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STATE SCHOOL



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Principal's Message

3-Way Conferences

Next week, we will again be conducting the three way conferences. The aim of these is 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. I urge parents and their children to be a part of this important meeting for our children's education. Emails have been sent home for parents to select a suitable time.

NAPLAN 2017 paper test timetable

	Tuesday 9 May 2017	Wednesday 10 May 2017	Thursday 11 May 2017
Year 3	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>45 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>45 minutes</i>
Year 5	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>50 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>50 minutes</i>

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Parents may apply to have their child withdrawn from doing all of the tests or a certain test or tests.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 8th 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.

Student Leaders' Induction Ceremony

Last Wednesday, we held our Student Leaders' Induction Ceremony in the Woodgate Hall. The ceremony acknowledged the students chosen to hold leadership roles within our school. More specifically these roles are: School Captains, Sports Captains, Student Councillors, Peace Builders and Library Monitors.

Thank you to both the invited guests and to the large number of parents in attendance to support their students in these important roles. My thanks Mr Mark Boothman, MLA for Albert, Mr Scott Bucholtz, Member for Wright, Mr Mark Peggrem, Principal Pacific Pines SHS, Mr Mark Blackshaw, Principal Helensvale SHS and Mrs Katrina Dunbar, P & C President who took time from their busy schedules to join us for this special occasion. Mr Bucholtz in particular was a big hit with his rather entertaining speech.

The level of enthusiasm and quality of all the candidates for these positions impressed me greatly. I wish to acknowledge the splendid work of students, teachers and parents who have supported and encouraged the students both last year and the beginning of this year and expect now, that our school community will get behind the 2017 leaders and assist them in their efforts to make Gaven SS a great school again this year. Congratulations leaders.

“Readers Are Succeeders!”

Reading is a process of making meaning through word recognition!

All parents should have received information regarding the “Readers are Succeeders” home reading program. The program is designed to encourage ALL students and parents to develop regular reading habits, which will further develop the reading ability of each child. The Parent Guide will give you, as parents, ideas on how to make the home reading experience reflective of the skills, knowledge and language that takes place every day in our classrooms. You can do as little or as many activities as you are able to do, but it needs to be an enjoyable experience for your family. The main aim is that students read and/or you read to them every night as this is the best way we can practice and improve their reading.

The more you read, the more words you know.

The more words you know, the smarter you are.

The smarter you are, the better job you get.

The better job you get, the more money you make.

**The more money you make, the more choices you
have in life.**

Dr Seuss

Principals' Conference

On Thursday and Friday this week, I attended the State Wide Principals' Conference. Every Principal from around the state was in attendance at the conference held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre. It was a productive couple of days with excellent speakers and also a chance to ensure that all schools are aware of and work towards the achievement of our state wide vision for public education in Queensland.

Technology and Support Payment

A reminder about the Technology and Support Payment for 2017. The focus of this payment is to increase the technology skills of our students and we are already using the money raised to replace the outmoded ipads in all classrooms. This is an important contribution to our school and we would very much appreciate your support. A note will be emailed home again reminding parents about the scheme and payments. If you haven't so far contributed to the scheme we encourage you to make a payment to support this important area of our school and to give our students the best learning possible.

TEIAG Meeting

Next Tuesday at 4.00pm, I will be attending the Teacher Education Advisory Group Meeting at Griffith University. I am representing the Gold Coast North Principals on this committee which looks at a range in relation to the education of our future teachers. It is an honour to be a part of it.

School Car Parks

A reminder to parents that parking inside the school grounds is not permitted. This applies to the Administration Car Park and the staff car park at the back of the school. Parking in these areas is currently putting at risk the safety of our students and some near misses have been reported to the office. Please consider how you would feel if you badly injured another student because of this dangerous practice.

Assemblies

It is fantastic to see the number of parents and relatives taking the time to attend the Junior and Senior Assemblies. The Junior Assemblies are on Monday afternoon and the Senior assemblies are on Tuesday, both commencing at 2.15pm.

Responsible Behaviour Plan

In the last newsletter, I published the **Be Safe Rule**. This week I am exploring the **Be Proud and Be**

Respectful. 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.

BE PROUD

1. Wear the full school uniform.
2. Stand and sing the National Anthem and say the school creed

BE RESPECTFUL

1. Students must treat all staff, other students and visitors to the school in a respectful and courteous manner.
2. Students must follow the directions of a teacher or other responsible adult at all times and in all places.
3. Use good manners e.g. please, thank you, and excuse me.
4. Students should use responsible language. Swearing and abusive language will not be tolerated.
5. Show courtesy and good audience manners at assembly/presentations.
6. Any property which is found must be handed to the office or to a teacher.
7. Take care of the school grounds, equipment and the property of others.
8. Playground and sporting equipment is to be used during lunch breaks or with teacher supervision.
9. Toys are to be left at home and are not to be brought to school.
10. Mobile devices will only be allowed at school in accordance with school policy.
11. Sporting equipment may be brought to school but remains the child's responsibility at all times.

School Photos

Just a reminder that school photos are being taken on Monday the 13th March

P&C Meeting

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday 14th March where all memberships lapse, new members are accepted and Executive positions are elected for the next 12 months.

Sports News

This week two students represented our district at the Regional Swimming Trials at Southport Aquatic Centre. Ava 6B and Mathew 5B performed very well and represented our district and school with pride and honour. Ava competed in the 50m backstroke and Mathew compete in the 50m breaststroke. Congratulations Ava and Mathew on your achievements.

Dom Kibbey

PE Teacher

School Photos

School photos will be held on **Monday 13th March**. Photo envelopes were sent home last week and an email was sent out regarding the photos as well. Students must be in **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM**.

Student of the Week

Junior			Senior	
Name	Class		Name	Class

Amarani	Prep A			3A
	Prep A			3A
Coree	Prep B			3B
	Prep B			3B
Caraiah	Prep C			3C
Kai	Prep C			3C
Tallen	Prep D			3/4D
Ashling	Prep D			3/4D
Levi	1A			4A
Charlie	1A			4A
Nyssia	1B			4B
Marshall	1B			4B
Ella	1C			4C
Chase	1C			4C
Imogen	1D			5A
Riley	1D			5A
Ethan	1/2E			5B
Ruby	1/2E			5B
Evan	2A			5C
Milana	2A			5C
Kieni	2B			5D
Mikayla	2B			5D
Georgia	2C			6A
Elliot	2C			6A
Dhilan	2D			6B
Reid	2D			6B
				6C
				6C
				6D
				6D

Student of the Week

Junior		Senior	
Name	Class	Name	Class
Chloe	Prep A	Beau	3A
Lachlan	Prep A	Lyric	3A
River	Prep B	Layla	3B
	Prep B	Callum	3B
Imogen	Prep C	Ella	3C
Xavier	Prep C	Kahlia	3C
Ryan	Prep D	Ryan	3/4D
Elijah	Prep D	Deakon	3/4D
Kain	1A	Alex	4A
Blayze	1A	Sebastian	4A
Mikayla	1B		4B
	1B		4B
Savanna	1C	Alyxzandria	4C
Bella	1C	Mikey	4C
Jet	1D	Lily	5A
Holly	1D	Reese	5A
Hilary	1/2E		5B
Keira	1/2E		5B
Jamie-Lee	2A	Mia	5C
Benjamin	2A	Lily	5C
Flynn	2B	Lily	5D
Ellarah	2B	Preston	5D
Jye	2C	Joshua	6A
Winter	2C	Keira	6A

Darcy	2D		Mokena	6B
Paige	2D		Ava	6B
			David	6C
			Shay	6C
			Chloe	6D
			Lachlan	6D

SMS Absence Alerts

Parents/Caregivers are advised that the school will be using Mobile phone Short Message Service (SMS) to send text messages to parents notifying unexplained absence.

Parents will be informed by mobile phone Short Message System (SMS) each time their child is away from school and no explanation of the absence has been provided. At Gaven State School, student attendance is a high priority. We know that students who attend regularly are more likely to be successful. To improve our attendance procedures, we will be informing parents/caregivers about any unexplained absences for their child. The school expects parents/caregiver to contact the school in advance if they know their child is to be absent.

An SMS text message will be automatically sent to the mobile phones of parents explaining that our records show that your child is absent from school. The message will come from the phone number 0418 125 029 and read as follows:

Gaven SS records show Joe Smith is absent 23/6/13. Pls reply SMS/MSG student name/absence reason/absence date

Parents and caregivers with iPhones or Android phones can also benefit by installing **School Star**, a highly secure, easy to use smartphone app. This allows you to receive and reply to important messages from the school for free.

Benefiting You and Your Child

1. **You have the right to know that your child is safe.**

If your child has not arrived at school, you need to know immediately.

2. **Your child deserves the best possible chance of success.**

Regular attendance is a key factor in school success.

3. **You deserve the most responsive delivery system available.**

A text message direct to your mobile phone is fast, effective and discrete. For parents with **School Star**, message delivery is first attempted as a notification through the app. However, if the in-app message isn't opened within a few minutes, the system automatically sends an SMS, to ensure that the important message reaches you, no matter what.

1. **You must have immediate notification in times of crisis.**

There may be times when we will need to reach a large number of parents instantly.

What Parents Must Do Gaven State School is taking important steps to benefit your child. This is a shared responsibility, and parents must also help the school.

1. **Keep your mobile phone details up to date.** Make sure we have your current mobile phone number, and notify us immediately if this number changes.
2. **Notify the school in advance when your child is absent (Before 9.15am).** If you notify us as soon as you know your child will be absent, we will know your child is safe, and will not need to contact you. A School Star text message sent to us is the best way to do this.

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. These are stand alone seminars so you can choose to come to one or all three.

The Power of Positive Parenting- Thursday 30TH March 9am -10:30

Raising Resilient Children and Raising Confident and confident children sessions to come in term 2.

To register you must go to the Triple P website...<http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-uken/home/>

STEPS TO REGISTER: 1-Down the right side click on seminar/group registration

2-Click on Level 2 seminar Triple P

3- In the box titled "Type a session type" put in Gold Coast

4- Register your details

SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL NOW OPEN EVERY TUESDAY AFTER BREAKY CLUB....

The School Chaplain is here to support anyone within our school community and can be reached either via email samanthab@chappy.org.au, via the school office Tuesdays and Thursdays or come down and say hello at Breaky Club Tuesday mornings. Plus now you can purchase second hand uniforms at a reduced price of just \$5 per piece down in the Breaky Club area from 8:50am -9:20 every Tuesday. Please note the slight time change. There are loads of jackets and a good supply of shirts and shorts at this stage. Please be aware though we can only take cash. And we cannot do a take now pay later option. However, if you or someone you know of is experiencing hardship in the community in any way- including uniforms our Chappy may be able to help with resources or connections.

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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS:

Team Holiday is landing at Sports Super Centre – Gold Coast in Runaway Bay:

Get ready to experience plenty of splatteringly awesome activities. Take on your mates in a giant bubble soccer battle, or fly in the sky at indoor trampolining. We'll head out to the movies, plus try our hand at cooking, arts and crafts – even whacky science experiments! Non spiritual camp facilitated by teachers. If you want these school holidays to be packed full of adventure, you're on the team. So, let the fun begin! Spaces are limited at \$65 per day so book your place and find more information on the Team Holiday website >>> www.teamholiday.com.au

CYC HOLIDAY CAMPS (Christian Youth Camps) AT BURLEIGH: Easter Junior Camp

?At CYC we're all about opportunity, adventure, challenge and discovery! At our Easter Junior camp, we spend our days body boarding, SUPing and exploring the iconic Burleigh Heads with our awesome instructors who can teach your little ones pretty much anything they want to know about this! With youth group sessions filled with activities, sport ,games and songs . CYC offers social/emotional resilience learning through spiritual concepts from the Gospels.

For information on up coming school holiday camps visit <http://www.cycburleigh.com.au/> or specific interest holiday camps run by School Chaplains <http://www.suqld.org.au/camps>

If you know of any other holiday camps on offer in the community, I happy to let others know by listing them here. Please email me information via samanthab@chappy.org.au

Breaky Club:

Everyone is welcome at Breakfast Club and volunteers are always welcome too. Breakfast club runs from 8:20- 8:40 every Tuesday of the school term.

Share Talk Read

Reading with under fives matters

City Libraries will be delivering a program called Share,TalkandRead at Gaven State School. This program is funded by the State Library of Queensland through the **First 5 Forever** program. The program sessions are **FREE** and will be facilitated by library staff. Facilitators will set up a pop-up library in the **Prep playground on a Wednesday morning between 8.30-10.30am**, during the school terms, with the first session commencing on **Wednesday, 08 February**. Parents/caregivers, you and your young children (aged 0-5 years) are invited to attend. Children currently enrolled in Prep classes at Gaven State School will be able to participate too, if they are accompanied by their parent/caregiver. Please pop in and join us at these sessions on a **Wednesday morning, anytime during 8.30-10.30am**. No need to book, just come along. If it is raining, we will hold the sessions in the undercover area near the Prep/Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms.

If you would like to know more about the **Share,TalkandRead** sessions at Gaven State School, please see the **attached flyer** and/or contact **Vikki Hill** (Gaven State School Head of Curriculum) on **07-55147333** vhill1@eq.edu.au or **City Libraries** on **07-55816788**.

Please [click here](#) to read the flyer for more information.

Kiss\\'n\\'Go Procedure

Please find attached an information pamphlet which outlines the correct procedures for our Kiss'n'Go Zone.

We would like to thank parents for their patience, support and understanding whilst we establish this very important safety procedure.



Remember

- The two minute loading zone is enforceable by law.
- If your children are not able to be loaded within two minutes the law requires that you drive out of the zone.
- You should either find a parking space elsewhere and locate your children in the school grounds, or join the back of the queue.
- It is both illegal and inconsiderate to overstay your time in the loading zone.



A new approach to using the 2 minute loading zone



This is for the safety of your children

For further information contact your Road Safety Office on 1300 360 135



A Word From Your Road Safety Officer

Each year you could pick up your child or children from school over 200 times and many other parents do the same.

Your school does everything reasonable to ensure your children remain safe and do not get injured when being dropped off or picked up.

To further enhance the safety of your children the school SafeST Committee has adopted the Look Out program to make it easier and quicker for children to get to and from school.

Congestion is always a major aspect of any school environment. By using the Look Out program congestion will be reduced and children can wait in a safe place.

Look Out can only work with the cooperation of everyone who uses the zone and a commitment to the program by your school and individuals alike.

This brochure explains how the program works »»



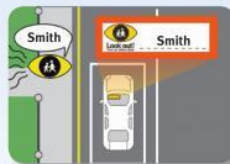
The Look Out! Steps

Step 1



Queue and display your family name tag on the dash.

Step 2



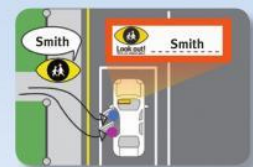
Wait while your children are called.

Step 3



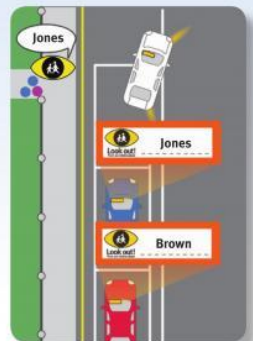
Stay in your car until your children arrive.

Step 4



Load your children & their bags without delay.

Step 5



Ensure seat belts are secure then leave safely.

If your children are not ready leave the zone and rejoin the queue or find a parking space then look for your children in the school grounds.



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.

ALL 4 fields MUST be filled in!

Be sure to enter web address EXACTLY as shown.

CRN: Customer Reference Number

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.

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	& over 13 yrs of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>½ YEAR</u>
20 mins per day	1hr 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 YEAR</u>
Half hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1½ YEARS</u>
1hr per day	1 day per wk	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2½ YEARS</u>

Pacific Pines State High School

Please find attached information from Pacific Pines State High School regarding:

- . Enrolment and Centre of Excellence Information Evening details (Year 6 students)
- . Fiesta details (all students)
- . Junior Secondary Information brochure which includes details about our Centre of Excellence programs. (Year 6 students – most were given a hard copy at our roadshow at the end of last year)
- . Application for Excellence Programs (Yr 6 students)

[Excellence Application Form Yr 7 2018.pdf](#)

[Fiesta - Save the Date \(003\).pdf](#)

[JS information - Pacific Pines SHS.pdf](#)

[Open Night info.pdf](#)

2018 Commonwealth Games Volunteer

APPLY TO BE A VOLUNTEER!



Help shape the Games!

There's no greater feeling than helping 1.5 million spectators experience unforgettable moments of strength, courage and endurance. Don't just watch from the sidelines, apply to volunteer and actually play a part in the largest sporting event in Australia this decade.

To apply you must be:

- > Available from the 4 - 15 April 2018
- > 16 years or older at time of application

Applications Open

9am on Monday 6 February 2017

To apply or for more information visit
www.gc2018.com/volunteer

Don't delay. Applications open for a limited time.



Hard Yakka
It's Might's Neighbour





EXCITE Entrance Exams

Saturday 4 March

Registration 8:30am Excite Exam 9am-12pm

Venue: Helensvale State High School

Discovery Place

Best entrance and Parking off Rugby Lane

Parents need to sign their child into the exam and then leave and return at noon

Application form and fee must have been submitted prior to Saturday

Helensvale State High School General Enrolment Evening.

One Student | One Community | Many Futures



**HELENSVALE
STATE HIGH**

General Enrolment Information Evening For Year 7 2018

Find out about General Enrolment's at Helensvale State High
in Year 7 2018.

Enrolment forms for students residing within the catchment
area will be available on the night.

When: Tuesday 7 March 6pm

Where: Helensvale State High, Student Activity Centre. Best parking
off Helensvale Road.

Phone: 5573 8555 | 243 Discovery Drive, Helensvale 4212
www.helensvaleshs.eq.edu.au