Wednesday 21st September, 2011

Week 10 - Term 3

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you to all the staff, parents and children who helped make this term a successful one. We are very lucky here at Garden Suburb PS to have such a supportive network of people who ensure our school is fabulous every day of the week.

The Spring Fair organisation is well under way. Thank you to all the parents and community members who came to the Spring Fair meeting. Your time and help is greatly appreciated. As part of this occasion, the staff as GSPS are running a ‘Trash and Treasure’ stall. If you have anything you would like to donate to this stall please bring your items to the spare demountable at the beginning of next term.

Volunteers are urgently needed to help work on some of the stalls at the Spring Fair. The type of stalls requiring volunteers are: the BBQ, lollies and chips, cake stall and raffle ticket sales. If you can help with any of these - even if it is just for 1/2 an hour - please let the office know. Any contribution would be great.

A big congratulations to all the students who represented our school at the PSSA Netball finals and the Hockey Gala Day last week. Your fantastic sportsmanship was recognised by all who attended. Well done!

Next term there will be some staffing changes:

- Mr Mathews will return for the rest of the year and will teaching 5/6B. A big thank you to Mr Britt for your hard work and dedication to this class. Mrs Swadling will ensure that Mr Britt and Mr Mathews will be allocated time together to ensure a smooth transition for all.
- Mrs Samuels will be taking Long Service Leave for the first two weeks and Mr Jones will be working with KS.
- Miss Price will also be taking Long Service Leave for the first two weeks as she is getting married. Yay! Mr Britt will be working with 6P during this time. We wish Miss Price a fabulous wedding day and a safe and happy honeymoon.

Just a reminder to get your money in for Year 5 and 6 camp as it is in the first week back. Money is due today. They are going to have a great time exploring Sydney at the IMAX theatre, the observatory, and much more. This is happening on Tuesday and Wednesday of the FIRST week back.

Thank you to staff, students and parents for your support over this 2 weeks as we have been supporting Mrs Swadling in her time of need. Our thoughts are with you Mrs Swadling.

Have a safe and happy holidays. See you next term on Monday 10th October.

The School Executive
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CANTEEN ROSTER
21/9  T. Clark L.Baer
22/9  T. Clark C. Lenton
23/9  T. Clark M. Lowe
A copy of the full term roster and the canteen menu is available on the schools web page.

Sport Report

Congratulations to Joshua and Rixon Wingoove who are going to the Regional Softball and Rixon is going to the Regional Cricket trials this week. Good Luck!

The Hockey Teams played very well and had a great time at the hockey gala day. Well done!!!

Our Senior Netball team played very well and ended up coming 3rd overall. Thankyou to all the parents who helped transport.

By Lucas Borrow and Jye Pickin

Congratulations also to Morgan Haimau-Ikihele who competed in the All Schools Nationals in Darwin for NSW and came 6th in the Discus and 8th in Shot-put.

Courtney Wiltshire was selected to try out for the State Soccer team. Good Luck!

We would like to wish Mrs Leonie Kendall, who has taught SRE (scripture) at Garden Suburb and many other schools in the Newcastle area for many years, all the best in her retirement.

Doughnut Day
Friday 23rd Sept.
Doughnuts will be sold from the canteen at lunchtime.

Iced doughnuts $1
Cinnamon 50c

Sporting Competition Information in the Office
* Lake Macquarie Rugby Club Summer Touch Football Competition
* Readhead Mobile Surf School
HOCKEY GALA DAY

Last Wednesday GSPS hockey players participated in a Gala Day at the Newcastle Hockey Centre. With perfect weather conditions, each team played 4 games against other local schools.

To conclude the day, a tasty sausage sizzle was organised and prepared by Mrs T. Clarke and Mr A. Ellevsen for all players and officials.

A huge thank you to Mrs S. Evans whose enthusiasm and love of hockey encourages everyone to play their best. Also a big thank you to our parents who assisted with transport and for supporting our teams.

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To all the families who supported our Book Fair. We sold $1028 worth of books raising $308 for our library!

A special thank you to the following families who also generously donated books from the Fair to our library’s collection: Allbutt family, Clark family, McSeverney family, Hutchinson family, Broad family, Corbett family and the Gibson family.

Books offer us journeys into:

“One World Many Stories.”

Many thanks to the 6P students who helped me each lunchtime - especially Jessica Guiney.

Juliana Waugh