Gooburrum State School Prospectus

'Strive for Progress'
Welcome to Gooburrum State School.

As Principal of this great school, I commend you for your choice in educational provision for your child(ren). Ours is a school with much history and pride. Standing proud since 1884, we are here for our local community and for those who choose to be a part of it. I can honestly say that this is a school like no other. Our results in academic, sporting and cultural arenas are second to none in our region, whether we are talking large or small schools. What I am most proud of though, is the communication we build upon daily, so that all stakeholders feel welcome and valued. We strive together for progress in order to ensure that our students become the best citizens they possibly can be, while being happy, positive young people along the way.

I am extremely grateful to our active, dedicated parent group for all they bring to and have done for our school community. We are a far better school because of their involvement, effort and genuine interest in their children.

I am thankful for the excellent staff I work alongside and commend these professionals for their role in making our school such a successful productive place of learning and development.

I look forward to another wonderful year here at Gooburrum State School. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you or your child.

Halli Cantrell.
Principal
A MESSAGE FROM THE PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Welcome to our school.

At Gooburrum State School, the objective of the P&C is to promote the interests and to facilitate the development and further improvement of the school, also assisting school staff in providing excellent educational outcomes for our children. Finance for our various activities and events are raised through business sponsorship, fundraising and a voluntary annual family resource levy of $40.

P&C funds contribute to many varied activities and improvements around the school. In the past, funds have been utilised to assist with educational equipment such as books, educational software and support teacher hours. Other activities P&C have been able to financially assist with are such things as school camp and representative sports.

Also falling under the P&C banner are:
- Gooburrum outside-school-hours-care (GOSHC)
- Weekly Tuckshop
- School Uniform Shop

Actions speak louder than words when it comes to valuing your child’s learning. Joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education. Your child’s educational abilities are enhanced with your involvement. By joining the P&C you are showing your children how committed you are to helping our students and school community.

Joining the P&C is as easy as coming along to the next P&C meeting.

P & C meetings take place on the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the school staffroom – all parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

Getting involved in our P&C doesn’t mean you’re taking up a full-time job. We know you are busy and we value any amount of time you can spare.

Of course not all parents are able to attend meetings and we offer an invitation to contact any of the executive members with any questions, comments or idea’s you may have. Your participation in our fundraising and activities is invited and very much appreciated.

We are sure you will enjoy the warm and friendly atmosphere and excellent educational services provided at Gooburrum State School.

We look forward to you participating in and enjoying school activities.

Together, we can support and build opportunities to enhance and strengthen our great school into the future – where all children benefit!

2015 P&C Executive Committee
President: Katie Davis – 0422 286 482
Vice President: David Bonser
Secretary: Linda Vickers
Treasurer: Elizabeth Schneider
OUR SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

To provide quality engaging education for all students catering to their unique learning needs in a supportive, comfortable, safe and caring environment that values individual difference and celebrates success.

Objectives of our school include:
1. To ask of and expect from children a high standard of positive behaviour.
2. To convey high expectations for our students in all curriculum areas.
3. To enable and encourage children to set and strive for high and achievable expectations within their individual physical, intellectual, emotional and social capabilities.
4. To encourage in parents and students, the feeling that the school is important to the community and that all stakeholders have an important role to play in the education of our students.
5. To maintain positive communication and liaison between teachers, pupils and the community as a whole.
6. To evaluate progress made by pupils and then address further progress by upholding an approach of continual improvement and consideration of effective pedagogical practise.
7. To encourage and value community participation in school activities.
8. To encourage and to support the professional development of teachers.
9. To develop the continuity of progress from the first day at school through to the last day of each school year.
10. To develop the capabilities of each individual child to see them fulfil their true potential.
2015 STAFF

TEACHING PRINCIPAL: HALLI CANTRELL

TEACHERS: SANDY RINALDIS Prep (Mon/ Tues)  
            HALLI CANTRELL Prep (Wed - Fri)  
            MECHALLE KIMBER Years 1/2  
            MEAGAN SMITH Years 2/3  
            ELAINE HODGSON Years 4/ 5  
            DAVID BONSER Years 5/6.  
            LIZ SMITH Special Education Teacher

TEACHER AIDES: MAREE WHEELER (Prep)  
                SUZANNE MORTON  
                MICHELLE BIDDLE  
                CRAIG MARSH

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: SUZANNE MORTON

CLEANER: KAREL FEHR  
         VIV HAIR

GROUNDSMAN: ATHOL KEYS

VISITING TEACHERS:  
                    LST ROBYN METCALF  
                    MUSIC DAVID HUTCHINSON  
                    P.E. NOEL STITT  
                    LOTE CHRIS MC GARVEY

                   GUIDANCE ALAN BOWMAKER  
                   OFFICER

                   INSTRUMENTAL TONY BROWN  
                   MUSIC

                   CHAPLAIN STEVE PARKER  

                   TEACHER

                   LIBRARIAN KEVIN STIENBERGER

GOOBURRUM OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE:  

COORDINATOR KARREN PENNY  
ASSISTANT LEEANN THORPE
DAILY SCHOOL ROUTINE

The school day runs from 8:50am until 3.00 pm. There are 3 breaks during the day for meals and play.

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<td>8:50 a.m.</td>
<td>BELL RINGS - Children move to class.</td>
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<td>11.30 a.m.</td>
<td>Children move to their eating area for Morning Tea.</td>
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<td>11.45 a.m.</td>
<td>Return to class</td>
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<td>1.15 p.m.</td>
<td>Play break</td>
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<td>1.35 p.m.</td>
<td>Children move to their eating area for Lunch.</td>
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<td>1.45 p.m.</td>
<td>Return to class</td>
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<td>3.00 p.m.</td>
<td>Students dismissed</td>
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*** There is no adult supervision before or after school. Therefore parents are asked to drop off children at or after 8.30 a.m. and pick them up by 3.10 p.m. Parent cooperation in this matter is appreciated as it minimises risks to students and allows staff to make the most of preparation time.
Procedures in our School –

**After School**

1. Children are to go directly home as soon as possible and practical.
2. Children whose parents collect them are to wait quietly and sensibly, under the large tree, near the front gate or in the Prep courtyard.
3. Prep children are to be collected by the parent/guardian (not siblings) from their classroom courtyard.

**G.O.S.H.C. (Gooburrum Outside School Hours Care) operates from 6:30am – 8:30am and 3.00pm to 6.00pm each school day.**

**Other Rules**

1. Once the children have arrived at school they are not to leave the school grounds unless accompanied by an adult listed on school documentation/ or staff members.
2. If a child is absent from school, this absence needs to be reported by phone, note or in person by parents.
3. Children are expected to behave with respect, show responsibility and practice safe behaviours while travelling to and from school, eg. correct use of bikeways and crossings and on the bus.
4. Forest areas are out of bounds to all children unless permission has been obtained from the Principal.
School Wide Positive Behaviour:

Ours’ is a proud SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support) school.

This means that our school community has a shared vision for developing our students in line with three main expectations.

These are:
1. Grow Responsibly
2. Show Respect
3. Stay Safe

In line with this we have a matrix in our school which displays expectations for student behaviour across a variety of school contexts and environments. (see following page)

Our staff believe that appropriate behaviour expectations need to be taught to children, just as any academic area eg reading, maths, science, is taught. We also know that behaviour must be role modelled and displayed by adults in the school appropriately. Once behaviours are taught in our classrooms, our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support process works to “lock in” positive behaviours for children, so that they become automatic in nature. This is done by celebrating such behaviours when they are displayed by our students. Eg – positive behaviour tickets in the playground, classroom recognition mechanisms such as stickers and charts as well as Celebration Days with special events and activities at the end of every term, for all students in the school who have displayed positive behaviours. Similarly, our students are taught that poor behaviour choices result in consequences, which they are clearly aware of prior to any such choice being made. These are shown further along in this document and are also displayed within our schools’ Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, which is available to all parents.

It is our belief that all interactions between stakeholders in our school community, are much more successful when strong, positive relationships between students, staff and parents are happening. We feel that teachers and teacher-aides in our school have a much greater chance of teaching and influencing student behaviour if they are in a positive trusting relationship with students.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support is a vital and ongoing element in the recipe for our success as a school. Parent support of the processes involved is a vital ingredient in this same recipe. We look forward to working with you and your child(ren) to support their positive behaviour choices.
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<td><strong>SCHOOLWIDE EXPECTATIONS MATRIX</strong></td>
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<td><strong>BUS LINES</strong></td>
<td>Be prompt to bus lines. Walk to and from bus properly and quietly. Report any breakages of misuse.</td>
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<td><strong>TOILETS</strong></td>
<td>Use toilets during breaks and before school. Flush toilet after use. Use quiet voices. Report any breakages of misuse.</td>
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<td><strong>WALKWAYS</strong></td>
<td>Walk in these areas. Take care of younger students. Look after your order and change when passing.</td>
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<td><strong>UNDERCOVER/EATING AREA</strong></td>
<td>Keep your food to yourself. Put your rubbish in the bin. Sit in your own area to eat. Look after your order and change.</td>
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<td><strong>PLAYGROUND</strong></td>
<td>Play in the correct areas. Use equipment appropriately. Care for the environment.</td>
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<td><strong>CLASSROOM</strong></td>
<td>Be prepared and punctual. Complete set tasks. Be honest and fair. Do your best.</td>
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**ARMS FOR FEEDBACK**

- Single file on the bus.
- Walk patiently in line for adult instructions.
- Listen to adult instructions.
- No playing in the toilets.
- Report any inappropriate behaviour.
- Wash hands and use good hygiene.
- Go directly to and from toilets.
- Be aware of younger students.
Consequences/Outcomes of Poor Behaviour Choices – School Wide at Gooburrum State School

Level 1 Behaviours (Friendly Reminders)

- Disrupting class learning
- Not completing set tasks
- Lack of respect for others/property
- Being unsafe-minor
- Failing to meet dress code
- Homework not complete
- Friendly reminder Catch up work
- Written apology
- Practise safe behaviour
- Teacher student conference
- Move away from classmates
- Least obtrusive strategies such as parallel acknowledgement, proximity etc
- Modify seating plan
- Negotiating with student
- Modify work/homework

Level 2 Behaviours (Minor consequence-time out)

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<td>Continuous repetition of Level one behaviours-third minor referral</td>
<td>Time out in classroom</td>
<td>One School entry</td>
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<td>Defiance and or threat to adults</td>
<td>Cross Class</td>
<td>Parent notified</td>
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<td>Disruptive</td>
<td>Detention</td>
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<td>Insolence/disrespect to staff</td>
<td>Natural or logical consequence</td>
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<td>Refusal to participate with program</td>
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<td>Verbal misconduct</td>
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Level 3 Behaviours (Principal Referral)

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<td>Bullying/Harassment</td>
<td>Time out</td>
<td>Must be reported on One School</td>
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<td>Threatening Others</td>
<td>Detention</td>
<td>Parent involvement</td>
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<td>Major consistent class disruption</td>
<td>Excluded from representing school eg sport, choir, celebration day</td>
<td>Guidance Officer referral</td>
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<td>Endangering safety of others</td>
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**Level 4 Behaviours (Suspension)**

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<td>Repeated Level 3 Behaviours</td>
<td>Suspension 1-7 or 8-10 days</td>
<td>Must be reported on One School</td>
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<td>Physical misconduct-OS eg fighting</td>
<td>Gradual re-entry</td>
<td>Individual behaviour plan</td>
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<td>Serious IT misuse-OS</td>
<td>Restitution</td>
<td>Parent involvement mandatory</td>
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<td>Threats to staff</td>
<td>Excluded from representing school eg sport, choir, celebration day</td>
<td>Return to school meeting</td>
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<td>Leaving grounds without permission</td>
<td>Daily reporting of behaviour to parents</td>
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Student Attendance - Every Day Counts.....

Gooburrum State School encourages all parents and members of our community to support the new State Government initiative to improve student attendance.

Every Day Counts – has four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled and attend school on every school day
- schools should monitor and create ways to improve attendance in schools
- attendance is the responsibility of everyone in the community
- children may find themselves in unsafe situations if they choose not to attend or skip school.

While most students attend school consistently, there are students in schools who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education.

Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late and being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

Research shows that if your child has a record of good attendance, they are more likely to achieve high results in the future.

If your child is away, you need to let the school know the reasons beforehand, or within two days of returning to school.

For more information or if you need support regarding your child's attendance, see our school principal or download the guide for parents at:
www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/

Each parent of a child who is of compulsory school age must ensure that the child is enrolled and attends school on every school day for the educational program in which the child is enrolled, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse.

A parent of a young person in the compulsory participation phase must ensure the young person is participating full-time in an eligible option, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse.

Why is attendance important?

Approximately half a million students are enrolled in Queensland state schools and all students are expected to attend school every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse.

While parents and caregivers are responsible for ensuring children attend school, Queensland state schools can play a role in helping maximise attendance and promoting benefits of regular school attendance.

Low school attendance is not good for students or schools. It has been linked with many negative outcomes for students. In our school we want every child here....every day!!
Our Homework Policy

Education Qld has a homework policy for students which outlines that Homework provides students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning, pattern behaviour for lifelong learning beyond the classroom and involve family members in their learning. The setting of homework takes into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, recreation, cultural and employment pursuits where appropriate.

**Homework that enhances student learning:**
- is purposeful and relevant to students needs
- is appropriate to the phase of learning (early, middle and senior)
- is appropriate to the capability of the student
- develops the student's independence as a learner
- is varied, challenging and clearly related to class work
- allows for student commitment to recreational, employment, family and cultural activities.

**State School Policies**
Every state school in Queensland is required to develop a homework policy in consultation with the school community. Principals are required to distribute the school homework policy to staff, students, and parents and caregivers, particularly at the time of student enrolment. They must ensure the homework policy is effectively implemented throughout the school.

In implementing their school's homework policy, teachers are required to use homework that is varied, challenging and directly related to class work and appropriate to students' learning needs. Teachers must check homework regularly and provide timely and useful feedback to students. They are also required to discuss with parents and caregivers any developing problems concerning their child's homework and suggest strategies to assist with their homework.

Current guidelines for Queensland State Schools about levels of student homework emphasise a need for balance between family life and consolidating classroom learning. They provide a very solid basis for schools to develop their own individual homework policy in conjunction with the school community.

There is an emphasis on helping students establish a positive routine of regular, independent work, without going overboard.
The Homework Program at Gooburrum State School.

Early Phase of Learning (Prep to Year 3)
In the Early Phase of Learning all activities at home or in play can assist children to develop literacy, numeracy and problem-solving skills.

Homework tasks may include:
- daily reading to, with, and by parents, caregivers or other family members.
- linking concepts with familiar activities such as shopping, preparation of food, local environment and family outings
- conversations about what is happening at school
- preparation for oral presentations
- opportunities to write for meaningful purposes.

Prep homework should only take approximately 30 minutes per week.
Homework in Years 1, 2 and 3 should be up to but generally not more than, one hour per week.

Middle Phase of Learning – (ie Years 4 through to 9)
In the Middle Phase some homework can be completed daily, over a weekly or fortnightly period and may include:

- daily independent reading
- be coordinated across different subject areas, for example setting a task such as writing a letter (English) to the local member of parliament about a local environmental matter (Science/Study of Society)
- include extension of class work, drill and practise of spelling, tables etc, projects and research.

Homework in Years 4 and 5 should be up to but generally not more than, two hours per week.
Homework in Years 6 and 7 should be up to but generally not more than, three hours per week.
Helping students take responsibility for their own learning.

Teachers at Gooburrum State School are responsible for providing help for students to establish a routine of regular, independent study by:

1. Setting and marking homework on a regular basis.

2. Explicitly teaching strategies to develop organisational and time-management skills and providing opportunities to practise these strategies through homework, while clearly communicating the purpose, benefits and expectations of homework.

3. Teachers must mark and return homework to students on a weekly or fortnightly basis as set, keeping a record (eg markbook/checklist) of students who have and have not completed homework. This record will be relevant to end of Semester reporting and parent/teacher interviews.

4. Class teachers should use a system within their own classroom which will promote the completion of homework and motivate students to be responsible for the completion of set homework. This system once negotiated, should be made clear to the Principal. Examples of such a 'system' could include – end of week small rewards/sports game/team points system/end of term special class event eg Pizza Party. The 'system' will be a positively based one, from which our students will learn the value and benefit of regular effort in gaining outcomes, while improving learning capacity along the way.

Students should take responsibility for their own learning by:

- being aware and supporting the school's homework policy.
- discussing homework expectations with their parents or caregivers.
- accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set timeframes.
- following up on comments made by teachers in regards to homework.
- seeking assistance when difficulties or queries arise prior to work being due.
- organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities.
Role of parents and caregivers with homework

Parents and caregivers can help their children by:

- reading to them, talking with them and involving them in tasks at home including shopping, playing games and physical activity.

- helping them to complete tasks by discussing key questions or directing them to resources which will be helpful in assisting them to complete set homework tasks.

- encouraging them to organise their time and take responsibility for their learning – just as they will have to at High School and upon entering the workforce later in life.

- encouraging them to read and to take an interest in and discuss current local, national and international events.

- helping them to balance the amount of time spent completing homework, watching television, playing computer games, playing sport and engaging in other recreational activities.

- contacting the relevant teacher to discuss any concerns about the nature of homework and their children’s approach to the homework, prior to work being due. A note of explanation for incomplete homework in instances of worthy excuse, is required and appreciated by the class teacher, in order to avoid possible student consequences eg – finishing work at lunch time.

- understanding that student’s who do not meet our school expectations in terms of regular and appropriate homework completion, may diminish their capacity for consideration as responsible students in our school and will action consequences as part of our SWPBS School Wide Positive Behaviour Support processes. This may affect their involvement in school based activities, weekly sport and camps at the discretion of the Class Teacher and Principal, in consultation with parents as appropriate.
**Communication Protocols**

It is preferable that telephone communications and interviews with teachers take place outside of direct teaching time. It is not practicable to call teachers to the telephone during class hours. If you would like to make an appointment with a classroom teacher, please leave a message at administration. The telephone is usually attended OR a message can be left between 8.15a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Ph 41 599296.

In order to arrange a time to speak to the Principal please call the office on the number above.

**Enrolment, Eligibility and Details**

Please note the regulation regarding age of entry into Queensland schools:

a) To be eligible for prep enrolment, a child must turn five years old on or before the 30th of June in the year of enrolment. For the purpose of enrolment, the Principal will require a parent to produce documentary evidence of the date of birth, unless the child has attended a state prep, where the date of birth has been verified.

b) Children entering year one at a state primary school must have attained the age of five by the 30th of June in the year preceding enrolment.

The first year of instruction at a primary school is a formal one, and immeasurable harm can be done if children are enrolled before they are physically and emotionally ready for the year one program.

**Enrolment Details**

An enrolment form is kept on each child. Details such as address, religious denomination, media release permission and medical history are requested. Parents of newly enrolled children are asked to complete these forms and return them to the school.

**School Attendance (Compulsory)**

Children should attend school unless there is a reasonable excuse. When children are away, the school should be advised either by phone or preferably by a note to the class teacher. Further information on the importance of school attendance is contained in an earlier section of this Prospectus.
Student Transfers

If pupils are transferring to another Queensland state school, you will need to obtain a transfer certificate. Please provide advance notice of this requirement so that the documentation can be prepared. Any school books or equipment will need to be returned before a transfer certificate can be issued.

Student Support Services

Guidance, Learning Support and Special Education services are available to the school. Generally, if a teacher sees a need, they will, with parental consent, request assistance. If you, as a parent, have a worry, you may request an assessment. In this regard, consult the principal.
A Support Teacher/Learning Difficulties visits the school on a regular basis.

Chaplaincy Program.

We also have a School Chaplain in our school one day each week. Our Chaplaincy Service is facilitated by Scripture Union Qld. The Chaplain provides support to all school community members. His role is one of friendship and facilitation of communication when needed by any person in our school. Parents are welcome to contact the school office should they wish to make a time to speak with the Chaplain, Mr. Steve Parker.

A chaplaincy program is an optional service introduced into a state school to provide students, staff and parents with support which may have a religious and/or spiritual component. Chaplaincy services provide an additional adult role model in schools. Whilst personally modelling and owning their own faith positions or belief, chaplains avoid any implications that any one religion, denomination or other set of beliefs is advantageous or superior to any other denomination, religion or belief.

A school’s chaplaincy program complements other support services in the school such as those offered by the Guidance Officer or Youth Support Coordinator. A chaplaincy service is not a counselling service. Chaplains do not refer to external agencies. Chaplains report issues of concern to the Principal and the Principal is responsible for external referral processes.
Sickness/Injury at School

If a child becomes sick at school, we always try to contact a parent or nominated person if we feel it is necessary.

Children who become sick at school must report to a staff member so that arrangements can be made for their collection. Please stress on your children that they MUST NOT leave the school grounds without first obtaining permission from the principal.

If a child is injured at school, our immediate procedure is to assess the extent of the injury. Depending on the perceived seriousness of the injury, and the need for further treatment, either the Ambulance is called and the child’s parent notified; or the parent is called and notified of the injury. Our prime concern at all times is the welfare of the child.

Infectious Diseases and Exclusion

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) provide ‘Recommended minimum periods of exclusion from school and child care centres for cases of and contact with infectious diseases’. Please consult the school as to the recommended period when becoming aware of your child having a communicable disease.

Medication

At times it is necessary for children under doctor’s instructions to take medication during school hours. It is of utmost importance that a “Medication Form” be completed in full. All medication will be administered by administrative staff at a centralised location in the administrative building. Forms are available at the school.

Special exemption exists for VENTOLIN to be carried by students.

Non-prescribed oral medication, eg. analgesics, WILL NOT be given under under direct parent instruction with an accompanying “permission to administer medication” form. A record of medications given is an official school record and must be kept.
Excursions

Over the year, pupils may be involved in school excursions out of the school grounds. Upon enrolment you will be asked to complete a consent form. You will also be informed prior to individual excursions. Further permission forms will also come home as things arise.

Religious Education

Lay people representing various denominations visit the school each week to provide Religious Education. Children attend in class levels as opposed to religious denominations. For a child to be excused from attending Religious Education classes, a written request from the parent is necessary. We also have a School Chaplain in our school one day each week.

Sport

Major games are part of the school curriculum. To develop these, pupils will be involved in inter-school sports held in Bundaberg. All students will be expected to participate. These sports will vary from year to year but will usually include softball, athletics, hockey, netball and touch.

Sports Houses

All students are grouped into two houses for interhouse sport. All family members are allocated the same house.

These are TANTITHA (blue) and WAIMEA (yellow)

School Banking

A banking service is carried out at the school in conjunction with the Commonwealth Savings Bank. Banking is conducted at the school each week. Pupils should bring their booklet along in the morning and it will be returned later that day. Accounts must be opened at your local CBA Branch.
Lost Property

All children are expected to pay due respect and care for their own property, the property of other children and the property of the school.

While the school gives as much assistance as practical to helping children looking after their own belongings, children are encouraged to be responsible for their own property.

A lost property box is kept at the school. Items found are shown on some assemblies in attempts to find owners. After a reasonable time, lost property will be donated to charity.

Please ensure children’s belongings are clearly marked.

Swimming

A period is set aside in Semester 1 each year for the teaching of swimming to students in Prep and Years 1, 2 and 3. Also in term 1 students in Years 4-7 attend the Surf Lifesaving Qld Program, held at Moore Park Beach.

Reporting to Parents

A written report of student progress is provided to parents at the end of each semester. Teachers make themselves available for interviews in order to discuss the contents of the report. Informal interviews are also offered in terms 1 and 3.

Parents wanting to discuss student progress at other times of the year are welcome to make an appointment with their child’s teacher. In this instance it is preferable that teachers have advance warning of the need to have documentation available. It is also possible that teachers may request an appointment with parents in order to convey concerns they may have in regard to your child’s progress.
Conveyance Allowance

Financial assistance for parents of school students travelling to and from school daily by private arrangement may be provided by Conveyance Allowance.

Information may be obtained from the office or by writing to:

SCHOOL TRANSPORT OFFICER
MARYBOROUGH REGIONAL OFFICE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
P.O. BOX 371
MARYBOROUGH, Q. 4650
STUDENT DRESS CODE

Gooburrum SS has a very distinctive official school uniform incorporating base colours of red, black and white. Students are required to wear this uniform when:
- Attending or representing the school;
- Travelling to and from school; and
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours

CLOTHING:
- School polo shirt
- Girl’s black skort, shorts, skirt
- Boy’s black rugger shorts
- Unisex black mesh shorts
- School jumper - red only
- Year 7 (as of 2013) have a Student Leader shirt.

Shirts and hats are available from the school office.

SHOES: Enclosed shoes are compulsory. Black is preferred with white/black socks. Sports shoes are ideal.

HAT: red, broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaires to be worn at all times when outdoors.

SWIMMING: It is a Queensland Government policy requirement for all primary school students engaged in swimming lessons or other water based activities (apart from swimming races) to wear a sun shirt or t-shirt over their swimming costume.

JEWELLERY: jewellery is discouraged at school. Students are permitted to wear the following:
  - a watch,
  - studs or sleepers,
  - medic alert bracelet,
  - necklaces worn for religious reasons should be on a fine chain.

Items which could cause injury to the wearer or others in a sporting context must be removed or taped before the child participates, and remain the responsibility of the student.
The Principal will ask a student to remove inappropriate jewellery and it will be held by the Principal until time for student departure at the end of the day.

MAKE-UP: is not permitted
NON-COMPLIANCE WITH UNIFORM POLICY MAY LEAD TO:

Exemption process – parents are to communicate with the school in the instance that their child is unable to comply with the ‘Student Dress Code’ and in rare circumstances, exemption may be considered.

Alternative arrangements – the Principal may approve these for a set period of time upon request from the parent.

Clothing bank – the school may offer the use of relevant items from a bank of second hand items held at the school.

Sanctions – imposed on once only basis per episode of non-compliance. These reflect the severity and recentness of the non-compliance and are limited to the following:

- Preventing a student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which the student is representing the school; or
- Preventing the student from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential school educational program.

The P & C of Gooburrun State School resolves that it supports a student dress code for Gooburrun State School because it believes that a student dress code at Gooburrun State School promotes objectives of Education [General Provisions] Bill 2006. In particular, the P & C of Gooburrun State School supports the intention of a student dress code in providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school;
- Eliminating distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school;
- Fostering a sense of belonging; and
- Developing mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social difference.
Relevant legislation and policy

Legislation and/or regulations

- **Anti-Discrimination Act 1991** Part 2, Division 7(1); Division 3, 39; Chapter 3, Part 1, 117(1)(2); Part 2, 118

- **Education (General Provisions) Act 2006** Sections 360-363, section 283

- **Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995** Division 2, 28; Division 3, 36

- **Disability Discrimination Act 1992** Part 2 Division 2, 22 and Division 3, 37-38

- **Racial Discrimination Act 1975** Part II, 9 (1), (1A)

- **Sex Discrimination Act 1984** Division 2, Section 21

Related procedures

- **SMS-PR-021: Safe, Supportive and Disciplined School Environment** /strategic/eppr/students/smspr021/
- **FNM-PR-004: Purchasing Textile Clothing and Footwear** /strategic/eppr/finance/fnmpr004/
- **HLS-PR-013: Developing a Sun Safety Strategy** /strategic/eppr/health/hlspr013/
- **HLS-PR-012: Curriculum Activity Risk Management** /strategic/eppr/health/hlspr012/
- **LGS-PR-005: Trade Practices** /strategic/eppr/legal/lgspr005/
- **CRP-PR-009: Inclusive Education** /strategic/eppr/curriculum/crprr009/