Message from the Principal

Dear School Community

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. Orientation sessions will be held on 14, 21 and 28 October.

Thank you
Thank you to those parents who have sent in all money owed for music, student work books and the Reading Eggs program.

Reminder notes will be sent home soon.

Please remember that school costs can be paid off in small amounts over time. Please drop into the office or phone if you would like to arrange this.

Well done G-Force students

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

2/1MB Jace

1H Abbygail Adam Daniella Jerome James Leora Scott Sandra Ruby

4/3R Armita Ellen Drew Vlad Aaliyah Ceren Dean

KH Chelsea

3B Julio Kuntapon Clarence Inaki Stevany Ruslan Fatema

4M Amelia Anastacia Angelo Anika Chloe Cindy Danielle Fadi Issac

Celebrating Success

It was with pleasure that I watched a number of students receive recognition at this week’s assembly for academic achievement. G-Port certificates were awarded as well as certificates of credit and distinction in the University of New South Wales International Spelling Assessment. Students in our school received 3 distinction, 5 credit and 11 Participation certificates in the ISAS Spelling competition.

P&C
Thank you to those parents who were able to attend this month’s P&C meeting. For those unable to make it I have included my report presented on Tuesday evening.

Principal’s Report for the P&C
2nd September 2014

Staffing
- Paula Lott on LSL currently replaced by Dimitri Adamou
- Anna Murray on 2M replaced by Michael Kubala
- Ms McDonald on leave term 3 and 4-Mr Kubala

Teaching & Learning
- Quality teaching Successful Students Initiative Allocation used to provide professional learning to staff on the Quality Teaching Framework and teachers released to participate in Quality teaching classroom observations.
- Robotics and coding purchased and used for project based learning in classes K-6.
- 1x teacher to provide additional support to students in a targeted 5 week program to address numeracy skills.
- Integration funds allocated to employ 3 full time Student Support Learning Officers in school to support students with a disability in mainstream classes.

Buildings and Maintenance
- Work to begin this term on sick bay area.
- Painting upgrade of library facilities will occur in school holiday.
- Safety and Security review. School has begun implantation of recommendations.

General
- Finance meeting being held (Wednesday 26 August) @ 8.30am. Amy (P&C Treasurer) invited to attend. Next meeting 7 October.
- Kinder information session tomorrow evening. Amy Organ to attend on behalf of the P&C.
- Call for canteen Tender process to begin.
News from the Bandmaster

BAND NEWS
After a successful workshop & great performance to stage 1 in Week 6, our huge combined 65 piece ensemble attended the Big Band Bash. This day was a lot of fun as it not only involved performing to a large enthusiastic crowd, but also the chance to eat Chocolate waffles and fairy floss! We also have the Annual School concert in week 10 to look forward to, so keep practicing everyone. Kevin Christmas
Mr Kevin Christmas

To celebrate Father’s Day, Gardeners Road P & C will be holding a Father’s Day stall on Friday 4th September 2015.

The P & C will be providing children with a range of gifts to choose from with prices starting at $2 and ranging up to $10. We would just like to give each child a chance to buy something special for their Dad. Please provide a gift bag for your child’s purchase.

Children’s Book Council Award Winners
Looking for new books to read with you children? Try these award winning books just announced as the Book of the Year Award Winners 2015.
## Term 3 2015 so far….

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### P&C News…

**Term 3, Week 6**

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.

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 October 6th at 6:30pm in the staff lunch room.

Also remember to like our facebook page – Gardeners Road P and C
The Fire Truck
The Fire Fighters from Mascot Fire Station came to visit 3-6A at Gardeners Road Public School.

First we learnt about safe and dangerous fires. The Fire Fighter showed us all to ‘drop, cover and roll’ in case we are ever on fire. We sprayed the water from the hose and there was a rainbow.

We had lots of fun meeting the Fire Fighters.

Night and Day in 3B
Stage 2 is learning a great deal about the sun and night and day. 3B knows now the sun doesn’t move – it’s the Earth that orbits the sun. The moon orbits the Earth. The moon doesn’t have any weather - no rain or wind for example or any light - we see the moon because it reflects the sun’s light.

Winter shadows are shorter because the Earth is tilted away from the sun and longer in summer because the Earth is tilted towards the sun.

Sunlight travels in a straight line. Shadows are made when something blocks the sunlight. Therefore night time is the Earth casting a shadow on itself.

3B is learning to write an Informative Text on sundials. Fordyrick went home and made a sundial of his own. Here’s how:
1. Fold paper into a triangle shape
2. Cut the bottom of the triangle to make the gnomon (the pointy part)
3. Glue the gnomon onto the base
4. Mark the base in hour intervals according to the shadows
SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS
DON’T MISS OUT

☑️ New friendships  ☑️ Fun
☑️ Great value  ☑️ Safe

Our popular Spring Kids’ and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what’s on including our popular Cooking 4 Kids, Adventurer, Kids’ Club and Duke of Edinburgh camps plus lots more.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids’ Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 and over and range from 1 to 5 days.

Residential Kids’ Camps include:
- 24 hour supervision
- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport

Family Camps include:
- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Use of all facilities i.e. BBQ area, pool, tennis courts etc.

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