**Principal’s Report**

**Naplan**

We are thrilled with our School’s NAPLAN results. In all areas, our results were well above the State and schools of a similar background to Gardenvale PS. This is another indication of success for our great school and a credit to our teachers, students and parents. Our Year 3 and 5 students have taken home their NAPLAN Test Reports. This information is a ‘snap-shot’ of student achievement and forms only one part of our assessment package. We will be analysing the information and combining this with the information collected about our students’ progress as a normal part of our teaching and learning program. We will look at trends across year levels and from one year to another and the growth of students between Years 3 and 5.

**Sustainability**

Last Saturday morning Tim McRae was a guest on the Melbourne ABC Radio Program with Libbi Gorr. Tim spoke proudly about our Environment and Sustainability program and the impact it is having at Gardenvale PS! We are very grateful to Libbi for arranging this opportunity. A big ‘thank you’ to Tim, firstly, for the time given to the interview to promote Gardenvale PS, but also for the wonderful work he has done in establishing the Environment program at our school. His enthusiasm and dedication is remarkable and the school is very privileged. If you missed hearing Tim on Saturday morning here is a link to the podcast. Tim was on the radio from 9.00am (so about three quarters of the way through the podcast!)

https://www.abc.net.au/radio/melbourne/programs/melbourneweekends/weekends/11468162

**Year 4 Working Bee**

I am sure once again the ‘Weather Gods’ were shining down on us on Sunday. We had perfect weather on Sunday morning for our Working Bee, which was about the only time on the whole weekend, it was fine and sunny! Just as we packed away the tools the rain poured down!! We were so pleased we were able to complete our long list of jobs. As has been said on many occasions working bees are great places for our community members to work together to achieve great things. Participation is encouraged and it was wonderful to see so many of our students working alongside their parents.

Thank you very much to the following school community members:-

- teachers and families for helping to make our Senior Campus look extra neat and tidy: Kylie and Kevin Chadwick, Chai Family, Damian Colless, Tricia Ciampa, Hung Do, Basil Hyman, Jacob Edwards, Graeme Efron, Amelia Frid, Gries Family, Haverkamp Family, Hutchins Family, Jacqui and Lee Klass, Lyudmila Kostenko, Lai Family, Adam Levin, Nick Martin, Catherine McLoughlin, Victoria Pidhirny, Julie Pitts, Meng Tan, Wayne Myers, Sarah Pitts, Louise Potter, Jason Quah, Kon Syrros, Elisse Tsalikis, Turner Family, Mark van Grootel, Andrew Weiss, Junko Windust and Zemlinsky Family. Sincere apologies if your name is not on this list but we appreciate your help all the same!

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We also thank the many children that pitched in and helped.

Our next Working Bee will be for our Prep families on Sunday October 20th. Then our final working bee for the year will be held on Sunday November 10th for our Year 3 families.

**Maths Family Night**
A reminder that all families are encouraged to come along and join in the fun of Family Maths Night this Thursday from 6.00 to 7.30pm at the Junior Campus. Tickets for the ‘Orienteering’ activity can be purchased on QKR! Please see more information further in this newsletter.

**School Disco**
I am sure no one needs to be reminded but this Friday is the School Disco. The disco for the Junior Campus students starts at 5.00pm. The Senior Students disco starts at 7:00pm. $15 Tickets can still be purchased on QKR until 3pm Tuesday 10th September. Otherwise, $20 tickets available until Thursday 12th September.

Another busy week at Gardenvale,
Janine Hall

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**CHESS CLUB**

A huge congratulations to the chess team for representing the school and winning the 2nd place out of 12 schools at the chess championship on 6th September! A very strong performance as usual.

This exciting and fun event represented the culmination of months of dedication and practise by the team.

Special congratulations to Felix L and Grant F, both winning 6/7 games for the day. Also, Joshua K and Tomek F, winning 5/7 games.

We are proud to have such a dedicated and exceptional chess club and look forward to more new players joining us for future competitions.
Calendar of Events

September

Thursday 12  Junior Campus
House Athletics

Thursday 12  Family Maths Night 6pm
Junior Campus

Friday 13  School Disco
Junior Campus

Tuesday 17  6A & 6B Excursion
Jewish Holocaust Museum

Tuesday 17  School Council Meeting
7:30pm

Wednesday 18  6C & 6D Excursion
Jewish Holocaust Museum

Friday 20  Whole School Footy Day

Friday 20  Last Day Term 3
Students dismissed at 2:30pm

October

Monday 7  First Day of Term 4

Sunday 20  Prep Working Bee

Tuesday 22  School Council Meeting
7:30pm

November

Tuesday 5  Melbourne Cup Day

Sunday 11  Year 3 Working Bee

Saturday 16  School Fair

Student of the Week

Mimi E, 4C for her independence, her resilience, her kindness, her application and her wonderfully positive attitude towards everything she does!

Emme D, 2C for her ongoing determination in the classroom and demonstrating kindness to all.

Reuben J, 1A for his focused approach, excellent listening skills and effort he puts into all his work. You are amazing.

HERRRby Award

Cooper C, 4A for being a true gentleman and showing our HERRRby values at all times!

Alma K, 1B for always showing the HERRRby values at school! You are such a respectful and friendly girl who always looks out for others.

Ella H, 1A for displaying the HERRRby value of honesty by handing in an amount of money she found in her bag. We are so proud of you.

Lachie J, PD for the effort and persistence you have put into your writing. You have shown great resilience and resolve!

Green HERRRby Award

Veronica D, 2B for always keeping our classroom environment super tidy and rubbish free. Thank you Veronica!
Our VALUE for SEPTEMBER is
RESPONSIBILITY:
Throughout the month of September we will be focusing on Cyber Safety and encouraging students to make sensible and responsible choices when using the internet and particularly when engaging on social media platforms. This is a great time for families to ensure that they have their privacy settings set and are having open discussions about the many benefits, but also the dangers of using the internet. Discussing with children and equipping them with strategies on how to navigate sites safely and what to do if problems arise.

Every Day Counts
Please read the attendance fact sheet for primary school students attached to newsletter
School is better when you’re here

Manner of the Month
September

‘MY DIGITAL FOOTPRINT’
Discussion Points:
• What is a digital footprint?
• Recognising your digital footprint
• How to protect your digital footprint.
• Not giving away personal details
• Playing age appropriate games
• Telling someone if you are being bullied on line
• Identifying people you can trust to talk to
• Thinking before you post on Instagram or email
• Considering the feelings of others before sending messages
• Being CYBER SMART at GPS

As you know, Gardenvale Primary School is now a fully accredited eSmart school and this year we have officially registered as an eSmart member. Over the next 12 months we will complete an eight action checklist to ensure best practice in cyber safety education. Since we first registered with the program, we have introduced many new policies and activities to improve the way our school manages cybersafety, bullying and cyberbullying.

We feel confident our students, staff and the wider school community are now well supported to be smart, safe and responsible users of digital technology. We encourage everyone in the school community to continue to uphold and promote eSmart behaviours, at school and at home. If you are aware of any incidents of bullying, cyberbullying or risky online behaviour, please contact Julie Pitts (AP Student Wellbeing) or Michele Jones (IT).

DO NOT BE LATE FOR SCHOOL
Recently we have had an unprecedented number of students who are arriving late to school. Perhaps it is the cold weather or perhaps it’s just getting later in the term. For whatever reason, it can have quite an impact on your child. All students should be at school at 10 minutes to 9 everyday, so they can mix with the other students and be ready to take on the challenges of the classroom.

Three reasons not to be late.
1. It is very disruptive for the classroom teacher and the other students when a classmate arrives late, and attention and instruction must be given specifically to them.
2. Kids are quick to label others and say, ‘Oh, that’s Julie, she’s always late.’ This can be hurtful and embarrassing.
3. Being regularly late is showing a disregard for school rules and complacency about responsibility. We educate students to be responsible, reliable and organised members of society and being regularly late does not reinforce these values.

So, for those late comers, establish a clear routine, write morning activities on a chart or tick list, prepare and pack bags the night before, get rid of distractions like TV and computers in the morning and get a good night’s sleep.
EVERY DAY COUNTS

ATTENDANCE FACT SHEET FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

School is better when you’re here

DO I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Yes, in Victoria everyone aged from 6 – 17 has to go to school.

Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year.

From Foundation to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school

School is better when you attend. Your friends and your teachers notice that you are away and wonder if you are OK.

WHY IS IMPORTANT THAT I GO TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?

Right now, being at school is the most important thing you need to do for your future. School helps you build good habits for later on in life. You might think school is just about Maths and English but you’re also learning about how to work with other people and how to solve problems.

Being at school every day also means you are becoming more independent as a learner and interacting with your friends and teachers. If you are at school you can get help from your teachers and friends and won’t have to try to learn things in your own time.

Being an adult probably seems far away but we know that young people who attend school more frequently have better outcomes after school too. This means they earn more money, have better job opportunities and are generally healthier. So being at school really does make a difference

DO MY PARENTS NEED TO LET THE SCHOOL KNOW IF I’M GOING TO BE AWAY?

Yes. Your parents need to notify the school of your absence as soon as they can within three days of your absence. If they know you are going to be away, they should try to tell the school before the day or days you are away.

If you’re away from school too much and don’t have a reasonable excuse like a serious illness, your parents might get a letter from the principal asking about why you’re away.

ARE THERE ANY GOOD REASONS TO BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL?

No. Unless you are so sick you can’t get out of bed or there is an event like a funeral, you should be at school. Every day you are away is a day of classes and social connection you miss out on.

Taking a day off for your birthday or go shopping isn’t a good reason to miss school.

Even medical and health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays. This includes family holidays. Your parents are encouraged not to plan holidays during the term but to organise these during the school holidays.
Every Day Counts

If you do have to be away for some reason, your parents need to contact the school and let them know what’s going on. Depending on the situation, the school might provide schoolwork for you to complete.

IF I’M NOT AT SCHOOL WHAT DO I MISS OUT ON?

You miss out on all the big stuff – class discussions and all the interaction that happens in a classroom, the chance to get help from teachers and the opportunity to practice skills and gain knowledge.

Being away means you might miss out on a lot of learning or that you need to catch up in your time.

If all of that isn’t enough to convince you to be at school every day, being away also means you also miss out on playing with your friends. Being away from school a lot can be lonely. It has a big impact on relationships and social connections.

Believe it or not, everyone wants you at school and it really is better when you attend.

WHAT IF I’M HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING TO SCHOOL?

Getting to school on time everyday can be about having a good routine.

If you find yourself running late or missing school because you’re disorganised, try:

- Asking your parents for help getting ready
- Having a set time to go to bed
- Leaving all technology out of your bedroom
- Packing your school bag the night before with everything you need
- Having a set time for breakfast
- Planning to meet up with a friend so you can travel to school together.

Sometimes, though it can just be hard to go to school.

You might feel overwhelmed by the work or things might be tough with your friends. Maybe you don’t feel safe at school or you really dislike a teacher or things at home aren’t great. Perhaps you’re feeling down or anxious and don’t even really know why.

Whatever the situation is, staying away from school isn’t the answer. Many people want to help you. Try talking to:

- Your parents or another adult family member
- A trusted teacher
- Wellbeing Coordinator or the school counsellor
- Another trusted adult like your coach

Useful Websites/Contacts

- Kids Matter - [www.kidsmatter.edu.au](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au)
- Headspace - [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au) or e-headspace [www.eheadspace.org.au](http://www.eheadspace.org.au) for online counselling & support
- Reach Out - [www.reachout.com](http://www.reachout.com)
- Kids helpline - 1800 55 1800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or [web counselling](http://www.reachout.com)
Gardenvale’s School Fete

We have some exciting news for next term. The SRC’s are having their own stall at the School Fete. We are very excited to have our own stall but we need your help...

We are asking everyone from each class to donate one plastic jar filled with craft things. It can be a jar filled with some shells, buttons, jellybeans, erasers, glitter, ribbons, hair ties, or stamps. Please remember not to put food with nuts. The plastic jar will need to be brought to school and given to your class teacher or Mrs Pitts.

Happy jar making!
Christine Gesuato, Victoria Pidhirny and SRC

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE
BRIDGE SUMMER CAMP
32nd ASIAN PACIFIC CHILDRENS CONVENTION
FUKUOKA JAPAN, JULY 2020

Applications are now open for the 2020 APCC, which will be held for approximately 10 days from the middle of July 2020. To be eligible, children must have been born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009.

This is a unique event, which allows approximately 180 eleven-year-old children from 43 regions around the Asian Pacific rim as well as sister cities in USA, France and Peru to share in a truly international exchange and we highly recommend this opportunity being offered to Victorian students. This opportunity is being facilitated by the Australia Japan Society of Victoria.

Applications close Friday 25th October 2019 and can be downloaded from www.ajsvictoria.org.au (after Wednesday 11th September, 2019).

Any questions please contact Heather Darbyshire, AJSV-APCC Liaison Officer via email apcc.australia@gmail.com

For more information or if you are interested in applying, please see Kate in the Japanese Room.
Gardenvale Family Maths Evening

Join us for a Family Night of Maths Fun!

When: Thursday 12th September
Where: Junior Campus hall and classrooms
Time: 6.00-7.30pm

‘Supreme Incursions Orienteering’
They will be running TWO orienteering sessions using an iPad to embark on a Treasure Hunt around our school.

Session 1 - 6.00pm  Session 2 - 6.40pm
Cost: $10.00 per child per session.

***Bookings are available through QKR***
Limit of 50 students per session

Classroom activities are FREE!
We will be running:

- Bee Bot navigation with Johnny
  - Pokémon Hunt
  - Dice Games
  - Card Games
  - Board Games
  - Online Maths Games

Everyone is welcome whether you choose to do the paid session or prefer to join in the free classroom activities 😊
Friday September 13
Junior Campus Hall

Junior kids: 5-6.30pm
Senior kids: 7-8.30pm
Tickets $15 via QKR!
Dress: All the colours of the rainbow
Principal - Janine Hall
Assistant Principal - Julie Pitts

School Council President - Simeon Goldenberg

Camp Australia (OSHC) - 0452 247 820