Welcome to Term 3. I hope you had a chance to have a break for a few days at least?

Welcome to our new families who have started with us this Term or late last term. I am sure you will enjoy the Geebung experience. Welcome to Miss Cassie Dixon who is joining us for the remainder of the year as the Year 7 teacher. Also welcome to Michelle Johnson our new BSM. I am sure both ladies will be given the usual friendly welcome here at Geebung.

I am not a user of social media like many people these days however some good things do land in our in boxes from social media. The following story has some merit in it in an attempt to keep our children safe.

You may like to try this in your family to minimise the risk of Stranger Danger

Great Teachers = Great Results

Great teachers = Great results is the Queensland Government’s five-year, $537 million action plan to make our state’s education system even better. It will:

- support teachers with mentoring, training and resources
- reward outstanding teachers with career opportunities and scholarships
- strengthen state school discipline
- allow schools to have more say in how they are run because each school community knows what’s best for Queensland kids.

The plan will lift standards of teaching and give schools more flexibility to get on with the job with a range of research-based initiatives to help your child get a great education, no matter where you live.

There will be new ways of measuring and rewarding high performances among our teachers, as well as strengthened discipline and streamlined processes for suspensions and exclusions.

Find out more about the plan: www.qld.gov.au/greatteachers.
Well the Geebung State School community spirit was on show yesterday! It was wonderful to see all our Year 4 – 7 students trying their hardest at the Athletics Carnival. I’d like to thank the parents who came and supported the event and also helped in a range of ways.

At the beginning of this term it’s timely that we revisit our school community moral purpose:

*Each and every member of our school community believes that each and every student can and will achieve.*

What a positive affirmation this is as we all strive to achieve at Geebung State School. Each of us has a role to play so we can see our students continue to improve and achieve great successes.

At Geebung State School we use Play is the Way (formerly the Game Factory) to help us explicitly teach students how to recognise and manage their own behaviours. The founder of Play is the Way is Dr Wilson McCaskill. He has a book called “Children Aren’t Made of China” and in this you will find practical tips to help parents and carers teach children about owning and managing their behaviours. I regularly refer to this book and find it a valuable tool in supporting the social and emotional development of students.

This term the Geebung State School community will have an opportunity to get together for a celebration. Details are still being finalised however we urge you to keep Thursday evening 29 August 5pm – 8pm available. The P&C and the school staff are planning a 50’s and 60’s Rock n Roll dance to help us celebrate Geebung State School’s 60th anniversary. More details will follow so keep reading the newsletters!

Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal

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**DATE CLAIMER**

**THURSDAY 29 AUGUST**

Geebung State School is holding a Community Event to celebrate 60 years with a Rock and Roll Dance.

More details will be advised shortly.

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**Awards**

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students at Geebung State School who received a Certificate of Recognition in the last fortnight and were presented at Assembly. Congratulations to all the students for their great work.
Our Seniors Athletics Carnival was held on Wednesday 17 July 2013. Participation and enthusiasm levels were exceptional. The behaviour was good. Thanks to all those that came and helped and supported our students. Luckily the weather held for us. Congratulations to Bribie for taking out the trophy. It was a tight competition and congratulations also go to Moreton and Stradbroke for their performances on the day.

Interschool sports Rounds 5 and 6 are to be held on the 26 July and 9 August 2013—weather permitting. Good luck to everyone involved.

Bramble Bay Cricket Nominations are coming up. Students to keep their eye out for announcements.

Congratulations to Josiah H on his selection to the Bramble Bay Rugby Union team.

Robert Bernard started back last term and will be increasing his hours on class time over the upcoming months. Students can look forward to having him back at Geebung SS and will see him in their PE classes more regularly.

Kathryn Langley
HPE Co-ordinator
Hi & welcome back to Term 3, I trust you all had a great holiday!

**Knitting Club:**

On the 18th of July we will once again be holding the knitting club for students in years 4-7. We will be knitting squares to be joined as a blanket.

If you are able to knit or have a Mother, Aunt or family member who can knit we would love for you/\ them to join us on a Thursday from 1-2pm. The more helpers we can get the more students are able to participate.

**Positive Parenting for Healthy Living:**

Do you have a child aged between 3-10 years? Would you like to learn more about encouraging your child’s healthy living?

The University of Qld are running a 3-week Triple P seminar. To sign up visit their website. [www.exp psy.uq.edu.au/life](http://www.exp psy.uq.edu.au/life)

Or contact Jessica Bartlett on 3103 3395 or email lifestyletriplep@uq.edu.au

**Kerry Chaplain**

**Strings News**

Just a reminder that the Bramble Bay Schools Festival of Music is on next week, with the final concert on Thursday night. For the students involved in the Strings Day I will see you all at 9am next Wednesday at Bald Hills State School. I’m very much looking forward to a whole day of music making with you and our special guest conductor Ms Loreta Fin!

**Miss Moore**

Hello Everyone and welcome back to Term 3! Over the recent holidays I was fortunate to attend the Maryborough Music Conference. This event was the largest it has ever been with over 700 music educators gathering at the Brolga Theatre where we were provided with amazing opportunities to learn, perform, to share and inspire! Teachers were able to share stories and experiences as well as make contacts for more sharing and support over the following two years until the next conference in 2015. We heard presentations from international music education clinicians such as Dr Tim Lautzenheiser and Dr Peter Boonshaft and also enjoyed performances and tips from Julian Bliss (world renowned Clarinetist who performed for the Queen at the tender age of 13) as well as Darren Percival who was the runner up in the first series of The Voice.

Dr Tim’s presentations were incredibly inspiring and thought provoking. I would like to share some of his thoughts with you. When considering the benefits of music education please think of this:

**The study of music gives learners access to increased levels of:**

- **Creativity:** Creativity is the source of all possibilities. We are constantly challenged to explore this area of the mind. Music opens new horizons, and new possibilities through expanded thinking. The study of music supports wonderment, imagination, appreciation, and sensitivity. Music allows us to experience creativity as an inventive thinking style.

- **Communication:** Music is a language unto itself. Music can only be explained by music. If we do not expose our students to music, we are depriving them of an array of personal understandings that cannot be found in any other part of the school curriculum.

- **Critical Assessment:** Intelligence is the ability to process facts and respond according to the given situation. Emotional stability stems from the capacity to deal with life’s many inconsistencies. To accomplish both, the individual must be able to access the cognitive (factual) and affective (emotional) sides of the mind. Music is one of the few academic disciplines that develops this ability and reinforces learning patterns to allow for greater critical assessment.

- **Commitment:** Success is not measured by what we start, but rather by what we complete. In music students are required to perform the entire composition from beginning to end; to complete the given task. The important qualities of tenacity and persistence establish habits for positive, productive living applicable in every situation.

“As teachers, we pledge our efforts to prepare our students for what lies ahead in their personal and professional journey. In the process of preparing for a concert, sight-reading new literature, teaching a musical concept, or listening to a quality performance, we are helping our students establish thinking habits that are immediately transferable to other academic areas, and we are teaching the life-skills that will support their healthy and prosperous future.”

I look forward to a productive and inspired Term 3!

Yours in Music,

**Ms V.**
Tuckshop News

Welcome back for another Term. Thank you to all the ladies who helped in the canteen for Sports Day. The tuckshop raised approximately $280 for the day.

New volunteers are always needed please call in and put your name down.

Pick me up Friday—come and get coffee and cake $5.00.

Thank you to all the families who still donate goods or write ‘please keep change’ on their child’s bag. We still need tinned tomato and pasta spirals.

Please make it clear on orders for tuckshop on Interschool sports days Friday by writing ‘SPORTS’ on them. This way the order for little lunch and Big Lunch will be made before your child goes on the bus.

Leanne & Helen PH 3265 5959

Uniform Shop

The shop hours for Term 2 are Wednesday 8.15am to 9.00am and Friday 8.15am to 9.15am.

$1 sale on tracksuit tops, skirts, shorts and pants.

All old style (tracksuit fleece) jackets size 16+ now only $10 and jumpers and tracksuits tops/jumpers now $8.

Geebung State School polar fleece 1/4 jumpers are in stock at $28.

Bucket hats are currently out of stock. Hopefully the new stock will arrive shortly.

Donations of clothing or clothing to be sold for commission can be left at the shop, tuck-shop or office.

All donations/commission sales are greatly appreciated. Please ensure you mark the items as donation or for sale for commission and include your contact details.

Lost Property

Items are available for viewing/collection on Friday’s at the bottom of the stairs to the art room.

Items found with names are returned to students via the office.

Fleur Stanford
Uniform Shop Convener

Library Resource Centre News

**BOOK WEEK: Read Across the Universe, 26-30 August.**

During Term 3 the school will be celebrating Book Week. It is a time when we promote the reading and writing of Australian authors and illustrators, as well as an appreciation of the short listed books for Book Week. The classes will focus on selected books and create various responses for a school display. During Book Week there will be a Dress Up Parade on Wednesday 28 August and an author visit on Thursday 29 August. We are fortunate to have Gus Gordon as our guest author/illustrator. He has written and illustrated one of the Book Week books. Other activities will include colouring in competitions and our school Readers’ Cup challenge. It is a great week of celebration for our school community.

**BOOK CLUB**

The July issue of the Book Club has been distributed to the classes this week. Would families wishing to order please send order forms and money to the office by Wednesday 24 July 2013.

Julie Silva.
Teacher Librarian

**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

**Wednesday** 8:15—9:00am and
**Friday:** 8:15am—9:15am
Pre Prep Program

This semester we are offering a FREE Pre Prep Program for students enrolled in Prep at Geebung State School next year. Parents/Carers and their children are invited to join us for play every second Thursday, from 9-11am in the Prep 1 classroom. Parents are encouraged to attend, participate and ask questions to help prepare their child/ren for Prep next year. A parent/carer MUST accompany any children attending.

Dates for Term 3:

- Thursday 18 July 2013, 9-11am
- Thursday 1 August, 9-11am
- Thursday, 29 August 2013, 9-11AM
- Thursday 12 September, 9-11am

Please contact Mrs Brennan in the Office on 3623 8777 if you are interested in joining our Pre Prep program.

Kirsty Drake

Community Notices

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Come and Join In The Fun!!!!

Where: Geebung School Oval
When: Thursday 1st August
Time: 3:20 – 4:20pm
Length of program: 8 weeks
Cost: $60

Come and see The Big Time! Simply register and pay online before Sunday 28th July, to receive 4 FREE TICKETS (2 adults & 2 children) for a selected match to see the mighty Brisbane Lions in action at The Gabba.

For more information visit aflauskick.com.au or call 3865 8700
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Help us raise funds for Geebung State School.

Purchase an Entertainment™ Book from us today and 20% of your Book purchase goes towards our fund-raising.

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