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THIS WEEK … WEEK 11

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Galagabba Middle Years SRC meeting at Swansea High School, 2.00-3.00pm
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TERM TWO

Week 1
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Tue 29/4: All students, K-6 return to school

Week 3
Tue 13/5 to Thu 15/5 has been set aside for our national testing program (NAPLAN) that involves students in Years 3 and 5 only. Please see “letter to parents” attached to this newsletter

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P&C Association

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Thank you - P&C Association

Community Notices

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