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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 3

I would like to welcome all of our families back following the June/July holidays and hope that you had an enjoyable break. I would particularly like to welcome the Connor, Payne, Dacre, Agassiz, Delamare, King MaKianu, Feriu MaKianu, Atkins, Punter, Emblem and Hiroti families who have joined our school community this term. This is the first newsletter for term three and already there is a lot that has occurred that I'm sure will be of interest to all parents.

Staff Professional Development

On the Student Free Day following the holidays, all of our Teachers were involved in Professional Development activities relating to the "First Steps Mathematics Program". Most Teachers have now completed this 18 hour course and I commend them on their committed and professional approach to the training. It is our students who will benefit from this increased expertise.

Outcomes of School and Community Meeting

The following table displays the main priorities identified by parents and staff at the School and Community Meeting held at the beginning of June. While this is not the full list of issues identified, they are the ones that were most strongly voted for by the participants. The two figures beside the priorities eg. +- 35 (13) indicate the total number of votes an item received and beside it the number of people that voted for that item. Participants were able to vote on a 3, 2, 1 basis to gauge the strength of feeling around certain issues. While not all of these issues may be able to be addressed, they will form the basis of our strategic planning over the next few years.

Once again, I would like to thank all the parents and staff who made the time to participate in this valuable activity for our school. If you would like to discuss any of the results or process with me please phone the school and make an appointment. Likewise anyone wanting a full list of the issues and the votes, let me know and I will happily provide you with a copy.

1. We have a system in place to deal with repeat offenders of bullying. **35 (13)**
2. "Behaviour management procedures are fair and consistent throughout the school with a recognised process for classroom and playground misbehaviour." **29 (13)**
3. Provide instrumental music and choir to all students, and performances to showcase, both within school and outside (parade, ANZAC day, special presentations, eisteddfod) **28 (12)**
4. Consistent curriculum across the prep classes within the school and across the state **27 (11)**
5. Gaven State School parents are encouraged to teach respect and courtesy at home. This is followed up at school within the classroom and whole school setting through Values Program. **27 (12)**
6. Provide students with opportunities to learn how to touch type – nothing is handwritten in high school **26 (12)**
7. We have air-conditioning in all rooms. **26 (12)**
8. Provide all students in all year levels with opportunities to build their knowledge **23 (9)**
9. Provide high level students with opportunities **22 (9)**
10. "School uniform policy is enforced to promote pride in our school. This is continually reinforced to set the standards for our students and their presentation." **21 (10)**
11. "Effective communication between school and families is imperative and paramount to a successful education for all children." **20 (9)**
12. We have an electronic bell and intercom system for emergency situations. **19 (8)**
13. The computer lab has computers for every child. **18 (9)**
14. "School leadership programs and Peer mediator operate within the school to support students in the playground and prepare them for high school." **18 (8)**
15. We have toilets on the oval **17 (11)**
16. There is not enough parent parking. Teachers especially visiting teachers should not park in parents car park. **17 (9)**
17. There are 3 up to date computers in each classroom for the children to use. **17 (7)**
18. Mandatory parent – teacher interviews at end of year 6 to inform parents of responsibilities in year 7 **16 (8)**
19. All parents feel welcome to participate in every classroom. **15 (8)**
20. Make parents aware of role of the P&C, how they spend money etc. Maybe in booklet form. **14 (9)**
21. Focus on gifted and talented children offering them stimulating/challenging opportunities in the younger years **14 (7)**
22. We have a path parallel to the basketball courts leading to the pool. **14 (7)**
23. Provide swimming lessons for all students in all year levels **14 (6)**
24. "Supportive school environments are utilised for managing bullying behaviour in the school. Support staff (including guidance officer and behaviour advisor) assist in the management of difficult situations." **13 (7)**
25. Develop Intervention strategies at an early stage **13 (6)**
26. Inclusion of all religions/belief systems in RE program and not excluding students not participating **13 (6)**

Year 2 Reports

Year 2 Reports will be handed out at Parent/Teacher interviews in the next couple of weeks along with the Year 2 Net Report and the Behaviour Certificates. Parents are encouraged to attend this interview with their child's Teacher to further discuss these results and gain an understanding of the Year 2 Net Report.

Interhouse Athletics

Congratulations to Wallaba House who won the Interhouse Athletics Carnival for 2009. It was a very close run carnival, especially between the top 2 houses - Wallaba and Amaroo. The final Points tally was as follows:

Wallaba	1112
Amaroo	1108

Koorong 920

It was a great day for the carnival– blue skies and pleasant temperatures (apart from that cold wind on a couple of the days) and the students were enthusiastic participants and they were to be congratulated on their enthusiasm, behaviour and sportsmanship. It was gratifying to see the number of parents and families in attendance to support their students and house teams. My thanks to Mr Gislingham for the massive amount of time and effort he put into organising the carnival, to Mr Sellars and the staff for the roles they played in setting up and packing up after the carnival as well as the important roles they played as officials and marshalls during the day and in training the students during the term. The great teamwork at Gaven ensured a successful day - well done! The following students won the age champion medals for their respective age groups:

Age Champions

9 Year Boys	Isaac Dickson	9 Year Girls	Phoebe Conroy
10 Year Boys	Riley Thompson	10 Year Girls	Kayla Cuba
11 Year Boys	Tyler Cooper	11 Year Girls	Amber Conroy
12 Year Boys	Joshua Kelly	12 Year Girls	Ashley Kingi
13 Year Boys	Jayden Fyffe	13 Year Girls	Caitlin Laing

I would also like to congratulate Dylan Barwick for breaking the 10year boys 100m record, his time was 14.09 seconds. Well done.

Annual Report

At the end of term 2 the Gaven State School's Annual Report was posted on the school's website. I encourage parents who can access the report to take a moment to consider the progress our school made in the 2008 school year. If you don't have access to the internet, a paper copy of the report can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Prep Enrolments for 2010

Enrolments for the 2010 Preparatory Year will now be taken for eligible children; that is, children born in the period 01 July 2004 to 30 June 2005. Enrolment Packs are available for collection from the school office. The enrolment process will include:

- Completion of the enrolment form by a parent
- Submission of the enrolment form with attached copy of a birth certificate or equivalent

(mandatory before enrolment will be accepted)

- An interview with the Principal or Deputy Principal

Please bring this notice to the attention of neighbours, relatives or friends who may not yet have direct contact with Gaven State School of this information, if they have a child who will be eligible to enrol in 2010. A parents' information session is planned for November.

Head Lice and Worms

Letters regularly go out to inform parents of head lice breakouts in classrooms and by and large parents are very thorough in checking their students hair for these annoying pests. Likewise it is important to be on the look out for signs of intestinal worms. Many parents already give students worm medication on a regular, eg monthly basis, and these are available from chemists. Some of the signs of worms include an itchy bottom, children fidgeting or not being able to sit still, and lack of focus and concentration. Consequently this easily fixed problem can affect student learning. If you notice these signs it may be a sign of worms and a quick trip to the chemist to fix the problem.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is in full swing and you should start seeing your child begin to devour various books. Remember to record and sign off each book your child has read. Ask them questions about each book to help understand their reading interests. If you need any information, reading card or book lists they are available from the Administration Office. Any child that has returned their form to the Administration Office to say that they would be completing the challenge has been registered on the website and the student reading card will be also entered when it is received. Good reading. Each child involved will receive a signed certificate from the Premier at the end of the Challenge.

Education Tax Refund – Don't Forget to Claim

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- In your tax return.
- If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50 per cent of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student. You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs. Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim. If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too. To find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to www.australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 2 Term 3 2009

Junior

Cody Walker	2D
Jadyn Busuttil	1C
Shaneka Morgan	PrepC
Lachlan Quinn	PrepC
Joshua Everitt	A
Tarquin Macdonald	3C
Robbie Munro	2A
Charlie Linklater	2A
Henry Petrich	1B
Audrey Bangay	1B
India Thompson	3B
Molly O'Dempsey	Prep A
Jeremy Ireland	Prep A
Keely Luck	Prep B
Beatrice Perchine	Prep B
Diego Cuba	1A

Senior

Lyara Douglas	5A
Claire Simpson	5A
Kees Nicholson	5B
Ashley Hopgood	5B
Carlos Walker	4B
Dryden Saddler	4B
Charne Neill	5C
Blake Doherty	5C
Teina Taitapanui	4C
Kimberley Luck	4C
Sena Cannell	3/4D

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SCHOOL PHOTOS 2010

School photo dates for 2010 are as follows

Main School photos 1st march 2010

Sports Photos 16th August 2010

These dates may be subject to change.

SPORTS PHOTOS 2009

Please note that the date for

Sports photos for the current year
will be taken on 17th August 2009

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CHANGE TO PAYMENT WINDOW OPENING HOURS

Commencing in Term 3 the payment window will be open 3 days per week. It will operate from 8.15 – 10.00 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Alternatively you can pay for camps/excursions etc by EFT into the school's bank account. This is our preferred payment method.

Melissa Macmillan
Administration Officer
Gaven State School

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go to Alanna Downes who competed in the 21st National Callisthenics Competition held here on the Gold Coast.

Alana was one of 11 young ladies who represented Queensland this year as a sub junior in this sport.

Alanna's group practised and trained each Saturday for the past seven months before showcasing their routines on Thursday 11th July at the Gold Coast Arts Centre.

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LOST PROPERTY

Parents please note.

We currently have a vast array of clothing in the Lost Property Box placed in the administration area (including hats and jumpers).

These items will be placed out for display during the week.

If NOT claimed by the 11 August these items will be donated to Lifeline.

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PREMIERS READING CUP

Note to all parents that Premiers Reading Cup completed forms, are to be handed into the Admin office prior to 21st August 2009.

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NEWSLETTER LINK.

Please find following the link for the
 Gaven State School
 newsletter to be received via email.

http://mailouts.austnews.com.au/subscription/G/gaven_ss-signup.html.

By following the steps, the school newsletter will be automatically sent to your email address.

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AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

On Thursday 25th June the Gaven Gorillas Aussie Rules Team represented Gold Coast North at the South Coast Championships. Schools representing Northern NSW, Beaudesert and Gold Coast South took part.

The boys played extremely well and finished third out of the five schools.

This was an outstanding result considering it is a Year Seven Competition and Gaven fielded a side where over half the players were Year Sixes.

I would like to congratulate the boys for all their hard training this year. Also a special thanks to the parents who supported the children at the South Coast Championships.

Here are the championship results.

Gaven defeated Solkwood Steiner	34-7
Gaven defeated St Francis Xavier Ballina	40-31
Marvmount Colleene defeated Gaven	85-13

Varsity Lakes College defeated Gaven 67-13

Players

Jacob Sands (Captain)	Andrew Windsor (Vice Captain)
Clifford Coetzee	Jackson Huang
Tom Koole	Tyler Cooper
Clayton Ellis	Nick Petrich
Blake Taylor	Bradley Kerr-Hemingway
Caleb Loy	Jake Smith
Glenn John	Cooper Perkins
Jayden Fyffe	Rhys Bishop
Jayden Kelly-Jago	Riley Waugh
Bailey Cooper	Jack Carter
Jake Ellison	

Coach

Mr K Gislingham

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DATES OF SIGNIFICANCE

Term 3	Date/s	Event
Week 4	August 2 nd to 7 th August 6 th , 7 th	Year 7: Canberra Tour Year 3: Animal stories from the Aboriginal Dreaming
Week 5	August 12 th August 13 th August 14 th	Student Free Day – Brisbane Show Year 3: Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Robocup Junior 2009 Gold Coast Competition
Week 6	August 18 th August 18 th August 19 th August 21 st	Visiting school band performance P and C Meeting 7:00pm in the staffroom UNSW Maths Exam CBCA Book of the Year Awards (Reader's Cup team to Seaworld)
Week 7	August 26 th August 27 th August 28 th	Prep: Police visits 11:30 – 1:00 Jump Rope For Heart Gold Coast Show Holiday
Week 8	August 31 st September 2 nd	Kaleidoscope Challenge – Pac Pines Japanese Speaking Finals at school
Term 4	Date/s	Event
Week 1	October 5 th – 9 th October 9 th	Life Education Visits Q150 Extravaganza
Week 2	October 12 th – 16 th October 15 th	Life Education Visits Year 4: AB Paterson Public Speaking Heats
Week 3	October 20 th	Years 5-7: AB Paterson Public Speaking Heats
Week 4	October 27 th	Years 5-7: AB Paterson Public Speaking Finals
Week 10	December 9 th	Year 7: Graduation

HEALTH SCREENING FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

HEALTH SCREENING FOR PREP CHILDREN

The Child Health nurses will commence Health Screening for all Prep Year children on 03 August 2009. Health Screening enables health concerns to be addressed early, thus ensuring the best opportunity for learning. Screening includes vision and hearing, observation of growth and development, speech, language and social skills. If you wish to have your child participate in this very important health screening, please complete and sign the consent section of the Health History Card sent home with your child and return this to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Children in Year 1 to 7 that have a vision or hearing concern may also be seen by the nurse. Children may be referred by a parent or teacher however all children must have a Health History card completed and signed by the parent. A Health History card is available from the school office. Please return the completed card to the school office as soon as possible. All parents will be advised in writing of the outcome of your child's screening.

Terese Spry
Clinical Nurse
Child Youth and Family Health

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DRESS PINK, THINK PINK DAY

On Friday July 24th, 2009, Gaven State School supported the Queensland Cancer Council through their "Dress Pink, Think Pink" initiative. This was a gold coin donation, free-dress day for all staff and students.

Thanks to the efforts of students and staff, we raised a total of \$433.70 for the Queensland Cancer Council!

Thank you and well done to all who were involved.

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UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES: COMPUTER SKILLS EXAM

On Wednesday 27th May, 2009, Gaven State School had six brave students sit for the University of New South Wales Computer Skills Exam. This formal exam was challenging and some of the questions covered word processing, data bases, spreadsheeting, graphics and other technical skills.

Congratulations to Ethan, Awab, Tahnee, Kiara, Ashleigh and Selena on a job well done – they did themselves proud. Special mention goes to Ethan and Ashleigh for receiving a Credit Certificate for this exam. Well done to you all!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Anxiety in Children

Does your child worry a lot?

Is your child scared of certain things?

Is your child fearful in certain social situations?

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Saturday 15th August 9am - 3pm

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Kurrawa Nipper Sign On Dates

for 2009/2010 season.

Meet at: Guardian Angels Primary School - Pool

Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore.

Time: 9-11am

Date: Sunday 9th August or Sunday 23rd August 2009.

New members are required to bring proof of age e.g. birth certificate.

A proficiency swim will be done on the day depending on the age group.

Nipper season starts Sunday 20th September 2009.

Thank you for your time.

Please contact me by email jenny.hannah@hotmail.com for any further information.

Jenny

Publicity Officer

Kurrawa Nippers

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Exchange Students In Need Of Volunteer Host Families.

Have you ever considered introducing your own children to an older international sibling?

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If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact:

Nikki Medwell

Inbound Exchange Administrator

World Education Program

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Hy-Fidelity Dance Design – Now In Pacific Pines!!!

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 55000691 Thank you Kerre Burley Giggles Swim School Gold Coast

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