

# GAVEN

## STATE SCHOOL



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### Term 1 2016 - Issue 4

#### Principal's Message

##### 3-Way Conferences

It was gratifying to see the number of parents and students that attended the three way conferences last week. The aim was for students, parents and teachers to share their knowledge and work together to improve the educational outcomes for all students. The setting of educational goals and the close partnership between school and home can only benefit the students' education. Many thanks to the large number of parents in attendance, and to the teachers for giving of their time to gain an understanding of their students and to set goals for the students' future success.

##### National Day Of Action Against Bullying And Violence.

**Friday 18 March is the "National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence"**. On assemblies and in classrooms during this week, we will take the opportunity to reinforce that bullying and violence are not okay in our society or our school. We will particularly focus on "taking a stand together" and the role of bystanders in taking action to stop bullying or violence by telling an adult about the behaviour. Thank you to the many parents who have continued to support our "Keep your hands and feet to yourself" rule by reinforcing this with their children or by reporting incidents to the teacher on duty, their class teacher or the office so they can be dealt with quickly and effectively with minimum disruption to learning. It is vital for parents to support the school in maintaining a safe and supportive environment by reporting such incidents even if they occur outside of school, so that students understand that there is always a consequence for their actions. We need to work together to ensure that our students understand that physical aggression and teasing others are not the way in which to solve problems and that we teach them more effective ways to deal with situations.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying. You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. Listen calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.
2. Reassure your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.

3. Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.
4. Visit [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
5. Contact the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.
6. Check in regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! website for parents. As well, please contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying. Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.

**On Friday 18th March we will be having a FREE DRESS day (wear orange). Please bring a gold coin donation to support this worthy cause.**

### **Term 1 Disco**

The first Disco for the year will be held on **Wednesday 23 March**. The Theme for both Discos is "Green". The Junior Disco will run from 5.30pm-6.30pm and the Senior Disco's will run from 6.30pm-8.00pm. There will be prizes for the most creative costume (home made), best dancers and game winners. Senior students will not be allowed in the Junior Disco and so should only arrive just before the Senior Disco at 6.30pm. Cost will be \$4 per student.

### **PLC At Work**

On Monday and Tuesday 14/15 March, some of our leadership team will be attending the internationally acclaimed two day "Professional Learning Communities at Work" workshop. The two days explore how schools can build highly effective cultures in order to build substantive and sustained school improvement. The featured speaker Anthony Muhammed is world renowned and we have the opportunity to engage with him on the Gold Coast. School Leaders attending the workshop will be Mrs Dare, Ms Hill, Ms Lovegrove and Mr Carleton.

### **Fete Meeting**

On Monday night, the Fete Committee had its first meeting. While the date isn't finalised just yet, it will be held at the end of Term 3. There were about 15 parents in attendance at the meeting, some good ideas were shared and lots of help was on offer. We will keep you informed of the outcomes of the meetings, when further details are available.

### **P & C Annual general Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the P & C will be held next **Tuesday 15 March** at 6.00pm. All parents are welcome.

### **Easter Bonnet Parade**

The Easter Bonnet Parade for students in **Prep to Year 2** will be held on **Thursday 24 March at 2.00pm**. All parents are welcome to join us for this joyous occasion.

### **Responsible Behaviour Plan**

In the last couple of newsletters, I published the Safety, Learning and Communication Rules. This week I am exploring the Respect and Property Rules. We revise these rules with students each term and I ask that you revise these rules with your child/ren to further reinforce their importance.

### **Our Respect Rule**

To show respect for others:-

1. Students must treat all staff, other students and visitors to the school in a respectful and courteous

manner. Students should not harass and bully others.

2. Students must follow the directions of a teacher or other responsible adult.

3. Move quietly from place to place – always walk quietly from class to class in 2 lines, keeping to the paths

4. Students are expected to demonstrate good manners and follow the directions or decisions given by the umpire/referee; teacher's or parents without argument.

5. When visiting other places, obey their rules and be polite. Remember to set a good example.

### Our Property Rule

We care for the property of ourselves and others

1. Any property which is found must be handed to the office or to a teacher.

2. Take care of the school grounds, equipment and the property of others.

3. Playground and sporting equipment is to be used during lunch breaks or with teacher supervision.

4. Toys are to be left at home and not to be brought to school.

5. Mobile phones will only be allowed at school in accordance with school policy.

6. Sporting equipment may be bought to school but remains the child's responsibility at all times.

## NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy )2016

NAPLAN 2016 Timetable

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	Tuesday 10 May 2016	Wednesday 11 May 2016	Thursday 12 May 2016
Year 3	Language Conventions	Reading	Numeracy
	40 mins	45 mins	45 min
	Writing		
	40 mins		
Year 5	Language Conventions	Reading	Numeracy
	40 mins	50 mins	50 min
	Writing		
	40 mins		

### Withdrawing a child from NAPLAN testing

Parents may apply to have their child withdrawn from doing all of the tests or a certain test or tests. The decision to withdraw a child from NAPLAN testing must be done in consultation with either the Principal or Deputy Principal at the school. Application for withdrawal must address issues such as: religious beliefs and/or philosophical objections to testing. The deadline for submitting applications for withdrawal is Monday 9th May (the day before testing begins). If you know that you do not want your child to engage in NAPLAN testing, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Further information about NAPLAN testing will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

### School Photos

Just a reminder that school photos are being taken on the **14th April 2016**.

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### Student of the Week

Junior		Senior	
Name	Class	Name	Class
<b>Kobe</b>	Prep A		3A
	Prep A		3A
<b>Sion</b>	Prep B		3B
	Prep B		3B
<b>Kiri</b>	Prep C		3C
<b>Elias</b>	Prep C		3C
<b>Jamie</b>	Prep D		3/4D
	Prep D		3/4D
<b>Olivia</b>	1A		4A
<b>Alexis</b>	1A		4A
<b>Emylee</b>	1B		4B
<b>Declan</b>	1B		4B
<b>Kain</b>	1C		4C
<b>Bronson</b>	1C		4C
<b>Maddyx</b>	1D		5A
<b>Noah-Jay</b>	1D		5A
<b>Jasmine</b>	2A		5B
<b>Jayden</b>	2A		5B
<b>Beau</b>	2B		5C
<b>Jocee</b>	2B		5C
<b>Tahlia</b>	2C		6A
<b>Ebony</b>	2C		6A
<b>Jacob</b>	2D		5/6B
<b>Sybella</b>	2D		5/6B
			5/6C
			5/6C

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Name	Class	Name	Class
	Prep A		3A
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<b>Marshall</b>	Prep B		3B
	Prep B		3B
<b>Danni</b>	Prep C		3C
	Prep C		3C
<b>Lennox</b>	Prep D		3/4D
	Prep D		3/4D
<b>Benji</b>	1A		4A

Alexis	1A			4A
Damien	1B			4B
Leon	1B			4B
	1C			4C
	1C			4C
Ellarah	1D			5A
Jamie-Lee	1D			5A
Sophia	2A			5B
Ella	2A			5B
Owen	2B			5C
Kayla	2B			5C
Anysia	2C			6A
Hiraina	2C			6A
Skye	2D			5/6B
Kahlia	2D			5/6B
				5/6C
				5/6C

### Term 1 Calendar

Term 1 – Dates of Significance						
	Week Commencing	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	25/1			Snr Assembly 2:15pm		
Week 2	1/2	Jnr Assembly 2:15pm		Snr Assembly 2:15pm		
Week 3	8/2	Jnr Assembly 2:15pm		Snr Assembly 2:15pm		
Week 4	15/2	Whole School Assembly				
Week 5	22/2	Jnr Assembly 2:15pm		Snr Assembly 2:15pm		
Week 6	29/2	Jnr Assembly 2:15pm Parent/Teachers Interview	Parent/Teachers Interview	Snr Assembly 2:00pm- Leadership Assembly	Parent/Teachers Interview	Parent/Teachers Interview
Week 7	7/3	Junior Assembly 2:15pm		Snr Assembly 2:15pm		
Week 8	14/3	Whole School Assembly 2pm		Religion Easter Program. 9:15am Snr Assembly 2:15pm	Disco: Theme- GREEN	<b>Bullying NO WAY! day. Wear Orange. Gold Coin</b>

						Donation.
Week 9	21/3	Junior Assembly 2:15pm		Snr Assembly 2:15pm	Easter Bonnet Parade Prep - Yr 2. 2PM  Last Day of Term 1	GOOD FRIDAY

### Term 2 Calendar

## Term 2 School Events Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	11/04/2016	12/04/2016	13/04/2016	14/04/2016 School Photos	15/04/2016
Week 2	18/04/2016	19/04/2016	20/04/2016	21/04/2016	22/04/2016 ANZAC Day Ceremony
Week 3	25/04/2016 ANZAC Day Public Holiday	26/04/2016	27/04/2016	28/04/2016 Fun Run/Cross Country	29/04/2016
Week 4	2/05/2016 Labor Day Public Holiday	3/05/2016	4/05/2016	5/05/2016	6/05/2016
Week 5	9/05/2016	10/05/2016	11/05/2016	12/05/2016	13/05/2016
Week 6	16/05/2016	17/05/2016	18/05/2016	19/05/2016	20/05/2016
Week 7	23/05/2016	24/05/2016	25/05/2016	26/05/2016	27/05/2016
Week 8	30/05/2016	31/05/2016	1/06/2016	2/06/2016	3/06/2016
Week 9	6/06/2016	7/06/2016	8/06/2016	9/06/2016	10/06/2016
Week 10	13/06/2016	14/06/2016	15/06/2016	16/06/2016	17/06/2016

### SSP Information Session

Reminder for Yr 3, 4 and 5 parents SSP INFORMATION SESSION MARCH 15 For the children in Mrs Carleton, Mrs Meteyard and Mrs Stocks reading groups there is a PARENT SSP Information session on

Monday, March 14, in the Learning Support room . See you there!  
Mrs Carleton

### **PPP Parenting Program**

PPP PARENTING PROGRAM: Will be held on a Thursday morning from 9am- 10.30am with light morning tea. The program has been sponsored by the State Government AND SO WE CAN PROVIDE THIS PROGRAM FREE OF CHARGE!

What is Triple P/ Positive Parenting Program?

“The Triple P program is not telling us how to be a parent; it’s giving us the tools to be better at it.”

Louise, mum of two.

Kids don’t come with an instruction manual. Whether you’re a mum, dad, single parent family, step parenting or a carer – the Triple P positive parenting program can help you with a specific problem, or provide tips on parenting and help with understanding your child’s development and behaviour.

The Triple P positive parenting program is for parents with children aged 3–8 years. The program gives you the tools to:

- encourage behaviour you like from your child
- deal positively and consistently with problem behaviour
- take the stress out of parenting.

Triple P can also help to develop family relationships assisting children to reach their full potential.

Developed by the University of Queensland Parent and Family Support Centre, Triple P parent groups have helped families in Australia and throughout the world for more than 30 years.

How does the Triple P program work?

Seminars are the ideal introduction to Triple P. They consist of three 90 minute sessions that will leave you feeling more confident and ready to deal with common childhood behavioural issues. If you think you may be interested please email me for more information [samanthab@chappy.org.au](mailto:samanthab@chappy.org.au) We will be starting in term 2.

### **Religion News**

On Wednesday 16th March instead of religion classes a special programme prior to Easter will be presented by Ron & Pam Shravemade in the Woodgate Hall for all classes Years 1 - 6, commencing at 9.15am until 10.00am.

Parents and friends are invited to attend.

### **Finance News**

Please note that the money window is only open at the following times: Wednesday mornings 8:15am-10:00am Friday mornings 8:15am-10:00am

### **BPoint**

We would like to draw your attention to BPoint, our preferred method of payment. Once you have received an invoice from the school via email you will notice down the bottom the reference to BPoint. BPoint payments are allocated directly to the student and the payment will go towards that specific activity.

Please see the link below for detailed step by step instructions.



## Payments Due

Activity	Amount	Date Due
Student Resource Scheme Term 1 Payment	\$20	Friday 18th March
Year 4 Runaway Bay Camp Final Payment	\$100	Friday 15th April

## Bullying, NO WAY! Day

Don't forget Friday 18th March is "Bullying, NO WAY!" Day. Students can wear ORANGE clothing. Please remember that clothing must be SUN SAFE and CLOSED IN SHOES must be worn. Please bring a gold coin donation to help support this worthy cause.

## 2016 School Photos

School photos will be held on Thursday 14th April. All students must be in full school uniform on this day. Photo envelopes were sent home with students during the week and were also emailed out to parents with instructions for ordering. Please DO NOT send photo money to the office! Envelopes and money must be brought in on photo day. Alternatively, you can pre pay online eliminating the need for returning envelopes and cash. Sibling envelopes can be collected from the office.

## Student Banking

Students can bring in their banking books on Tuesday mornings and place them in the banking window. If you would like to open a Commonwealth Bank Student Banking account please visit your nearest Commonwealth Bank.

## Chappy\'s Space

**BREAKFAST CLUB: TUESDAYS 8:15-8:40am ALL WELCOME.** A big thankyou to Renee from Ozharvest who supplies us with bread, fruit and sometimes other goodies. Because of this the kids enjoyed banana smoothies this morning. Another huge thankyou to our new family Rob and Suzi Davey (New Pastor of Eternity church Helensvale) and Shirley from Eternity Church (and is also one of our R.I teachers ) for their constant support both in physically helping out but also in making breaky extra special from time to time with special treats such as pancakes and muffins. Alishah and Bryony are also valued part timers who help when they can. It's great to have extra helpers this year as it's then that we can do extra fun stuff at breaky club. Thankyou also to all the eager volunteers from our students. If you work for a business who could donate supplies to our breakfast club or perhaps you would like to donate something yourself like honey in squeeze bottles, vegemite, jam, artificial colour and flavour free cordial, plastic food handling gloves or plastic cups please contact me or just leave them at the office. We always need more volunteers so if you can spare 45 min on a Tuesday morning please join us. And there will be Easter buns week 9!

## CHAPPY PROGRAMS TERM 1:

**SUPA Club-** Year 3-6 lunchtime program with fun, games, and spiritual content (short bible story and discussion). Tuesdays first break (permission slip required) Held in the hall area.

**Junior Old Skool Games-** Year 1 and 2 held in year 2 area. No permission slip required.

**2nd Fijian school needs collection-** In conjunction with our Student Council. Since the area we sent to last time and it's surrounding areas have been affected by the cyclone we are taking another collection. We are collecting exercise books and any school needs you may have and don't need new or used until end of term. There is a box in the administration block. Thanks for your support!

**TERM 2:** There will also be a year 6 boys program running called The Shedmen.

**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](mailto:samanthab@chappy.org.au). This service is for everyone of any faith/ no faith.

### **FOOD PARCELS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF**

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

0755733644 [info@hbchurch.org.au](mailto:info@hbchurch.org.au) Call into the church... if we can help by way of a food parcel, we will...

*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....**

*Check the websites for Easter services:*

*Eternity Presbyterian Church* | Helensvale 1 Shepparton Road, Helensvale ph 07 5519 6600 9.30am Sunday mornings. Kids club available.

*New Life Pacific Pines Uniting Church* @ 9.00am in the Jubilee Schoolhall. All Families welcome. 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](http://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.

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

For further information call Nathan 0402227575

### **CYC HOLIDAY CAMPS AT BURLEIGH**

Easter camp registrations are open. Get in quick to not miss out. For grades 4-6 only.

For information on up coming school holiday camps visit <http://www.cycburleigh.com.au/> or <http://www.suqld.org.au/camps>

You can access the Chaplaincy service at Gaven via Mr Carleton, your class teacher or by contacting Chappy Sam at [samanthab@chappy.org.au](mailto:samanthab@chappy.org.au)

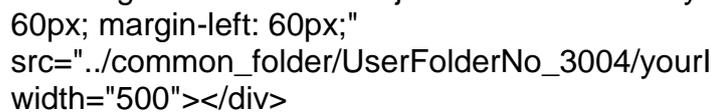
**Samantha Bond** | Chaplain

**Student Arrival Times and Attendance**

We have been tracking the attendance rate of students and the large volume of students that have been arriving late. Under the Education Act, a child (by law) must attend school each day from start to finish. Exclusion from school during the six hours of learning time, should only be for extenuating circumstances like illness. Having the day off for their birthday or going on a family holiday during the school term is not considered an acceptable reason. When these children return from holiday they can experience feelings of anxiety and stress about being 'behind' the other students. We acknowledge that sometimes a 'one-off' holiday is unavoidable (for many reasons) however, for those families that are doing this on a regular basis, this is impacting upon your child's learning in more ways than one, as we know every day counts!

**What can Parents do to help their children?**

Children must attend school every day, and they must attend from the moment the first bell rings until the final bell is rung to dismiss them. Below is a table which outlines just how much schooling a child misses when they arrive late to school. It is quite alarming to see how much just 10 minutes a day can build up.



### Helensvale High School EXCITE Exam



**ENTRANCE EXAM**  
Helensvale State High  
Student Activity Centre (SAC)  
Saturday 12 March 2016 9am

**EXCITE**  
**Academic Academy**  
Focus areas - English, History, Maths, Science

Phone: 5573 8555      EXCITE Entrance Exam for Year 7 2017. No cost.

### Helensvale State High School Academy Program Information



### Helensvale State High Academy Exams/Trials/Auditions/Workshops

Parents are asked to drop students off at the Venue. You can go and return at the pickup time. Applicants are to be signed in and out at the start and end of each session. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early.

Event	Date	Times	Venue	What to bring
EXCITE Must sit both papers	Saturday 12 March	9am	Discovery Place Best parking Rugby Lane	Pen/Pencil/Eraser
Part One	Break	9:50-10am approx		
Part Two	Break	10:50-11am approx		
Japanese Academy	Saturday 12 March	11am	Discovery Place Best parking Rugby Lane	Pen/Pencil/Eraser
e4e Business Academy	Monday 14 March	3:15-5pm	CG Block Best Parking Discovery Drive	Water Bottle Pen/Pencils
Art Academy	Monday 14 March	3:15-5pm	Visual Arts Block NV09 Students to be dropped off at Piazza in Northern Campus Best parking Helensvale Rd Entry	Water Bottle Folio of Work
Dance Academy	Monday 14 March	3:15-5pm	NT01 Students to be dropped off at Piazza in Northern Campus	Water bottle Leggings; T-shirt- no midribs
Drama Academy	Tuesday 15 March	3:15-5pm	Performing Arts- Students to be dropped off to the P/Arts Block Best Parking Helensvale Rd Entry	Water bottle Prepared Monologue and appropriate props/costume
Sports Academy AFL Netball Touch	Tuesday 15 March	3:15-5pm	Please drop students off at the SAC Best Parking Helensvale Rd Entry	-Appropriate training gear -Appropriate footwear (Boots if required) -Shorts/skirt -Singlet, training top -Water bottle
Sports Academy Soccer Rugby Track & Field Volleyball	Wednesday 16 March	3:15-5pm	Please drop students off at the SAC Best Parking Helensvale Rd Entry	-Appropriate training gear -Appropriate footwear (Boots if required) -Shorts/skirt -Singlet, training top -Water bottle
EXCITE Short list Interviews	Term 2 Week One		CG Block Information will be emailed to you	

\*If you have any questions about these arrangements please contact the appropriate Academy Director.

## Saver Plus



### Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Sylvia Constantin your local Saver Plus Worker:  
(07) 5644 9182 / 0431 076 011  
or [sylvia.constantin@benevolent.org.au](mailto:sylvia.constantin@benevolent.org.au)

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