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“Readers Are Succeeders!”

In 2014 we are continuing our whole school focus on improving the Reading of all of our students, with a particular emphasis on Reading Comprehension. As a consequence, the time of our Teacher Aides and Specialist Support Staff are being focussed on providing intense reading support to classes. Students in Years 1-7 will have multiple staff working in their classroom each week to support this focus. We believe that by improving our student's reading levels will also pay dividends for other areas of the curriculum where reading is also necessary for success. You can support this emphasis by reading regularly with your children at home and asking them questions about what they have read. We are running both individual and class competitions with students' home reading programs to encourage students to read for 15-20 minutes per day. We all want our children to succeed and this is a very real way in which parents can support their children's learning.

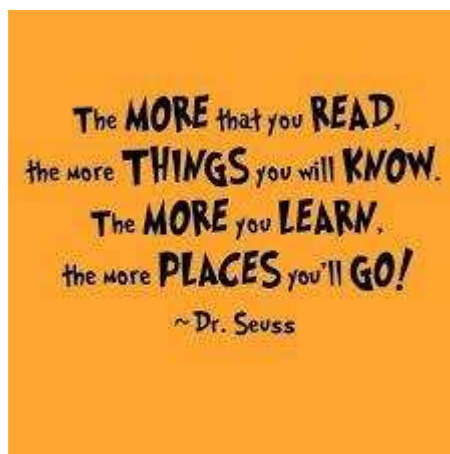
Dear Valentine ...

Roses are red

Violets are blue

Forget the chocolates and roses

I'd rather have a new book or two!



Great Results Guarantee

As a result of the outcomes of the Gonski Review, our school has received additional funding from the *Great Results Guarantee* and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes.

The Federal Government will be providing our school with an additional \$141,490 to support student with an emphasis on the P-2 area. We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy.

This will enable our school to continue and expand the classroom and targeted invention programs for students. Our focus will continue to be largely on reading and students will be grouped according to their needs. It is our aim to extend students learning so that every student can progress at a rate commensurate with their ability. We will be further discussing and consulting parents regarding this strategy at our P & C Meeting to be held on 18 February.

Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee.

Assemblies

A reminder of the upcoming assemblies over the next couple of weeks:

- Tuesday 18 February at 2.15pm – Whole School Assembly. At this assembly we will present the first of our Gaven Spirit Awards for the year.
- Monday 24 February at 2.00pm – Leadership Assembly. At this assembly, our school leaders from Years 4-7 will be presented with their badges. This is a senior assembly only.

All parents are most welcome to attend all of our assemblies.

Everyday counts

School attendance – responsibilities of parents and caregivers. Everyday counts is an initiative of the Queensland Government. Please take the time to read the following information.

Everyday counts...because children achieve better when they attend school all day, every day

Everyday counts...because going to school means getting a better chance at life

Everyday counts...because school helps children build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience

Everyday counts...because going to school is a legal requirement

What the law says

- Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on all school days unless you have a reasonable excuse.
- You must not keep your child away from school for minor reasons
- Under the law, schools must monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences.

What you can expect from the school

- Monitoring of student attendance
- Letting you know if your child is not at school
- Following up any unexplained absences as soon as practical, but within three days of any unexplained absence.
- Effective teaching strategies to engage your child in learning
- Strategies to help you to encourage your child to go to school
- If your child does not want to go to school, or is missing school without you knowing, contact the school immediately for assistance and support

If you want any more information please visit the Education Queensland website –

www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

Undercovered Walkway to Woodgate Hall

The undercovered walkway to the Woodgate Hall has been completed this week. This means that there is no longer a need for anyone to get wet on the way to the Woodgate Hall for any activity. The music rooms have also been covered so this is a real coup for our school. The school would like to thank our local member, Mr Boothman for his support of this project.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

I would like to thank the large number of parents, who took the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher and gain an understanding of their classroom procedures/programming and how you can support your child's learning throughout the year. If you didn't get the chance to attend, please check in with your child's teacher for the handouts/booklet.

Mobile Phones/Toys at School

Where possible mobile phones and other electronic devices should be left at home unless invited to school by the Teacher as part of a curriculum project. Where mobile phones need to be brought to school, they need to be signed into the office in the morning.

Toys should not be brought to school as they are often lost, broken or stolen causing a great deal of distress for everyone involved. Please ensure that your children leave them at home.

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.

Car Parking

I would ask that all parents collecting students from school be mindful of the road rules, particularly speeding, double parking, parking in illegal or on grassed areas and calling students across the road to get into cars. These practices are unsafe and put the lives of our children at risk. Also parking and picking students up from the Administration or Staff Car Parks is also dangerous and not allowed. Please help us protect the safety and lives of your children as it is too late to be sorry after an accident has occurred and someone is badly injured or worse.

School Uniforms To be part of a team means to wear that team's colours, jersey or uniform etc.

Congratulations to nearly every student in the school and their parents for ensuring a very high standard of uniform wearing all the time. The Gaven State School Parents and Citizens' Association supports a student dress code policy because it believes that a student dress code provides clothing that aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- ready identification of students and non-students at school;
- fostering a sense of belonging; and
- developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences; and
- promoting an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the school

Students must wear the school broad brimmed hat and a strict "No Hat No Play" policy is enforced. This year, black sports shoes must be worn as part of the uniform and I thank the overwhelming majority of parents who have supported this policy as the students now look much more uniform. It has really made a difference.

Accessories:

The Following policy applies for accessories:

- 1 pair of plain studs or sleepers. No other jewellery is to be worn.
- Wrist watch (not recommended for young children)
- Hair bands must be navy blue or white.
- No make-up or nail polish is allowed
- Any medical or culturally significant jewellery must have the prior permission of the Principal.

A copy of this code is available from the school office. This code makes the wearing of a uniform at Gaven State School compulsory. The code is to be strictly enforced. Consequences for not wearing the uniform may apply.

Our School Rules

At Gaven State School, rules are set to help protect the school and the rights of each person in the school community and to encourage responsibility. At Gaven we have five rules.

1. Safety Rule
2. Learning Rule
3. Communication Rule
4. Respect Rule
5. Property Rule

The newsletters this term will explore each of these rules. 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.

Our Safety Rule

Everyone has the right to feel safe.

1. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
2. Students traveling by bus are to wait quietly in the designated area, move in an orderly fashion when entering the bus, act in a sensible way and respect the rights and safety of others.
3. Students must refrain from throwing any object that may injure others.
4. All students returning from play need to be seated at a nominated place by the second bell.
5. Students walk on all designated pathways only.
6. Students move in an orderly fashion to and from specialist lessons.
7. Students do not play in or nearby toilet areas.
8. Students use all furniture and fittings in a safe manner.
9. Eat and play in designated areas. Students will remain seated when eating.
10. Promote a healthy environment by placing litter in bins and washing your hands with soap.
11. Toilets are to be used as toilets, not as play areas.
12. Students may leave the school grounds only with the permission of the parent/guardian.
13. Students are allowed in classrooms/verandahs/courtyards only when a teacher is present.

14. Climbing and swinging are to occur only on designated equipment.
15. No school hat – no play.
16. Chewing gum of any sort is not allowed.
17. Games with hard balls and other contact sports may only be played under the direct supervision of a teacher.
18. Students are to walk their bicycles, scooters, roller blades/skates or skateboards in the school grounds and use a helmet.
19. Sit correctly on chair and desk.
20. Objects such as matches, lighters, pocket knives or aerosol cans are not to be brought to school.
21. Activities such as handstands/cartwheels can only be undertaken on the grassed areas/soft surfaces.

School News



Dates of Significance

Term 1

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	General	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri
Week 4 Commencing 17/2/14		17th	18th Whole School Assembly 2:10pm	19th	20th	21st

			P&C Meeting 6:30pm			
Week 5 Commencing 24/2/14		24th Leadership 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 Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings 3:15-6:00pm	13th Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings 3:15-6:00pm	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 Commencing 1/4/14		1st Senior Assembly 2:15pm	2nd Cross Country Junior Assembly 2:15pm	3rd Cross Country	4th Easter Hat Parade 2:15pm	5th Enc Ter 1

Week 2

Junior	Senior
PA - Harley & Brodie	3/4D -Samarena & Paige
PB -Shakyia & Beau	4A - Taya & Lewis
PC-Lachlan & Ronan	4B -Camryn & Elijah
P/1 D - Jackson & Lyric	5A - Kurtis & Gracie
1A -Jayden & Ethan	5B -Molly & Ethan
1B -Dion & Majaya	5C -Elleke & Kanna
1C -Rafferty, Ashleigh & Troy	6A -Emily & Zane
2A -Brooklyn & Tom	6B -Addy & Blade
2B -Taj & Isabella	6/7C -Senzeni
2C -Kye & Zac	6/7D -Alice, Diego & Thomas
2D -Montana	
3A -Rick, Samantha & Lachlan	

3B -Holly	
3C -Jack & Aisha	

Week 3

Junior	Senior
PA - Lenayah & Blake	3/4D - Grace & Sabien
PB -Hailey & Hazel	4A - Sam & Grace
PC- Micayla & Sheina	4B -Noah & Chloe
P/1 D - Ayla & James	5A - Remington & Bree
1A -Jacinta & Brock	5B - Zac & Indya
1B -Brandon & Ayva	5C -Jasmine & Elio
1C -Caitlyn & David	6A -Ethan & Cameron
2A -Luke & Kaiya	6B -Connor & Taylor
2B -Mathew	6/7C -Olivia & Riley
2C -Isiah & Grace	6/7D -Jacob & Annalyssia
2D -Jayden & Aleisha	
3A -Eryn & Kai	
3B -Scarlet & Molly	
3C -Jack & Jake	

Special Needs News

STUDENT SERVICES

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
Year 7 Camp	Year 7	\$180	\$80 Deposit 12/2/14 Full Payment 26/2/14
Bicycle Safety Centre	Year 4	\$5	28/2/14

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



We have some wonderful new rewards this year!

Students can begin ordering rewards from

MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

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

Gold Coast Bakeries - Fundraiser



Our school needs your support

Message from the Fundraising Director

Gold Coast Bakery pays cash back to our school for your support. With every Gold Coast Bakery wrapper returned our school receives 7 cents.



Get a slice of the action.

The support of parents and friends is always well appreciated, with each family supporting our school and returning just a few bags per week, our school can receive lots of extra cash and you can win a holiday.

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or Convenience Store

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Purchase any of these products & return the wrapper to your school.

800g Family



400g Half



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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

Helping your child to settle in:

Many children experience some anxiety during the transition to school but in most cases it dissipates in the first few weeks of term. Here, clinical psychologist Dr Celeste Merrigan looks at how parents and carers can help their child adjust to the school day routine and shows you who to talk to for extra support.

Making a positive start to school is important for children. There is good evidence that a child's readiness for school and a positive transition has a very positive flow-on effect to positive adjustment in the school setting and positives in their academic and social development.

It's equally important to note that many children may feel some anxiety or challenge initially – this is normal and in most instances these challenges will dissipate in the first few weeks. Educators are very skilled at supporting young children and their parents at this time. So if a parent has any concerns, I recommend talking about it with your child's teacher – they will reassure, guide or direct you to an appropriate source of help.

Parents and carers play an important role in supporting children starting school. Children constantly look to their parents as their guide in regard to any new experience. So it is important that parents exhibit a calm, positive and matter-of fact response when a child is starting school. Children are sensitive to their parents' anxieties, so even though it is normal for a parent to be a little anxious, try to keep this in check, otherwise it can create unnecessary anxiety for a child.

Many parents worry that their child will not be able to cope in a larger playground or eat lunch without prompting. Others are concerned the jump to school and long days will be tiring and that they are handing their children into the care of others.

Remember that going to school is an important life experience filled with opportunities for growth, skill development and fun. Like any new experience there are challenges for both the child and the parents. Schools support children to cope with the playground, ensuring they are safe and they enjoy their snack and lunch. Many schools have modified timetables and practices to assist children to gain confidence and independence in the social aspects of school.

Parents and carers often have competing emotions at this time – joy that their child has reached the milestone of school entry, but maybe also a little sadness or anxiety as they have less time with their child. These feelings pass quickly for most people as they see their child adjusting and they experience time together after school, on weekends and during holidays.

It can be helpful to share these feelings with others and you may then realise they are very normal. If negative feelings persist, speak with a trusted friend and perhaps your GP and they can help you decide if it would be helpful to speak with a mental health professional.

Here are my top tips for parents and carers to help children enjoy the first week of school:

- Embrace the change as it's an exciting and very positive step for your child and the whole family.
- Be matter-of-fact, calm and reassuring. Try not to talk about school too much as it can create anticipatory anxiety. If the subject comes up incidentally, be positive about it.
- Relax – there is nothing that can't be managed.
- It's okay if a problem occurs. In fact, it's an opportunity to practice problem solving techniques.

For more great resources from Kids Matter please visit <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families>

BREAKFAST CLUB:

Breakfast club is held every Tuesday down by the hall from 8.10 -8.40am. We usually serve toast and fruit cordial and on occasion chocolate milk or french toast and more regularly baked beans or cheese toasties. Any parent/ grandparent/carer is welcome to come in and help. We are normally packed up by 9am. Thankyou to all of our regular volunteers. If anyone is interested in sponsoring our breakfast club please contact the school chaplain.

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

0755733644 info@hbchurch.org.au Call into the church... if we can help by way of a food parcel, we will... www.foodaid.org.au

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 ASPIRITUAL BOOST.... New Life Pacific Pines Uniting Church @ 9.00am in the Jubilee Schoolhall. 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 .Christmas day service and the following week are celebrated at their Robina campus this year.

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

QUOTES:

Every day is a new beginning. Treat it that way. Stay away from what might have been, and look at what can be.

Marsha Petrie Sue

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: fear is torment. They that fear have not been made perfect in love-[1 John 4:18](#)

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636

Lifeline 131 114

Cancer Council support line 131 120

Commonwealth Carelink Centre 1800 0520222

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

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2014 School Calendar

Please [click here](#) to view the 2014 school calendar.

PCYC News



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Community News

Saver Plus

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](#).

Are you worried about worms?

Please [click here](#) to find out more information about threadworms.

Child Tax Offset

Please [click here](#) to find out more information.

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