an opportunity to celebrate Sydney's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community. This year NAIDOC celebrations will form part of our Education Week activities.
Next Tuesday 28th July, all students at Gardeners Road Public School will be participating in NAIDOC celebrations. A wide range of activities have been planned for the day which include traditional Indigenous games, storytelling and an indigenous dance performance from the Matraville Soldier Settlement Public School Dance Troup. Parents are welcome to come and help celebrate NAIDOC day with us. Activities and games will begin at 11.30 in the playground. The dance performance and storytelling will begin at 2pm in the school hall.

Project Based Learning at GRPS
Stage 2 – Out of this world
This term, our Stage 2 classes (3B, 4/3R, 4M & 3-6A) are joining forces to explore and learn about the planet Earth. They’ll be learning about how the Earth spins, orbits and tilts in space and how these movements give us day and night, years and seasons. Not only that, but they’ll also be demonstrating their learning at the end of the term at our first Science Fair!
This is all part of a project that the school is involved in. Project-Based-Learning (or PBL) is a different way of teaching which focuses more on the students. Students are given a problem or task that they have to find a solution for themselves. Working together, they have to brainstorm and test various ideas as well as learn and put into practice any mathematical, language or scientific skills they might need to complete the task. This student-centred learning puts the students in control of their learning, with teachers being their guides and helpers.
To Space and Beyond!!!
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P&C News…
Term 3, Week 6

The next P&C meeting will be held on August 5th at 6:30pm in the staff lunch room (near the kindergarten class rooms). We would love to see more people attend.

Also don’t forget to like our Facebook page – Gardeners Road P&C – to receive regular updates.

Advertise With Us!
Local Rosebery and Mascot businesses are invited to have a regular ad placement in our newsletter each week. Payment will be by the term ($75 incl. GST). Please contact: Claire Williams on 0447573309 or email her at claire@insydneytutoring.com.au

Education Week – Local Heroes

All parents, friends and family are invited to join us on Monday 27 July to acknowledge Education Week.

The theme for Education week is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes.’ During Education Week teachers and students will be celebrating their local community and 'local heroes', including their local ANZAC / military heroes.

9.15 – 10.00 am:
Visit the classrooms to share a learning activity with your child.
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Participation in The Great Book Swap means that in exchange for a gold coin donation, students, families and staff will be able to choose a ‘new’ book to take home.

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 25th August 2015
- **Cost:** Gold coin donation
- **Time:** 2pm – 3pm
- **What to wear:** Dress as your favourite book character
- **Book collection:** Every day during morning assembly from Week Two

Ms Lisa O’Brien  
Relieving Principal

Ms Kim Beattie  
The Great Book Swap Coordinator

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*Cut this bookplate out, fill it in, and glue it into your pre-loved book before you hand it in at school.*

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The Great Book Swap GRPS 2015
This is one of my favourite books because:

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www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au
TWICE A WEEK CONTROLS HEAD LICE!

CONDITIONER AND A NIT COMB - THE SOLUTION TO REINFECTION

If all children or adults at risk put conditioner on their hair once a week and combed it out with a fine tooth comb, head lice would become a minor problem. Older kids can do this, but will need the encouragement of parents. Younger children will need parents to do this for them.

Conditioner and a fine tooth comb is a cost-effective way to stop head lice reestablishing themselves. Used once a week it can get rid of that reinvading louse. Apply conditioner to dry hair or even wet hair and comb off all the conditioner with a fine tooth comb. Look for lice and eggs by wiping the combings on paper tissue. If you find less than 5 lice, repeat the conditioner and fine tooth combing daily until all lice are gone. If you find more than that 5 lice, use an insecticidal treatment. Remember to retreat in 7 days, and to use conditioner and fine tooth comb at least twice between treatments.

CONDITIONER AND FINE TOOTH COMB TECHNIQUE

1. Apply conditioner to dry hair aiming to cover each hair from root to tip with a layer of conditioner.
2. Detangle the hair using an ordinary comb.
3. Immediately comb the hair with a fine tooth comb. The best comb for this is combs with cylindrical metal teeth, not flat teeth. However, plastic nit combs with conditioner are also very effective at detecting and removing climbers with conditioner, but far less effective for eggs.
4. Wipe the conditioner off the fine tooth comb onto a paper tissue and look for lice and eggs.
5. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 5 times.
6. Also examine the comb for lice and eggs.

HEAD LICE DETECTION KIT

A head lice detection kit therefore consists of 4 things:

- Conditioner - white conditioner is best since the lice and eggs are easier to see
- A fine tooth comb - to comb out the lice stunned by the conditioner
- A normal comb - to detangle hair and make the fine tooth comb easier to use
- Paper tissue - white tissues are best since the lice and eggs are easier to see

Why use conditioner in a detection kit?

Conditioner stuns head lice! The stunning effect seems to last about 20 minutes. After this time most lice are active again. Use conditioner on hair to increase the rate of detection. Applying conditioner to dry hair is best, but it will work on wet hair also. Older kids can even use the conditioner and nit comb technique as a part of their normal hair care. If they do this at least once a week, newly invaded lice will be detected and removed before they have time to lay many eggs. Reinfection will be controlled.

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