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Principal's Message

Easter Wishes

On behalf of Gaven State School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a happy and safe Easter break. School breaks for Easter Thursday 24 March and recommences Monday 11 April.

Easter Hat parade

On Thursday 24 April at 2.00pm in the Woodgate Hall, our students from Prep-Year 2 will participate in the Easter Hat Parade. This will once again be a very special occasion with students showing off their Easter Bonnet creations and sharing in the singing of several favourite Easter songs. There may even be a special visitor to the parade – we will have to wait and see! My thanks to Mrs Dobson for her organisation and to all the staff for their contributions. All parents are welcome to attend.

INVITATION

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success”

On the evening of Thursday 28 April, all parents are invited to attend a “School and Community Meeting” to plan important developments for our school for 2016 and beyond. The information obtained at this meeting will help to generate the school’s short and long term strategic plans and we would be grateful for your input on this occasion. The meeting will be held in the Woodgate Hall commencing at 5.00pm and finishing at 8.00pm with dinner provided.

During the evening you will be invited to contribute your ideas on a range of issues. In particular, you will be invited to nominate the area on which you feel you would most like to work. The six (6) areas are listed below and it would be great if you could nominate your top three (3) preferences so that we can ensure an even distribution of participants across each of the areas. A copy of this invitation will be emailed home to all parents at the beginning of next term.

<p style="text-align: center;">1. Curriculum</p> <p>Literacy/Numeracy Curriculum Programs/Resources Extra-curricula activities Homework High School Transition Prep Year and transition Assessment & Reporting Health & Fitness</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2. Information & Communication Technology</p> <p>Use of Technology in classrooms Equipment & Resources Accessing school information/resources from home Priorities for 2016 & beyond</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3. Supportive School Environment</p> <p>Student/staff welfare Parent support School pride/Uniform Responsible Behaviour Badge System Peacebuilders School Leaders Absenteeism</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4. Special Needs/Inclusion</p> <p>Special Education Programme Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students Girls/Boys Talented & Gifted Students with learning needs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5. School & Community</p> <p>Communication – school/class Image/reputation/marketing Use of community resources Community use of facilities Parent involvement</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6. Grounds/Facilities</p> <p>School grounds Facilities Tuckshop Classrooms Oval/Gardens</p>

The focus for the evening must be improving Student Learning Outcomes because that is our major role and one with which we all need to be concerned and work together to achieve. Please notify the school office by Friday 22 April of whether you wish to attend so we can settle catering arrangements and plan groupings for the evening.

Twilight Professional Development for Staff

Last Wednesday, our staff were involved in professional learning around one of three areas: Tactical Teaching of Reading, Integration of Technology into the Curriculum and the inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives in the curriculum. I would once again like to thank the staff for their commitment to learning and I know that they learnt a great deal of helpful material for their classroom programs.

Readers Are Succeeders!

The "Readers Are Succeeders" Home Reading Program has again been a major success and it is wonderful to see the support of parents in aiming to improve all the students reading skills and levels. Reading is just so important to our life chances and to success in all other subjects. Many students have been presented with their 25 night certificate and we are not far off presenting the special reading bookmarks to those who have read for 50 nights. I wonder who will be the first?

The other competition has been the class competition. At the end of Term 1 Prep C and 4A are the winners and enjoyed their pizza party this week. The results in terms of the number of nights read by all the students in the class are published below. The class competition will start afresh for Term 2 right now – so keep reading even over the holidays!

Artist in Residence

The Artist in Residence will commence Tuesday 26 April. Notes will go home about the program early next term and I commend this program to you. Students have the opportunity to work with an artist and to develop their skills further to what is offered at school. The program will culminate with our Art Show to be held in the Woodgate Hall on Thursday 23 June. We aim to have a piece of work by all students in the school at this show and it is always a must see as it showcases the artistic talents of the students in our school.

National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence

Thank you to the large number of students who wore orange on Friday to support the anti-violence and bullying messages of the National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence. This was a way for our school to shine the spotlight on bullying and violence and to promote ways to reduce its impact in schools and the community. It is important to note that not all disagreements and conflicts between students constitute bullying, but persistent and targeted behaviours designed to isolate, upset or threaten a person can be considered serious bullying issues. The best way to deal with a bullying situation at school is to bring these behaviours out in the open by reporting them to a staff member.

Gaven State School takes any actions which upset or threaten fellow students or staff very seriously and all students are encouraged to report issues immediately so that they can be dealt with. Gaven has very few cases of deliberate and persistent bullying and our major rules around “keeping our hands and feet to ourselves” and “if you can’t say something nice don’t say it at all” have become a strong component of our culture. However, if a student does have an issue around harassment, violence or bullying, we need to know about it because if we don’t know about it we can’t fix it. Our very structured school behaviour processes ensures that complex issues such as bullying are dealt with quickly, fairly and effectively.

NAPLAN

One of our key focuses in Term 1 and early Term 2 is the preparation and planning for the Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy). These national tests are planned for the 10, 11 and 12 May in Term 2. Parents have access to further information around NAPLAN via the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority Website: <http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/>

Before School

I would like to remind everyone that before school is not a playtime. The playgrounds and oval are not open and teachers are not rostered onto a duty at this time as they are preparing for the school day. Therefore it may be beneficial for some students to arrive at school a little later than they currently are. Classrooms are opened early at 8.40am so students can unpack their things ready for the start of the school day.

Disco

Thank you to everyone who supported our Disco on Wednesday night. This disco was well attended and it was wonderful to see so many students dressed in the "Go Green Theme" as well as parents and students dancing the night away. A big thank you to the staff who generously gave up their time to support our students and the P & C. Lastly to our amazing P & C, what a great job you did. Your hard work and commitment to our school is commendable. The winners of the best costume for the disco were:

Junior Disco: Frankie 1D, Maddyx 1D & Chase Prep A

Senior Disco: Reece 3D & Alex 3B

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**.

Fierce Conversations

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Mr Carleton will be conducting a Fierce Conversations Course for Educational Leaders in the Region on Friday and Saturday 15/16 April at Gaven State School – Woodgate Hall. The school receives funding for this course and the Tuckshop is catering for it, which will bring in more money for our school.

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Student of the Week

Junior		Senior	
Name	Class	Name	Class
Brodie	Prep A		3A
Gracie	Prep A		3A
Amy	Prep B	Olivia	3B
	Prep B		3B
Mikayla	Prep C	Lachlan	3C
	Prep C		3C
Zac	Prep D	Om	3/4D
	Prep D		3/4D
Nathaniel	1A		4A
	1A		4A
Tyler	1B	Mia	4B
	1B		4B
	1C	Isley	4C
	1C		4C
Gabriela	1D	Maddie	5A
	1D		5A
Brodie	2A	Aisha	5B
	2A		5B
Sam	2B	Kiana	5C
	2B		5C
Seth	2C	Jovi	6A
	2C		6A
Tyler	2D	Zedekiaah	5/6B
	2D		5/6B
		Riley	5/6C
			5/6C

Student Of The Week

Junior		Senior	
Name	Class	Name	Class
Ruby	Prep A	Ashleigh	3A
	Prep A	Lachlan	3A
Phoenix	Prep B	Rhyder	3B
	Prep B	Amelia	3B
Zara	Prep C	Ky'as	3C
	Prep C	Olivia	3C
Ahmed	Prep D	Sheydan	3/4D
	Prep D	Meekah	3/4D
Ayla	1A	William	4A

Kaiden	1A	Madeline	4A
	1B	Jakob	4B
	1B	Reef	4B
Troy	1C		4C
	1C		4C
Simon	1D		5A
Judah	1D		5A
Violet	2A	Jack	5B
Jasmyne	2A	Shaniya	5B
Ronan	2B	Kai	5C
Zarly	2B	Tiffany	5C
Mila	2C	Lewis	6A
Cintana	2C	Eve	6A
Desmond	2D	Taylah	5/6B
Jensen	2D	Ethan	5/6B
		Jackson	5/6C
		Bonnie	5/6C

Gaven Spirit Award

Name	Class	Year Level
Charlie	Prep B	Prep
Juliano	1B	Year 1
Keeley	2B	Year 2
Ariki	3A	Year 3
Lily	4B	Year 4
Kyah	5B	Year 5
Paige	6A	Year 6

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	15/04/2016
				School Photos	
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	26/04/2016	27/04/2016	28/04/2016	29/04/2016
	ANZAC Day Public Holiday			Fun Run/Cross Country	
Week 4	2/05/2016	3/05/2016	4/05/2016	5/05/2016	6/05/2016
	Labor Day Public Holiday				
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

Sporting News

Broadwater Teams

Congratulations to the following students who have made the Broadwater Teams.

Soccer: Josh

Rugby League: Elijah

AFL: Levi & Noah

Koala Joeys

KOALA JOEYS FAMILY PROGRAM

COMMENCING IN TERM 2 AT Gaven State School.



An interactive, fun and free transition to Prep program for children and their parents/caregivers is happening at our school! The program is running on Wednesday mornings at 9.00am from the 27 April 2016. Each session goes for about 1½ hours. If you have children aged from birth to 5 years, join us in House H1 (the After School Care building). Why not come along to these warm, friendly and fun events? Meet new friends, learn new songs, rhymes and stories to share with your child/children and discover how your little one's

brain works. As an added bonus – the KOALA JOEYS FAMILY PROGRAM events are FREE!

If you are interested in attending the program, please email Allison Edrich, a Gaven State School KOALA JOEYS FAMILY PROGRAM facilitator, at amcke115@eq.edu.au.

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 We will be starting in term 2.

P&C News

Easter Raffle Winners

Jnr:

1st: Jamie

2nd: Beau

3rd: Nyssia

Snr:

1st: Tracey

2nd: Madeline

3rd: Eliza

Megan

P&C AGM



Thank you to all those who attended our AGM last night. It was so wonderful to see so many new faces joining us.

With the AGM, comes the standing down of all Executive positions, and the re election of the new. So in saying that I would like to introduce you to our new P&C Executive Committee for 2016.

President - Katrina Dunbar...

Vice President - Felicity Zikman

Secretary - Sandy Aird

Treasurer - Michele Alker

SAVE THE DATE. ...

Saturday 3rd September 2016

Gaven State School is bringing back the family favourite event of the year, our school fete!



If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities please send all enquiries to gavenfete@outlook.com

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

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. 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 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 an 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.

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

Samantha Bond | Chaplain

Mobile Dental Van

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Gold Coast Health Oral Health (Dental) Services

Gold Coast Oral Health Services are offering free dental check-ups to children in Prep – Year 6.

This service will be provided at Gaven State School by the Mobile Dental Clinic. Hours of operation for this clinic are Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm.

To arrange an appointment for your child please telephone:

The Oral Health Client Service Centre

1300 300 850

Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm

Excluding Public Holidays

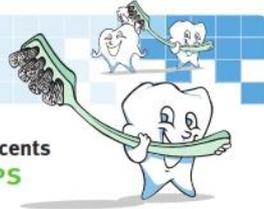
Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers are accepted. When your child's \$1000 cap is reached, there will be no out-of-pocket expenses provided your child meets *eligibility criteria.

* 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>

Gold Coast Health Oral Health (Dental) Services



Oral Health Services for **Children and Adolescents**
FREE DENTAL CARE ALL AGE GROUPS
Is your child eligible?

School Dental Clinics and Mobile Dental Clinics

All students in Prep through to Year 10
If your child is not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, they still receive dental care at no charge until they complete Year 10 at school.

Aged 2 - 17 years:
Bulk-billed to Medicare if eligible for Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

Aged 0-3 years:
Dependants of adults who hold a current concession card, Health Care Card or Pension Card issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs.

For appointments phone:

1300 300 850

Community Dental Clinics

Students who have completed Year 10 at school:
Dependants of adults who hold a current concession card, Health Care Card or Pension Card issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs OR who have their own concession card.

For enquiries in your area phone:

1300 300 850



How do I know if my child is eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?

Contact Medicare on 132 010 or look online at myGov

If you think your child might be eligible for CDBS and have not been notified by Medicare: contact Centrelink or Medicare to check accuracy of your information.



Student Arrival Times and Attendance

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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.

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