Dear Parents/Carers and Community

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**WELCOME**
Welcome to the 2015 school year! To new parents and care givers and those returning to Garbutt State School this year, a very warm welcome from myself and the staff. I am excited about my new role as Acting Principal and look forward to meeting and working alongside you. A reminder that appointments are needed to meet with me, to ensure that I am available to give you the amount of time and attention you require.

**CLASSES**
We have changed the names of classes this year to three early phase and three middle phase. The classes are as follows:
- **E1** - Miss Meagan Radley
- **E2** - Mrs Kelly Scott
- **E3** - Mrs Leeanne De Munari
- **M1** - Mr Donald Whaleboat
- **M2** - Mrs Serena Johnstone
- **M3** - Mr James Morley

**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: Use school language**

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**
A school newsletter will be sent home with the eldest child in the family every second Monday. Please check your child’s school bag. This is an important form of communication between the school and parents. Newsletters are also available on our school website. If you have a smartphone or iPhone, download the free QSchools application to keep up with school news.

**NEW LEGISLATION BANNING SMOKING NEAR SCHOOL**
The use of cigarettes, other tobacco products or electronic cigarettes is now banned on and within five metres of school land. This applies before, during and after school hours, and on school holidays and weekends. The ban doesn’t extend over neighbouring residences or businesses.

**DROP OFF/PICK UP STUDENTS**
Drop off and pickup times at school can be very busy, so please be patient and keep our children safe. A reminder that the staff car-park is not to be used for parking or dropping/collecting children. Children or bikes are not permitted in carpark, this is a safety issue.

**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
Acting Principal

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**ENTER OUR COMPETITION** Name our Magpie Mascot!! Best Name wins a Prize!! Put your name and class on a piece of paper with the name of the magpie and drop it off at the office to be judged. Everyone is welcome to compete.
## Important Dates

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## Smart and Strong Learning & Behaviour Awards

- Michael S
- Anthony T
- Oliver R
- Karma K
- Krystel W
- Tresean S
- Phoenix T
- Roselie P
- Keanu P
- Kaireece J
- Jesse-Ray D
- Florence H

### Magpie Gotcha Award
Karina A

### Highest Attendance for Wk 1
- Class: E2 (Mrs Scott)
- Class prize: Magpie Mascot
WELCOME BACK STUDENTS for 2015!!

Here’s our DEADLY Preps being Smart and Strong!
Smart and Strong Preps cont...