Good afternoon. There are a number of issues I would like to mention this fortnight.

It is a wonderful experience to be the bearer of good news. This week I would like to announce that Mr Brett Thorne will be permanently appointed as our “School’s Officer” as of Monday the 5th of August. This is a great result for Geebung and also a reflection of the wonderful work that Brett has done since joining us on the 15th of April. Congratulations Brett.

The School Opinion Survey is all but complete with students in Years 4, 5 and 6 undertaking their on-line survey last week with Mr Meharg and myself. The staff also completed their surveys on line this year. Parents were randomly selected and surveys were sent home and parents had a choice of online or hardcopy. If you have not returned these please do so by no later than Monday the 5th of August. It is important that you have your say.

I am very pleased to say that most students behaviour is of a very high standard each and every day. There are only a few students who are not listening to our polite but firm requests to improve their behaviour. If this continues parents will be notified and there are number of consequences that will be explored. Our very clear expectation is that children will come to school and learn and they will not disturb others from their learning.

Just a reminder that if you are interested there is a Garden meeting this Friday the 2nd at 9:00am in the tuckshop area. Hope to see you there.

This week a letter went to Year 3-6 families to offer an information evening run by Wavell State High School to explain their offering for the Year 6 and 7 students when they transition to high school in 2015. I would then like to talk on the same night with the Year 3, 4, 5, 6 parents regarding our thoughts in relation to 2014 and onwards for final year students and some other issues such as camping. Matthew and I would also be happy to hear any additional thoughts you have on matters relating to Year 6 being the end of Primary Schooling. Please fill out the information requested on these letters and we will organise a meeting ASAP so your questions and issues can be answered and heard.

Our Prep Enrolments continue to grow. We are currently sitting on 21 which is above what we would normally have for this time of year. Keep in mind I would like 75 Prep students in 2014. If you are wondering what you can do then spread the word with how happy you are here at Geebung, word of mouth is one of the best forms of advertising! Even if your help got us two extra students (each) it would be great.

Pre Prep is underway and we are very happy with how it is travelling after 2 sessions. Thanks to those who have been involved so far.

We are in need of a Bobcat to hire for some work on the grounds. Are you a parent who has a bobcat business? If so can you please make contact with the school.

Have a good weekend.

Stephen Auer
Principal
From the Deputy Principal

We are currently targeting uniform and before school behaviour.

Geebung State School is a uniform school. We are proud of our colours and it is important that all students adhere to the correct school uniform. Please ensure that your children are wearing appropriate jumpers, black shoes and that jewellery is kept to one pair of earrings.

Before school. Students should arrive to school after 8:30am and with enough time to start at 8:50am when the bell sounds. Please instruct your children to sit in their eating area while they wait for school to begin. If you require further supervision for your children we encourage you to use the Outside Hours School Care that is operated by the P&C. They can be contacted on 3865 8971 to book your child a spot.

Congratulations to all of the participants last week who attended the Bramble Bay Music Program. Reports suggest that this was a positive time and that Geebung was represented at a high level. Well done.

Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal

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THURSDAY 29 AUGUST

Geebung Rock n Roll Event

Keep an eye out for an invitation for your family to celebrate Geebung State School’s 60th birthday. We are going to enjoy a 50 and 60’s rock n roll dance night. Families will be able to pre-purchase food and drinks. We will also have the library open so you can check out the student work on display as part of Bookweek.

Awards

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.
Music

A big shout out to our Geebung SS Instrumental students who attended the Bramble Bay Music Festival last week. Unfortunately I was not at the camp but from all reports, everyone had an amazing time and the performance was fantastic! Huge thanks to Fleur Stanford & the P & C for organising and providing our wonderful performance polo shirts too!

I have sent out a note regarding the change of tutor book for Brass, Woodwind & Percussion students for 2014. Please ask your students if you haven’t received it yet or alternatively, the office will have additional copies. If you would like to discuss the change please feel free to contact me via email at avang16@eq.edu.au.

Northside Junior Music Camp notes were sent home last week. The camp is from 9-11 September and is a fantastic experience for beginner musicians. Students can only attend in their first year of Brass, Woodwind & Percussion and their second year of Strings so it’s a once only offer. I hope all students are able to attend this camp and benefit from a wide range of tutors and conductors as well as making new friends. If you need another copy of the note please see the office. Notes and payment are due back at school no later than 9th August please.

Happy music making!

Caitlyn, Bree and Ayla went to the Bramble Bay Music Festival and played our instruments all day. Caitlyn and Bree play the clarinet and Ayla plays the saxophone. We played some challenging music and fun music too. It was a blast!

On the first day we were separated into sectional with our own instruments. Then the second day we came together and played as one. And on the Thursday night we played 5 songs in a wonderful Bramble Bay concert. It was awesome.

By Ayla G, Caitlyn A and Bree S
QLD Fire and Rescue Visit

On Monday 15 July and Tuesday 30th July 2013, Year 1s received a visit from the Queensland Fire and Rescue.

Sports

Bramble Bay cricket trial letters are being sent home with the nominated students this week.

There is one more round of Winter interschool sport to go after which we will be assessing the students interest in participating in the Summer season.

AFL Auskick is starting this Thursday 1 August on Thursday afternoons at 3:20—4:20pm. If anyone is interested in participating please contact PH 3044 5432. The Prep 2 and Prep1/IF students were fortunate to have the AFL program introduced to them during their PE lessons this week.

Kathryn Langley
HPE Co-ordinator

Bramble Bay Athletics Carnival will be run on Monday the 12th of August and Tuesday the 13th of August at Macpherson Park Bracken Ridge. In the coming days students who made the Geebung Athletics Team will receive more information regarding the day.

Rob Bernard
HPE Co-ordinator

Photos of some of our students participating in Netball for Bramble Bay Winter Sports.

GO GEEBUNG!
**Library Resource Centre News**

**National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2013, 29 July – 4 August.**

As part of the activities for this special week, 1/2MC participated in the Read for Australia campaign. This involved teachers and students in schools across the country participating in a mass simultaneous read of the Read for Australia selected book which was “Herman and Rosie” by Gus Gordon. Gus will be our guest author during Book Week and the students are looking forward to his presentations about his writing and illustrations. Permission notes will be sent home next week for the students to attend his presentations on Thursday 29 August.

Julie Silva.
Teacher Librarian

**Tuckshop News**

Thank you to the parents who donate goods, their time or write ‘keep change’ on their child’s lunchbag.

Every Thursday we will be offering a different breakfast and morning tea item.

WEEK 1 (today 1 August 2013) Pancakes with assorted toppings $1.20

WEEK 2 Sausage and bread $1.50

WEEK 3 Muffin toasted with assorted toppings $1.20

These items will be on a rotation for the rest of the term.

Donations of plain flour (1kg = 79c at ALDI) sugar (2kgs = $1.89 at ALDI) are gratefully accepted.

Leanne & Helen PH 3265 5959

**Uniform Shop**

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Donations of clothing or clothing to be sold for commission can be left at the shop, tuck-shop or office. The shop takes 20% from sales. 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.

Lots of 2nd hand stock available including netball skirt all in ones. Joggers and leather shoes are accepted for 2nd hand sales and there are quite a few for sale at present. NEW girls long pants by Stubbies are available in size 10, 12, 14 & 16. These are on sale next week (7 & 9 August) for $8 a pair. a great winter bargain.

Bucket hats are only available in size 55 & 59. Size 53 & 57 are currently unavailable. Minor changes including supplier have meant a delay in supply but there will be no change to price. Delivery of the school’s new hats should be in the next fortnight.

String back packs great for swimming are in stock at $5 and don’t forget the GSS library bag at $5.

Cash and eftpos are accepted.

**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 Convenor

**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

School Notices

SUPPORT A READER

A year 3 / 4 class in our school is urgently looking for volunteers from the school community to read with individual students on a regular basis.

Any time can be arranged. Please contact Sharon Beckett or the school office. Thank you for your support in anticipation.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FOR SALE

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.

Available at the office or by using the following weblink—
THANKS!

Thanks to Brisbane City Council who have provided a couple of truck loads of mulch for free to Geebung State School.

Attention Parents!!

The Queensland Government has created a fantastic website to help parents prepare their child/ren for Prep. It has information for families and educators, as well as links to some very useful resources.

It has lots of practical and easy things that you can do to help your child/ren have a smooth transition into school.

It covers topics such as getting your child set for Prep, making the first day a success and also how you (the parents) may become involved.

It highlights the importance of play, as well as all the different types of play. It also identifies the benefits of the different types of play.

There is information about the importance of Literacy and Numeracy, including ideas of things you can do at home to promote these skills.

It is a wonderful resource that would be beneficial to many families, even if your child/ren have already been attending school. It is definitely well worth a look!

Go to: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/

Regards,
Kirsty Drake

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- INCLUDES FREE COACHING WITH AAA RATED COACH
- FUN COMPS, PRIZES & TROPHIES
- AGES 4 – 15 ALL LEVELS WELCOME

MINIMUM OF ONE PARENT PER CHILD MUST ATTEND, CHILDREN CAN ONLY PARTICIPATE IF THEIR PARENT IS PRESENT, BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

DATES

SUN 25 AUGUST 2 pm – approx. 5 pm
SUN 1 SEPTEMBER 2 pm – approx. 5 pm
SUN 8 SEPTEMBER 2 pm – approx. 5 pm
SUN 20 OCTOBER 2pm – approx. 5pm
SUN 27 OCTOBER 2pm – approx. 5pm
SUN 3 NOVEMBER 2pm – approx. 5 pm

ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT NUDGEE COLLEGE
2100 Sundgate Road, Boondall
Parking map can be found at http://sc.jp/nx
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