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# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 2, whilst it's already been a busy year for families, it is important our students are continuing healthy to support their wellbeing. Encourage your child to maintain their routines in regards to school work and leisure to support intrinsic motivation in their schooling. A great dinner table conversation can be to discuss and to revise their goals and vision for life after school.

## Contacting Staff

Many unexpected things happen over the year and it's important to me that you know who you can contact to acquire support for any queries you may have. For specific curriculum area inquiries (e.g. Arts subject), please contact the relevant HOD of that area. Their contact details can be found on the school website ( <https://thegapshs.eq.edu.au/our-school/our-staff>). For social/emotional concerns, please contact Sarah Toohey (Yr 12 Guidance Officer) or myself. If you are ever unsure on who to contact, feel free to contact me via phone or email([mclar445@eq.edu.au](mailto:mclar445@eq.edu.au)) and I can help direct you to the appropriate staff member from there.

## 2026 Formal

Thank you for patience as the Formal Committee has been hard at work to secure a location and date for the 2026 Senior Formal. This year our Senior Formal is being held on Tuesday 11 August 2026 at the The Greek Club. The venue has been hired exclusively to The Gap SHS and no other patrons will be present on the night. This is a student-only event. Students may arrive at the lower-level foyer between 5:30pm and 6:00pm. At 6:00pm, students will proceed to the upstairs function space, with dinner served from 6:30pm. The event will conclude at 10:30pm.

## 2026 Graduation

Graduation is being held on the evening of Thursday, 19 November, 2026 at The Gap SHS Sports Hall. The event will consist of two parts;

1. A P&C funded and organised family soiree for the parents and families of our year 12 students. This will be held onsite at the school between 5.30pm-6.30pm.



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2. The school led and organised graduation ceremony, which follows from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

More detailed information regarding both of these events will follow closer to the date.

Invitations to these events will be handed out within the next two weeks, please ensure that you return these at your earliest convenience. In addition, I have been speaking to students at school about ensuring their eligibility; maintaining their attendance, no outstanding work, no outstanding detentions. If a student is yet to reach eligibility, I will be meeting with them to discuss how they can become eligible, and I'll be sure to contact you as well.

## Senior Jerseys

The second order for Senior Jerseys is estimated to be arriving this week, however the supplier has identified the latest time of arrival to be May 8. Thank you for your patience around the shipping times and we are looking forward to our students being able to celebrate another Senior milestone.

## Maintaining Healthy Habits and Being Kind

The final year of schooling can challenge any young person's ability in time management. When things get busy, often it can be the simple things that we lose focus on. Sleep and physical activity are often those that are the first to go downhill. Keeping

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg delivers some fantastic shorts can highlight the importance of maintaining these facets of our lives and how we can support our kids.

Sleep <https://thegapshs.eq.schooltv.me/newsletter/sleep>.



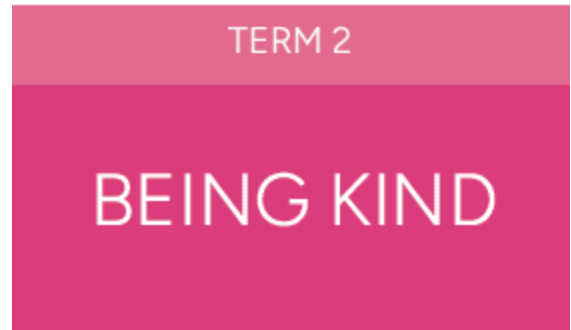
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Physical Activity and Exercise - <https://thegapshs.eq.schooltv.me/newsletter/physical-activity-exercise>.

However, as we know as parents, to juggle these items ourselves can be challenging. In line with our theme for this term of Being Kind, we should also encourage our young people to be kind if or when they struggle to maintain the balance. Forgiveness is a core tenet of Being Kind and navigating difficult times is a constant act of negotiation. Doing our best is all we can ask.



Throughout the term, students have been and will continue to engage with our Being Kind theme, with particular focus on Prudence, in encouraging careful decision making and risk awareness. With our upcoming Road Safety presentations, we recognise the shared responsibility we have for the safety of not just ourselves but all on the road. We can not only help our young people stay safe, but also nurture a culture of compassion.

Kind Regards

Michael Clarke