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Easter Wishes

On behalf of Gaven State School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a happy and safe Easter break. School breaks for Easter Friday 4 April and recommences Tuesday 22 April.

Easter Hat parade

On Friday 4 April at 2.00pm in the Woodgate Hall, our students from Prep-Year 2 will participate in the Easter Hat Parade. This will once again be a very special occasion with students showing off their Easter Bonnet creations and sharing in the singing of several favourite Easter songs. There may even be a special visitor to the parade – we will have to wait and see! My thanks to Mrs Dobson for her organisation and to all the staff for their contributions. All parents are welcome to attend.

Farewell Mrs Hart Welcome Mrs Lovegrove

In the last couple of weeks we have had to farewell Mrs Anne Hart from the Special Education Program. Mrs Hart has done a wonderful job of setting up our Special Education Unit and this success has resulted in her winning the role of Head of Special Education Services at Pacific Pines State School. We congratulate her on this achievement. In her place, we have been lucky enough to snare the services of Mrs Trasie Lovegrove from Musgrave Hill State School to lead our special education team. Mrs Lovegrove is highly skilled and we are lucky to have someone of her standing to replace Mrs Hart in this role. We welcome Mrs Lovegrove to our school.

Attendance A Must!!

Every day counts

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year. It is important that all students attend right up until the last day, as we will be teaching until then.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that they will attend every day of the school year. While most students attend school consistently, there is a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education.

Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late and being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

Research shows that if your child has a record of good attendance, they are more likely to achieve high results in the future.

If your child is away, you need to let the school know the reasons beforehand, or within two days of returning to school.

For more information or if you need support regarding your child's attendance, see our school principal and download the guide for parents at: <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html>

National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence

Thank you to the large number of students who wore orange on Friday to support the anti-violence and bullying messages of the National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence. This was a way for our school to shine the spotlight on bullying and violence and to promote ways to reduce its impact in schools and the community. It is important to note that not all disagreements and conflicts between students constitute bullying, but persistent and targeted behaviours designed to isolate, upset or threaten a person can be considered serious bullying issues. The best way to deal with a bullying situation at school is to bring these behaviours out in the open by reporting them to a staff member.

Gaven State School takes any actions which upset or threaten fellow students or staff very seriously and all students are encouraged to report issues immediately so that they can be dealt with. Gaven has very few cases of deliberate and persistent bullying and our major rules around "keeping our hands and feet to ourselves" and "if you can't say something nice don't say it at all" have become a strong component of our culture. However, if a student does have an issue around harassment, violence or bullying, we need to know about it because if we don't know about it we can't fix it. Our very structured school behaviour processes ensures that complex issues such as bullying are dealt with quickly, fairly and effectively.

NAPLAN

One of our key focuses in Term 1 and early Term 2 is the preparation and planning for the Year 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy). These national tests are planned for the 13th/14th and 15th May in Term 2. Parents have access to further information around NAPLAN via the Queensland Studies Authority Website: <http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/>

Before School

I would like to remind everyone that before school is not a playtime. The playgrounds and oval are not open and teachers are not rostered onto a duty at this time as they are preparing for the school day. Therefore it may be beneficial for some students to arrive at school a little later than they currently are. Classrooms are opened early at 8.40am so students can unpack their things ready for the start of the school day.

Disco

Thank you to everyone who supported our Disco last Friday night. This disco was the biggest attendance in my 6 years at the school and it was wonderful to see so many parents and students dancing the night away. A big thank you to the teachers who generously given up their time on a Friday night to support our students and the P & C. Lastly to our amazing P & C, what a great job you did. Your hard work and commitment to our school is commendable. The winners of the best costume for the disco were:

Junior Disco: Ethan

Senior Disco: Luke

Leadership Development Day

On Friday 28 March, our Year 6 & 7 Student Leaders attended 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.

Professional Development

Last Tuesday afternoon, all teachers were involved in a professional development session around "The Gaven Way" and the "Curriculum Audit". The session was aimed at ensuring that all staff are consistent in their approach to curriculum delivery for our students. The importance of a consistent practice through the school support the continuity of student learning.

School News



Dates of Significance

Term 1

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

Term Two– Dates of Significance						
	Week Commencing	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	21/4/14	EASTER MONDAY	22 nd April	Senior Cross Country	Gaven SS Anzac Service	ANZAC
Week 2	28/04/14	Senior assembly	Junior assembly		Mother's Day P&C stall	
Week 3	5/05/14		Whole School Assembly			
Week 4	12/05/14	Senior assembly	NAPLAN Year 6 Camp Junior assembly	NAPLAN Year 6 Camp	NAPLAN Year 6 Camp	Year 6 C
Week 5	19/05/14	Cluster Sport	P&C Meeting Junior assembly			Senior As District C Count

	Artist in Residence					
Week 6	26/05/14	Cluster Sport	Chappy Week– Free Dress Day Junior assembly			Senior As:
	Artist in Residence					
Week 7	2/06/14	Cluster Sport	Whole School Assembly			
Week 8	9/06/14	Queen’s Birthday Holiday	Junior assembly			
Week 9	16/06/14	Cluster Sport	P&C Meeting Junior assembly		Art Show	Senior as:
Week 10	23/06/14	Senior assembly	Junior assembly	Field Events	Junior Sports Day	Senior S day

Week 8

Junior	Senior
PA - Chanel & Olivia	3/4D - Tahlia
PB - Koby	4A -
PC-Riley	4B -
P/1 D - Archie	5A -
1A -Christopher	5B -Sophia
1B -Esha & Kodyn	5C -
1C -Bethany	6A - Kyra

2A -Calais	6B -Thomas
2B -Lachlan & Chase	6/7C - Tamara & Rheanna
2C -Vaughn	6/7D -
2D -Theodore	
3A -HOLly	
3B -	
3C -	

Week 9

Junior	Senior
PA -	3/4D -Cara & Bonnie
PB - Summer & Jocelyn	4A - Riley & Larissa
PC-Jockson	4B -
P/1 D - Zoe	5A - Dylan & Kaden
1A -Calin & Lachlan	5B -Rorey & Anika
1B -Riley & Grace	5C -Geordie & Molly
1C -Riley & Kyra	6A -Jordan & Tamiah
2A -Mia & Daniel	6B -Ruby & Ben
2B -Greg & Bennett	6/7C -Angel
2C -Lily & Tiarnie	6/7D -Tamika
2D - Emily, Charli & Aaron	
3A -	
3B -Ella & Adam	
3C -	

Spirit Award

Prep - Hazel	Year 4 - Lewis
Year 1 - Kiara	Year 5 - Brittany
Year 2 - Luke	Year 6 - Mekaila
Year 3 - Jack	Year 7 - Riley

Sports News

AFL AUSKICK

For more information about AUSKICK please [click here](#).

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


Excursions and Payments Due

MONEY WINDOW IS CLOSED LAST WEEK OF TERM

Activity	Year Level	Amount	Date Due
Student Resource Scheme	ALL	\$20 (Instalments)	NOW
Year 6 Camp - Tallebudgera	Year 6	\$200	9th May 2014

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



THERE IS NO STUDENT BANKING THE LAST WEEK OF TERM!!!

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

UNIFORM PRICE LIST CHANGES

There have been a couple of amendments with Polo Shirts increasing in price and we also no longer stock Fleecy Track Pants.

This latest Uniform Price List will be effective as of

Term 2 – Tuesday 22nd April 2014

You can still purchase the Polo shirts at the old price up until the end of Term 1.

[UNIFORM PRICE LIST AS OF APRIL 2014](#)

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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products are available from
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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.

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

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 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

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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Benowa State High School

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2015 Excellence Programs and 'Out of Catchment' Merit Entry Applications are now open.

Applications close: Sports Tuesday 22nd April,

Cultural and Academic Monday 28th April and

Scholarships Friday 4th April.

Please see www.benowahs.eq.edu.au or phone 55827304 for information on how to apply.

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