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Message from the Principal

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Gumdale State School for the start of a very exciting Semester 2. A warm welcome is also extended to new students and their families. Our current school enrolment is 899. Following our mid-year break it has been a very busy and productive start with lots of learning occurring in classrooms. Well done to our students for the enthusiasm they are showing to all aspects of their schooling.

NAPLAN – Preliminary Results

The indications of school-wide data for 2017 show outstanding results across the Numeracy and Literacy strands. I am pleased to report to parents that our results are continuing to trend upwards. Congratulations to our teachers for their hard work over the last few years and thanks to our parents for their ongoing support as teaching and learning partners. Individual reports will be released in mid to late August.

Prep Student Enrolment Applications For 2018 Are Now Due

As we enter the second semester of the year we start to look at our enrolment numbers for 2018. If you have children who are due to commence Prep next year, please ensure you have them enrolled. Applications are available on our school website or from the front

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17-Jul **Whole School Assembly**
21-Jul Year 5 Brisbane Bayside State College Experience Day
23-Jul Last Day to submit "Hear Me, See Me: Entries"
24-Jul **School Assembly - Years 3-6**
25-Jul Brisbane Bayside College STEM Enrichment Program - Selected Students
25-Jul Year 5 Tackers Introduction
26-Jul Year 5 Tackers Introduction
26-Jul Start Collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers
26-Jul Book Club Issue 5 Order Due Today

office. If you know of other people within our community that are looking to enrol, please encourage them to do so. If you know that your child (Prep - Year 5) is not returning to Gumdale in 2018, please advise us in writing by emailing Marissa Bowen on mbowe79@eq.edu.au as soon as practicable.

Cybersafety Information Sessions

With technology now playing such a big part in our day to day lives, it is important to educate our students on how to be safe while using the internet. On Wednesday 2nd August, a presenter from the Cybersafety team at Education Queensland will be coming to Gumdale State School to deliver free information sessions to students in our years 2 and 3 iPad classes, and all students in years 4, 5 and 6. Parents are welcome to attend any of the sessions and there will be time after students have returned to class to ask the presenter questions. The content of the presentations is below.

Years 2 and 3

- How to create safe and positive online profiles
- Positive use of the internet and social media
- How to protect yourself and others online
- Discussion about permission and why it's important to speak to the adult in your life
- Account privacy and how to create a strong password

Years 4, 5 and 6

- Understanding digital footprints and responsible digital citizenship
- How to protect personal information when creating online accounts
- Cyberbullying and standing up for friends online
- Account privacy and how to create a strong password
- Responding to negative online content
- How to handle yourself if you're having a difficult time online.

Information Sessions:

2W and 3M - 10:15am-11:00am *Resource Centre*
Year 4 - 12:15pm-1:00pm *Hollis Hall*
Years 5 and 6 - 2pm-2:45pm *Hollis Hall*

If you have any questions about these sessions, please contact Genevieve Agerholm on gager1@eq.edu.au.

And While I'm On The Subject

Emails, text messages and Facebook posts are increasingly more frequent and are certainly consuming more time in our everyday lives. Access to increased communication at our fingertips and in our faces every day can have its benefits however, it also poses challenges and risks. Sometimes, very good relationships, friendships and working partnerships, can be damaged by poorly worded text messages, emails or Facebook posts. Sometimes it's all too easy to "fire off" an electronic communication that is charged with emotion. On many of these occasions we often regret our haste because we could have better worded our message, be better informed about an issue that is concerning us or have sought a response to our concern from the relevant person.

All online users have a responsibility to be mindful of the content when communicating electronically to ensure it does not breach social, legal, religious, cultural or copyright standards. If our school becomes aware of inappropriate content that is shared involving staff, students or volunteers, or the use of images, banners, logos or our school crest without permission, we will take reasonable steps to ensure the content is removed.

Our school is also committed to promoting a safe and supportive learning environment and students involved in communicating inappropriate material on websites, through email or text messaging

27-Jul Year 6 Excursion - Musical
28-Jul Year 4 Parents Social Lunch
31-Jul **School Assembly - Yrs Prep - 2 Snr Concert Band Performance**
31-Jul Year 1 Excursion - Indigiscapes
Classes 1J & 1CO

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may be disciplined in line with our school's Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.

We will continue to work closely with parents and students to address issues as they arise. We appreciate the support of all parents as we promote our school as great place to learn.

For future reference two email addresses that might prove useful are principal@gumdaless.eq.edu.au and secretary@gumdalesspc.org.au

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