



GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Good afternoon. It has been a great few weeks here at Geebung. I have had a number of really pleasurable and professional experiences here that I would like to share with you in terms of what is happening within classrooms that really has a huge impact on children and their learning.

I have visited a number of classrooms and watched teachers teach and given them feedback on the quality of their practice, and it is very high! I have also been interested in a number of students and the level of intellect they have brought to their rooms. Many of the students are trying their best to assist the teaching staff achieve their goal of every child achieving every day!

I have also had the pleasure of talking to the Year 7 staff and the children in their classes about the wonderful Canberra excursion. It was amazing to think our future adults could get so much enjoyment and learning from 5 days away. A huge thank-you to Therese Anderson, Cassie Dixon and Matthew Meharg for their efforts in attending and organising this event.

These events confirmed something very simple for me that I would like to share with you. Somewhere along the line I am sure you have heard that education is as simple as A, B and C. Well here is my version of this:

A equals Attendance

B equals Behaviour and

C equals Curriculum.

To put it mathematically I would propose that $A + B = C$

The explanation is also quite simple. If your child attends school every day (A) and they behave (B) then we can deliver a quality curriculum (C) to them and their learning will progress.

To those families who are already part of the partnership with us thank-you and I am sure your children are progressing. If you are not ensuring your child's attendance or they are not behaving then they will find it much more challenging to achieve, and they can be distracting others from their learning. If this is the case then we will be contacting you, and yes we are more than happy to help you achieve $A + B$ and then we can as educators achieve our goal which is C!

This weekend a wonderful step forward will be made in the future of your students with the installation of Interactive Data Projectors into each classroom, 15 in total. This project funded by P&C and the school will allow us as teachers to take another step for-

ward technologically and to add to the offerings to your children. Look forward to hearing more about this great project and again thanks to the P&C for their support.

Thank-you to all of those who have a role in the 50s/60s Rock and Roll night. What a wonderful success! As was the visit from the Japanese students from the Ritsumaken School. To all who support this initiative, thank-you. The Book Week Parade and Author's visit was also a great highlight to the week. Thanks Julie and Glenda and all staff and students for your contributions. The Father's Day stall was again a success because of all the hard work done by Leanne and her team of helpers. WOW! Great job. I can honestly say I am really pleased and fortunate to be in a school where people are willing to go the extra mile for the students of the school. I am sure all of the students appreciated these opportunities!

Next Monday evening we will be hosting a visit from Wavell SHS who will talk in the library to parents of the Year 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 parents. Tina one of the DPs from Wavell SHS and her team will present a picture of what will happen at Wavell from 2015 onwards. You are welcome to ask questions and have your issues heard. Immediately after this Matthew and I will talk about the offering from our school in 2014 and beyond. We have heard some of your issues through P&C and general discussions, however we would like to table our ideas for your feedback. Some are pretty much confirmed yet others we need your take please. So if you are the owner of a current Year 3,4,5,6 and 7 student come along please it will be worth your while!

Also next week we have an information session for prospective parents who would like to hear about prep next year. Two sessions will be held. The first at 9:00am and the second at 7:00pm. If you are interested please come along. If you have neighbours who have Prep aged children next year encourage them to come along. We are happy to make appointments on the night for interviews in coming days, weeks after this event.

Finally, to all the Dad's out there have a great day Sunday.

Stephen Auer
Principal



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From the Deputy Principal

This time last week I was riding a toboggan down a hill at Perisher in the Snowy Mountains. It was -4 degrees with a wind chill of -18. What a great week we had on Year 7 Canberra Trip. This trip has become a "right of passage" for primary school students as it gives students an opportunity to visit Australia's political history as well as other key national exhibitions that help to form part of our culture here in Australia. For Queenslanders the opportunity to see snow was brilliant and for most this is a "first time" experience. I am happy to report that everywhere we travelled we were given huge compliments on our school's presentation, attitude and manners. A common compliment that I heard from our hosts was "The Geebung State School students are credit to their teachers, their school and their families." Well done students. Of course this trip is not possible without the efforts of Mrs Anderson, Ms Dixon and Mrs Johnson. Thanks for their organisation.

This week we farewell our Ritsumeikan Junior High School friends. Each year we consider it a privilege to host these students and the integration allows us all to benefit in our learning and our awareness of the greater world.

Parent and Teacher interviews will be in full swing next week. Please make sure you

have booked a time to meet with your child's teacher. This is an important part in the school and home relationship that contributes towards a greater learning environment for our students. We are aiming for 100% of our enrolled students receiving an interview so please assist us in reaching this target.

Prep Information Sessions will be held on 5 September. We will have two sessions that people can choose from. 9 – 9:30am and 7-7:30pm. If you know of friends, family or neighbours that have students eligible to attend prep in 2014 we would like them to attend. If they are unable to attend they can contact the school and we can arrange an interview and a tour of the school.

Uniform: A reminder that all students are to wear black shoes and black skirt or pants. Jeans, jeggins, long flowing skirts and bike shorts are not acceptable as part of the uniform. Any alternative colours are outside the Geebung State School uniform policy. A copy of the Uniform expectations brochure is available at the office if any families require clarification on this. It's important to feel a sense of belongingness and our uniform is one simple step in this process.

Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal

EVENTS

Date	Event
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
5 September	Prep 2014 Information Evening Photos
6 September	Year 7 Photo
9-11 September	Northside Junior Music Camp
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

Year 7 Trip to Canberra



Year 7 Trip to Canberra

Wow! What a week for the year sevens. On the 19th of August the year sevens went to Canberra and had a fabulous time. We went to new and old Parliament House and learned a lot more about the government of Australia. Our favourite places were the Free Fall in Questacon, Australian War Memorial, Telestra Tower and visiting the snow fields. Everyone had an amazing and fun time in Canberra! But we were really tired when we got back. Thank you to all the teachers who organised and helped to make this trip a success.

By Jessie

CANBERRA 2013 WAR MEMORIAL

The Australian War Memorial was a very sad and emotional place. Everybody was paying their respects to the soldiers, the ones who died and the ones who survived the brutal World Wars. We saw some soldiers marching in the Commemorative area of the War Memorial and guarding the Hall of Memory where the Tomb of the Unknown Australian soldier is buried; we also saw some of the weapons they used and videos of the World Wars. One thing that I learnt was that someone telling you about something is very different to actually being there yourself.

By Lenny

CANBERRA TOUR 2013

On Wednesday the year sevens went to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. We saw two war videos about war fighter planes they showed what war was really like. There were some good displays and a thousand poppies that made people shed tears. People even threw coins into the Pool of Reflection. Many people also put poppies in the wall of Remembrance. Lest we Forget.

By Christian



Book Week Parade



Library Resource Centre News

Book Week : READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE

Our school community enjoyed a wonderful celebration of the Book Week literature. Students and teachers dressed up and brought the enjoyment and understanding of the books to another high level. Many thanks to the parents, grandparents, teachers and students who made the celebration such a success. Congratulations to our prize winners for your excellent art work and well done to the Reader's Cup Champions: Siobhan 5J, Samuel 5J and Shayne 6W.

Julie Silva
Teacher Librarian



School Notices

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

RSVP: Maureen Brennan 3623 8777

GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

ROCK N ROLL EVENT

THURSDAY 29 AUGUST 2013

5:00PM— Dinner

5:30—8:00PM— Dancing

ENTRY FEE \$6 per person

Ticket cost covers:

1 x Burger

1 x Drink

Entry to the event

Additional Burgers \$3.50 and cans of drink \$1.50

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. Last chance in this fortnight to grab a bargain 2nd hand jumper for \$1. String back packs great for swimming are in stock at \$5 and don't forget the GSS library bag at \$5. Hair accessories in school colours are in stock and start at \$1.

New bucket hats arrived but due to a manufacturing fault, have been returned. Our new school hats will now be available in term 4. Cur-

rent hats in size 57 & 59 hats are available in limited numbers.

Cash and eftpos are accepted.

Thank you to Kim for the Geebung State School material she has donated.

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

Tuckshop News

Treat Day orders have to be in by 5 September 2013. Treat Day is Wednesday 11th September 2013. No late orders. Thank you to the McGuire family who donated \$20 to tuckshop. Also thank you to the family who donated \$40.60 to tuckshop from the sales of the second-hand uniforms in the uniform shop.

Election Day Cake Stall—please come and put your name down to bake and or work on the stall.

Helpers are needed for Treat Day on the 11 September 2013.

Leanne & Helen PH 3265 5959

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 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



Sport

Last week we started in Prep 2 and Prep/1F a Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) the aim of the program is to enhance students fine and gross motor skills. We will be running this program on a Wednesday afternoon Prep/1F Noon till 1pm and Prep 2 2pm till 3. It has been proven that such programs greatly develop students overall development both physically but more important cognitive. This program will also be run next year for our new prep classes with the influences on making Geebung students more developed in all areas of learning. If you would like to help our students development within this program we are more than happy for parent helpers.

Robert Bernard
HPE Co-ordinator

Music

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC WITH MS VAN GAALEN

Northside Junior camp is coming up in Week 10 (9-13 September) so there will be no Instrumental lessons with Ms V during that week.

I look forward to working with our Geebung SS students on camp. It will be a positive experience for all to play and work with such a large group of fellow beginners and tutors.

The recruiting process for 2014 has started. If you & your child are interested in learning an instrument next year, please keep your eyes open for notes coming home about the process and requirements.

I will be taking students on Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone & Euphonium plus some percussion. Percussion includes snare drum and tuned percussion (glockenspiels).

There is an extensive suitability screening process that we apply to assist with success on instruments. We are looking at such things as physical size, teeth (braces, over bite, under bite), hand size as well as student interest, aptitude and most importantly, allocating instruments for a balanced ensemble. More information will be available in the Instrumental Music Handbook and at the Information Afternoon early in Term 4.

Regular practice is very important for your child to progress and improve in their instrument. Your child should be practising at least 5 days each week for no less than 20 minutes each session. Sometimes it is difficult for students to plan this so the guidance of an adult is very helpful. Please ask your student this week when they plan to practice and maybe even work together to draw up a practice timetable.

Here's some food for thought on the benefits of music lessons:
Kids Develop Life Skills with Music Lessons!

Music lessons can provide kids a pathway for learning a host of valuable life skills. As noted by the Children's Music Workshop, music education provides many benefits for young minds. There is fascinating brain research showing that musical training physically develops the left brain (which processes language) and supports spatial intelligence (which helps with visualizing information). Music also teaches students the critical life lessons that mistakes are not irreparable, but that hard work and serious attention to concrete elements (such as timing an entrance or carefully tuning an instrument) can result in a successful and enjoyable performance. Music lessons also teach children to conquer their fear and take risks. In learning music, students also learn the values of teamwork and discipline. They must communicate and co operate in order to successfully weave their individual parts into a seamless musical whole. There are other less tangible, but very real, rewards for students' hard work and discipline: the development of self-expression and self-esteem in the successful performance of their work.

Ms V
Instrumental Music Specialist

STRING NEWS

The Northside Junior Music Camp is getting closer! Just a reminder to those attending that it is in Week 10, 9-11th of September at Windsor State School. Please make sure you are there by 8.30am.

The camp is a great extension program for music students, providing ensemble experience and access to expert tuition from guest conductors and tutors. Please support your children by attending the culminating concert on Wednesday 11th September at 4pm in the Royal International Conference Centre, Exhibition Showgrounds.

All Strings students please note – there will be no lessons on the 9th of September (Week 10) due to my attendance at the Northside Junior Music Camp.

Miss Moore 😊

Chaplain's Corner

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.

Some suggestions for gifts are: T-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, beanie, cap, sandals, teddy bear, doll, soft toy, carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklace, craft kit, colouring in book, exercise books, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, chalk, eraser,

tennis balls, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, soap, face washer, toothbrush, hair brush, comb, scrunchies, hair clips.

Please do not include anything that may leak or melt batteries, toothpaste, plasticine/play dough, food or lollies used, damaged or breakable items.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all those Fathers, Grand fathers and father like figures a **WONDERFUL** Fathers Day on Sunday. Hope you get spoilt rotten!

I never had a speech from my father "This is what you must do or shouldn't do" but I just learned to be led by example.(Adam Sandler)

Kerry Edwards
Chaplain

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