

GAVEN

STATE SCHOOL



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Principal's Message

Welcome Back to Term 2

I would like to welcome all of our families back following the Easter holidays and hope that you had an enjoyable break. I would particularly like to welcome the families who have joined our school community this term. This is the first newsletter for term 2 and already the term is promising to be very busy. Major events include the Cross Country, Interschool Sports, NAPLAN, Mothers' Day Stall, Chaplaincy Week, Art Show and Anzac Day. The year 4 students attended a very successful camp at Runaway Bay this week, where they learnt a great deal and had a lot of fun. I hear the food wasn't too bad either. Most importantly, I heard how responsible and respectful the majority of our students were and how we should be proud of the way they represented our school. Well done!

End of Term Calamity

Seems like I missed all of the fun with Term 1 coming to an early end because of the torrential rain. Largely the school was undamaged by the storm except for some minor flooding in lower E Block with carpets getting quite wet. The council also fogged the school for mosquitoes though we may have to get them to do this again as the mosquitoes this year have been the worst I have seen them – and by experience I can tell you that they are worse here than in South America! While the Easter Bonnet Parade had to be cancelled, the Easter Bunny found his way to the school for the first day of term to deliver the Easter eggs and to sing some songs with each of the classes.

Anzac Day Ceremony

On Monday, we held our ANZAC Day ceremony for students, staff and parents. Our school captains and other leaders addressed the assembly regarding the significance of Anzac Day and students from each year level laid a wreath. Students learnt about the customs and traditions associated with Anzac Day ceremonies. My thanks to Mrs Davis and Mrs Sellars for organizing the ceremony. My thanks also to Mrs Sellars for her work with the choir and that very moving song – "And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda". Thank you to the large number of parents and relatives, who attended to support their students and the school. The positive feedback about the ceremony was gratefully received by the organisers.

Footsteps Dance Program

The Footsteps Dance Program commenced last Friday and was a very successful first lesson across

the school. The program is aimed at helping students prepare for the Gaven Gala. It is also an aspect of our school's Arts/Dance Program.

Labour Day

A reminder about the Labour Day holiday to be held this Monday 1st May. The school will be closed on this day. I hope that everyone has a wonderful long weekend.

Whole School Assembly

We will be holding a whole school assembly on Monday 8 May. All parents are welcome to attend. During this assembly, Gaven Spirit Award winners will be presented with their certificates. This will be followed up by a morning tea with the principal and deputy principal.

Artist in Residence

The Artist in Residence will commence next week on Tuesday. Notes and emails have gone home about the program 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 22nd 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. Please note, payment for this activity has now CLOSED. No late payments will be accepted.

NAPLAN National Testing for Years 3, 5 and 7

The Year 3/5/7 tests will be conducted on 9th, 10th and 11th May, 2017. These tests will be held in numeracy and literacy for all students in Australia in Years 3 and 5. Results will be reported to parents once they are available to schools later in the year. These confidential reports will show your child's results against key national information in each year level.

Our school will use the information in a number of ways, primarily to better identify students requiring additional support, and to identify strengths and improvement areas in teaching programs. While the NAPLAN report is an important measure of how all students are performing, it is important to remember that it is only one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace the more extensive and informed judgements made by our highly skilled and experienced teachers.

Parents concerned about their students undertaking the tests should talk with their classroom Teacher or a member of the Administration. Parents can withdraw their students from the tests under certain circumstances.

It is important that students receive ongoing support at home throughout the year in developing literacy and numeracy skills. For tips and information please visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map For information about NAPLAN tests please visit www.naplan.edu.au

Readers Are Succeeders!

The "Readers Are Succeeders" Home Reading Program has again proved to be 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 are due to be presented with their 50 night certificate and book mark. I wonder who will be the first to the 75 night certificate or the 100 night pencil awards?

The other competition has been the class competition. The class competition started afresh after the presentation last term – so keep reading and your class might win the end of term pizza party!

Cross Country

This year's Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 3 May. Like last year all races will be run on the

same day.

Race times:

Yr 4 - 6 from 9.00

Yr 2 -3 from 11.30

Prep - Yr 1 from 2pm

My thanks to Mr Kibbey for preparing the students for the races.

Term 2 Dates of Significance

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2	24/04	25/04 Anzac Day Public Holiday	26/04 Year 4 on camp at Runaway Bay Sport Centre	27/04 Pat and Play (P-2) 11:40am in Woodgate Hall	28/04
Week 3	1/05 May Day Public Holiday	2/05	3/05 School CrossCountry P-6	4/05	5/05
Week 4	8/05 Whole School Assembly	9/05 Brekkie Club NAPLAN Y3 and Y5 • Language Conventions • Writing	10/05 NAPLAN Y3 and Y5 • Reading	11/05 Brekkie Club NAPLAN Y3 and Y5 • Numeracy	12/05
Week 5	15/05 Happy Week Book Fair	16/05 P&C Meeting	17/05	18/05	19/05
Week 6	22/05 Interschool Sport	23/05	24/05 District Cross Country	25/05	26/05
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 Year 6 trip to state parliament	15/06	16/06
Week 10	19/06	20/06 P&C Meeting	21/06	22/06 Art Show Parent/Teacher Interviews	23/06 Last Footsteps Dance Lesson

Sports News

Congratulations to Marcello 6A and Campbell 6A for being selected in the South Coast AFL team to

compete at the State Championships in Mackay in June. Well done and good luck boys.

Dom Kibbey

PE Teacher

Mother's Day Stall

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Mother's day is the 14th May. To help celebrate how special our Mum's are the P&C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall in week 3 for students to purchase a gift for that special person they call Mum.

All items are \$5 each. Each class will visit the stall in their allocated time slots so please remember to have your money on your set day.

Thursday 4th May

11.30	11.40	11.50	12.	12.10	12.20	12.30	12.40	1.45	1.55	2.05	2.15	2.25	2.35
6A	6B	6C	6D	4B	4C	3/4D	4A	PA	PB	PC	PD	5B	5C

Friday 5th May

11.30	11.40	11.50	12.	12.10	12.20	12.30	12.40	1.45	1.55	2.05	2.15	2.25	2.35
5D	5A	3A	3B	3C	1A	1B	1C	2A	2B	2C	2D	1D	1/2

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 DoGaven 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.

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

PPP Parenting Program

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What is Triple P/ Positive Parenting Program?

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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.

“Raising Confident, Competent Children” - Thursday 18th May 9am -10:30

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

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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:

To find more information on the Team Holiday visit website >>> www.teamholiday.com.au

CYC HOLIDAY CAMPS (Christian Youth Camps) AT BURLEIGH:

?At CYC we're all about opportunity, adventure, challenge and discovery! 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/](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. You will find us at Woodgate Hall 8:15-8:40am every Tuesday.

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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





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



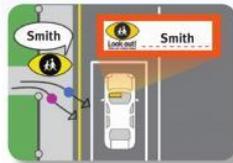
Queue and display your family name tag on the dash.

Step 2



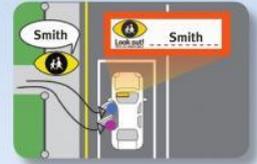
Wait while your children are called.

Step 3



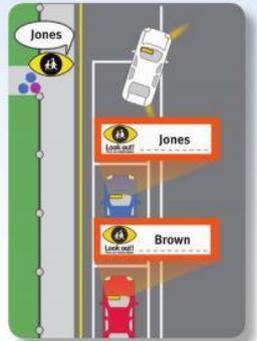
Stay in your car until your children arrive.

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>

Girl Guides

Nerang Girl Guides are looking for new members to come and join our fantastic units.

We are at 40 Ferry Street Nerang and meet on different days throughout the week.

Brownies 5 to 10 year olds Saturday morning 9am to 11am

Guides 10 to 14 year olds Wednesday night 6pm to 8pm

Rangers 14 to 18 year olds Thursday night 6.30pm to 8.30pm

We provide activities such as canoeing, camping, craft, community service, bush walk, life skills, cooking indoor and outdoor, and much more. If you are interested please contact Kerry Patrick at kezandscott@bigpond.com.