**Principal’s Report**

Dear Parents/Carers and Community

Due to increased enrolments, the school is eligible for an additional teacher allocation which will mean straight year level classes at Garbutt State School. The school is currently working with the Department to find a suitable classroom teacher. Further information regarding class structure and classroom teacher changes will be sent home as soon as possible. Your child’s education is foremost in our minds whilst planning for this change. Thank you for your understanding during this transition.

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS**

Have you changed your phone number or moved house or new emergency contacts? Please remember we need up-to-date details so we can contact you in the event of an emergency.

**PARADE**

Parade is held on Friday under A Block at 8.45am. Our School Leaders will run the parade when they are elected. Parents/carers are very welcome to attend. Weekly awards and the school’s awards for behaviour and attendance are presented to students during parade.

**SCHOOL WIDE RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR**

Garbutt State School has, as its Behaviour Management Plan, School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. Our three main rules are: Be Responsible, Show Respect and Stay Safe. Each week a specific rule will be presented on parade and followed up in the classroom. Students who fail to comply with these school rules and their behaviour does not improve, then an internal or external suspension will occur. Please note that if behaviour is extreme then some of these steps may be missed. Please discuss this with your child and remind them that school is a place to learn and achieve their academic potential.

**Focus Rule: Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.**

**PLAYGROUND SAFETY**

Students must wear a bucket hat or broad brimmed hat and enclosed footwear if they wish to play outside. NO HAT, NO SHOES, NO PLAY.

Kind regards,

Lydia Jamieson
Term 1 - 2015

Important Dates

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Smart and Strong Learning & Behaviour Awards

Declan M  
Jahntae M  
Karnina A  
Taleisha L  
Henry R  
Taitley S  
Katori D  
Jesse-James G  
Darius H  
Ashton B  
Aaliyah TS  
Miracle P  
Malachi C  
Nazareth A  
Tresean S

Magpie Gotcha Award

Taleisha L (Wk 2)

Highest Attendance for Week 2 & 3

Class: E1 & E2

Class prize: Magpie Mascot
Last Friday the 13th of February, 2015 marked the 7th anniversary of the federal government’s apology to the Stolen Generations. This speech was spoken by former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. On this day 13th February, 2008, PM Rudd made the Labour Government’s historic apology to the Indigenous people of Australia, who’d been forcibly removed from their families. It was a powerful and moving speech in Canberra. He describes the apology as a "leap of faith" and acknowledges there is "still a huge distance to travel".

PARENTS/CARERS A REMINDER for your dear children when they are CROSSING THE ROAD! When using the pedestrian crossing while leaving the school grounds to get to the other side of the street, can they please exercise caution. Some students are running across to get to the other side without checking for cars. This is very dangerous and it would be sad if an accident was to occur. Please THINK, STOP, LISTEN and LOOK before crossing over!

Garbutt Magpies are looking for players aged 7-12 years old to come and play Netball. Even if you’re a beginner and haven’t played before why not come down and give it a go! To register your interest, please call Nancy on 0429476968. Sign On and Registrations are at the Garbutt State School Netball Court on Monday the 23rd from 4pm—5pm.

Unexplained Absences: If your child is away from school, please return blue/green slip or advise the office with a reason. Remember, that all unexplained absences are recorded on your child’s report card.

Instrumental Music - for students currently in Yr 4 or Yr 5

Any Year 4 or Year 5 students who are wishing to play a school instrument this year please collect an ‘Expression of Interest Form’ from the school office.

The form needs to be taken home and discussed with your family before signing. It can be returned to the school office.

Students will then undergo the recruiting process which will consist of a series of aptitude tests to measure their suitability for the IM Program.

Following the recruiting process, students who are eligible will then be offered a place within the IM Program. Parents will receive an Enrolment Form to confirm their child’s position.

It is a requirement for students to attend weekly lessons for 30mins every Monday. A timetable will be placed outside the staff room once enrolments have been confirmed.

Yours in Music,
Shelley Gardner
(Instrumental Music Specialist)