Dear Parents/Carers and families,

I, and Mrs Geddis, sincerely thank the school community for their support during my short time at Garbutt State School. Next week, teachers will participate in a project focusing on the YuMi Deadly Maths program. The project aims to train teachers to trial the YDM program in terms of its effectiveness in improving mathematics teaching and learning, and in relation to characteristics of schools, teachers and students. Feedback provided by teachers leads to ongoing modification of program materials. The primary aim of the project is to increase the school’s capacity to enhance the mathematics learning outcomes (and thus the employment and life chances) of our students.

**P & C Meeting:**

Our next P & C meeting is Tuesday April 1st at 3:00pm. We hope to see some more new faces. It is great to have parental input to our school routine and events.

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**Interschool Swimming**

On Monday March 17th we had a small squad of swimmers take part in the F grade Interschool Carnival at Aitkenvale State School. Our whole team put in a great effort on the day and we had some great personal swimming achievements. Many thanks to:

Lori Dahlia Francis
Nathan Benaz Max
Lenita Maliza Raquarn
Declan Tito Karnina
Laurie Michael Quentin

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**Shoes and Hats**

While I am noticing that most children are wearing their hats in the sun and are keeping their shoes on at school we do still have one or two who are persistently taking their shoes off and still wanting to play. This is a safety issue because we do not know what could be lying on the ground. Please check with your children that they are not one of these children removing shoes.

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**NAPLAN INFORMATION**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians have the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

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**Cross Country**

Our next school event is the Inter-House Cross Country and I know that classes have been out training. This is being held on the last Thursday of term on Thursday 3 April. The P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle with the chance to win various prizes. The Tuckshop will also be having a red food day with foods available for sale.

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**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/teacher interviews will continue through the last week of term. We hope to see as many of you as possible. This is a great opportunity to discuss with the teachers your child’s progress and behaviour. This year there will be some changes because children will be asked to sit in and also explain to their parents where they are at in their education. A note has been sent home offering you times to make an appointment. Please come along to these! Education for children needs the input from schools and communities.

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27th March 2014
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 School Health Visits Program

FREE FAMILY FUNDAY

THURSDAY 3rd April 2014

1PM - 4PM

All welcome!

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING