



GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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From the Principal



Good afternoon. I hope you have been enjoying the warm weather as much as many I have talked to?

Thank-you to the parents who have given us positive and negative feedback of recent times. While it would be great to say we get it right every time we do not – even though we try to. If we have made a mistake let us know and we will make it right for the next event. As a partnership we do need to hear each others side and then we can move on and continue to work together. Again thanks for the feedback and apologies for our recent error at the sport carnival.

Good luck Year 7 students. The Year Sevens will be packing their bags this weekend and heading south for the sights and experiences of Canberra. I am sure all would join with me to wish them safe travels. It is a great opportunity for them to develop as young adolescents and spread their wings a bit and learn a great deal about the national capital, it's history and many enjoyable sights. Make sure you throw a snow ball or two for me!

We are continuing to take Prep Enrolments. Thank-you for those who have already made appointments. If you have a Prep aged child for next year - that is they were born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009 then they need to be attending Prep in 2014 or seek an exemption which is a negotiated process between families and school staff. If you have friends who haven't decided yet please get them to come and meet with Matthew or I and we will happily show them round and interview them if that is their wish. As a satisfied community member you can do us a great deal of good, promoting Geebung SS to friends, families and neighbours. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Pre-Prep mornings continue to run and they are providing our future students with extra skills which

will help them through their educational life. If you have friends who would like to be part of this they need to enrol at Geebung SS. In term 4 we will change the day of the Pre-Prep program to involve other students who we have not been able to access due to care arrangements.

The P&C Meeting was yet again a night for people to listen and contribute to the running of the school. There was some great discussion including Interactive Data Projectors (IDP), wireless connectivity, garden projects, senior shirts for 2014 which will all add to the education of your child, which is what we are all about. A huge thank-you to P&C for their \$30,000 contribution towards the IDP project.

Thanks to the families who were represented at the second of our meetings regarding the School Gardens. Our next meeting and the chance for parents to report back will be the 6th of September please. Hope to see you all there and we may have news about our potential grant monies.

Have a good weekend.

Stephen Auer
Principal

Geebung State School

Prep Enrolment 2014

You are invited to come along to our

Prep Parent Information Session

Date: Thursday 5 September 2013

Time: 9:00- 9:30am OR 7:00-7:30pm

Where: Prep Building at Geebung State School, 250 Newman Road, Geebung

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From the Deputy Principal

Well it's the end of Week 6. This term is flying! A quick thank you to the parents who are attending our weekly assembly. It's great to have a strong parent group supporting the school community. This week on Assembly I reminded our students of the importance of homework. Geebung State School provides homework to students to help consolidate learning, encourage good work habits and also to strengthen the link between school and home. Parents we are certain there are times when your children will have finished all their homework or claim to not have any. We encourage you in these circumstances to look for opportunities to have your children do further reading, writing, spelling and consolidate their number facts. All of these basic skills form a foundation for great learning ahead.

I have also been reminding our students of the importance of sitting calmly before school when waiting for class to begin. This will help them to be better prepared for the first lesson of the day.

School uniform is improving. Thanks to those families who have supported this by ensuring that the jumpers are school jumpers and that the shoes are black. This goes a long way towards building pride in our school and our appearance.

Bramble Bay Athletics: Congratulations to our students who have represented us well. Giving your best is what really counts!

Canberra Trip: Next week I will be off to Canberra for the week with the Year 7 students and Mrs Anderson and Miss Dixon. I wish to thank Mrs Anderson, Miss Dixon, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Brennan (office) for their hard work and extra efforts in bringing this camp together for our students. We are all very excited about the trip and the experiences will remain with us for life.

Ritsumeikan JHS: Starting Monday 19 Au-

gust, we are pleased to host students from Ritsumeikan JHS for two weeks. This visit provides everyone involved with a cross cultural experience. Please ensure we use a high level of manners and respect when communicating with our new Japanese friends and make sure we all make them feel welcome.

50's and 60's Rock n Roll: Have you purchased your tickets for the All Family Event on 29 August? Tickets are selling fast! Remember this is a family event where children are to be supervised by their parents. Come along for a great night of entertainment and fun. Thanks to the P&C for your hard work in organising this event to help celebrate our school's 60th birthday. Tickets available at the office now!

Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal

EVENTS

Date	Event
19-23 August	Year 7 Trip to Canberra
19-30 August	Ritsumeikan Study Tour
21 August	9am Assembly
26-30 August	Book Week
28 August	9am Assembly
29 August	Author's Visit (Gus Gordon) Father's Day Stall 9-11am Pre Prep Program 5-8pm Geebung Rock'n'Roll
2-20 September	Parent Teacher Interviews—Prep to Year 7
4 September	9am Assembly
6 September	Year 7 Photo
10 September	7pm P&C Mtg Library
18 September	School Disco
20 September	Last Day of Term Free Dress Day
7 October	Labour Day
8 October	Term 4 Commences
9 October	9am Assembly
21 October	Student Free Day

Awards



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students at Geebung State School who were presented with a Certificate of Recognition at the last Assembly.

Congratulations to all the students for their great work.

Chaplain Corner

Knitting Club

The Knitting Club is progressing very well. Numbers have been around 7-10 students each week.

I would like to thank those who have been/are coming along and offering their assistance. Without your help the Knitting Club would not be possible.

I can't wait to see the finished product!

Triple P Parenting

In an attempt to make parenting programs more accessible for everyone, researchers from the University of Queensland have developed a brief parenting program that can be accessed online. *Triple P Solutions* is an adaptation of the successful Triple P- Positive Parenting Program, offering practical ideas and support for parents of 2-9 year old children.

The project is funded by the Australian Research Council and therefore is able to offer participation in the program **free of charge** for **200 families**.

Parenting Programs are an effective way to increase parents' confidence in their parenting role, prevent and treat child behavior problems and improve family relationships.

For more information, email TriplePSolutions@psy.uq.edu.au or contact the project coordinator on (07) 3365 8870

SU Staff Conference

Last week I attended the annual SU Staff Conference up at Alexan-

dra Headlands. Guest speakers for the week included Mathew Jacoby, Duncan Armstrong, Simon Smart and Rev Dr John Harris; there were also a selection of 30 electives available. I learnt a lot over the week and know that this will enhance the chaplaincy service here at Geebung.

Operation Christmas Child

Between August 29 and September 19 we will be running Operation Christmas Child.

This is where we as a school fill shoe boxes with gifts for children less fortunate than us; these are then distributed through Samaritan's Purse.

How it works: You pick a gender; choose an age group 2-4, 5-9, 10-14; then purchase a gift from one/two/all of the following categories: Something to wear, something to love, something special, something for school, something to play with, something for personal hygiene. These items can then be dropped off/left in the baskets at the office. The gifts will then be assembled into the shoe boxes and delivered to Samaritans Purse.

More information on gift ideas will follow in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above issues please contact me on 3623 8777 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or drop into my office room A1.

Quote: "There's more to life than simply increasing its speed". (Mahatma Gandhi)

Chaplain Kerry



Wayne Swan Visits Geebung State School

Wayne Swan visited Geebung on Thursday 15 August 2013 to present Certificates to those students travelling to Canberra next week.



Sports



Photos of some of our students participating in the Bramble Bay Winter Sports. GO GEEBUNG!

Congratulations to Brandon McMorro who has selected to represent Queensland as part of a 24 man squad to participate in the prestigious Cerezo Osaka Cup from 23 to 31 October in Osaka, Japan. We wish him well.

Library Resource Centre News

BOOK WEEK: Read Across the Universe

26 – 30 August

Our Book Week celebration is fast approaching. Students have been enjoying the Book Week literature and are now busily preparing art work for the whole school community to enjoy. Parents are very welcome to come and share in the celebrations. On Tuesday 27 August, the **Reader's Cup Competition** will be held at lunchtime in the Library. Students from Year 4 – 7 are eligible to participate. Entries in the colouring-in competition are to be handed in by Thursday 22 August and the Book Poster/Model entries need to be in by Friday 30 August.

The class displays will be on view after school, as well as during the ARTS FESTIVAL, on Thursday 29 August. On Wednesday 28 August our school assembly will focus on Book Week with a whole school **Dress Up Parade**. Teachers and students are focussing their dress up on their selected book.

As part of the BOOK WEEK celebrations an **author/illustrator visit** by **GUS GORDON** will be held on Thursday 29 August. Students are reminded to return the permission note, which was distributed last week, with \$3.00 to ensure they can attend this great opportunity.

Julie Silva.

Teacher Librarian



Tuckshop News

The election is fast approaching and donations are needed for the cake stall. Please drop off donations of flour, sugar, eggs, butter, and fruit for jams, etc to tuckshop.

If you can make or bake at home please let us know and put your name on the list in tuckshop.

For anyone who can't make or bake at home there will be baking and jam making in tuckshop on the Wednesday and Thursday before the election. Please bring in your finished goods on Friday. If anyone can attend and help, please put your name down in tuckshop.

Small jars with lids are needed also. If you can help out on the day of the election (September 7) let us know—many hands make light work.

This term's Treat Day is sushi and will be on Wednesday 18 September. Helpers are needed from 12:30 to 1:30pm on the day.

Thursday breakfast is:

Pancakes 22 August 2013 \$1.20each

Sausage Sizzle 29 August 2013 \$1.50

Coffee and Cake are still available on Fridays. Thank you to everyone for your support.

All Father's Day Stall donations can be dropped off at the Tuckshop.

Leanne & Helen PH 3265 5959

Uniform

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 stock of bucket hats are now available.

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

P&C News

Every student has now completed their Walkathon laps of the oval and sponsorship monies are due at the school office by Friday August 16th. There will be prizes this year for the top 3 individual fundraisers and these will be presented at Assembly in week 8. Thank you again for assisting your children to get sponsorship for this great fundraiser.

The Fathers Day stall will be held on Thursday 29th August and prices will range from \$1 - \$10. Could any parents/grandparents/carers who are able to assist on the day please leave your name and contact number at the tuckshop and our Fundraising Co-Ordinator will be in touch with details.

Also, on Thursday 29th August the entire school community is invited to attend our 50s Dance from 5pm – 8pm. Tickets are \$6 each and available now at the school office. Tickets will not be sold on the night. Your \$6 includes entry, a burger and a drink. Extra burgers and drinks will be available for purchase.

We will be holding an Election Day stall on Saturday 7th September.

Leanne and Helen in our Tuckshop will be organising the cake stall and volunteer roster. This is a fantastic opportunity to get community members to contribute to our fundraising efforts, so any donations of cakes, slices, biscuits, jams, etc are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all who attended our monthly meeting this week. Again, it was great to see so many. We do feel very lucky to have such an outstanding group of parents who regularly attend. Our next general meeting will be held Tuesday, 10th September at 7pm in the library.

Melissa Ashford
Secretary

Coffee & Cake \$5

*Available from Tuckshop every
Friday morning for parents*

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.

Remaining Dates for Term 3:

- 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

Congratulations to following past students of Geebung State School who have been presented with Academic Excellence Awards for Semester 1, 2013 at Wavell State High School. Well done!

Year 12—Zoe Harvey, Teegan Kranenburg

Year 10—Sharni Morcom, Selene Wootton

Year 9—Sheryl Gabotero, Emily Guest, Brittany Iseppi

Year 8—Natalie Imeson, Charlotte Radel, Kira Thomson, Abbey Wighton

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<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2277g08>.

School Notices

SCHOOL BANKING COMPETITION

Commonwealth Bank is currently running a school banking competition where first prize is a Marquee. Geebung State School is currently coming 13th in this competition.

Well done Geebung SS! - Keep up the good work. As part of this competition any student who banks once in Term 3 is in with a chance to win an Apple Mini Ipad.

FIRST FRIDAY BOOK CLUB

First Friday Book Club meeting is on Friday 6 September 2013. The topic for the month will be 'A Prize Winner' (any book that has won a prize).

Community Notices

Invite a little bit of Italy into your home!

Become second parents to an exchange student as they adapt themselves to the Aussie way of life and share their cuisine, history and culture with you. Volunteer host families come from all walks of life and communities: rural, suburban and urban. Contact WEP for more information: **1300 884 733** or wep.org.au

Costanza participated in a semester-long student exchange program with World Education Program (WEP) Australia. At the end of her program, Costi shared the following:

Thank You! Two words that I probably didn't have the chance to say properly so far. Thank you to the coolest host mum, to the nicest host dad and to the funniest host sisters ever! Thank you for making every day of my stay so wonderful and keeping away that homesickness that could have shown up without you. Thank you for all the little moments we shared together, Riley's birthday, the pizza night and all our 'Australian's Next Top Model' nights. Thank you for having been there for me even in the worst moments. Of course it hasn't been always smooth and soft, no one is perfect, and you got to know me and eventually accept me even when I make mistakes. This is what I thank you for, for letting me into your family and say one more time: Thank you! You've been the most wonderful host family that I could possibly have!



HOSTING IS FUN!

Join the WEP community and become a volunteer host family to an Italian exchange student.



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Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

You may be eligible if you have:

- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- some regular income from work (you or your partner).

Contact Michele Mendoza, your local Saver Plus Worker:
07 3115 6228 / 0429 925 860 or
michele.mendoza@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Lawrence and is delivered in Brisbane North by The Smith Family.
 Saver Plus is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

AVIATION HIGH Year 8 in 2014 - Information Evening Thursday 15 August: 6.00 - 7.00pm

Interested in attending Aviation High?

Please come along to find out everything about the school and what it has to offer your child.

AVIATION HIGH OPEN DAY - Saturday 24 August - from 10.00am

An opportunity to tour the school and its facilities, and talk with staff and students about the great things that happen at Aviation High!

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Where: Newmarket Road Family Practice, Homezone Centre, 142 Newmarket Road, Windsor Q. 4030
 When: Wednesday 4th September 2013
 Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

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