Welcome Back
We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our students and families for 2016. We are looking forward to having another busy, exciting and productive year. A big welcome to our new Kindergarten students, Maggie-May, Annie & Zane. Also welcome to Matthew who joins us in Year 3.

Staff
Staff for 2016 is as follows;
*Mrs Jenny Johnson remains as Teaching Principal,
*Mrs Alice Ramsay (Infants Class Teacher – Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs),
*Mrs Margo Denyer - Teacher Aide
*Mrs Kerry Williams – Administration
*Anne-Maree Bunyan – General Assistant

Library
Library borrowing will begin next Friday, 19th February. It would be appreciated if your child could bring a library bag to protect their books. We encourage all of our students to borrow to promote reading for enjoyment.

Whole School Assembly
Whole School Assemblies will begin next Wednesday afternoon at 2pm and will be run fortnightly. These assemblies will showcase class work and have presentations of awards to students. They are a wonderful time to share achievements of our students, and to celebrate their success.

Canteen
The canteen is open each Monday for lunch, commencing next week.

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.

If your child is absent from school
It is important to let the school know when your child will be away and why your child was absent. The parent or caregiver should telephone the school, send a message via the School Stream app or provide a written note explaining the child’s absence.
To assist with this we have today given out to each family an absentee notice booklet for those occasions where you have not notified the school.

School Stream
Free App
Improving the way schools communicate with parents. School Stream delivers information directly to parents on their mobiles. It provides instant information on events, news, reminders, newsletters etc.
Instant contacts & email. You can even send forms.
Push Alerts for reminders!
Download the app for free and choose Garah Public School.

Parent Online Payments (POP)
School expenses can be paid online. This is a secure payment hosted by Westpac.
To pay any school expenses online –
Log onto School Website at
www.garah-p.school.nsw.edu.au
Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or Mastercard.
### Dates for your Diary

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### Swimming for Sport
Swimming for Sport begins on Friday, 19th February 2016. Travel will be by bus. The bus will be leaving the school at 9.25am and returning to school by 11.45am. Mrs Wendi Carrigan will be coordinating the swimming program with Mrs Johnson. There will be 5 swimming sessions for sport this term.

Please ensure that students bring their swimmers, swim shirt, towel, hat and sunblock. Students will need $3 for entry to pool if they do not have a season ticket.

This program is being run as part of the Sporting Schools Program funded through the Australian Sports Commission. Please return permission notes by next Friday.