

18<sup>th</sup> December  
2018



## Principal's Report

# NEWS

GARDENVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ONWARD AND UPWARD

What a magnificent evening we had last Wednesday at our End of Year School Concert. Despite a rather warm night, and possible impending storm, the show went on and our students were sensational and had so much fun performing. The children looked forward eagerly to performing and did so magnificently and their behaviour was exemplary. The staff were actively involved in preparing the grades' performances and provided a sensational act of their own! Thank you to Tricia Ciampa, for organising the food trucks and to all the parents who helped pack and clean up at the end of the concert. At the concert, we also acknowledged, and are very grateful for, the extraordinary work Tricia has done for the past 3 year as our PA President.

It would be remiss not to mention the wonderful co-ordination of the concert by our Music Department, Julie Pitts and Tom Pitts. Tom worked with the teachers, organised the sound and staging and overall program of the concert. We also thank one of our special singing groups, The JETs, for providing pre-entertainment; what a superb job they did! Such an event also provides another opportunity for student leadership and in their hosting of the event, Maddie and Sasha, our Music Captains, did us proud!

### Are you able to help us out?

On the Sunday prior to school commencing for 2019, 27<sup>th</sup> January, we will be holding a Working Bee on each campus to do some general gardening and tidying. We would greatly appreciate the support of anyone who is able to spare an hour or two to help prepare the grounds for the commencement of the new school year. Jobs will include; raking, sweeping, mowing and weeding. Bayside Council have kindly agreed to send a worker and truck to remove all green waste that we gather. We would love to have our school sparkling for the beginning of the 2019 school year. Hope to see you there!

### Change to Junior Campus Assembly time for 2019.

Please be aware that **Junior Campus Assembly** will be held at **3:00pm on a Monday**, commencing 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019. This is a trial for Term One and will only impact the Junior Campus. The Senior Campus will continue to have their assembly at 9:00am on Monday as usual.

### Reports and 2019 Classes

Students will bring home their school reports on Wednesday afternoon. Our children will meet their new classmates and teachers for 2019 at the transition morning, which is to be held on Wednesday morning on both our Senior and Junior Campuses.

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## Parent Information Nights

Below are the dates for our Parent Information Nights in February 2019. Please note the relevant date/s in your diary.

Prep – 7:00pm - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 1 – 7:00pm – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 2 - 6:15pm - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 3 - 6:30pm - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 4 - 6:30pm - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 5 – 7:00pm - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 6 – 7:00pm - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February

## Final Whole School Assembly

Our final Whole School Assembly will be held at the Junior Campus at 9:30am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. At this assembly we will have the opportunity to farewell all students leaving Gardenvale this year and announce the student leadership positions for 2019.

A reminder that on the last day of school for the year, Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, the students will be dismissed at 1.30pm. Please make the necessary arrangements to collect your children at this earlier time.

School commences for Year 1 – 6 students on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January and Friday February 1<sup>st</sup> will be the first day for our new Prep students.

As the end of another school year looms, it's time to thank our wonderful parent community. I would like to thank our parent body for supporting the school and donating their time and energy to help make Gardenvale PS a truly great school. Here are just some of the ways we have been supported by our parent community— whether it is by being involved and working hard on School Council or Parents Association, running and processing Student School Banking, being a classroom helper, attending working bees, excursions and whole school events, or in a multitude of other ways. Your ongoing support and assistance has been greatly appreciated.

A reminder that as we enjoy all that is good about summer that we need to be extra vigilant with our children, whether it be around water, busy traffic and in large crowds.

I wish you all the very best for the festive season and a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Janine Hall  
Acting Principal

### **Second Hand Uniform Sale for Term 4, 2018**

**When:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
**Time:** 8:40am-9:15am  
**Where:** Junior Campus, on the courts outside the music room  
**Cost:** All items \$5 (Please bring coins or \$5 notes)

New hats will be available for \$16

If you've been meaning to donate your GOOD quality uniforms, now is the time. We need some more donations to sell so please clear your cupboards! Donations are gratefully appreciated before the day of the sale, please drop them into the Junior Campus office to Marg, Cathy or Angela.

*#refuse/reduce/repair/reuse/recycle/roff*

# Calendar of Events

## December

Friday 21 Whole School Assembly 9:30am

End of Term 4

Students dismissed at 1:30pm

## January

Sunday 27 Whole School Working Bee

Thursday 31 School begins (Year 1-6 students)

Friday 1 Prep students begin

## February

Monday 4 Year 1 Parent Information Night  
7pm

Wednesday 6 Year 5 Parent Information Night  
7pm

Thursday 7 Prep Parent Information Night  
7pm

Monday 11 Year 2 Parent Information Night  
6:15pm

Year 6 Parent Information Night  
7pm

Tuesday 12 Year 4 Parent Information Night  
6:30pm

Monday 18 Year 3 Parent Information Night  
6:30pm

### 2019 Term Dates

Term 1: 31<sup>st</sup> January—5<sup>th</sup> April  
Term 2: 23<sup>rd</sup> April—28<sup>th</sup> June  
Term 3: 15<sup>th</sup> July—20<sup>th</sup> September  
Term 4: 7<sup>th</sup> October—20<sup>th</sup> December

## Student of the Week



**Lachlan Z, 2A** for his amazing ICT work in Year 2 especially using Word and PowerPoint. Awesome Lachlan!

**Lun M, 2B** for always putting 100% effort into everything she does and showing such a wonderful attitude to her work. What a great Year Lun!

**Jessica A, 3C** for being a wonderful friend, always encouraging others and making us smile. You brought joy and kindness to 3C this year!



### HERRRby Award

**Kyrill K, PC** for always trying to do the right thing. You are supportive of your friends and teachers. A HERRRby star!

**Ellie Q, IA** for always being a responsible and conscientious student and displaying all the HERRRby values.

**Holly A, 6C** for always having a smile on her face and willing to help a friend at all times!

### Green HERRRby Award



**Estelle L, 3C** made a difference by always being proactive in reminding her class about rubbish free lunches and caring about how we treat our planet.

# PA NEWS

Dear families,

Thank you for your generosity this year, we have achieved so much and we could not have done it without everyone's support, time, donations, skills, and attendance at events. This year we have raised close to \$72,000, contributing additional resources and investment in our school.

Here's a run down of what we got up to in 2018: Welcome Picnic; Walkathon; Mothers Day Luncheon; Parents Battle of the Bands; School holiday movie outing; Coles Sports for Schools vouchers; Rockstar Kids Disco; Teachers Appreciation Lunch; Birdcage to Bogan Parents Night Out; Fathers Day Brekkie; Footy Fever day sausage sizzle & face painting; Election Day Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle; Icy Pole Friday; we purchased Onya reusable bags, Keep Cups and Mango trays; contributed towards the Mother day gifts; bought a new leaf blower and new classroom readers; helped launch the Wash Up Station, and purchased Christmas gifts for all the specialist teachers and support staff.

None of this could have been possible without the assistance of many helping hands in our school community, but in particular **OUR CLASS REPS**. Fantastic job everyone, you've coordinated activities and events, garnered the support of other parents, organised the classroom teachers gifts, organised get-togethers, and been the go-to person for information. **If you would like to be in the thick of it next year, be a class rep for 2019! Drop us an email at [pa@gardenvale.ps.vic.edu.au](mailto:pa@gardenvale.ps.vic.edu.au) asap.**

Thank you also to Lori Brits and Nicole Lupacchini for coordinating the School Banking this year; Sarah Jones for organising all the Second Hand Uniform sales, and Kristine Lepp for selling the Entertainment Books.

On a personal note, this has been my third year as PA president and I am stepping down from the role. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many parents and children at GPS, helping run events and fundraisers, and learning so many new skills (like putting up marquees, gauging how many sausages can be cooked with half a gas bottle, and using a crowbar!)

I'd like to thank the members of the PA, especially those that attended meetings regularly, helped run activities, supported me, and who I have been able to count on unwaveringly. Thank you Lisette McDonald, Amanda Penny, Jodie Fox, Robyn Krawitz, Nicola McCormack, Candice Smith, Simone Zaacks, Elise Weiss, Candi Novak, and Felicia Welstead. Felicia has put her hand up to take on the PA President's role next year and I encourage everyone to get behind her and the PA in 2019.

I would like to thank, from the bottom of my heart, all the wonderful women who really run the school: Pauline, Maree, Marg, Cathy and Angela. Thank you to all our teachers who have also supported our events and encouraged children and their families to get involved. Finally, thank you to Anna Wellington-Boyd, Julie Pitts, and Janine Hall, who continue to lead our school with grace, diligence and wholeheartedness.

Best wishes to all for a happy and safe Christmas and festive season.

Tricia Ciampa



# CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS !!

The Gardenvale School Banking program requires volunteers to assist with the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes approximately one hour, one day per week and the Commonwealth Bank provides all materials and support.

## THURSDAY IS OUR SCHOOL BANKING DAY

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please complete the section below and return it to [dazlor@alphalending.com.au](mailto:dazlor@alphalending.com.au).

In Term 4, two new reward items from the Super Savers range are available to redeem:

- \* Slushie Maker Cup; and
- \* Zoom Flying Disc



### Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Availability: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Please contact Lori Brits ([dazlor@alphalending.com.au](mailto:dazlor@alphalending.com.au)) or Nicole Lupacchini ([nicole\\_lupacchini@yahoo.com.au](mailto:nicole_lupacchini@yahoo.com.au))  
Dated 12 November 2018

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