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Welcome

A very warm welcome to all our new students and parents and to welcome back all our returning students and parents. In particular I would like to welcome all our new Prep students and their families. We have seen a mostly smooth and calm start to 2015 with students quickly settling into their classroom routines and looking splendid in their uniforms, particularly our new Prep and Year 1 students.

Student Enrolments/Staffing

Each year, all schools' staffing levels are determined by the number of enrolments they have on Day 8 - this year Thursday, 5 February. Staffing levels depend on these numbers. As you know enrolments at Gaven State School have been very strong, resulting in us exceeding our predicted total school enrolment figure for the start of 2015. We are now entitled to 1 extra teacher, which fortunately will allow for generally smaller classes throughout the school. Some adjustments to classes have been necessary to cater for the increase in enrolments. These adjustments have led to a number of students being allocated a new class. These class re-allocations have been made after much consideration by classroom teachers so that students are not adversely affected. They are due to take effect from Monday 9th February. We would hope that there would be no further changes to classes from this point on.

Staffing

We welcome a number of new staff to our school this year.

Ms Suzanne Stocks Prep A – replacing Ms Caprice Schmida (from Coolangatta State School who will be joining us a little later in the year)

Ms Leonie Fullerton 1B (from Bellevue Park State School)

Mrs Jane Hartley 4B (replacing Mrs Lord for the year)

Ms Sarah Beaton from Oxenford State School (our additional Teacher)

Mr Shaun Bennett 6A (Working with Mr Kibbey)

We also welcome back:

Mr Michael Lee – 5B (replacing Ms Fritschee for the year)

Mrs Kate Gorman 2A

Mrs Fiona Cresswell – 2D (from maternity leave – working with Mrs Collins)

Ms Britt Marriott 6C (Working with Mrs Courcoulos) Mrs Julie Dobson who will be working in our Special Education Program

Mrs Diane Carleton who will be our Learning Support teacher replacing Mrs Evans; and

Mrs Michelle Meteyard who will be working as an Intervention Teacher

I hope that all of our new staff members find their time at Gaven State School to be both personally and professionally rewarding.

Newsletter

The School Newsletter is sent out by email. Please make sure that your Email address is up to date so that you receive this and other important communications from our school. If you do not have an Email address, a newsletter can be collected from the school office.

Assemblies

This year assembly times will be as follows. The afternoon assemblies are held in order to make use of prime learning time in the morning. These assemblies have been well attended by parents and parents are most welcome to join us for these assemblies. The days have changed this year as follows:

Junior Assembly - Monday 2.15pm

Senior Assembly - Tuesday 2.15pm

We will be holding whole school assemblies each month on Monday afternoons this year to correspond with the Junior assemblies. At these assemblies, one student from each Year Level is presented with the Gaven Spirit Award. This is a beautiful certificate and the students are invited to a special morning tea with the Principal/Deputy Principal.

Student-Free Days

On the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before school commenced, the staff from Gaven State School were involved in a range of Professional Development activities. These included sessions relating to the school's Strategic Direction, the new Teacher Review Process, Tactical Teaching of Reading and Speech Sound Pics (the new program being implemented in P-2). I would like to commend the staff on their commitment and

professionalism during the course of the three days. It is great to work with a staff that is dedicated to the school and to improving student learning. Our new staff are proving to be most capable and will be positive assets to our school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos have been booked for Thursday 26th March. Please put this date in your diaries/calendars.

Focus on Literacy and Numeracy

This year our school will again be focusing heavily on improving the literacy and numeracy outcomes of students in the lead-up to the NAPLAN (National Tests in Literacy and Numeracy) in May. Parents are invited to support their children in these endeavours through monitoring and encouraging them with homework tasks and listening to students read on a regular basis.

School Uniforms

It is wonderful to see our students wearing the school uniform during the first couple of weeks of school including the black sports shoes. It is great to see all of our students being part of the Gaven Team. Thank you to parents and caregivers for your support in this regard. Parents are advised that failure to comply with the school's dress code will result in consequences for offending students. Students who do not wear the correct uniform are being reminded and provided with a notice to parents to remedy the matter. If there is a problem with having your student wear the uniform, please see Mr Carleton or Mrs Davis who will be happy to support you in this regard.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings are scheduled for the week of 16-20 February (Weeks 4 of the school year). This will be an opportunity for parents to meet with their child/ren's teacher/s and gain an understanding of classroom procedures and programming for the year and how you can support your child's learning throughout the year. I commend these meetings to all parents. I know from personal experience how difficult it is to find time to attend additional meetings, but this is one I believe will have a significant impact on the success of the year for your child. Attendance will affirm for your child that school is important, you want your child to be successful and you will be working with the teacher to see that it will be a successful year. Teachers will send home individual notes to confirm the actual dates and times of these meetings.

Problems at School

From time to time, a problem may occur at school which concerns you or your child. It is important to talk with your child's teacher or a member of the Administration Team to sort it out as soon as possible. Please **do not** approach another student or parent with respect to an issue, refer it to a staff member. Most problems can be sorted out if the school is aware of them so parents and the school can work together to solve it. Just make an appointment to see the teacher or Administration Team at your earliest convenience.

Safety Issues

Please be aware of road safety whilst dropping your children off at school. Double-parking and parking in the bus zones and on the pedestrian crossings are illegal and a cause of concern for the safety of our children. There is NO dropping off in the school grounds. This includes the staff and administration car parks as this practice is also dangerous and infringes upon the safety of our students. We also ask parents to respect the two-minute "Kiss and Go Zone" and to use the pedestrian crossing with your children. At times, it is necessary to call on the police to come to the school to deal with parents who are ignoring these rules. Please help us protect your children by observing road safety rules.

For Those Little Accidents!

It would be helpful if our Prep and Year 1 students could keep a spare set of clothes in their school bag for those little accidents that may happen during the first year of school. If you have any spare clean, small undergarments or wish to donate used school uniforms as emergency spare clothes, could you please forward them to the school office as we would really appreciate them.

Hats and Drink Bottles

As we are still experiencing some hot weather, we would ask parents to ensure that children come to school with a drink bottle and their school hat for play. The policy in our school 'no hat, no play' is enforced and children without a school hat will remain in the Junior Under Covered Area or Tuckshop Courtyard. Thank you for supporting this important school rule.

Change of Details

Have you moved during the school holiday period? Do you have a new mobile number? Are your emergency contact numbers up to date? We need to hear from you now if any of your details have changed so that in the event of an emergency you can be contacted. Please see the office for a change of detail form. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Medication

We would remind parents that non-prescribed drugs such as analgesics and cough medicines cannot be administered by school staff. If your child needs to take prescribed medication, please ensure the medication is in the original container with the doctor's instruction clearly indicated on it. A form will need to be filled out or a note sent to the Principal that the medication is to be administered.


Gaven State School Website

Gaven State School has a new and much improved website. You'll find lots of information, news, current events and photos. Go to www.gavenss.eq.edu.au and check it out!!!

Absence Line

We have a convenient absence line available 24/7 for you to call if your child is going to be absent for the day.

We encourage parents to utilise this service as it frees up our office staff during the busy mornings.



Student Absence Line

5514 7366

- **Students name**
- **Class**
- **Reason for absence**

School News



Students of the Week

Week 1

Junior	Senior
Prep A - Isla	3A - Jackson & Chloe
Prep B - Ayla	3B - Kaila & Harris

Prep C - Jye	3C - Summer & Eddie
Prep 1/D - Dhilan	4A - Persia
1A - Violet & Lyric	4B - Holly & Malachi
1B - Seth & Keeley	4/5 C - Jack & Jayda
1C - Ceyzn & Lucas	5A - Riley & Harper
2A - Aimee & James	5B - Joshua & Paige
2B - Sebastian & Sarah	6A - Josh & Jasmine
2C - Sally & Harmoni	6B - Bree & Kanna
2/3 D - Riley & Monique	6C - MJ & Kayla

Sports News

AFL AUSKICK

For more information about AUSKICK please [click here](#).

Special Needs News


STUDENT SERVICES

Excursions and Payments Due

Student Absence Line

We have a convenient absence line that you can call to inform us if your child is not going to be at school. Please

follow the steps below to ensure we have all the correct information.

 Student Absence Line 5514 7366
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students name• Class• Reason for absence

Student Banking



Just a few points to remember when completing your student banking:

- Fill out deposit slip completely
- Include STUDENT ID on deposit slip (If you don't know your child's student ID please see the office)
- Keep all tokens at home until ready to redeem
- No foreign currency will be accepted

When your child is ready to redeem his/her tokens please complete a reward coupon and hand it in with your bank book on banking day. Reward coupons can be found in the student banking information pack.

These can be collected from the office if you don't have one.

Parents and Citizens Association

UNIFORM PRICE LIST CHANGES

There have been a couple of amendments with Polo Shirts increasing in price and we also no longer stock Fleecy Track Pants.

This latest Uniform Price List will be effective as of

Term 2 – Tuesday 22nd April 2014

[UNIFORM PRICE LIST AS OF APRIL 2014](#)

Gold Coast Bakeries - Fundraiser



Our school needs your support

Message from the Fundraising Director

Gold Coast Bakery pays cash back to our school for your support. With every Gold Coast Bakery wrapper returned our school receives 7 cents.



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TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS

Our tuckshop is in desperate need of volunteers. If you are able to spare even a couple of hours a week, especially Friday mornings, please ring the school to speak to Dee Cullen our Tuckshop Convenor

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

All donations of secondhand uniforms can be sent to the office.

NEW TUCKSHOP MENU

Please [click here](#) to view the new tuckshop menu.

Facebook Page



Please [click here](#) and 'like' us to stay up to date with news, information and reminders about upcoming events.

Medication at School



This is a reminder that students are NOT to bring medication to school unless they are a prescribed medication and the pharmacy label is attached with the students name and dosage clearly marked.

Medication must be handed into the office and parents must sign an administration of medication form.

Students are NOT to bring non-prescription medication such as Panadol/Nurofen etc to school to keep in their bags. The only exception is Ventolin and students are able to keep their own puffer in their bags or on them at any time.

Chappy's Space

CHAPPY SPACE:

Welcome back to school everyone and welcome to 2015. I hope you are all looking forward to a great year! It always helps if you don't watch the news though :))

I was very touched by the terrible sudden death of Kane Bennett who was struck by lightning when walking with his family in the park a few days ago. The former soldier and Peace Corp of ten years and devoted family man, Kane Bennett, was killed during a freak lightning storm here on the Gold Coast. Kane leaves behind his wife Mary and their two young children, Max and Bella. Kane also worked hard in some local charities. It's times like these that remind us we may only be here for a short time and that every day and every moment counts in our

lives. It reminds us of how important it is to say "I'm sorry", "I love you", "You're forgiven", "You're important to me". Or how important it is to say to ourselves "I forgive me", "Today matters", "Get up get out there and make a difference", "Just do it" or the old saying "Why put off till tomorrow what can be done today". That old saying applies to every aspect of our lives. When it's our time to go, it's our time to go and no-one can argue with that but we can let the memory of those who have lost their lives 'unfairly' or 'too early' live on by making positive changes in our own lives and that of others. A good example is the parents of Daniel Morcombe. I thought I would put the link in to the fundraiser to help the family Kane has left behind in case you are in a position to help this family.

<https://www.mycause.com.au/page/87580/inmemoryofkanebennett>

BREAKFAST CLUB: TUESDAYS 8:15-8:45am ALL ARE WELCOME. There is room for new volunteers to come help out at breakfast club. Your help is so invaluable to keeping the breaky club up and running. If you can spare any time between 8am till 9.15 you are most welcome to join us. If you can't help but you are able to supply spreads, cordial-artificial colour and flavour free, margarine or other goodies such as plastic cups, napkins every little bit helps. If you work for a business who could donate supplies to our breakfast club please contact me.

samanthab@chappy.org.au

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILIES :If there are any families in our community who wish to send prayer requests to our School Chaplain, no need to go into detail, you can access this community service via chappy's email samanthab@chappy.org.au. This service is for everyone of any faith/ nonfaith.

FOOD PARCELS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF

The CrossLife - Helensvale Baptist Church 23 Discovery Drive, Helensvale, QLD

0755733644 info@hbchurch.org.au Call into the church... if we can help by way of a food parcel, we will... www.foodaid.org.au

Mal Burke Car Park, corner of Hicks and Davenport Street, Southport. Food Aid has been operating for over 21 years on the Gold Coast providing families and individuals in need with basic food items.

LOCAL SUNDAY SERVICES FOR A FRESH START IN YOUR LIFE, a curious mind OR A SPIRITUAL BOOST....

New Life Pacific Pines Uniting Church @ 9.00am in the Jubilee Schoolhall. All Families welcome, come and say hi to our chappy over a cuppa. Kidzlife club available for primary aged kids. Crech too. Free coffee and toast when you arrive between 8.30 and 8.55am .Phone: 07 5553 9918 Website: newlifeuniting.com/contact/pacific-pines

The CrossLife - Helensvale Baptist Church 23 Discovery Drive, Helensvale, QLD @ 9.30 AM Families very welcome. Vibrant Children's program available.

Eternity Presbyterian Church | Now meets in our very own school hall 9.30am Sunday mornings. Kids club available.

FOOD HAMPERS FOR ANYONE -cost \$15 WITH \$50 or more value.Pick up is at New Street Nerang.

For further information call Nathan 0402227575

You can access the Chaplaincy service at Gaven via Mr Carleton, your class teacher or by contacting Chappy Sami at samanthab@chappy.org.au

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Sign on & 1st Session: – February 14th

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Meet Suns Players, Rides & Activities, Watch the Suns Train.

Entry Via Gate 6

Completion of Oral Health(Dental) Service

Gold Coast Oral Health Services have completed dental check-ups and treatment for eligible children at this school.

If you have not arranged for your child to receive a free dental check-up please telephone the Oral Health Client Service Centre

1300 300 850

Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm

Excluding Public Holidays

Don't wait to treat a problem, arrange a check-up for your child at least once a year.

* Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school.

Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via URL:

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/html/services/oralhealth.asp>

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Get your family active and eating well

The healthy lifestyle program for families called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health – is taking registrations now for a group to start on the Gold Coast in term 2.

The FREE program is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every -day life.

It consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

Bus Passes

APPLICATIONS FOR 2015 BUS PASSES ARE DUE NOW

ALL NEW PASSENGERS FOR 2015

To ensure timely distribution of bus passes in the New Year, please submit your application before the end of November 2014.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EXISTING BUS PASS HOLDERS

At the end of each school year, please ensure that the current pass is retained to be used in the new school year until the new pass is issued.

Students with an existing bus pass need only re-apply for a 2015 bus pass if your child

- is moving from Primary to Secondary School
- is repeating a grade
- is changing their home address or school

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION FORMS

Information on the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS), eligibility and application forms is available from TransLink <http://translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/other-tickets/school-tickets-and-fares>

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO

Surfside Buslines
PO Box 3036
ROBINA
Q 4230

Email schools@tagroup.net.au or Fax 5571 6556

Applications will be processed over the Christmas school holidays. Once applications are approved, bus passes are sent to school for collection. Please allow 10-15 working days from the start of Term One 2015.

Prior to Government approval of bus travel assistance, all students can travel by bus to school using a TransLink go card.

REMINDER

A valid bus pass must be produced TO THE DRIVER or the relevant fare paid via cash or go card. Information on fares, go cards, zones and bus timetables is available from TransLink <http://translink.com.au/> or phone 13 12 30.

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