

GARGETT STATE SCHOOL



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Great things are achieved and experienced in Small Schools

Our School Priorities - Continue to build the Australian Curriculum, Numeracy ,
Pedagogy and Whole School Feedback

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone to the 2022 school year and I trust that you all had a well-earned rest and now back into the school routine. It's not business as normal but COVID normal. All schools commence this year as '**Covid normal**'. This essentially means we can operate as we normally would whilst adhering to established Covid protocols. From today, the majority of students will return to school for the commencement of face-to-face learning. As we all continue to navigate the challenges associated with the current COVID-19 situation

Our current enrolment is 12 students from 11 families. I want to remind you that there are many positives with a small number; your child/ren will be well looked after and provided with a quality education. Our **small school** allows flexibility in learning. With **smaller** numbers of students, hands-on learning is easy to organise and manage and the learning outcomes are **great**. There is much more freedom for collaborative student work and fun activities that bring learning to life. We are invested in the development of every child as she or he grows and flourishes academically, socially, physically, spiritually and emotionally. Small schools are great schools! So please continue to canvas our wider community and help build our enrolments for the future.

Today we welcomed four new prep students and a year 6 student. Please welcome our new 2022 Prep students: Avah, Mac, Tallas and Zahra and our year 6 student leader Elessa.

There will be many familiar faces amongst our teaching and non-teaching staff this year with our new teacher aide Mrs Hardwick resuming class room teacher aide duties this year. Mrs Hardwick has been our teacher aide librarian over the past two years and had also been working at kindergartens within our district.

We also welcome Mrs Irena Carlaw as our Learning Support teacher and Mrs Kirsty Janson who is Curriculum Support. These staff members will work alternate Tuesdays and have taken over from Mrs McNichol since her retirement.

Sadly, we did say goodbye to Mrs Meikle at the end of term 4. I would like to thank Mrs Meikle for all the work she did in working with our students including supervising on sports days, swimming and on excursions. We will miss you but wish you the very best for the future and with the impending arrival of your new baby

I would like to acknowledge the special efforts of staff in getting our school ready for students to commence their school year. Our cleaner, groundsman, teaching, office and support staff have combined to ensure our school was safe, clean and welcoming for students. A sincere thanks for the extraordinary efforts of these people.

Covid back to school information

- Students who are unwell are to remain at home as per the Chief Health Officers' advice. Staff will contact you if they notice your child is unwell for you to take them home.
- Parents and carers of students in grades 3 – 6 will have to remain outside the school grounds unless going to the Office.
- Prep parents and carers are welcome to accompany their child to the classroom
- Parents are respectfully asked to wear a mask while on site at our school
- Students from year 3 – 6 are strongly encourage to wear masks. The school does have a limited supply to provide to students, we encourage students to bring their own mask from home. Students can remove mask whilst seated, eating and playing outside.

- Staff will direct students to cars and parents at 3pm.

We thank you for your understanding while we endeavour to support our students and our community to be as safe as possible.

I am excited by the journey ahead and look forward to working in partnership to achieve great outcomes for all students in 2022

Have a great week everyone.

Fiona Tass
Principal

Our wonderful Teaching Team for 2020

Here is our dedicated team of teachers and support staff who work to make our school great!

Teaching Principal	Mrs Tass-Jennings
HASS/ Admin	Mr David Dyll (Friday)
Learning Support	Mrs Irena Carlaw (alt. Tuesday)
HOC	Mrs Kirsty Janson (alt. Tuesday)
Music	Mrs Cheryl Mitchell
HPE	Mrs Tracey Stanieg
LOTE	Sensei Deborah Weatherley
BM	Mrs Stratford (Mon, Wed, Fri)
Teacher Aides	Ms Sue Mrs Hardwick (Tue, Wed, Thurs)
Cleaner	Ms S
Groundsman	Mr Jennings
Chaplain	Chappie Rex (Friday)

Facebook and text messages

Our school Facebook page is a great way to stay updated on everything happening in our school. Search for Gargett State School and "like" us to stay informed. From time to time we'll also send home an SMS to remind families about special events, updates or reminders. If you are not receiving the text messages please the office.



SAME DAY ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for the Department of Education and Training and for the Queensland Government. New procedures have been updated to require same day notification for unexplained absences. From the start of this year, when a student is identified as missing from school, the school must notify the caregiver without delay either manually or electronically. This means that if your child is not at school before 9.30am without a reason the school must ring you to find out why. If you have notified the school why your child is away then no phone call will be made. **Please remember to phone, text or email if your child will be away.**

Absence line: 0436 621 107

School Uniform/ Dress Standards

Congratulations to all parents for having your children looking so neat and well presented in their uniforms on the first day of school, I look forward to seeing this every day. A consistent presence of full school uniform is a very powerful way to create a sense of pride and community. The notion of a full school uniform, including a school hat, every day is endorsed by the P&C. I refer to the Departmental Guidelines that explain: apart from a watch, signet ring, sleeper or stud earrings or necklaces pertaining to religious or medical reasons, other jewellery or extras are NOT ALLOWED- safety for our children and presenting themselves respectfully is our concern. Other extras NOT ALLOWED include: ankle or wrist bands, dangly or obtrusive earrings and coloured nail polish

P & C News

Welcome to 2022! The P & C is a great way to become involved in the school I'd like to welcome all new and old families to Gargett School this year along with all staff members!

As it is a brand new year I'd like to encourage you all to start thinking about what you can do for your school and how you can assist the P & C. There are lots of benefits in joining the P & C as you get the satisfaction knowing you are making in your child's education and to meet new people. The P & C is a place where you can express your views concerning your child's education and school community. A Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) is a group of people who take a formal role in supporting a school by enabling and providing:

- close cooperation between parents, community, staff and students
- feedback on school policies and activities
- resources to enhance student learning and improve the school environment (often by raising funds)
- opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's education and the broader school community.

The date of the P & C AGM (Annual General Meeting) and the first general meeting of the year are yet to be determined. All positions will be vacated and a new committee is needed. We hope to see you there!

Summer Parry (President)

Before School Procedures

I would like to remind all parents that no students are to be onsite before 8am during the week. This time is set for school preparation and staff to ready themselves for the day. Drop off time in the morning is after the bus 8.15 am. The first bell of the day is at 8:45 am, please ensure your child has arrived, packed in, lunch boxes in the fridge (PACK IN). If your child / children are running late please phone the school. The roll is marked at 9 o'clock. A final reminder for any early drop offs or late pick-ups, this must be arranged with Miss Tass prior to that day.

Welcome

Mrs Kirsty Janson



COMMUNITY NEWS

WESTS NETBALL REGISTRATION 2022



Moddies/NET SET GO - \$215.00
(use Juniors link)
Born (01/01/2012 - 31/12/2015)

Juniors - \$290
U12 Born (2010 - 2011)
U14 Born (2008 - 2009)
U16 Born (2006 -2007)

Seniors - \$350

Registration can be completed using the NETBALL CONNECT APP on your mobile phone. Otherwise please use the links below to register.

JUNIORS

<https://netball-registration.worldsportaction.com/userRegistration?organisationId=e94006e5-7a43-4174-bf59-19ad9b4cfe8&competitionId=cae810e5-9fde-4da1-94b8-f0af0fa4e29e>

SENIORS

<https://netball-registration.worldsportaction.com/userRegistration?organisationId=e94006e5-7a43-4174-bf59-19ad9b4cfe8&competitionId=6ddd8f3-3cd2-43ee-858a-3d49d402e894>

All fees are to be paid for online at the time of registration via debit card or credit card.

FAIR PLAY VOUCHER

You can get a Fair Play Voucher from 19th of January. You will need to send these vouchers to us once you have received them.

WESTS TEAM GRADING Sunday February 13

Marian State School Outdoor Courts
8am - 10am
Under 12, 14, 16

Important DATES

Mackay Netball Association
Coaching/Umpire Development Course

February 26

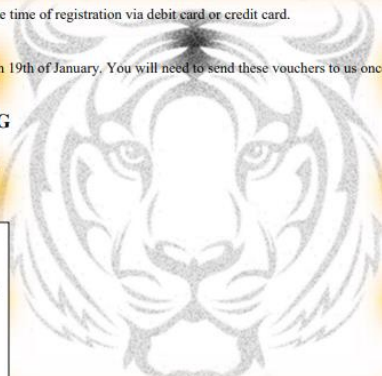
MNA Junior Grading -March 5

(under 12, 14, 16)

MNA Senior Grading -March 16

MNA SEASON

March 26 - September 10



COACHES AND UMPIRES

If you are considering coaching and/or umpiring for the 2022 season we would love to hear from you.

westsnb@gmail.com

WESTERN DISTRICTS JRL MACKAY

UNDER 6, UNDER 7 & UNDER 8'S

SIGN ON/ MEET & GREET

Merchandise shop will be open for the 2022 season - All current lines have been updated to the new designs, plus there will be a new range of training apparel available. No EFTPOS facilities - please bring cash

9am - 12pm

Saturday 12th of February

To register or for more information contact

Kahlee Boyd 0427 166 309 (Under 6 - Under 12)

Ruth Wegner 0411 360 714 (Under 13 - Under 18)

Email registrar.wdjrlfc@hotmail.com

UP THE
MIGHTY
TIGERS!!!



All new players please bring a copy of your birth certificates for registration

