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From the Principal

Welcome

A very warm welcome back to all students and parents. In particular, I would like to welcome all of our new students and their families. We have seen a mostly smooth and calm start to 2014 with students quickly settling into their classroom routines and looking splendid in their uniforms.

Staffing

We welcome a number of new staff to our school this year:

Ms Leonie Buhner – 1C – job sharing with Mrs Chambers

Mr Michael Lee – 2A (replacing Mrs Cresswell for the year)

Ms Cheryl Clarke 3C (from Helensvale State School)

Mr Dom Kibbey 5C (from Biggera Waters State School)

We also welcome back:

Mrs Melody Lyne – Prep C (from maternity leave)

Mrs Janelle Boynton – 3B (from leave)

Mrs Belinda Howell (1B), Mrs Allison McKenna (3A) and Mrs Kylie Oxenford (6/7C) will be teaching full time this year.

I hope that all of our new staff members find their time at Gaven State School to be both personally and professionally rewarding.

Newsletter

The school newsletter is sent out by email. Please make sure that your email address is up to date so that you receive this and other important communications from our school. If you do not have an email address, a newsletter can be collected from the school office.

Assemblies

The afternoon assemblies are held in order to make use of prime learning time in the morning. Parents are most welcome to join us for these assemblies.

Senior Assembly - Monday 2.15pm

Junior Assembly - Tuesday 2.15pm

We will be holding whole school assemblies each month on Tuesday afternoons this year to correspond with the junior assemblies. At each whole school assembly, one student from each year level is presented with the Gaven Spirit Award. This is a beautiful certificate and the students are invited to a special morning tea with the Principal/Deputy Principal.

Undercover Walkway to Woodgate Hall

The undercover walkway to the Woodgate Hall is well under way and should be completed by the end of the week, hopefully prior to our first assemblies next week. The school would like to thank our local member, Mr Boothman for his support of this project.

Student Enrolments/Staffing

Each year, all school staffing levels are determined by the number of enrolments they have on Day 8 - this year Thursday, 6 February. Staffing levels depend on these numbers. At this stage, numbers are looking quite steady. We have made a few minor changes to enable classes to settle as quickly as possible and we are not envisaging any additional changes on Day 8.

Student-Free Days

On the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before school commenced, the staff from Gaven State School were involved in a range of Professional Development activities. These included sessions relating to the implementation of the Australian Curriculum and the school's Teaching and Learning Framework –“ The Gaven Way”, the use of ipads in the classroom and the STRIVE (Vocabulary Program). I would like to commend the staff on their commitment and professionalism during the course of the three days. It is great to work with a staff that is dedicated to the school and to improving student learning.

Focus on Literacy and Numeracy

This year our school will again be focusing heavily on improving the literacy and numeracy outcomes of students in the lead-up to the NAPLAN (National Tests in Literacy and Numeracy) in May. Parents are invited to support

their children in these endeavours through monitoring and encouraging them with homework tasks and listening to students read on a regular basis.

School Uniforms

It is wonderful to see our students wearing the school uniform during the first couple of weeks of school including the black sports shoes. It is great to see all of our students being part of the Gaven Team. Thank you to parents and caregivers for your support in this regard. Parents are advised that failure to comply with the school's dress code will result in consequences for offending students. Students who do not wear the correct uniform are being reminded and provided with a notice to parents to remedy the matter. If there is a problem with having your student wear the uniform, please see Mr Carleton or Ms Thompson who will be happy to support you in this regard.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings are scheduled for the week of 10-14 February (Week 3 of the school year). This will be an opportunity for parents to meet with their child/ren's teacher/s and gain an understanding of classroom procedures and programming for the year and how you can support your child's learning. I recommend these meetings to all parents. I know from personal experience how difficult it is to find time to attend additional meetings, but this is one I believe will have a significant impact on the success of the year for your child. Attendance will affirm for your child that school is important, you want your child to be successful and you will be working with the teacher to see that it will be a successful year. Teachers will send home individual notes to confirm the actual dates and times of these meetings.

Problems at School

From time to time, a problem may occur at school which concerns you or your child. It is important to talk with your child's teacher or a member of the Administration Team to sort it out as soon as possible. Most problems can be sorted out if the school is aware of them so parents and the school can work together to solve it. Just make an appointment to see the teacher or Administration Team at your earliest convenience.

Safety Issues

Please be aware of road safety whilst dropping your children off at school. Double-parking and parking in the bus zones and on the pedestrian crossings are illegal and a cause of concern for the safety of our children. There is NO dropping off in the school grounds. This includes the staff and administration car parks as this practice is also dangerous and infringes upon the safety of our students. We also ask parents to respect the two-minute "Kiss and Go Zone" and to use the pedestrian crossing with your children. At times, it is necessary to call on the police to come to the school to deal with parents who are ignoring these rules. Please help us protect your children by observing road safety rules.

For Those Little Accidents!

It would be helpful if our Prep and Year 1 students could keep a spare set of clothes in their school bag for those little accidents that may happen during the first year of school. If you have any spare clean, small undergarments or wish to donate used school uniforms as emergency spare clothes, could you please forward them to the school office as we would really appreciate them.

Hats and Drink Bottles

As we are still experiencing some hot weather, we would ask parents to ensure that children come to school with a drink bottle and their school hat for play. The policy in our school 'no hat, no play' is enforced and children without a school hat will remain in the Junior under Covered Area or Tuckshop Courtyard. Thank you for supporting this important school rule.

Change of Details

Have you moved during the school holiday period? Do you have a different doctor? Are your emergency contact numbers up to date? We need to hear from you now if any of your details have changed so that in the event of an emergency you can be contacted. Please see the office for a change of details form. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Medication/Medical Details

We would remind parents that non-prescribed drugs such as analgesics and cough medicines cannot be administered by school staff. If your child needs to take prescribed medication, please ensure the medication is in the original container with the doctor's instruction clearly indicated on it. Additionally, a form will need to be filled out or a note sent to the Principal that the medication is to be administered.

Could please ensure that you alert the administration office of any **new medical conditions** that affect your child/ren, so we can ensure all our medical details are updated.

2014 School Camps

The 2014 Gaven SS camping program will be as follows:

Year 7 - 3rd-5th March - Runaway Bay Sports Leisure Centre

Year 6 - 13th-15th May - Tallebudgera Camp School

Year 5 - 15th - 17th October - Currumbin Valley Camp School

Year 4 - To be confirmed

School News



Dates of Significance

Term 1

Term One– Dates of Significance						
	General	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2 Commencing 3/2/14		3rd Senior Assembly 2:15pm	4th Junior Assembly 2:15pm	5th	6th	7th
Week 3 Commencing 10/2/14		10th Senior Assembly 2:15pm	11th Junior Assembly 2:15pm	12th	13th	14th
Week 4 Commencing 17/2/14		17th	18th Whole School Assembly 2:10pm P&C Meeting 6:30pm	19th	20th	21st

Week 5 Commencing 24/2/14		24th Senior Assembly 2:15pm	25th Junior Assembly 2:15pm	26th	27th	28th
Week 6 Commencing 3/3/14		3rd Yr 7 Camp Senior Assembly 2:15pm	4th Yr 7 Camp Junior Assembly 2:15pm	5th Yr 7 Camp Yr 4 Bike Ed	6th Yr 4 Bike Ed	7th Yr 4 Bike Ed
Week 7 Commencing 10/3/14		10th Senior Assembly 2:15pm	11th Junior Assembly 2:15pm	12th	13th	14th
Week 8 Commencing 17/3/14		17th	18th Whole School Assembly 2:10pm P&C Meeting 6:30pm	19th	20th	21st
Week 9 Commencing 24/3/14		24th Senior Assembly 2:15pm	25th Junior Assembly 2:15pm	26th	27th School Photos	28th

Week 10		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Commencing		Senior	Cross	Cross	Easter Hat	End of
1/4/14		Assembly 2:15pm	Country Junior Assembly 2:15pm	Country	Parade 2:15pm	Term 1

Special Needs News



Please [click here](#) to view more information about dates for the 'Sensory Movie Day'

Excursions and Payments Due

The money window is open WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY MORNINGS 8:15am-10:00am

Activity	Year Level	Amount	Date Due
Student Resource Scheme	ALL	\$20 (Instalments)	NOW

Student Absence Line

We have a convenient absence line that you can call to inform us if your child is not going to be at school. Please follow the steps below to ensure we have all the correct information.



Student Absence Line

5514 7366

- **Students name**
- **Class**
- **Reason for absence**

Student Banking



Student Banking will resume next Tuesday 4th February

We have some wonderful new rewards this year! More information to come soon.

Just a few points to remember when completing your student banking:

- [Fill out deposit slip completely](#)
- [Include STUDENT ID on deposit slip \(If you don't know your child's student ID please see the office\)](#)
- [Keep all tokens at home until ready to redeem](#)
- [No foreign currency will be accepted](#)

When your child is ready to redeem his/her tokens please complete a reward coupon and hand it in with your bank book on banking day. Reward coupons can be found in the student banking information pack. These can be collected from the office if you don't have one.

Parents and Citizens Association

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TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS

Our tuckshop is in desperate need of volunteers. If you are able to spare even a couple of hours a week, especially Friday mornings, please ring the school to speak to Dee Cullen our Tuckshop Convenor

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

All donations of secondhand uniforms can be sent to the office.

NEW TUCKSHOP MENU

Please [click here](#) to view the new tuckshop menu.

Facebook Page



Please [click here](#) and 'like' us to stay up to date with news, information and reminders about upcoming events.

Medication at School



This is a reminder that students are NOT to bring medication to school unless they are a prescribed medication and the pharmacy label is attached with the students name and dosage clearly marked.

Medication must be handed into the office and parents must sign an administration of medication form.

Students are NOT to bring non-prescription medication such as Panadol/Nurofen etc to school to keep in their bags. The only exception is Ventolin and students are able to keep their own puffer in their bags or on them at any time.

Dental News

It's time for your children's dental examination.

To schedule an appointment for your child telephone the Oral Health Call Centre

1800 300 850 Monday to Friday 8.00 am to 4.30 pm- excluding public holidays.

Chappy's Space

Chappy is back week 2

WELCOME BACK TO ALL OUR STAFF AND FAMILIES!

I trust most of you had a very nice break. I look forward to getting to know more children and their families this year. Please come to say hello at one of the Tuesday morning breakfast clubs or call the school to make an appointment to meet me after school. I am here for the support of children , parents and staff alike.

Thankyou to our lovely families who donated gifts to our Christmas tree appeal, that was very generous of you all!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Many thanks must go to Renee, Lace ,Levi and Destiny, Bryony and Cody who come early to set up our Breakfast club almost every week during 2013! Thanks so much! If any parents, carers or Grandparents are interested in helping on a Tuesday morning, it would only be 40 min of your time and it's a real community atmosphere. Please contact me if this may be you. samanthab@chappy.org

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

FOOD PARCELS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF

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

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LOCAL SUNDAY SERVICES FOR A FRESH START IN YOUR LIFE, a curious mind OR ASPIRITUAL

BOOST.... New Life Pacific Pines Uniting Church @ 9.00am in the Jubilee School hall. All Families welcome. Come and say hi to our chappy over a cuppa. Kidzlife club available for primary aged kids. Crech too. Free coffee and toast when you arrive between 8.30 and 8.55am .

Phone: 07 5553 9918 Website: newlifeuniting.com/contact/pacific-pines

The CrossLife - Helensvale Baptist Church 23 Discovery Drive, Helensvale, QLD @ 9.30 AM Families very welcome. Vibrant Children's program available.

[Eternity Presbyterian Church](#) | 1 Shepparton Rd, Helensvale

You can access the Chaplaincy service at Gaven via Mrs Thompson, your class teacher or by contacting Chappy on samanthab@chappy.org.au

2014 School Calendar

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Saver plus is a program offered to families to help assist with extra funds for their children's school expenses, the program also provides free financial education to assist with budgeting and reaching savings goals. For more information please [click here](#).

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