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### **3-Way Conferences**

It was gratifying to see the number of parents and students that attended the three way conferences this week. The aim was 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. Many thanks to the large number of parents in attendance, and to the teachers for giving of their time to gain an understanding of their students and to set goals for the students' future success.

### **Visit by Assistant Regional Director**

Next Tuesday, we will be visited by Mrs Margaret Gurney, the Assistant Regional Director. The focus of her visit will be on school and student performance. She will be examining our results and our improvement agenda for 2014 and beyond, and will also be visiting classrooms to see how reading is taught in our school. We look forward to this visit and to sharing with her the great work which is going on in the school and to glean further ideas from her experiences to further improve the work that we are doing.

### **P & C Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the P & C will be held on Tuesday 18 March at 6.30pm in the staffroom. All interested Parents are invited to attend.

### **Leadership Development Day**

On Friday 28 March, our Year 6 & 7 Student Leaders will be attending a Leadership Development Day at Helensvale State High School. Ms Thompson, along with some staff at Helensvale have been instrumental in developing this program to ensure the successful development of leadership skills in our student leaders and I look forward to the outcomes of the leadership project they are to be set.

### **Reward for Excellent Leadership**

Congratulations to Ms Thompson, who has been chosen as one of five aspiring leaders to attend a leadership course organised by the Queensland Educational Leadership Institute (QELI). This is a result of the excellent leadership she has displayed with students and staff in our school. The wonderful work that is being done at Gaven State School has been recognised at all levels within our region and state and Ms Thompson is highly deserving of the recognition.

### **Gold Coast North QASSP President**

This year I have been elected as the President of the Gold Coast North, Queensland Association of State School Principals (QASSP) Branch. This involves presiding over meetings of our branch and also representing our branch at the State Council of QASSP. I will be attending the State Council Meeting on Friday 21 March.

### **National Day Of Action Against Bullying And Violence.**

Friday 21 March is the "National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence". On assemblies and in classrooms during this week, we will take the opportunity to reinforce that bullying and violence are not okay in our society or our school. We will particularly focus on "taking a stand together" and the role of bystanders in taking action to stop bullying or violence by telling an adult about the behaviour. Thank you to the many parents who have continued to support our "Keep your hands and feet to yourself" rule by reinforcing this with their children or by reporting incidents to the office so they can be dealt with quickly and effectively with minimum disruption to learning. It is vital for parents to support the school in maintaining a safe and supportive environment by reporting such incidents even if they occur outside of school, so that students understand that there is always a consequence for their actions. We need to work together to ensure that our students understand that physical aggression and teasing others are not the way in which to solve problems and that we teach them more effective ways to deal with situations.

### **Term 1 Disco**

The first Disco for the year will be held on Thursday 20 March. The Junior Disco's theme is "Pyjama Party" and will run from 5.30pm-6.30pm and the Senior Disco's theme is "Neon" and will run from 6.30pm-8.00pm. There will be prizes for the most creative costume (home made), best dancers and game winners. Senior students will not be allowed in the Junior Disco and so should only arrive just before the Senior Disco at 6.30pm. Cost will be \$4 per student.

### **Responsible Behaviour Plan**

In the last couple of newsletters, I published the Safety, Learning and Communication Rules. This week I am exploring the **Respect and Property 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 Respect Rule**

**To show respect for others:-**

1. Students must treat all staff, other students and visitors to the school in a respectful and courteous manner. Students should not harass and bully others.
2. Students must follow the directions of a teacher or other responsible adult.
3. Move quietly from place to place – always walk quietly from class to class in 2 lines, keeping to the paths
4. Students are expected to demonstrate good manners and follow the directions or decisions given by the umpire/referee; teacher's or parents without argument.
5. When visiting other places, obey their rules and be polite. Remember to set a good example

### **Our Property Rule**

#### **We care for the property of ourselves and others**

1. Any property which is found must be handed to the office or to a teacher.
2. Take care of the school grounds, equipment and the property of others.
3. Playground and sporting equipment is to be used during lunch breaks or with teacher supervision.
4. Toys are to be left at home and not to be brought to school.
5. Mobile phones will only be allowed at school in accordance with school policy.
6. Sporting equipment may be bought to school but remains the child's responsibility at all times.

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## **Dates of Significance**

### Term 1

Term One– Dates of Significance						
	General	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Week 8 Commencing 17/3/14		17th	18th Whole School Assembly 2:10pm P&C Meeting 6:30pm	19th	20th Prep-2 Cross Country 9:00-10:50am Disco Jnr: 5:30-6:30pm Snr: 6:30-8:00pm	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 31/3/14		31st Senior Assembly 2:15pm	1st Junior Assembly 2:15pm	2nd	3rd	4th Easter Hat Parade 2:15pm End of Term 1

## Week 6

Junior	Senior
PA - Chilli & Ollie	3/4D - Malachi & Olivia
PB - Isaac & Seth	4A - Tawa & Joshua
PC-Keeley & Cezyn	4B -Talon

P/1 D - Jayden & Larni	5A - Jayna & Ethan
1A -Aamon & Jordan	5B -Anastasia & Raimona
1B -Jack & Hannah	5C -Bethany & Lucas
1C -Lily & Mia	6A -Riley & Kyra
2A -Jack & Cooper	6B -Amber & Mekaila
2B -Rueben & London	6/7C -Rheanna & Brydee
2C -Rhanni & Lilly	6/7D -
2D -Mia & Nickolas	
3A -Kyah & Aleah	
3B -Maddie & Aaliyah	
3C -Blake & Connor	

## Week 7

Junior	Senior
PA - Ella & Owen	3/4D -Nathan & Cohen
PB -Luella & Riley	4A - Hope & Joshua
PC-Keeley & Jacob	4B -Tisith, Emily & Joshua
P/1 D - Beau, Mia, Tiahna-Lea & Kristen	5A -
1A -Ameerah & Jack	5B -Gabriel & Mylah
1B -Cody	5C -Jarrod & Mikyla
1C -Ethan & Olivia	6A -Korbyn & Ryan
2A -Kiera & Harris	6B -Cora & Kurtis
2B -Jay & Monique	6/7C -Jack

2C -Jonathon & Kawhena	6/7D -Emily & Natalia
2D -Aaron	
3A -Chloe & David	
3B -Rachael & Kiana	
3C -Chloe	

## 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 **Year 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

### Attention Parents

Is your school-aged child a **poor listener**?

Does your child have trouble **following instructions**?

Is your child not meeting **academic expectations**?

Dr Martha Burns presents this not-to-be-missed seminar:

#### Understanding Auditory Processing Disorders (APD)

In this invaluable 2 hour seminar, Dr Burns will address:

- The symptoms & causes of APD
- Myths and truths about APD
- The link between APD, ADHD, Dyslexia and language delays
- How to improve your child's AP skills

#### Cost:

1 Person \$30  
2 people \$50

#### When & Where:

**BRISBANE** Sunday 23 March  
2014, Brisbane Convention Centre,  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**ADELAIDE** Tuesday 25 March  
2014, Education Development  
Centre Hindmarsh, 6:30 pm – 8:30  
pm

**PERTH** Thursday 27 March 2014,  
Burswood on Swan, 6:30 pm –  
8:30 pm

#### About the presenter:

Dr Martha Burns is a neuroscientist and speech pathologist from Chicago. She serves on the Faculty of Northwestern University, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and has published numerous articles on language disorders and Auditory Processing Disorders in professional journals.

To register, call 1300 135 334 or [click to open the registration form](#)  
Questions? Call 1300 135 334 or email  
[events@soniclearning.com.au](mailto:events@soniclearning.com.au)


## 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)	<b>NOW</b>
Year 6 Camp - Tallebudgera	Year 6	\$200	<b>9th May 2014</b>

## 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**

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- Students name
- Class
- Reason for absence

## Student Banking



We have some wonderful new rewards this year!



Students can begin ordering rewards now

**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.

## Chappy's Space

### **Dad's make a difference**

Fathers and families can get involved with their children and the early childhood service or their school community by:

- Becoming familiar with their early childhood service /school and getting to know the staff.
- Sharing children's developmental milestones with staff.
- Giving feedback to the staff about experiences their child has enjoyed (e.g., a weekend trip to the zoo or a family picnic).
- Listening and talking to their children regularly to help their child learn, even if their child cannot understand words yet.
- Explaining to their child how things in the world work and having a go at answering their questions (e.g., "Why is the sky blue?")

- Volunteering where possible such as with reading groups ,sport, canteen or working bees.
- By remembering to role model the way they would like things done and how to behave. Children lose respect for parents when they use the old 'do as I say and not as I do'. Lets face it, they do as we do and no-one likes a hypocrit.
- Teaching children problems can be solved without violence or bad language or putdowns.
- Catching kids doing what is right.
- Agreeing on 5 main rules that will be enforced at both homes where parents are divorced
- Remembering that kids need you just as much-if not more during their teen years. It's about just being available.
- Having fun together.

### ***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](mailto: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](mailto:info@hbchurch.org.au) Call into the church... if we can help by way of a food parcel, we will... [www.foodaid.org.au](http://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 withbasic 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 Schoo lhall. 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](http://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](mailto:samanthab@chappy.org.au)

## **2014 School Calendar**

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

## **PCYC News**



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### 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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