Welcome Back
We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our students and families for 2015.

Staff
Staff for 2014 is as follows;
*Mrs Jenny Johnson remains as Teaching Principal,
*Mrs Alice Ramsay (Infants Class Teacher – Mon, Tues & Wed),
*Mrs Sarah Malone (Infants Class Teacher– every Thursday)
*Mrs Margo Denyer - Teacher Aide
*Mrs Kerry Williams – Administration

Library
Library borrowing will be on Fridays this year. Library will begin next Friday, 20th February. It would be appreciated if your child could bring a Library bag to protect their books.

Whole School Assembly
Whole School Assemblies will begin next Friday and will be run fortnightly. These assemblies will show case class work and have presentations of awards to students. They are a wonderful time to share achievements of our students.

Homework
Garah Public School’s Homework Policy states that homework is essential for promoting good study habits and helps to develop research and study skills. Homework can also improve concentration, self-discipline and can stimulate children.

At our school, homework is given out and sent home on Monday of each week and is expected to be returned for marking on Friday. The students have to complete set tasks (reading, spelling or maths or other topics).

We encourage parents/carers to be involved in their child's homework. This allows you to be involved in their learning and progress and sends them the message that homework is worthwhile.

How you can help:
- Take an active interest in your child’s homework
- Support your child in setting aside time each day for homework
- Provide a dedicated place for homework and study if possible
- Be aware of the amount of homework set
- Communicate with teachers any concerns about the nature of homework or your child’s approach to homework
- Encourage your children to read and take an interest in current events
- Alert the school to any domestic circumstances or extra curricular activities which may need to be taken into consideration when homework is being set or marked.

Ultimately, homework bridges the gap between learning at school and learning at home. It reinforces work done in class and helps develop skills such as research and time management.
GARAH Public School P&C

Annual General Meeting
Friday, 20th February 2015 commencing at 4:00pm

All positions have now been declared vacant and a new committee will be selected.

We are very minimal on numbers this year so it is important that a member from each family attends the meeting.

School Times & Supervision
Supervision at school commences at 8.30am. Class begins at 9.00am and finishes at 3pm.

Methods of Contact
If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, the first point of contact is their classroom teacher. Garah Public School has an open-door policy and encourages positive lines of communication between staff, students and parents.

The School Newsletter will be published fortnightly in conjunction with the Community Newsletter. Any notices which require your immediate attention will be sent out as necessary. The newsletter will continue to include the monthly calendar.
## Dates for your Diary

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**Riley, Alex and Deacon looking at family artefacts during HSIE**