PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Hello parent/Carers/Family

As this is our last formal newsletter for the year I want to take this opportunity to say a huge Thank you to each and every one of you for a wonderful year. While we have had some turbulence at times overall it has been a very rewarding year. We have seen a number of children reach their goals in many areas. These would include:

**Academic achievements**: High levels in Report Card results, Maths Competition,

**Sporting achievements** including acceptance into NQ trials, Under 12 All Stars in Rugby League & AFL!

**Community Engagement**: Includes the involvement of Mundy Creek project, Cultural Garden, Duke of Edinburgh.

This newsletter is an opportunity for our school community to say a Farewell to our current Year 7 Students as they head off into High School in 2014. We wish them well as they venture into the next phase of their life. To those students please remember to think of our school rules ---- Respect, Responsible and Safe and these 3 rules will help you for the next 5 years. Keep up the attendance and work at your academic standards.

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**Swimming**:  
Congratulations to Mirage in their win in the Interhouse Swimming Carnival. While Mirage came first all three houses were extremely close. Congratulations to all the children on their excellent participation and sportsmanship.

**Garbutt Website**:  
Today our new website goes live – please ensure that you use [http://garbuttss.eq.edu.au](http://garbuttss.eq.edu.au) (you may need to change the link stored in your Favourites/Bookmarks).

Our new website uses the most up to date format available in Qld state schools. In conjunction with the new website, parents and community members can download the QSchools app for their smartphone - this is available for iPhone, Android and Windows 8 phone.

As information is updated on our website, it will be available in the QSchools app - you will be able to see news, events and newsletters as soon as they are posted to our school website. You will also see other useful information provided by the school, such as tuckshop menus, uniform information, class times and the school’s and the department’s social media feeds.

The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.

The QSchools app is particularly useful to parents who have students in different state schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools.


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**School Book Packs for 2014**:  
DO you hate that job of having to go shopping for books and equipment at the beginning of every year. Well this year we are offering the opportunity for parents to purchase their books etc by paying the school $30 and we do the buying and on Day 1 of next year you will get your book pack. This offer can be paid for before the end of the year but it will still be offered in the New Year.

**End of Year Concert**:  
Our End of Year Concert is approaching fast and is being held on Wednesday 11 December from 9 to 12. There will be a small morning tea break in the middle of this. Please come along and see what each class has to present as their class item and also farewell our Year 7 students. We will also be announcing our School Captains and House Captains.

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**End of term Reports**:  
All report cards will be sent home on Thursday 12 December. If children are going on holidays earlier than this date then please inform the school so we can arrange for your child/children’s report card to be printed at an earlier date.

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2014  
Please note school starts on Tuesday January 28th. We hope to see ALL of you back on that day, happy and well and truly relaxed, ready for another great year.
### Smart and Strong Awards

#### 19th November
- Jaia
- Christopher
- Indyannah
- Kenny
- Patrick
- Michael
- Trinity
- Aaliyah
- Jessica
- Brianna

**Chappy Award**
- Patrick

#### 25th November
- Mujahid
- Krystel
- Tia
- Nakiyah
- Treziyah
- Fiona
- Jaydenn
- Kellen
- Alice
- Christopher
- Gerome

**Principal Awards**
- Year 3
- Mrs Martyn

**Chappy Award**
- Jessica

### Gotcha Winners

#### 19th November
- Rhonda
- Ashton
- Frank
- Daniel
- Lajaiv

#### 25th November
- Lajaiv
- Yusuf
- Joshua
- Horo Horo
- Sheyla
- Tristan

Maria-Leigh
- Taj
- Frank
- Colin
- Emily

### UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES:
If your child is away from school please send a letter, phone the school or speak to a staff member.

**SMART KIDS** come to school everyday!!!!!!!
Crazy Sock & Hair Day
Interhouse Swimming Carnival
Help Grow our Community

Garbutt State School Garden Morning
We need your help!!

When: Saturday, 30 November 2013
Time: 8:00am to 11:00am
Where: Garbutt Garden (on the corner of Lonergan and Meenan streets)

What will we be doing?
- Planting hedge trees
- Repainting our tables
- Spreading some soil and mulch and cracker dust
- General clean up and weeding
- Moving a table

There will be a free sausage sizzle after we have finished working in the garden.

Garbutt School Health Visits Program

Wednesday 4th December 2013
1.15pm – 3pm

FREE steak burger lunch
FREE Health Check
FREE Christmas Hamper to 1st 10 families that complete Health Check

Contact Rowena at school on 4759 4888 for more information

Garbutt State School Enrol now for Prep 2014

2014 Book Levy
$30

This fee will include all items your child will need for school on Day 1
 Packs will also be available in 2014

At Garbutt Prep We Offer:

- $30 Book Levy and all books will be provided
- Swimming Classes in Term 4
- Cultural Art/Music Lessons
- Weekly P.E. Lessons
- Daily Breakfast Program
- After School Homework Program
- Open Door Policy - Parents Welcome
- Full Time Teacher Aide

Enrolment Forms can be collected from the office