

17<sup>th</sup> May  
2022



GARDENVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ONWARD AND UPWARD

## Principal's Report

The Education Department has announced that Rapid Antigen Test Kits (RATs) will continue to be distributed to staff and students, as they have been throughout this school year for the remainder

of Term 2. Round 8 of the RATs are now available for collection from the Senior Campus Office from 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, however, students will no longer be recommended to undertake twice weekly RATs. RATs however will continue to be required by students who are household contacts to attend school (5 negative tests over a 7-day period) or who have symptoms.

The ongoing supply of RATs to families in our school will ensure that parents and carers will have them should they need them if their child is a household contact or has symptoms.

Families must continue to notify the Department of Health and the school if their child returns a positive RAT result. Additionally, you should inform us if any of your children are household contacts.

### Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher meetings are taking place next week. These important meetings continue to build the home and school relationship and will create a series of targets and plans for the remainder of the year. Our staff have been well prepared for these conversations and is a key factor in supporting student performance and creating a culture of high expectation. The meetings will take place on site at school. If a parent cannot make it into school for the meeting, they should email their child's class teacher to request a Zoom Meeting.

### House Cross Country

Despite a gloomy weather forecast, we had perfect weather for Year 3 to 6 House Cross Country last Thursday. All our Year 3 to 6 students tried their very best when completing their circuits in beautiful Landcox Park. Thank you to all the teachers and parents involved in supporting this event. Congratulations and thank you to Daniel Headland for his thorough organisation and enthusiasm for ensuring the Cross Country was a great success. Finally, a big congratulations to Thomas House for winning the overall event!



### NAPLAN

All went smoothly when our Year 3 and 5 students completed their NAPLAN tests in Language Conventions, Reading, Writing and Numeracy all online, apart from Year 3 Writing, which was completed with pencil and paper! Later in the year parents will receive a copy of their child's results. Well done to our students and thank you to the staff involved to ensure all went smoothly.

A big thank you to one of our school parents, Brandon Rossen, for purchasing and installing new basketball nets at the Senior Campus - our basketballers love them and are very grateful!



Have a lovely week,  
Janine Hall

# NEWS

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### *Students of the Week*

**Eden K, PB** - for always listening carefully and I love your enthusiasm and effort during Reading. Well done!

**Nina S, 4C** - for being resilient and completing her cross country with a huge smile. You are a star!

### *HERRRby Awards*

**Emile, 2B** - for showing his HERRRby values during his first ever school excursion. You were so responsible and respectful!

**Maya M, 3B** - for consistently displaying our HERRRby values and being a role model student.

### *Green HERRRby Award*

**Millie L, 1B** - for her amazing rubbish free lunches! You are a great role model for the whole class.

**Olivia B, PA** - for always having excellent manners and politely listening to others.

**Kyrah K, PB** - for always showing respect and remembering to put your hand up to speak. Outstanding Kyrah!

**Jude L, PC** - for sharing her amazing knowledge about respect in our class discussions. Awesome!

**Adam M, PD** - for working well during writing and producing some great work. Fantastic, Adam!

**Brooklyn P, 1A** - for his outstanding listening skills and contributions to our discussions. Your neat handwriting and bookwork are exemplary.

**Leo R, 1C** - for his mature attitude towards all classroom activities. A real asset to 1C!

**Alice J, 1D** - for always being engaged and curious and ready to learn! Well done, Alice.

**Agustin A, 2A** - for his outstanding improvement with his endurance in his writing! Very well done!

**Harry S, 2B** - for his impressive improvement with vertical subtraction with trading. You are a superstar!

**Sophia M, 2C** - for your wonderful reflection and artistic drawings on our Myuna Farm excursion. Terrific job!

**Phoebe W, 2D** - for always putting in 100% into her work and being a wonderful member of 2D!

**Yousuf K, 3A** - for his excellent concentration in class and for his lovely empathy and respect for others.

**Harriet C, 3C** - for the incredible resilience you have shown through your challenges the past weeks. You are a super star!

**Tali R, 3D** - for being a wonderful addition to GPS. She always tries her best in class and is kind to others. Well done Tali!

**Kyrill K, 4A** - for being such a trooper and running your heart out at cross country. I'm so proud of you.

**Sophia K, 4B** - for her enthusiastic approach on our Biodiversity Excursion. Well done for asking and answering lots of questions.

**Kaida L, 4D** - for her brilliant performance at our GPS cross country. Congratulations on coming first for your age group. Go Kaida!!!

**Ned B, 5A** - for his enthusiasm for all activities both in and out of the classroom

**Elwood P, 5B** - for lighting up our room on a daily basis and for truly making a difference with your positive attitude.

**Zachary K, 5D** - for showing dedication to all aspects of your learning. Keep up the fabulous effort!

**Lachie S, 6A** - for an outstanding effort in the cross country. An amazing show of determination and resilience!

**Max P, 6B** - for your ENGAGING and PERSUASIVE arguments in our debating. It was a super awesome debate to watch!

**Lucas F, 6C** - for always being a kind, considerate and helpful member of 6C. You are a pleasure to have in our classroom.

# Latest News from the **GPS School Council**



## Update from Buildings & Grounds sub-committee

There are several projects that the Buildings & Grounds subcommittee are focusing on this year, to upgrade and improve the facilities at GPS. A key one is the toilet refurbishment project, which commenced mid last year with the receipt of a State Government grant of \$500,000.

The delivery of this project has not been ideal, and we acknowledge that the delays have caused much concern and frustration for children, families and staff. The 2021 lockdowns, shortages of building materials and challenges in securing trades people have significantly impacted the project being completed in a timely manner. However we have been assured by the construction company that we are days away from completion at the Senior Campus, and then the focus will be on ensuring the Junior Campus toilets will be completed by mid-June.

We appreciate everyone's patience, and of course the children navigating the temporary facilities.

Once the toilet refurbishment project is finished, the works for the Art Room will commence, with an experienced construction company recently appointed by the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA). We are really excited about the creation of this new space as it incorporates some lovely design features and with its prominent location on school grounds this will be a more accessible and functional art room for our children and families. We are very grateful to our school community's fundraising efforts – particularly with the Walkathon – as all of these funds are ensuring we don't lose any of the features, and can complete the fit out and landscaping this year.

Lastly, the VSBA have confirmed that the external stair case will be replaced shortly, with the structure currently being manufactured offsite. The old staircase will be dismantled and removed in the September school holidays, with the installation and completion of this project at the same time.

Of course the B&G subcommittee have now turned their focus to future projects, and we are scoping out the costs for a large shelter for the Junior Campus, and the refurbishment of the Senior Campus foyer/office and sickbay.

## Calendar of Events

### MAY

Saturday 21 Election Market Day

Monday 23 -  
Friday 27 Parent/Teacher Interviews

### JUNE

Thursday 2 Year 2 Excursion  
Queen Victoria Market

Sunday 5 Year 5 Working Bee

Monday 6 -  
Wednesday 8 Head Lice Checks

Tuesday 7 Year 5 In-visit  
Netball

Friday 10 Whole School Curriculum Day  
*Student Free Day*

Monday 13 Queens Birthday Public  
Holiday

Friday 24 Last Day Term 3  
*2:30pm Finish*

# Latest News from the **GPS Parents & Friends Association**



## **Walk-a-thon**

The fun part is over and now the important part is here...We need people to dig deep and help us raise \$35,000 across the two major May events, the walk-a-thon and the Market day. The funds raised from these will ensure completion of our Art Room. Prizes will be drawn weekly at assembly for the next few weeks for those that have made their donations. **Please make payment through course confirmations in Compass.**

## **Hope to see you at the Election Day Farmer's Market 'EAT PLAY VOTE' - THIS SATURDAY!**

Don't go to the supermarket.....this week GPS are the new fresh food people. Our Farmer's Market will be bigger than the bluster, so take advantage of the GPS polling place and bring down the whole family. Grab a democracy sausage, stake a cake, stock up on fresh fruit, vegetables, honey, eggs and peruse the local parent stallholders. For the kids there will be plenty of craft activities and **Team Kids** will be there between 11am - 1pm. Make them happy with some yummy popcorn & a lolly bag to go. Anyone can vote at Gardenvale, even if you're not in the electorate. In fact, the queue may be shorter if you're not! Hope to see you all there.

For those awesome constituents who are baking a cake and/or dropping off fresh produce - our donation drop off times are on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May** at the Senior Campus future Art Room, the red brick building by the driveway closest to North Road between **8:30am - 9:45am** and between **2:30pm - 5:30pm**.

\*\*If you have some free time before or after you vote we are desperate for some help on the day. Please sign up here.... <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d45a4a82fa1fc1-eatplay>

 **Second hand uniform sale** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. See details below.

 We hope to see many of you tonight at the **Fair meeting** in the Senior Campus staffroom at 7.30pm. All welcome and encouraged!

Have a great week, from the PFA

## **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

Tops, pants, jumpers, dresses in a range of sizes available

**When :** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Time:** 8:40am - 9:30am

**Where:** Junior Campus, on the basketball courts outside Music room

**Cost:** All items \$5 / Cash Only

*Gardenvale 100 year t-shirts will be available to buy for \$20 (a variety of sizes available)*

Please drop any clean, saleable donations to the Junior Campus office, anytime this week for sorting.

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



# MUSICAL HOODIES

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demand*

**ONE WEEK ONLY!!!**

*ORDER via QKR!*

Orders close *MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> May*

Principal - Janine Hall  
Assistant Principal - Julie Pitts

School Council President - Tricia Ciampa

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