Hello Parents/ Carers and Family

Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who came to our P & C meeting on Tuesday afternoon and also it was great to see a few new faces at our meet and greet evening. It was a little disappointing that we did not have more at our meet and greet but maybe with the change in day/date and the weather affected the attendance at that. For those who did not attend please don’t hesitate in contacting your child/children's teacher if you need to confirm any details about what may be happening in the classroom.

As we are now into the second half of the term and after such a big start to a new year I don’t think it is going to settle down even now. For the remainder of the 5 weeks of term 1 we do have a number of things happening across the school so please ensure that you keep accessing the school website for calendar details. We attempt to keep that up to date because we do know that sometimes newsletters do not get home.

Our website address is: https://garbuttss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

P & C Meeting:
Our next P & C is on Tuesday April 1st at 3pm. Please join us so you can have a say in your child’s education.

Dental Van News:
Thankyou to all parents who have returned dental forms so far. Once your child has had their dental check a letter is sent to the home address advising parents of the check up results. If further treatment is recommended please phone the dental van on 0408789721 for further information and to make an appointment. Treatment is FREE of charge.

Please make contact as soon as possible so that bookings can be made. (You are also most welcome to knock on the dental van door before or after school to arrange this appointment.) The can only stay at Garbutt SS while parents are phoning in for appointments. If you are not sure if your child has brought back their forms you are most welcome to contact us to check.

Cathy, Tina and Nita

TRY 5: Every day Counts:
This year we are continuing with our focus on Attendance. If children do not come to school every day then they cannot learn and succeed at the highest level and they are all able to be up there with the best. We need to have attendance for every class at or above 90%. If your child/children are sick then please ring the school to let us know. Please note the attendance class by class on the back of our newsletter.

Reading/Writing:
Are your children reading at home every day? Please encourage them to do some reading every day or if you can read to them as well especially the younger children. At school this year we are providing a lot of extra support into classrooms to help with children's reading, writing and maths. If there are any parents out there who can give some time to the classroom please let us know.

Swimming Squad:
Swimming training will continue for the next two weeks on Thursday March 6th and March 13th. Mr Kimber starts the training at 7:15am at the PCYC Pool. We have only had a small number turn up for the last two trainings so it would be great to see more of the squad so we can form a team for the Inter School Swimming competition.

Chappie Marion:
Just a reminder that Chappie Marion is at our school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and if at any stage you would like to come along and talk to her (which is kept confidential) then please don’t hesitate to do so.

Behaviour:
Unfortunately we have had a number of phone calls from people in the community about some of our children who are being bullies and are fighting either on the way home or at the park. I need for all of you to be very vigilant with allowing your children to go to the park and who they are playing with. With the new government laws around suspensions Principals can now suspend for behaviours outside the school and while they are in school uniform. Also the Police and Police Liaison officers will be doing drive bys after school in the future. We need to focus on this before someone gets hurt.
Term 1 - 2014
Important Dates

7th March  Presentation of School Leader Badges followed by a Leadership team work afternoon
17th March  Inter School Swimming
21st March  Harmony Day
3rd April   Inter House Cross Country
10th April  Last Day of Term 1

Smart and Strong Awards

14th February
Jade  Vicenia  Mujahid  Sue  Ayla  Miley  Michael  Indyanah  Jamal  Julian  Tamia

Principal Award
Kyle  Mr Vaughan

Library Award
Kenny  Pebbles

21st February
Larisa  Lamahl  Laveen  Kyle  Alara  Phoenix  Raquarn  Miley  Damian  Nathan  Nekita

Principal Award
Mrs Detenon  Lori  Breanna  Trinity  Lenita

Chappy Award
Sheyla

Gotcha Winners

14th February
Krystal  Jade  Jayden  Larisa  Kyliah

21st February
Huratio  Jayden  Solomon  Oliver  Jesse-Ray  Loren  Brodie

CLASS WEEKLY ATTENDANCE—Term 3

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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!!!!!!
Garbutt State School Uniforms are now available at Lowes in Castletown. The polo shirt retails from $31.99 and is available in sizes 4 - XXL. The store also has a good range of shorts, shirts, pleated skirts and bucket hats. LAYBY IS AVAILABLE

"Rebels Football Club (Soccer) registrations and training on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5pm at Greenwood Park, Thuringowa Drive, Kirwan from February 4 onwards. All age groups from under 5 through to seniors are welcome. We accept the $150 vouchers that were available from the State Government from mid February. For more information, please check out our website at www.rebelsfc.com.au or contact Ian at fricke@hotkey.net.au ."
Junior Secondary Reform –
Understanding and Educating the Developing Adolescent Brain
Michael C Nagel PhD

Junior Secondary is one of the most significant reform agendas undertaken by Queensland state schools. Defining Years 7-8 as a distinct phase of schooling is much more than a structural change. It signals an intentional approach to learning in the early adolescent years to bring about improved outcomes for adolescents.

Presented by Associate Professor Michael Nagel, the workshop is specifically designed to enable parents an insight into the adolescent brain and what this means for education and parenting in the 21st century.

**Parent Synopsis: Blame Their Brain: Why Our Children Do What They Do!**

Have you ever wondered why your children act and behave the way they do? Have you marvelled at the stages of development you have witnessed and simultaneously felt bewildered by that very journey of growth and maturation? This presentation unlocks some of the mysteries of the development of the mind from birth through adolescence by examining the developing brain and shedding light on why children and teenagers may act the way they do. A look a neurological development also gives parents an avenue for understanding a range of developmental inevitabilities including the importance of just saying ‘no’ to a toddler and understanding why adolescents seem to have difficulty explaining their actions when doing the ‘wrong’ thing or indeed why they are, at times, seemingly incapable of responsible decision making. The evening’s presentation will look at those ideas with a focus on contemporary research into how your child’s brain develops, how boys and girls brains may differ and what this might mean for parenting in the 21st century.

**Program Information**

**Audience:** Junior Secondary leadership teams, teachers, parents and caregivers.

**Date & Venue:** Friday 7th March 2014
William Ross State High School Performing Arts
(Mervyn Crossman Drive, Annandale near the sports fields)

**Registrations:** Close: Tuesday 4th March ward.nicholas@dete.qld.gov.au

**Cost:** Free for Education Queensland employees and families.

*Light Lunch* 11.30am  Session 1 commences: 12.00 – 3.00pm
For Junior Secondary leadership teams, teachers and staff.

*Afternoon tea* 3.30pm  Session 2 commences: 4.00 – 6.30pm
Q & A: 6.30 – 7.00pm
For parents and caregivers.

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