



GARGETT STATE SCHOOL

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Great things are achieved and experienced in small schools

Principal's Message

This week we have our school financial audit on today and tomorrow. Mr Mark Staunton will be on site, I would ask that if you would leave the office area free so that the review can commence on those days without any interruptions.

Our P&C plays a vital role in our school. Our 2015 executive committee & staff worked tirelessly to secure funding to assist with the purchasing of water & sand pit play equipment & trucks, listening posts, floor mats for the classroom, assisted in funding for school camp, plus the bus & coaches for swimming; I applaud them on enhancing our learning facilities and reducing costs for our families also. I would encourage parents/carers to become a member of our P&C Association. All fundraising goes directly to our students and to their learning. The P&C AGM and first general meeting is being held on Friday 18th March commencing at 3:30 pm in the office. Come along and join us and help make plans for the 2016 year of fundraisers and events.

Hot Weather

During extremely hot weather, it is easy to become dehydrated or overheat. If this happens you may develop a heat-related illness such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion or even heat stroke. If you suffer from a chronic health condition, it may become worse during hot weather. So it is important for you to plan ahead to stay healthy in hot weather.

When the weather is very hot, your body has to work harder and produce more sweat to keep cool.

Under some conditions, sweating just isn't enough and your body temperature can rise rapidly. This is more likely to happen when it is humid, or when you are dehydrated and can't produce enough sweat. It's important that your body temperature stays between 36.1–37.8°C. The best way to reduce the risk of heat-

related illness is to drink plenty of water and keep your body as cool as possible.

Reading Tip

As you hear your child read do not forget to read to and with your child daily. Reading to children enhances their world knowledge, their vocabulary, and their oral language skills when you discuss the text or story with them and develops their love of reading.

Have a fantastic week

Fiona Tass

Principal

Student Awards: Congratulations to you all.

All-rounder: Asia, Naliah & Shaylah
Improved reading : Jayden & Myah
Homework: All students 100% complete
Computer: Alice & Lewis – learning to log on
Science: Lewis-switched on science
Student of the Week: Havarna for displaying good manners

Attendance – Every Day Counts

Our current school attendance rate this term is 98.7%. This is well above our target of 95%
Congratulations to all students who have 100% attendance so far, 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

Year 4 to Year 6 parents, ensure you have purchased your tickets for the Choral Festival on 14th March. Tickets on sale NOW at the MECC or online. Tickets are selling out fast. Adults are \$24.50 and children are \$12. A final note will go home this week giving you more information regarding the Sunday rehearsal, travel information, and the all day workshop on Monday. Thank you to Miss Lindsay Haines for working with our students to have them ready for the performance. We have appreciated your time and musical skills without students.

WHITSUNDAY VOICES SHORT STORY COMPETITION

If you love creative writing, this is the competition for you. Budding Writers are encouraged to enter the 2016 Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival Short Story Competition. Students are free to respond to a theme or topic of their choice and there is no limit to the number of entries allowed by each student. The closing date for the competition is 3 pm on Friday 27th May 2016. Please see Miss Tass for further information or check out the website <http://www.whitsundayvoices.com.au/>

SAFETY CIRCUS EXCURSION

On the 18th of February our year three students travelled with Mrs Nash to Finch Hatton SS for a performance of Safety Circus. Here they joined with year three students from Eungella, Finch Hatton and Pinnacle Schools to watch the performance by CQU students.

Reflections from the day were:

Fergus: I really like Safety Circus as it was very funny. I liked seeing all the kids from the different schools there. I learnt that when people are getting bullied you should go and help them.

Asia: During the show they sang a song about safety and talked about safety words. There was a clown and a magician. Everyone got a sticker and I got a high five when the Safety Circus people did their tricks. My favourite part was dancing to the safety song.

Maddie: I went to the show with Fergus and Asia. We learnt that you must always wear a helmet when on a bike or scooter. The show was fun. Dancing with everyone was my favourite part of the show.

PICK UP and DROP OFF Reminder

The safety of your children is paramount

Whilst we understand that situations arise when children arrive early at school or are picked up late is unavoidable, however, please ensure that arrangements have been made, well in advance, with Miss Tass to ensure staff will be on available on site to supervise students. Staff often has to attend meetings or appointments before or after school and are not always available to supervise children. **Arrival time: 8:15am / School day ends: 3pm (bus @ 3:20pm)**

CALENDAR	
SCHOOL WATCH 13 17 88	
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February	
Every Tuesday	Library Borrowing 8:30am -8:50am Mrs L (Must have a library bag to borrow)
March	
Wed 2nd	Mark Staunton on site (Finance Audit)
Thurs 3rd	Playgroup 9am-10am Mark Staunton on site (Finance Audit)
Sun 13th Mon 14th	Year 4-6 attending Choral Rehearsal at MECC Final Rehearsal @ MECC + Performance 7:30pm-9:30pm TRS- Mrs Lyons
Thurs 17th	FREE DRESS ' GO Green' St Patricks Day Gold coin donation: money raised goes to our adopted Bilby 'HOPE and family"
Fri 18th	School Leader Induction Ceremony 9am- 10 am Mr Post (Deputy Principal MSHS) & Mr Clarke (Junior School Principal) special guests on site
Fri 18th	P & C AGM 3:30pm First general meeting following
Sat 19th	Voting- Polling Booth @ GSS
Mon 21st - 24th	Miss Sarsha on leave. Mr Col Jennings relieving cleaner on site
Fri 25th - Sun 10th April	Easter Holidays
School Resumes April 11th	

PERMISSION FORMS

Some students will today bring home forms that need to be completed. If your child has brought any home could they please be completed and returned to the school ASAP.

Our new Adopt-a-Cop Policeman James

Classroom Learning

Students meet Policeman James: our new Adopt-a-Cop
Choral Festival Rehearsal with Miss Lindsay Haines



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Mirani Primary School P&C's Annual

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 11th March
6:30pm Start | BBQ 5:30-6:30pm
Mirani Primary School Undercover Area
Teams of 6 \$5 per player
Adult Only Night | Child Minding TBC
A Night of Fun, Laughter & Fundraising!



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Going Ahead Receiving Great Education Towards Tomorrow