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Meet The Teacher Sessions

In week 3 all classes held their Parent Information Sessions. The sessions provided parents with the opportunity to find out how their child/children's classrooms are organised and the curriculum to be taught. Thank you to the parents who took the opportunity to attend. If you missed the session or wish to clarify any issues please don't hesitate to make an appointment with your child's teacher. The classes have published a class booklet, which is also most informative if you missed the session - see your class teacher for details.

3-Way Conferences

In the week of 10-14 March, 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. Letters have been sent home for parents to select a suitable time. Please return these to the class teacher ASAP so that your time can be confirmed.

Student Leaders' Induction Ceremony

On Monday, we held our Student Leaders' Induction Ceremony in the Woodgate Hall. The ceremony was held to acknowledge 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.

As you know the process for student leadership was a bit different this year. From 2015, Year 7 will become the first year of high school in Queensland. This is part of the Flying Start suite of education reforms. Moving Year 7 to high school follows other major changes, such as raising the school starting age by 6 months and the introduction of a Prep year in 2007. By 2015 Year 7 students will be in their eighth year of schooling and almost half of them will turn 13, which is the right age to begin high school. In 2013, state high schools began the

introduction of Junior Secondary for students in Years 8 and 9 (and Year 7 from 2015). Junior Secondary recognises that young teens have different learning and social needs and it aims to provide the supportive environment these students need as they transition to high school.

Consequently, both our Year 6 & 7 students will be leaving us at the end of the year to attend high school and for the first and only time, the positions of school and house captains and peace builders involved both Year 7 & Year 6 students as will our graduation ceremony at the end of the year.

I would like to thank the parents and relatives who found the time to attend the ceremony and support their students in taking on these vital leadership positions within our school. My thanks also to Mrs Margaret Gurney, Assistant Regional Director South Coast Region, Mr Mark Boothman, MLA for Albert, Cr William Owen-Jones, Mr Mark Blackshaw, Principal Helensvale State High School, Mr Bob Coupland, Principal Pacific Pines High School, Mrs Katrina Dunbar, P & C President, Mrs Kathie Brooke, P & C Secretary and Mrs Sandy Aird, P & C V-President, who took time from their busy schedules to join us for this special occasion.

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 2014 leaders and assist them in their efforts to make Gaven SS a great school again this year.

Congratulations leaders.

School Captains

| SCHOOL CAPTAINS | YEAR 7 | YEAR 6 |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| | Matilda & Luke | Annalyssia & Richard |

House Captains

| HOUSE | YEAR 7 | YEAR 6 |
|---------|-----------------|------------------|
| Amaroo | Haylea & Tamika | Jordan & Malakai |
| Koorong | Ainglya & Riley | Ruby & Cameron |
| Wallaba | Korbyn & David | Kyle & Cody |

Peace Builders

| | | |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Stephanie | Leticia | Brydee |
| Hannah | Bree | Emily |
| Kyra | Chloe | Taijha |
| Mackenzie | Jack | Natalia |
| Alice | Biannca | |

Student Council

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|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Piper | Sabien | Jasmine |
| Lucas | Riley | Brittany |
| Chloe | Kyra | Taya |
| Joshua | Taylah | Camryn |
| Rorey | Matthew | Allan |
| Diego | Dylan | Elyse |
| Lola | Connar | |

Library Monitors

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|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Larissa | Bailey | Emma |
| Talon | Molly | Bethany |

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|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Mekaila | Adelina | Mackenzie |
| Skye | Olivia | Rheanna |
| Jorden | Bethanie | Abbey |
| Paige | Anastasia | Molly |

“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.

Technology and Support Payment

A reminder about the Technology and Support Payment for 2014. The focus of this payment is to increase the technology skills of our students and we are already using the money raised to complete the process of installing wireless in all of the blocks. This is an important contribution to our school and we would very much appreciate your support. Next week a note will be emailed home 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.

Under Cover Walkway

Our new Under Cover Walkway to the hall has now been completed. This will be an great asset to our school particularly during wet weather and any of our performances. My thanks to Mr Mark Boothman, the State Member for Albert for his support of this project.

Teacher Professional Development

Last Wednesday, all of our teachers were involved in a professional learning session entitled "The 7 Steps to Writing". This is the approach to writing that we use across our school and a timely recap for our teachers before we head into NAPLAN in May. My thanks to the teachers for their ongoing commitment to maintaining and expanding their professional skills.

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 Tuesday afternoon and the Senior assemblies are on Monday, both commencing at 2.20pm. The performances on assembly are an integral component of our class teaching program and it is a joy to see the confidence and esteem gained by students as they perform each week. Last Tuesday saw our first Whole School Assembly and we presented the Gaven School Spirit Awards on this assembly.

Responsible Behaviour Plan

In the last newsletter, I published the Safety Rule. This week I am exploring the **Learning and Communication 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 Learning Rule

These rules apply to the way we learn in our classrooms and in the playground:

1. Come prepared and be on time.
2. Always do your best.
3. Raise your hand to ask a question and wait.
4. Allow others to learn.
5. Follow teacher's instructions.

Our Communication Rule

To obey all school rules and accept consequences of personal decisions and choices of behaviour:

1. Appropriate language is to be used at all times. Swearing and abusive language will not be tolerated.
2. Use the four steps of listening (ears open, eyes on speaker, mouth closed, sitting still).
3. Use good manners e.g. please, thankyou, 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. Always wait for a break in conversation before speaking.
7. Always answer the phone with good phone manners. For example. Good morning/afternoon, this is.....
(class),(name) speaking.

Positive Feedback RE: Project 600

We recently received some feedback from Christina Allery, Project 600 teacher from Pimpama State Secondary College. Well done to all our project 600 students for their effort and behaviour!

You can read what Christina has written about our wonderful students below.

"I wanted to give you some feedback on this week's lesson with the students. I was bursting with pride on how well the student performed for several reasons.

Firstly, their behaviour was excellent. The students acted in a mature and respectful manner. Secondly, the effort they put into the lesson was fantastic. Their Thinkboards looked great, they communicated well with each other and they used the time they had in the lesson to the fullest.

I told them how well they had performed and I can honestly say they were the best school for the week. I am still bursting with pride despite having never met the students I know that they are really keen to learn."

Christina Allery

Project 600 Teacher

Pimpama State Secondary College

Make every day count in 2014 - newsletter

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn't miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren't at school or don't stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new [Every Day Counts videos](#) live on DETE TV.

<http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland>

School News



Dates of Significance

Term 1

| Term One– Dates of Significance | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|---|---|--|--|---------------------------|
| | General | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 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 | | 17th | 18th | 19th | 20th Prep-2 Cross Country | 21st |

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| 17/3/14 | | | Whole School Assembly 2:10pm | | 9:00-10:50am | |
| | | | P&C Meeting 6:30pm | | | |
| 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 Junior Assembly 2:15pm | 3rd | 4th Easter Hat Parade 2:15pm | 5th End of Term 1 |

Week 4

| Junior | Senior |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| PA - Jocee | 3/4D -Dylan |
| PB - Brock & Alex | 4A - |
| PC-Tyler & Pheebi | 4B -Taylah & Ashlee |
| P/1 D - Violet & Jessica | 5A - |
| 1A - Meekah | 5B -Eden & Thomas |
| 1B -Alex & Aimee | 5C -Jesse |
| 1C -Matthew | 6A -Xian-Dei |

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2A -Eva | 6B -Eric & Shelby |
| 2B -Sheydan | 6/7C -Nathan |
| 2C -Mia | 6/7D -Leticia |
| 2D -Mia | |
| 3A -Issiah | |
| 3B -Rachael & Eliza | |
| 3C -Lachlan | |

Week 5

| Junior | Senior |
|---------------------|--------|
| PA - Jai & Zarly | 3/4D - |
| PB -Sam & Tayla | 4A - |
| PC-Maia & Kahlia | 4B - |
| P/1 D - Bailee | 5A - |
| 1A -Sara & Megan | 5B - |
| 1B -Kiara & Caleb | 5C - |
| 1C - | 6A - |
| 2A -Kirra & Aiden | 6B - |
| 2B -Eddie & Caitlyn | 6/7C - |
| 2C -Monique & Aedan | 6/7D - |
| 2D -Lily & Carlos | |
| 3A -EMily & Carla | |
| 3B - | |
| 3C -Mya & Jayda | |

Spirit Award

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Prep - Ashlee | Year 4 - Noah |
| Year 1 - Ethan | Year 5 - Ethan |
| Year 2 - Frankie | Year 6 - Anna |
| Year 3 - Samantha | Year 7 - Jordan |

Physical Education News

Date change - Gaven Cross Country

The dates for the Gaven cross country have been changed.

The Prep-2 cross country will now be held on Thursday 20th March from 9:10-10:50am.

The 3-7 cross country will now be held on Wednesday 23rd April.

10-13yr olds - 9-10:50am

Year 3 and Year 4 - 11:45am-1:00pm

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 |

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.

GOLD COAST BAKERY products are available from **your local Supermarket or Convenience Store**

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



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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 children learn about cybersafety from issue 8 Kidsmatter Health and Community Enews:

<http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/>

Children's sense of safety underpins their positive mental health and wellbeing. It's no wonder then that children's cybersafety is an important issue for parents, schools and professionals alike. In this issue, we give

you the latest data on kids' online habits and speak to a US expert who believes the internet can be a positive influence in their lives.

Kids online: The statistics

What do we know about the online habits of Australian children? For starters, research shows 95 per cent of kids aged eight to 11 years have access to the internet. We get the full picture from the Australian Communications and Media Authority. Read full article : <http://australianpsychologicalsociety.cmail3.com/t/r-l-pdyjuc-jdiltuuue-b/>

A cybersafety program that works

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation's eSmart initiative has helped 2,000 Victorian schools reduce cyberbullying and unsafe online behaviours, and shares KidsMatter's interest in supporting schools to promote children's wellbeing. With a new in-home module available to families later this year, eSmart is on its way to creating a more positive online culture for children. Read full article :

<http://australianpsychologicalsociety.cmail3.com/t/r-l-pdyjuc-jdiltuuue-x/>

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 9.15am. 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 A SPIRITUAL

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

[Fear less, hope more; Eat less, chew more; Whine less, breathe more; Talk less, say more; Love more, and all good things will be yours"](#)

[Swedish Proverb quotes](#)

Be generous and you will be prosperous. Help others and you will be helped.

Bible quote-Proverbs chapter 11 verse 25

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

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.

Benowa State High School 2015 Expo Evenings

Year 7 in 2015 - Tuesday 11th March 2014

Year 8 in 2015 - Wednesday 12th March 2014

Commencing 5pm in the sports hall/

Program information now available for collection from Benowa State High School Office. For any enquiries please phone 07 5582 7333

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