



GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Welcome to the last newsletter for the term. WOW, we have had a great few weeks at Geebung. A number of significant events have occurred and some great steps forward have been made.

In the classrooms we have just added to the teaching tools at Geebung State School with the purchase of 15 new Interactive Data Projectors (IDPs). There is a photo included of an IDP for your info. Ask your child about them! This was only possible with the generous support of the P&C who contributed \$30,000 towards the project. We have also purchase numerous I-pads to maximise the benefits of these new IDPs. They will allow us to communicate with the new IDPs as part of an interactivity feature that is enabled by Apple TV. We are now at the forefront of the latest technology.

At our last gardening meeting we shared the GREAT NEWS that we had won a \$1000 Coles Grant. On the 25th of October we will meet again to confirm the direction of the gardening project for the remainder of the year. Please put the date in the diary. In preparation for this there will be a working bee on Saturday the 12th of October to clear up some of the potential sites. The working bee will run from 8:00am until 11:00am. All are welcome even if you only come along for an hour or so. Please bring gloves, hats, gardening tools and wheelbarrows

In the last newsletter I talked about A+B=C (Attendance + Behaviour = Curriculum) being delivered in a quality way to children who are ready to learn.

With A equalling attendance I would like to break this down a little. When a child attends school (every day) they need to be well slept and well nourished. Children need more sleep, than adults, around 10 hours per night. Getting them into a routine will help them get the rest they need to engage in the curriculum every day. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day
- what are your children having for breakfast? A healthy breakfast ensures they can maximise their learning each and every day.

B equals behaviour and one area I would like to highlight in this area is swearing. Some children think it is OK to swear at school. Simply IT IS NOT OK TO SWEAR AT SCHOOL! Those children who continue to swear will receive a consequence for their actions!

Your help in these areas will allow us to deliver quality curriculum (C) and that is what we want to do.

There are a number of children arriving early to school. 7:30 am arrivals are too early and do not serve the needs of your children in our attempt to educate them. Children should not be at school preferably before 8:30 am. If you have work related issue then please contact me at school. Please be aware that Before School and After School care is available to all of our school's families. Yes it costs money but it is a quality service.

Over the next few weeks our New Website will come on line. The reason for this is to bring us into the current era with notifications and communications to a smart phone reliant society. There will still be hard copy options for those who require them, however all of our information to parents can then be warehoused for parents so it is available for you 24/7.

This is a start to a more electronic format for Geebung SS. In 2014 the school newsletter will also go electronic with an e-mail advising that the document is ready for your reading pleasure. I am sure all will embrace the change as in many ways it will make it easier for you and your families!

On Friday 20 September—the last day of Term will be Bucket Day for the children. Please encourage your children to bring a bucket and gloves to assist us in some gardening and clean up projects around our school. This encourages our children to take pride in our lovely school grounds.

The uniform shop has new basketballs for sale for \$5 each.

On October 15 instrumental music are holding a Parent Information Afternoon in the hall at 4:00pm for those students who have been invited to participate in the Music Program in 2014.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Chaplain Kerry Edwards who has just passed her 4 year mark as Chaplain with Geebung State School. Thanks for making such a strong commitment to Geebung State School and the surrounding community. There has been many ways that you have strengthened the chaplaincy service by making it your own eg Chappy week breakfast, Knitting club, Prep parents morning tea, high teas, fundraising, generating support from P&C for a 3rd day, local LCC meetings, completing your Diploma...some good achievements. Thanks for your efforts.

Have a great holiday and enjoy the warm weather!

Stephen Auer
Principal

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From the Deputy Principal

Spring has sprung! With this warmer weather it is a timely reminder that students and parents need to check that they have their jumpers. The lost property rack may well be holding your jumper so come and check it.

Homework: Teachers provide homework for students as an extra opportunity to use their skills and knowledge of concepts learned in class. This is a great way for parents to take an interest in their children's learning and reinforce the strong links between school and home life. Homework helps to build good study habits and reinforces the need of good routine in our lives. Negotiate with your children how this study routine will look for your home. Reward the homework success and talk with your child's teacher when there are short-falls in your child's homework performance.

Disco: This term has been a long 11 week term. Students can let their hair down together at the school discos next Wednesday night. This is a great opportunity to unwind in a friendly environment. Mums and Dads can give in to the urge to dance too!! Come along and have a great evening. Please note that the junior disco is 4 – 5:30pm and the senior disco is 6 – 7:30pm. We love parent helpers so if you can give up some time to help in the canteen please let Mrs Brennan know at the office.

Geebung Rock n Roll Event: What a great evening. A brilliant turn out of Geebung State School families. A big thank you goes out to the P&C for their coordination of this event. This came on the back of a long day for many of our P&C members who had spent the morning selling father's day gifts to our students. Another thank you should be mentioned to Lachlan and Kylie Scott (from Flour & Chocolate) who were our cake supplier for the event. A brilliantly constructed cake in the shape of a record player. It looked spectacular and tasted fantastic. Thank you!

Holidays: Holidays are here soon. Students have another week of hard work as they finish off this term's work and start preparing for their learning in term 4. Have you spoken to your child's teacher/s about their performance this term? If not make sure you book in your parent and teacher interview urgently. Attending these interviews is a great way to show interest in your child's development and also helps to support the work of our teachers as they have been working hard leading their classrooms to try and get every student to perform to their best. Thanks teachers for your commitment and energy. I think everyone will enjoy a great break!

Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal

EVENTS

Date	Event
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
10 October	Artslink Performance
15 October	9-11am Pre Prep Program
	10am School Tour
	4:00pm Music Info Night
16-18 October	Yr 6 Currimundi Camp
	9am Assembly
17 October	6-9am 96.5 Visit
18 October	2-3pm Intra School Sports
21 October	Student Free Day
23 October	9am Assembly

GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

JUNIOR DISCO

Little Monsters Theme!

Wednesday,
18th September 2013

4:00pm—5:30pm
Tickets: \$6.00

Tickets only available from the office
No door sales

GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

SENIOR DISCO

Famous Personalities Theme!

Wednesday,
18th September 2013

6:00pm—7:30pm
Tickets: \$6.00

Tickets only available from the office
No door sales

Year 7 Trip to Canberra

The recent Year 7 trip to Canberra was again a very successful and rewarding experience for our Year 7 students. Here are some more of their stories.

On 19th to 23rd of August the Year 7s went to an action packed and thrilling camp at Canberra. Our adventure started at 5am on Monday morning when we all met at the airport. We said our good byes and boarded the aircraft, off to Canberra. Feel the chill, we had arrived in Canberra. It was FREEZING! Our bus driver Peter started our tour by taking us to the High Court of Australia. Thursday was the day everyone was looking forward to, a winter wonderland, the SNOW! Everyone had an amazing time at the snow, blizzard and all.

By Ayla G

Canberra!!! On the 19th to the 23rd of August we went to beautiful awesome places like the Australian War Memorial, QUESTACON, Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and the snow!! Apparently we were very lucky because schools never get to see snow and we did! It was very cold but the main thing was that it was FUN! We went to the War Memorial it was a very sad and emotional place. There were people crying which was alright. I liked going to see all the exhibitions of World War I and II and the closing ceremony. On the last day we went to a few places and had dinner at the High Court which was PIZZA!! From the High Court we made our way to the airport and got on the plane to come home.

By Josiah H

This semester the year sevens went to Canberra, Australia's capital.

The year 7s had an early start of around 4am on Monday the 19th of August to get to the airport by 5am. Upon arriving at our nation's capital we were so excited to be there. As some people found out it was freezing! We had a fantastic week visiting so many exciting places After all the wonderful activities the week was sadly over.

By Joshua

Australian Government assistance for National Capital Excursions

The Australian Government contributes to our School Camp through the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) Program.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenships education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$60 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

As a result of this program the rebate the school receives for each student visiting Canberra forms part of the subsidised price our parents pay for their children to participate in Camp. The benefit from receiving the rebate, and in combination with our fundraising activities, means a greater number of students were able to take the opportunity to participate.

We would like to thank our School Community and the Australian Government for their assistance in funding this trip to Canberra.

Geebung State School Swimming Club

Sign on day for the swimming club will be held at the pool this Friday, 13 September between 4 -5 pm and Saturday, 14 September between 9.30 - 11.30am.

If you cannot make it to the pool, you can contact head coach Carol Anderson on 0439 075 442 for further information. Details of lessons available are on the flyer enclosed with the newsletter.

Come and get into swimming!! It's fun and healthy at the same time!!



Awards



Congratulations to our Award recipients at Assembly on 11 September 2013

Interactive Data Projectors



Some of our Prep children using the new Interactive Data Projector in their classroom.

Notices

Plan B 4 Kids Parent Workshop

The **PlanB 4 Kids** Parent Workshop will be conducted at the Enoggera Parent Education Centre on Thursdays 17 and 24 October from 9.15am to 11.30am. The workshop offers parents ideas on how to deal effectively with challenging behaviours children (3 to 12 year olds) display at home or in the community. Please contact the Centre on Ph.: 33559202 to express your interest in participating in these two sessions. The number of participants will be limited so attendance will be based on order of registration. Child care will not be available on the day. Morning tea will be provided.

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Have a student starting at Wavell High School In 2014?

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Open: Monday to Thursday 8.15am – 11.15am
For more information contact

Geebung State School Rock n Roll Event



Library Resource Centre News

Author Visit: Gus Gordon

The students and teachers enjoyed the visit by Gus Gordon. He spoke to the students about illustration and character design and about the process of writing and illustrating a picture book. The talk gave the students an understanding of what happens behind the scenes when making a book.

Julie Silva

Teacher Librarian



Artslink



My Story, Your Story

On Thursday 10th October, Artslink Queensland will present *My Story, Your Story* at our school. Classes attending are Prep2, Prep1/1F,1S, 1/2MC, 2W, 3C, 3/4B, 3/4J, 4/5N, and 5J.

My Story, Your Story journeys from a remote Indigenous community to the bright lights of the city, where Jesse discovers that everybody's story is worth telling. This performance will encourage students to engage with their own personal histories and culture, whilst sending a strong message of family, identity and intercultural understanding.

Artslink Queensland is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation, dedicated to bringing the arts to Queensland students.

SHOW: *My Story, Your Story*

TIME: 11: 45am and 2:00pm

DATE: Thursday 10th October

COST: \$6 per student

NOTE: Permission slip and payment envelope has been sent home. Additional copies are available at the office. Alternatively the permission letter is available on the new website next term.)

CONGRATULATIONS NAKITA

Congratulations to Nakita S who has been selected to play at the State Invitational Primary School Girls Rugby League Carnival played at Hervey Bay on 21-23 September 2013.

Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP

The shop will be closed on Wednesday 9th and Friday 11th October – Week one of term 4. Bucket hats and swimming caps will be for sale at tuckshop.

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

Cash and eftpos are accepted.

LOST PROPERTY

I have had many students and their parents looking for lost hats but none have been handed in. Parents are saying the hats are named clearly so I am unsure how they are lost.

I ask that all students check their bags for their hats as it is a school requirement that students wear hats to play.

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

Presentations were made at assembly last week for our top three fundraisers from the Walkathon. They were Jaidee from Prep 2, Bryce from 1/2MC and Hayden from Prep 2. The class award went to Prep 2 for raising over \$700. Well done to everyone who participated in this very successful event, a total of \$3691 was raised. Thank you again for assisting your children to get sponsorship for this great fundraiser.

The Fathers Day stall was a huge success, thank you to Leanne and Mandy for all your hard work organising this event for all our students and their dads, and a big thank you to all the mums that came and helped at the stall. We hope all our school dads and granddads enjoyed their special day.

Thank you to the school community for supporting the 50s Rock n Roll dance. It was a great night, and amazing to see so many parents and students come dressed for the occasion ready to rock on.

The election day stall on Saturday was an awesome day for all involved. We had an enormous amount of cakes for sale thanks to the

amazing effort of our school community. Thank you to every person that came and helped on the day, supplied baked goods, ran the coffee stall, or came and supported us by purchasing goods. We made a profit of approximately \$2000. This would not have been possible without the help of so many people and the organisation of Leanne from Tuckshop.

A reminder that the Swimming Club sign on day is Friday 13 September from 4-5pm and Saturday 14 September from 9:30 – 11:30am at the pool.

In week 2 of next term, 96.5FM will be broadcasting their morning show live from Geebung State School. This will be a great community event and we look forward to celebrating our great school.

Our next general meeting will be held Tuesday, 8th October at 7pm in the library.

Melissa Ashford
Secretary

Pre Prep Program

Next term we are continuing to offer 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 Tuesday, 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, 9am -11am

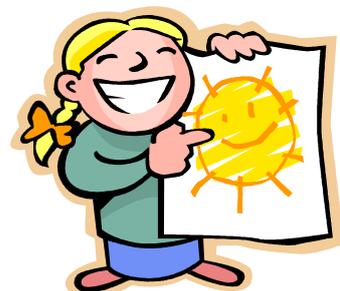
Dates for Term 4

- Tuesday 15 October, 9am—11am
- Tuesday 29 October, 9am—11am

- Tuesday 12 November, 9am– 11am
- Tuesday 26 November, 9am –11am
- Tuesday 10 December, 9am—11am

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

Kirsty Drake



Sport

Prep Swimming

Next term is the start of the prep swimming program. Just a reminder for all parents good preparation is the key to students success within our swimming program. This means students before the start of term four will need a swimming sunsafe shirt, swimming cap and togs for the pool. It is also good to practice over the next month some changing in and out of the swimming gear to be used. This will allow more time for students to learn new skills within the pool. If parents want to be a parent helper during this time that would also greatly benefit student outcomes. Thanks for your ongoing support with our physical education program.

As part of the HPE curriculum at Geebung State School all students are expected to swim each week. If your child has not swam for two or more weeks a letter stating this will go home to you. Like an absentee at school non swimmers then becomes very difficult to assess

and often this effects students ability to achieve higher order learning in this unit.

Intra School Sports

Intra School Sport will be on next term with the focus on the following sports -Softball, Cricket and Touch Football. It allows our students to interact with each other in a sporting environment, as well as pick up valuable skills for next year. Next year Geebung State School will be competing in both the summer and winter inter school season and this years intra school will focus on developing all students ability to be carried on next year.

Dates for Intra School Sports Friday, 18 October 2012, Friday 1 November and Friday 15 November 2013.

Robert Bernard
HPE Co-ordinator

Tuckshop New

- Thank you ladies for all your help on Treat Day today.
- Savoury mine rolls are no longer on the menu.
- The Term 4 special is **Pineapple Fritters** for \$2:00.
- Please don't send your foreign currency to tuckshop. We can only accept Australian money.
- A big thank you to everyone who made, baked, packed and / or worked to make the cake stall a huge success.

- Sausage Sizzle on Thursday 19th September 2013—be early—\$1:50

Happy Holidays.

Leanne & Helen Ph 3265 5959

Tuckshop Convenors

Chaplain's Corner

Well done Students at Geebung: On Saturday I helped out at the Election Day stall. I was once again reminded of how great our students here at Geebung State School are! On the day many students helped with the selling of cakes, taking the money, placing the goods in bags, speaking and interacting with members of the community. These students did a fantastic job and represented their school well.

I was also amazed to find out that the students at OSHC had contributed to the stall by doing some baking of biscuits. **What a fantastic effort from our students.**

Knitting Club: This Thursday is the final knitting Club! I would like to thank Anne, Anna, Sue, Melissa, Mr Auer, Mrs Mullins and Mrs Smith for all help. Without you the knitting club would not of been possible.

If there are any outstanding needles or squares could they please be returned by Wednesday?

Next term we are looking at running games on the oval i.e. rounders. Ideally we would like to have grown ups' verse young people. So if anyone is available on a Thursday between 1-2 pm you are most welcome to come and join in.

This Term I have been working with 4\5N on Friendly Behaviours. We have explored what friendly behaviours look like, choosing to use friendly behaviours, How Friendly behaviours can help in times of conflict and how everyone has emotions. It has been great to work with this class; they even taught me a few things.

Survey Forms: A friendly reminder that the parent survey forms are due back on Wednesday the 18th. Please make sure you return this form, as this enables us to know how we can better support you

and your children.

Operation Christmas Child: The final date to bring in items for the shoe box appeal has been is the 19th of September. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed.

Holiday Activities: Over the school holiday the Brisbane City Council are running a variety of holiday activities, from Kayaking at Nudgee, Putt Putt golf at Victoria Park (only \$2) Comedy workshop, Hip Hop workshops, creating circus props, craft workshops and a variety of sporting activities. There is something for everyone. I would encourage you to check out their website www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/what%27son/audience/kids/activities/index.htm. Please be aware that some activities you need to book in advance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Geebung school community for their continued support of the chaplaincy service and to wish you all a very relaxing holiday.

Chaplain Kerry Edwards

Chaplain



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