

GAVEN

STATE SCHOOL



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SCHOOL CLOSED FRIDAY 31st MARCH 2017

Please be advised that **Gaven State School is CLOSED FRIDAY 31st MARCH 2017** due to the current weather event.

Please pass this on to anyone who may not receive this message.

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 Friday 31 March and recommences Tuesday 18 April.

Twilight Professional Development for Staff

Last Wednesday, our staff were involved in professional learning around one of four areas: Analysis of Early Start Data (Prep), Reading Comprehension Strategies (Years 1-3), Analysis of Torch Reading Test Data (Years 4-6) and Australian Curriculum Implementation (Specialist Teachers). 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?

Artist in Residence

The Artist in Residence will commence Week 3 Term 2. 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 17 March 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.

Year 4 Camp

This year our Year 4 students will be going to Runaway Bay Sports Centre for their Camp on 26-28 April. This camp will help the students to develop team spirit and leadership skills, as well as participation in a number of outdoor education and adventure activities. I look forward to visiting the students at camp and hearing of their exploits.

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 9, 10 and 11 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/>

Gaven Goes to the Movies

This year’s theme for our Gaven Gala to be held on the 7/8 September is “Gaven Goes to the Movies” and preparations are already being made for class items for this event. In term 3, Footsteps Dance Company have been contracted to provide dance lessons for all of our classes to help with the dances chosen for our Gala Performances.

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.

Parking Around the School

Once again I have had complaints about the parking habits of a few parents in the car parks at the top of the hill. The complaints have centred around parking on footpaths, islands and behind other vehicles blocking them in. Please be considerate of other drivers and attend to the safety of our students in these areas. It is too late to say sorry when a child is injured.

Student of the Week

Junior		Senior	
Name	Class	Name	Class
Phoebe	Prep A	Pheebi	3A
Paige	Prep A	Keely	3A
Gemma	Prep B	Violet	3B
Clara	Prep B	Summer	3B
Laythan	Prep C	Tyler	3C
Ayush	Prep C	Beau	3C
Layne	Prep D	William	3/4D
Saffron	Prep D	Jasmine	3/4D
Lucy	1A	Jacinta	4A
Jayden	1A	Ashleigh	4A
Tarni	1B	Jay	4B
Amy	1B	Jahmeika	4B
Zac	1C	Stevie	4C
Ianna	1C	Ben	4C
Roland	1D	Mia	5A
Jet	1D	Shyla	5A
Brodie	1/2E	Niriha	5B
Mitchell	1/2E	Zak	5B
Maverick	2A	Ruby	5C
Khalen	2A	Daniel	5C
Mason	2B	Madeleine	5D
Cooper	2B	Harris	5D
Simon	2C	Ngaio	6A
Gabriela	2C	Maddie	6A
Jordan	2D	Bella	6B
Robert	2D	Lachlan	6B
		Nicola	6C
		Megan	6C
		Jake	6D
			6D

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Junior		Senior	
Name	Class	Name	Class
Noah	Prep A	Ollie	3A
	Prep A	Teyha	3A
Jackson	Prep B	Vayda	3B
Dominic	Prep B		3B

	Prep C		Jayden	3C
	Prep C			3C
Kiana	Prep D		Curtis	3/4D
Jack	Prep D			3/4D
	1A		Hannah	4A
	1A			4A
Ahmed	1B		Angus	4B
	1B			4B
Layla	1C		Ethan	4C
	1C			4C
Amelia	1D		Siarra	5A
Elijah	1D			5A
Rylee	1/2E		Tiarni	5B
	1/2E			5B
Alexandra	2A		Mason	5C
	2A			5C
Cleo	2B			5D
	2B			5D
Tahlia	2C		Aaliyah	6A
	2C			6A
Cooper	2D		Holly	6B
	2D			6B
			Bonnie	6C
				6C
			Lucas	6D
				6D

Sport News

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Over the past few weeks a number of Gaven SS students from Year 5 and 6 have been trialling for district and regional sporting teams. Trialling for soccer was Kai 6A, trialling for AFL were Marcello 6A, Preston 5D, Dylan 6A, Campbell 6A, Jaiden 6C, Mokena 6B, Bryce 5C, Jacob 5D and Bailey 5D, and trialling for netball were Jayda 6C, Bonnie 6C and Dayna 6C.

Congratulations to all students who trialled, I could not be prouder in the fantastic way they continue to represent this school and themselves.

Well done to Marcello and Campbell who will now represent Broadwater at the Regional Championships after the holidays. Give to 'em boys!

A special congratulations to Jayda who was selected to represent Broadwater, but following the carnival was also selected in the South Coast netball team to compete in the state championships on the Sunshine Coast in the June holidays. All the very best of luck, Jayda!!

Interschool sport begins in Week 6 of Term 2. If your child is participating they have been given permission and information notes. These need to be returned early in Term 2 and payment needs to be made before interschool sport commences. If you have any questions regarding interschool sport please see myself or your child's sport coach.

Dom Kibbey

PE Teacher

Term 2 Dates of Significance

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	17/04 Easter Monday Public Holiday	18/04	19/04	20/04	21/04 Footsteps Dance Lessons begin
Week 2	24/04	25/04 Anzac Day Public Holiday	26/04 Year 4 on camp at Runaway Bay Sport Centre	27/04	28/04 Pat and Play (P-1) 11:40am in Woodgate Hall
Week 3	1/05 May Day Public Holiday	2/05 2A & 2B Artist in Res	3/05 School Cross Country P-6 2C & 2D Artist in Res	4/05 1/2E & 1A Artist in Res	5/05 1B & 1C Artist in Res
Week 4	8/05 Whole School Assembly	9/05 Brekkie Club NAPLAN Y3 and Y5 • Language Conventions • Writing PA & PB Artist in Res	10/05 NAPLAN Y3 and Y5 • Reading PC and PD Artist in Res	11/05 Brekkie Club NAPLAN Y3 and Y5 • Numeracy 1A & 1B Artist in Res	12/05 1C & 1D Artist in Res
Week 5	15/05 Chappy Week Interschool Sport 10:30-2:35pm	16/05 3A & 3B Artist in Res	17/05 3C & 3/4D Artist in Res	18/05 5A and 5B Artist in Res	19/05 5C & 5D Artist in Res
Week 6	22/05 Interschool Sport	23/05	24/05 District Cross Country	25/05 6A & 6B Artist in Res	26/05 6D and 6C Artist in Res
Week 7	29/05 Interschool Sport	30/05 G&T Science Day – Helensvale SHS 4-6 Yr, 5 students	31/05	1/06	2/06
Week 8	5/06 Interschool Sport	6/06 Whole School Assembly	7/06	8/06	9/06
Week 9	12/06 Interschool Sport	13/06	14/06	15/06	16/06
Week 10	19/06 Interschool Sport	20/06	21/06	22/06	23/06 Last Footsteps Dance Lesson

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.
3. **Respond to messages from the school.** If you receive an absence message from us, please respond via School Star or return SMS. We need to know why your child is absent.
4. **If you receive a message you believe is an error, please phone the school**

For example if you receive a message and your child was dropped off/sent to school

If you don't have a mobile phone... Details of low-cost phone plans ideal for parents who want to benefit from the new system are available from mobile phone providers. We will maintain our existing contact methods for parents who do not have mobile phones.

Footsteps - Educating Through Movement

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In term 2 Gaven State School is delighted to be working with Footsteps Dance Company to provide 40 minute weekly dance classes to all students from prep to year 6.

The cost for 10 lessons over 10 weeks is \$20 which will need to be paid before the first lesson.

Participating students will attend their 40 minute lesson in their year level. Non-participating students will be supervised by one of the teachers on their year level.

More information will be given as we get closer to the end of this term. This will include a permission note and payment details.

Second Hand Uniform Stall

SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL NOW OPEN EVERY TUESDAY AFTER BREKKY 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 brekky Club Tuesday mornings. Plus from week 3 you can purchase second hand uniforms at a reduced price of just \$5 per piece down in the brekky Club area from 8:40am -9:10 every Tuesday. 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. If you know of anyone experiencing hardship in the community in any way our Chappy may be able to help with resources or connections.

Chappy's Space

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PPP Parenting Program

PPP PARENTING PROGRAM: Starts Thursday 30TH March 9am -10:30 with tea, coffee, biscuits and a play area or creche provided (when possible). 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. 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

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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, Talk and Read** 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.



Look out!
There are children about

Load & Leave Safely

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

Queensland Government
Queensland Transport

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The Look Out! Steps



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 »»

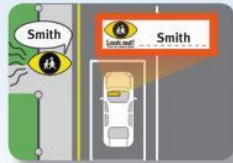


Step 1



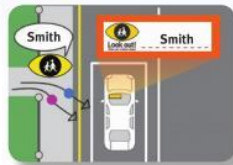
Queue and display your family name tag on the dash.

Step 2



Wait while your children are called.

Step 3



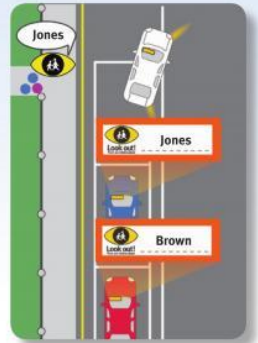
Stay in your car until your children arrive.

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.

BPoint Instructions

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>



Animal Welfare League Qld

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School Holiday Activities Program

BOOK NOW 9:30am-2:30pm

11th April \$50

PLACES STRICTLY LIMITED!!

TO BOOK PLEASE go to our website

www.awlqld.com.au



Fun, educational activities for ages 6 -10 years...

- 🐾 Learn all about our shelter animals!
- 🐾 Guided, behind-the-scenes tour of our Rehoming Centre!
- 🐾 Animal-themed arts and craft!
- 🐾 Learn about dog training and responsible animal care!
- 🐾 Cuddle with our 'pocket-pets', cats and kittens and heaps more...

