Message from the Principal

Dear School Community

Following the incident on Friday 31 July, GRPS will undertake a review of safety and security in our school. Please be assured that student’s safety is our highest priority and every effort will be taken to address and improve student safety at school. I would like to thank the community for the way it has responded to the incident and your ongoing support as we implement improved safety measures.

Education Week

I would like to thank all the parents, grand-parents, care-givers, family members and friends who visited the school during Education Week. The children were so excited to see you all taking an interest in what they are doing at school. They really enjoyed having the opportunity to share with you the fantastic learning they are exposed to at Gardeners Road Public School. Having the opportunity to see you in their school and class environment, engaging with their teachers only serves to underline that home and school are working together to help them to be the best they can be.

Well done G-Force students

The following students are congratulated for being safe, respectful learners.

KL
- Zachary
- Michelle
- Ivy
- Pritha
- Kamilya
- Archer
- Pippa

KH
- Lachlan
- Jake
- Leevon
- Adriana

2M
- Taj
- Anastasios
- Danna
- Kristiava
- Yelena
- Mia

1H
- Ruby
- James

6/5S
- Alieza
- Aleena
- Thomas
- Korey

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school. Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.

It’s simple to participate.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at our school (in the foyer near the office) or at your local Woolworths. You can find everything you’ll need for the program on the link below. And don’t forget parents and friends can access your barometer via the Woolworths website so be sure to keep updating your points!

For more detail about the program please visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

Kindergarten 2016 Enrolments

The school is currently taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. Please remind any local families seeking enrolment at Gardeners Road Public School for next year that our transition and orientation programs for Kindergarten 2016 will commence next term.

All local families seeking enrolment are encouraged to complete an enrolment form which is available from the school office or school’s website.

Our Term 3 Information Night for students and new families is scheduled for Wednesday 2nd September 2015.

Early Term 4 the school will begin its Kindergarten transition sessions for 2016 Kindergarten families. This important preparation will ensure a smooth start to 2016 for all children.

Sessions: Tuesday 13th October, 20th and 27th November at 9.30 am to 11am.
BOUNCE BACK PROGRAM – K-2
In Week 4, Term 3, the K-2 students will be involved in the "Bounce Back!" Classroom Resiliency Program.
This 7 week program will be taught by the classroom teachers in conjunction with the positive learning strategies taught in Peer Support and the Years 3-6 program "Friendly Schools".
The program will teach the students the personal skills that underpin resiliency, that is, the capacity to "bounce back" after encountering problems, difficulties and down times.

MindQuest 2015
Students have an opportunity to participate in over 38 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day Mind Quest 2015 program to be held on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September at St George Girls High School, Kogarah. This program is for gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. The cost of the weekend is $180. Brochures are in the school office. Closing date is Monday 17 August.

21st Century Learning at GRPS
Coding and Robotics
Coding in Schools
There has been a lot of talk lately about teaching children to code (computer programming). At Gardeners Road Public School it is not new, we have been coding in Stage 2 and 3 for a few years via the Kodu program. This term most classes are now coding using Code.org during their computer lesson.
Coding helps children to be articulate and think logically. They need to break things down into a series of steps and start predicting what’s going to happen. It teaches them not just how to work a computer, but how a computer works and how to make it work for you.
The following programs are available on the school iPads and students will have the opportunity to use them in their classrooms.
Tinker, Codeable, Daisy the Dinosaur
Other learn-to-code apps which you may choose to download on home devices are Hopscotch, ScratchJr and Hakitzu. An online coding contest Shaun the Sheep’s Game Academy began earlier this year. The Scratch programming language, already used widely in schools, is freely accessible online at home too.
Encourage your children to code.

Mrs J. McDonald

Gardeners Rd Public School Band Program
Term 3
Dear Parents and Band members
We are now currently working towards our next performance which will be at the annual Daceyville big band bash, which will be held on Thursday, 27 August.
The band will be part of a 70 piece combined ensemble that will perform for the crowds entertainment.
These pieces are ‘Buglers dream’ 'Procession of heroes’ and 'Twist and shout'.
For this week coming, all band students should focus their practice on perfecting Twist and shout, paying close attention to correct notes, and knowing where to go in the piece.
I really look forward to presenting this combined ensemble at Daceyville.

Kevin Christmas

Band Conductor.

Second-hand Uniform Shop
There is a Super special on all pieces at the moment - $1 or less. Second hand uniforms are available for purchase on Wednesday morning from 8.30am.
Donations needed desperately!!

NAPLAN Student Reports Years 3&5
In the next couple of weeks, with the date yet to be confirmed in a forthcoming newsletter, The NAPLAN student reports for Years 3 and 5 will be sent home.
The NAPLAN student report will show your child's results in the key areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show the national average, the range of results for the middle 60% of students nationally and your school's average for each test. This means you will be able to compare the performance of your child against other students in the same year of schooling.
The additional student report will list all the questions in each test, along with a brief description of each question. This report will show you which questions your child answered correctly.
A common assessment scale is used on each NAPLAN report so that you can track your child's progress through the years. Should you wish to make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss your child's results and how to interpret the NAPLAN reports, please contact the office.
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### P&C News...

#### Term 3, Week 6

The P&C had a very productive meeting on Tuesday 4th August with lots of great things happening for the rest of the year and in 2016!

This term the P&C will be holding a walk-a-thon on Tuesday 15th September to raise funds for the robotics program being implemented in all classrooms.

We are glad to see the notebooks which were recently donated by the P&C being used in the library and have happily contributed towards the transportation for the kids who are going to represent the school at the zone carnival over the next 2 weeks. Good luck to all those students.

Also if anyone would like to purchase a fantastic quality swimming cap for only $6 please leave the money in an envelope at the office and we will get the cap to you. Any child who attends All Sorts at Alexandria for swimming lessons knows that they are now compulsory at all lessons.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 1st at 6:30pm in the staff lunch room.

Also remember to like our facebook page – Gardeners Road P and C
2M takes you on a journey to where the forest meets the sea.

In Term 2 our class studied Jeanie Baker's book, *Where the Forest Meets the Sea*. 2M investigated the sounds we might hear in the forest and designed a performance piece to bring these sounds to the whole school. Each student contributed either by speaking or creating the sounds. Did you guess what objects we used to create each sound? The motor boat and cockatoos were made by Kester and Asher using their voices. The rustle of leaves and the campfire was made by Brooklyn using plastic bags. We also used snapping twigs to add to the campfire sounds. Aysha used a percussion instrument to mimic the sound of gentle waves while Jason used water to create the soothing creek sounds. During rehearsals we took time to acknowledge what we liked about each other's performance. We were really impressed by how clearly and confidently students spoke and how much work they put into learning their lines at home.

This term we will be studying landscapes in our English unit and we will be going on a bush walk. We're keen to find out if our predictions about the sounds are accurate. Thanks to Ms Huynh for looking after the power point, Ms Fidler for the photos and Mr Rueger and the SRC for supporting us on the stage.
Congratulations Amelia!
Amelia in 4M recently competed in the 2015 Gymnastics NSW State Championship on 25th July, representing Bunnerong Gymnastics. She came first on Floor Exercise, second on Beam, third on Bars and sixth on Vault; and won Overall State Champion for Level 5, National Development Program.
Well done. GRPS is very proud of you!

In Week 8, 6/5G and 6/SS will be participating in a two part incursion as part of the Science unit: Earth’s place in Space.
This will introduce students to robotic exploration of Mars. Learning experiences will include cooperative learning to gain background knowledge of Mars, plan a mission, virtual rover driving, and teleoperating one of the rovers in the Mars Yard at the Powerhouse Museum. We are all looking forward to our ‘NASA’ experience.
BOOK WEEK 2015

THEME: “BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD”

EVENTS:

• MONDAY 24 AUGUST – FRIDAY 28 AUGUST
  BOOK FAIR
  8:30 am - 9.00am  3.00 - 3:30pm

• TUESDAY 25 AUGUST - MUFTI DAY
  Dress up as your favourite book character
  9.00 - 10.00am

All children, family and friends are invited to participate in our Book Fair 2015.

Students will have an opportunity to purchase books and other items from the Book Fair with their class during the Book Fair.

A wish box will be on display for those families and friends of Gardeners Road Public School interested in purchasing and donating a book to our school Library.

A Donation Certificate, acknowledging the name of the child or family, will be placed inside the donated book cover. The children donating the book will have the opportunity to be the first to borrow the new book after the book has been processed for borrowing.

I look forward to seeing the students, families and friends of Gardeners Road Public School during our Book Week Book Fair.

Please come along to enjoy the wonderful planned activities and share the opportunity to purchase fantastic new books to read at home and also for the school library.

Ms Linda Grivas
Teacher Librarian
Some Book Week Dress Up Ideas
Jeans for Genes Day

Jersey Day

Wednesday 12th August

Gardeners Road SRC Charity Event

Wear your favourite soccer, football, basketball or any other jersey and support our event.

Every dollar raised on the day helps scientists at the Children’s Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures, to give every child the opportunity to live a long and healthy life.