



GARGETT STATE SCHOOL

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Great things are achieved and experienced in small schools

Principal's Message

Congratulations and thank-you to the parents who were elected to the various positions in the P&C Association for 2016. Please welcome our new P&C Committee: Steven Kelso (President), Megan Kelso (Secretary) & Julie Harris (Treasurer). This group will be a vital and important reason why Gargett SS continues to improve and our children are provided with so many opportunities. I do encourage all parents to come along to our meetings.

At our first P&C meeting for 2016, I shared the following documents the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) & Investing for Schools (IAS). The 2016 Annual Implementation Plan included the strategies for improvement, targets and budgets across our Key Priorities. If you wish to have a look at either document please feel free to ask at the office.

If you would like a Parent/Teacher interview at the beginning of next term, please see Miss Tass. These interviews provide a valuable opportunity for both parents and teachers to share information about your child. Thank you to those parents who have popped in for a quick chat each day to see how their child is progressing.

Before and After School Expectations

There is always a teacher on site from 8.15am onwards each day, please ensure that your child arrives after 8:15am each day. After school, students are permitted to use the play equipment under the supervision of their parents or carers. I am on duty each day and if you are collecting your child, please remind your child to go straight to the car for pick up. We have had the bus company express concern that they cannot collect bus children from the front gate due to vehicles. I ask that you please assist us in this matter as this is a safety issue for us all.

Contact Details

For your children's benefit, especially in the case of emergency, we ask that you keep your contact details up to date. If any of your details, such as phone numbers or emergency contacts have changed this year, please contact the school office and let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you students, staff, specialist teachers, community members for your continued support during our first term. Have a safe and Happy Easter everyone. Keep an eye on our school FB page, Webpage or QSchool App for all school updates.

Happy Easter

Fiona Tass
Principal



Student Awards: Congratulations to you all.

Student of the Week: Alice, Maddie
Improved reading : Oscar, Fergus

GARGETT STATE SCHOOL IS A REEF GUARDIAN SCHOOL
Going Ahead Receiving Great Education Towards Tomorrow

HPE: Naliah & Anthanasiah

Thank you to our electricity, security, bin & environmental and sports shed Busters for a great term.

Attendance – Every Day Counts

Our current school attendance rate this term is 98.1%. This is well above our target of 95% Congratulations to 8 students who have 100% attendance in term one. Another three students had perfect attendance except for not being able to get to school during the recent period of flooding we had. What a tremendous achievement for almost all students to have above 95% attendance. Keep it up.

A timely message to send at the beginning of the school year is the importance of attendance and the impact it has on your child's learning. A student who attends school for 90% of the time (9 days out of 10) will miss the equivalent of 1 year of school by the time the complete year 12. If school for 90% of the time (9 days out of 10) will miss the equivalent of 1 year of school by the time the complete year 12. If your family is travelling for family or cultural reasons, and expect to be absent for more than 10 days, you will have to apply for an exemption from Compulsory Schooling. Exemptions should be applied for and approved by the Principal before you travel away.

Choral Festival

Another year completed for this grand event, a huge thank you to Lindsay Hains, Mrs Nash, Miss Tass, students and families for another fabulous experience with choral singing. Hundreds of primary and high school students packed the MECC on Monday 14th March for a fabulous performance. The primary schools sang by themselves and so did the high schools before coming together to form a huge choir for the finale with all 550 students on stage at once. The Gargett students who participated were; Jakob, Awatea, La Nahliah, Declan, Myah and Jayden. Congratulations to you all for representing the school with pride.

Leaders Induction

Last Friday our two year 6 student leaders were presented with their badges at the School Leader Induction ceremony. Jakob Shield and Awatea

Moore- Barrett both gave speeches about their roles as leaders and what they hoped to achieve throughout the year. They were presented with their badges and leaders shirts by our special guests, Mr Michael Post (acting deputy Principal from Mirani High) and Mr Michael Clarke (acting Junior School Deputy Principal from Mirani High) Parents, grandparents, students, staff and special guests were there to congratulate the students on their new roles and celebrate with a morning tea following the ceremony.

P & C News

Last Friday was the P & C AGM was held after school. Congratulation to the following parents who were elected into the executive roles for 2016.

President: Stephen Kelso
Secretary: Megan Kelso
Treasurer: Julie Harris

Many thanks to the outgoing executive who have relinquished their roles this year so thanks you to Summer Parry and Liz Nash who have given up many hours over the last few years to help operate a successful P &C.

PLEASE come along and help guide our school to even bigger and better things in 2016. Meetings are brief, social and practical and achieve many fantastic outcomes and opportunities for your children. Last year the P&C provided over \$6000 of resources to the school, including, sport equipment, computers, camp and excursion support! Be pro-active; be at the P&C meeting!

BOOK FAIR

Our first Book Fair for 2016 will be 9th to 13th May. The theme will be Monsters so there is plenty of scope for costumes. Parents please encourage your child/children to use their imagination and use recycled items as much as possible. There will be four prizes of \$15 to spend at the Book Fair for best costumes in the following categories - boys senior and junior and girls senior and junior.

HOPE our sponsored Bilby

Last week we had a free dress day for Saint Patricks Day. \$32.50 was raised to support our sponsored Bilby HOPE. Our school has sponsored HOPE for the past three years. We have heard from the Bilby Foundation that HOPE is now in retirement from the breeding program and alive and well living at Dreamworld.

FREE DRESS DAY

Tomorrow, Thursday the 24th of March is a free Dress Day with an Easter theme. Please bring a gold coin donation that will go to the RSPCA in Mackay.

PREP PICTURES

Today in the Daily Mercury newspaper there is lift out featuring all the Prep Students in the Mackay region. Get your copy of the paper today for a great keepsake of your child.

ARROWSMITH PROGRAM

Watch this space for more information the 2017 Arrowsmith Program being offered at Gargett SS

CALENDAR	
SCHOOL WATCH 13 17 88	
SCHOOL MOBILE 0477350374	
February	
Every Tuesday	Library Borrowing 8:30am -8:50am Mrs L (Must have a library bag to borrow)
March	
Mon 21 st – 24 th	Miss Sarsha on leave. Mr Col Jennings relieving
Thurs 24 th	Free Dress Day – Easter theme Gold coin donation for RSPCA
Fri 25 th – Sun 10 th April	Easter Holidays
School Resumes April 11th	
May 10-12	Naplan testing



ANGELS SOFTBALL CLUB



Interested in taking up a team sport -Why not try Softball!

Join us at the fields before the start of the 2016 season for a come and try day.

Whether you are an experienced player, a keen beginner or an old hand looking to get back into the game we have a team for you.

We'll be at the Mackay Softball Fields Beaconsfield Road on Saturday 23rd April from 1pm-5pm. Equipment will be provided for those that want to have a hit or a throw.

For further information go to the [Angels Softball Club Mackay](#) facebook page or email mackayangels@yahoo.com



SUNDAY
10TH APRIL 2016
9AM - 1PM

FREE
"COME AND TRY DAY"

This is the perfect opportunity for your children to come and have a go and see if BMX is the sport for them!

BMX is open to both boys and girls of any ages.

FREE sausage sizzle on the day.

For more information please contact Walkerston BMX Club Registrar Kirsty Skaines on 0407 153 133 (after 4pm) or email registrar@walkerstonbmx.org.au

TRACK LOCATION:
Walkerston BMX Track
McLennans Park
Creek Street
Walkerston

MIRANI LIBRARY COMPUTER CLASSES

Travel Planning Online – "Confused about the process of booking your travel needs online? How do you grab a bargain and not place yourself or your money at risk? This class will cover the process of online booking of flights, car hire, train tickets, tours and more. Participants need basic internet skills and an email account to attend this class. Bookings are essential Phone 49619231 – Mirani Library on Monday 21st March from 2-3.30pm
Future classes—Monday 4th April-Basic Computer; Monday 11th April – PortaHUB and Monday 18th April - eLibrary

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES—Mirani Library

Art & Craft School Holiday Activities will be held at the Mirani Library on Tuesday 29th March from 2.00pm—3.00pm for Primary School children. Bookings essential—book online at www.bit.ly/1B48nRd

LEGO ROBOTICS—MARS MISSION at Mirani Library on Friday 1st April from 1.30pm—3.30pm. Come along and join in the fun. Bookings essential—book Online at www.bit.ly/1B48nRd