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Brekky with MS LAWSON



ONE BALMY FRIDAY MORNING, I sat down with Ms Lawson at Breakfast Club. As we chowed down cheese toasties and soaked up the good vibes, Ms Lawson told me devoting time to the Club was a privilege. “I feel honoured to be The Breakfast Club Coordinator,” she says with pride. “I am more relaxed thanks to the...banter, music and good attitude.”

Known for her smile and can-do motto, Ms Lawson is a trailblazer in the Junior School community, and for her, the role is just as significant. After three years of “valuable” General Office experience, Ms Lawson fondly recalls when the opportunity arose for a position in the Junior School. “I was quite excited to learn new skills tailored for junior students,” she recounts, “and...to work with the Junior School Leader and year level coordinators.” *A dream come true*, I reply, grinning.

However, with a great role comes great responsibility. *Locker* responsibility. Ms Lawson explains how “the allocation of lockers during transition” is tough: she “can’t please everyone” with the coveted top locker. Yet this - and many other hurdles of the job - don’t daunt her at all. Her strategy?

Writing lists. “It’s satisfying ticking off each task...and feeling good about my accomplishments,” she tells me fervently. It seems Ms Lawson has time management down pat, and especially when every day brings its own “varied responsibilities”, it is of great import.

Almost at the end of my second toastie, and still craving more, I ask Ms Lawson what memories she’s made in her job. The list is infinite — ranging from year 7 camp and end-of-year Activities week, to school musicals and the market stalls. But there were two that have remained unforgettable. On Year 12 Valedictory night, the last hurrah for the graduating class, seeing “students [who] were once year 7s, 8s and 9s” all grown up was a special experience. So too was last year’s year 11 ski camp at Mount Buller: “guiding” and “reassuring” the beginners as they hit the slopes was something Ms Lawson really “loved”.

Later in the day, I pass the Junior School Office on one of my many treks to the T-0 rooms, and see Ms Lawson diligently typing away. Buzzing with the aroma of coffee and banter of teachers, even an AFL jersey or two, it’s clear her incomparable warmth and affability fit right in with the team.



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Farewell YEAR 12s !!

WRITTEN BY: Julia Ysobel Vitug



The time finally came this year for year 12 students to embark on their journey to adulthood. On their last day, we honoured and acknowledged the year 12s for their experience and past years they've been here at Glen Eira College. We also want to pay our respect to these students who have been our role models. The amazing speeches were inspiring; the Year 12 school captains spoke beautifully. We all wish them an astounding journey and good luck !





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One minute teacher interviews!



WRITTEN BY: Cici & Mrudanee



Ms Clark



Mr Oudshoorn



Ms Kindler

What's your favourite memory?

A holiday to the United States visiting national parks.

What would you be if you didn't choose to be a teacher?

A psychologist.

What are you looking forward to the most next year?

Meeting new students and new classes.

What university were you in?

University of Adelaide, Charles Sturt University, and Monash University.

What would the students be surprised to find out about you?

I was born in London.

What is your favourite subject to teach?

Humanities.

What's your favourite memory?

The birth of my kids, and seeing Melbourne's [Football Club] grand finals.

What would you be if you didn't choose to be a teacher?

Sports journalist or newspaper reporter.

What are you looking forward to the most next year?

Learning from all of the experiences this year and improving, working with the students, and welcoming new year 7 students.

What university were you in?

Monash University.

What would the students be surprised to find out about you?

I'm a big fan of rock bands, and going to rock concerts.

What is your favourite subject to teach?

Probability and Trigonometry Maths, Economics. Definitely Maths, I miss the teaching.

What's your favourite memory?

It's about my family, and the celebration of a new grandchild.

What would you be if you didn't choose to be a teacher?

I would be a gardener because I love being in the garden and planting things!

What are you looking forward to the most next year?

An Alaskan cruise.

What university were you in?

Rusden Victoria University; Melbourne University for my Masters.

What would the students be surprised to find out about you?

When I finished university, I went backpacking around the world. I had a very tight budget and spent 12 months going to Europe, Türkiye, the Middle East, and India.

What is your favourite subject to teach?

Maths.



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First Year of High School

Compiled by: Zoe McCoy & Aliyah Thogata



Jasmine 7F

Have you enjoyed this school year so far?

I did join the school late, but the friends that I made immediately in class were all so kind to me, so I definitely enjoyed coming to Glen Eira and I'm so grateful for all my friends here.

Was it hard to adjust to the new school?

Not really, because as soon as I walked in I made a group of friends, and they immediately welcomed me and I'm so grateful that I had the opportunity to come to Glen Eira.

Was making friends hard in the beginning?

No, because a lot of people came up to me and we just became friends and I'm really grateful for that even though I was really scared that I was gonna struggle to make friends.

What was the hardest part about transitioning to a new school?

The hardest part was probably leaving my old friends behind and my old area since I was so used to it. I was definitely nervous about being far away but now that I'm here I'm pretty amazed by all the opportunities that the school offers.

If you had to choose a favourite teacher who would it be?

Mr Di-Blasio because he lets me listen to music and play the piano during class.

Chris 7F

Have you enjoyed this school year so far?

Yes I really like the school, I couldn't imagine being anywhere else but Glen Eira.

Was it hard to adjust to a new school?

Yes and no, I find it hard to adjust to the whole high school life, but everyone is really helpful during transition.

Was making friends hard in the beginning?

Yes I remember at the swimming carnival I didn't have any friends yet and I didn't know anyone there so it was a hard day, but camp is where I made friends.

What was the hardest part about transitioning to a new school? Probably having different teachers and having to check a time table because I don't like having to check a timetable.

If you had to choose a favourite teacher who would it be? Ms Guan or Ms McLean



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Alfie 7B

Have you enjoyed this school year so far?

It's definitely more challenging than primary school, but I've learnt a lot more and made many new connections.

Was it hard to adjust to a new school?

No, I was one of the lucky ones since I had a lot of friends from primary school.

Was making friends hard in the beginning?

Yeah, but after a little while I found my people.

What was the hardest part about transitioning to a new school? Probably all the homework.

If you had to choose a favourite teacher who would it be?

Probably Madame Pound.

BOOK REVIEWS



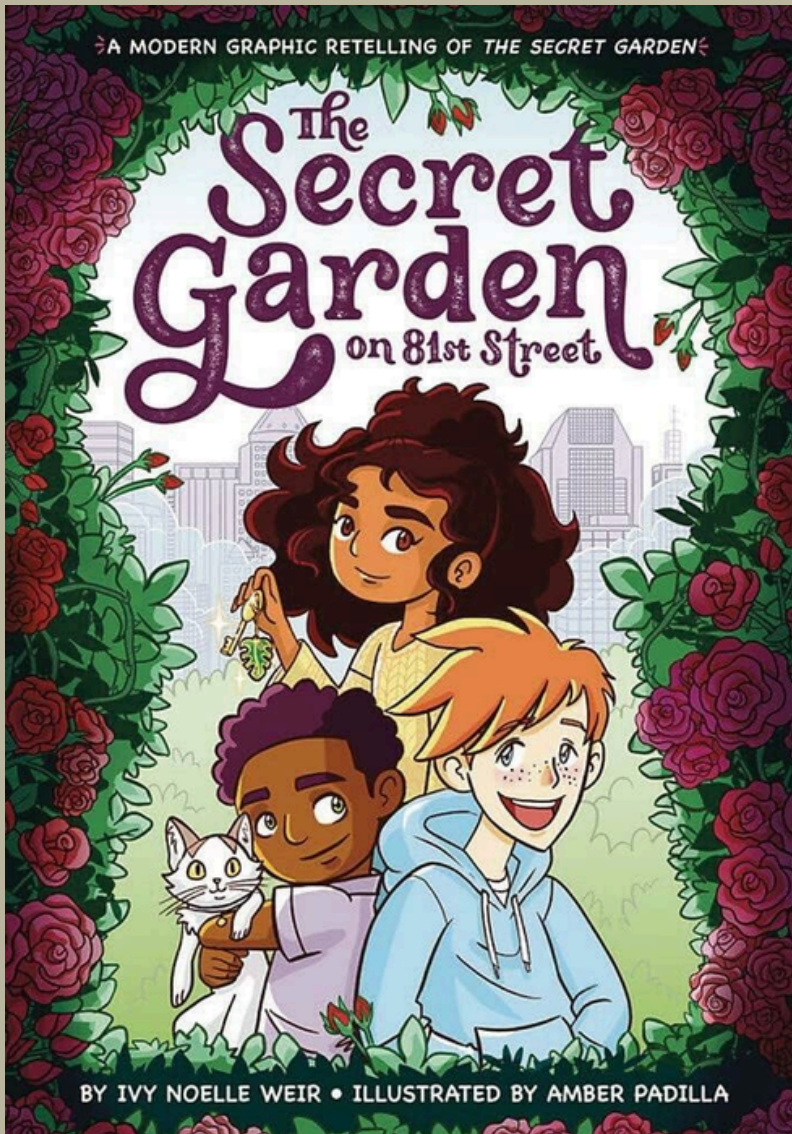
By Owen WATTERS

★★★★★ /5

THE SECRET GARDEN ON 81ST STREET

Author: Ivy Noelle

Synopsis:



Video games, tech and the internet are Mary Lenox's only source of entertainment and "friends" but when her parents die in a fatal car crash, her life is uprooted to New York City where she must live with an uncle she barely knows. Much to her surprise, on arrival she finds that he keeps a gadget free house and a mysterious second floor that's closed for construction. What will she find inside her uncle's house as she learns to grieve and build meaningful connections.

This graphic novel has absolutely perfect storytelling and characters, the book really pulls at the heartstrings in the best ways. It's got bittersweet moments sprinkled throughout that just make you want to keep reading. This book would be perfect to read with something like a rosehip or hibiscus tea.



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Entertainment

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The hidden words are all about school and can be:

- Backwards
- Diagonal
- Horizontal
- Vertical etc.

There can be multiple of those (e.g. diagonal and backwards).

Trivia

1. What name is singer-actor Stefani Germanotta better known by?
2. Which popular condiment was once sold as a medicinal cure for diarrhoea?
3. Who did the U.S. buy Florida from?
4. What year was the first Barbie doll released?
5. When was the first iPod released?
6. What is the fear of flowers called?
7. Which singer's real name is Robyn Fenty?
8. When was Mariah Carey's *All I Want For Christmas Is You* released?

Lady Gaga/Ketchup/Me at
Zoo/Spain/1959/2001/Anthophobia/
Rihanna/October 1994/1939/142/Wild
Cats/1993/Max/Snow White/1975



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END OF YEAR MESSAGES from our journos

Journalism is so preppy, please keep supporting us!!

ALIYAH THOGATA

My hands hurt, so y'all better like the comic!!

ZOE MCCOY

You should read more of our newspapers plz (PLAY STARCRAFT!!!)

JAYDEN ONG

I have never thought of doing journalism here in Australia, however I feel glad that I did. I used to do editorial cartooning for the past two years. And now I'm writing articles! #IMissMyPlant

JULIA YSOBEL VITUG

Joining this club has been the most productive thing I've ever done.

LILY NATALIER

Join the club! (cult)

OWEN WATTERS

What a pleasure it has been bantering, collaborating, celebrating, creating, and writing with such a kind and wonderful bunch of year 7s. I could not have chosen a lovelier club to join.

ZACH SERVADEI

Journalism club is so fun!!!! *Love the interviews!!!*

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