



GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

18 October 2013

From the Principal

Last week was a great return to school life. I was very pleased with how the majority of students returned to school happy, well rested, with their manners and ready to learn!

Wednesday was a highlight for our school community with the adoption of our two "Cops". On behalf of the school community I would like to welcome Sergeant James Tibbetts and Senior Constable Scott Travers to the school. These two parents and Police Officers are a great addition to the education service we provide as a school as they both allow the whole school community to see what Policing is all about. They are people and professionals who help and care for a broad range of people in the community while doing their jobs professionally. Welcome and thank-you for your time and support!

During week 1 we received some advice from Jayne Buchanan (past Principal). A message from her appears below. I am sure all would join with me in wishing Jayne all the best in her future.

The weekend working bee was attended by a number of families. Thanks to the families for giving up your time to make a difference at our school. A small but energetic workforce did a great job and I was really pleased to see the children chipping in! Thanks again.

Year 6 camp is still happening as you may read this newsletter. It has been a great camp so far with the work done by Helen Waters, Therese Anderson, Kerry Edwards and Miss Water's student teacher Brooke Roberts all part of the effort. In the next newsletter you should be able to see some great photos.

The school website has changed and you can now be kept up-to-date with the "QSchool App". Please download it and then you will literally have the latest information at your finger tips.

We have also been advised that parents are occasionally parking in the no parking area in Sidnell Street which makes it quite dangerous to see children coming out from the school. .

Stephen Auer
Principal

Dear Parents

I trust you and your children have had a happy and successful school year and have enjoyed the holidays together. I have often wondered how the children are progressing and hope that they have had a great year.

I am writing to inform you that I have decided to extend my time

on Leave for another year. For consistency within the school I have also decided to become unattached from the position as Principal of Geebung State School so that the position becomes vacant and can be filled through the Merit Selection process.

I think of the school and its staff,

students and parents, often. I thoroughly enjoyed my nine years as Principal and will always be interested in its progress.

My best wishes to you all and especially to our students for continued success in their educational journey.

Jayne Buchanan

Thank You!

96five's Family Show, Liam, Robbie and Ness and the rest of the radio family would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents, students, teachers and staff who braved the early start to come down and hang out at their live broadcast on Thursday 17 October 2013! It was a great morning filled with fun and excitement and we enjoyed every minute of our time with you!

If you missed out on the action make sure you check out the pictures on our website at www.96five.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/96five!

As a radio station we have a philosophy of encouraging family values and self worth, whilst also providing positive music. 96five's family friendly format means it's safe for little ears and a safe place to tune into.

96five's announcers are positive and up-lifting and the programs include segments devoted to family wellbeing, such as talk-back interviews in the morning focused on mothers, to family tips, to 'Nite Alive' an evening youth program targeted at 13-25 year olds.

At 6pm every night of the week, 96five simulcasts the Channel 7 news live. 96live is the only radio station in Brisbane with a full half hour of news on the way home from work.

Make the switch to 96five today . . . You won't need to turn the dial again.



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From the Deputy Principal

What a success! I've just returned to my desk after our live breakfast radio broadcast and our visit from the Channel 7 helicopter and Bill McDonald. Our students and school were on show to the people of Brisbane and were again be on show Thursday night on the Channel 7 news. Well done to the students, parents and staff of this great school. We were on show and I believe we delivered! The year 7 students were able to talk with Bill McDonald about gathering and presenting news and he also asked them about their Canberra trip and hosting our Japanese High School buddies. The rest of the school were able to get up close for a look at the helicopter. I'd like to single out our P&C and Chaplain Kerry for their support in making this morning possible. Good stuff! Above all, well done to the students of Geebung SS. That was an experience you will remember forever.

Next week we will host students from Iwata High School, Japan. This is always a great time whereby we get to exchange cultures and show our great Geebung SS hospitality to others.

Prep 2014: Do you have a child that is eligible to enrol for Prep in 2014? Students born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009 are eligible for prep in 2014. If you or someone you know is yet to enrol we want to hear from you now. The admin team and the teaching team are starting to look at our class structures for 2014. Geebung State School is a great environment for students to learn and we have a strong and committed teaching team and support staff. Phone the office on 3623 8777 to arrange an enrolment interview.

Our Year 6 students, Mrs Anderson, Ms Waters and Mr Auer are away this week on camp. They are at Currimundi Beach where the group are developing their leadership skills through exciting activities such as stand up paddle boarding, surfing and team problem solving. It looks like they have been lucky with the weather and we look forward to their return to hear all the wonderful recounts of their experiences.

Thanks to the parents and students who attended the Instrumental Music info session this week. It's great to see so many students interested in learning a musical instrument. The skills you will develop will help you in many areas of your lives so I encourage you to take this opportunity and commit to it! Well done to Mrs Van Gaalen and Miss Moore for their preparation and leadership of these programs.

School driveway and turning circle: The school turning circle is a busy section of the school between 3:00pm and 3:15pm. To assist with everyone's safety and the flow of the area can parents please be reminded that the turning circle is a drop off and pick up point only (it needs to be clear for a smooth flow of traffic) and remember to adhere to the signage, Stop Drop and Go AND no right turn onto Newman Road until AFTER 3:30pm.

Finally, 25 October is **World Teachers Day**. We are fortunate to have a team of teachers who are committed to seeing each and every one of our students perform and learn to their best. I encourage our community to take time to show your appreciation by thanking your child's teacher this coming Friday. It's often said that teaching is more than a profession, it's a lifestyle and that is true. Great teachers love seeing children develop into fine young adults and that is what Geebung State School is all about. Thanks for your efforts teachers!

Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal



EVENTS

Date	Event
16 –18 October	Year 6 Currimundi Camp
17 October	6-9am 96.5 Visit
18 October	2-3pm Intra School Sports
21 October	Student Free Day
22 –25 October	Iwata High School Study Tour
23 October	9am Assembly
29 October	9-11am Pre Prep Program
30 October	9am Assembly
1 November	2-3pm Intra School Sports 4-8pm Combined Chaplaincy Celebration (Zillmere, Taigum & Geebung)
6 November	9am Assembly Tuckshop Treat Day
11-13 November	Book Fair
12 November	7pm P&C Meeting
14 November	District Reader's Cup

Book Club

1st Friday in November. All welcome.
Held in the library at 2:00pm.

Music

A reminder to all families that we are changing our tutor book in 2014. Our new book is Essential Elements, Book 1. This is available at all music shops in the area. If they do not have your particular book in stock, please place an order with them so we are ready to go in Term 1, 2014.

Tuesday 15th October was our first combined band rehearsal and I have to say...WELL DONE EVERYONE! Thank you for arriving on time and for working so well together. It was great to have the senior and junior students working together! I look forward to our next rehearsal on the 22nd. We will rehearse in the hall from Week 3 (next week) to get used to the surroundings.

Alyson van Gaalen
Instrumental Music Specialist

Notices

Parent Workshops

Geebung State School invites you to three FREE workshops on:

- Reading: how to help your kids
- Connecting with your kids: including behaviour management and play
- Healthy lunchboxes and dental care
- Preparing your kids for school

Workshop Details

Workshop 1:
Date: Tuesday 29th October 2013
Time: 9am–11:15am
Place: Games Factory
Topics: Reading, behaviour, play

Workshop 2:
Tuesday 3rd December 2013

Workshop 3:
Tuesday 18th February, 2014

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

To register, please contact our Chaplain Kerry on (07) 3623 8777
by Monday 22nd October

FREE MORNING TEA!

FREE CHILDCARE!

Kids' Club

Chermaside Library
(375 Hamilton Road, Chermaside)

Term 4 Dates:
13, 27 Oct: 10, 24 Nov: 8 Dec*

(*8 Dec. is not at library. Check website for details.)

8:30am to 10:00am

Music :: Bible Stories :: Activities
(Parents welcome to stay and have a cuppa)

Gold coin donation.

For more information, contact:
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Class1S



Class 1S learnt to write a procedure "how to make a cheese and carrot sandwich" and they followed their procedure and made the sandwich.



Awards



Congratulations to our Award recipients at Assembly.

Radio 96.5FM Visit to Geebung State School



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P&C News

Welcome back to everyone after a well earned holiday following such a busy Term 3. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the new families that have started at Geebung this term.

The live breakfast program broadcast on 96.5FM radio this morning was a huge success. Thank you to all the mums, dads, and grandparents that came along to support the Tuckshop's sausage sizzle breakfast and also to the volunteers from the local church community. It was a great morning!

Swimming Club has started up again this term, with lessons commencing last week. It's not too late to sign up for lessons and/or Club nights every Friday night. Just come down to the pool after 3pm from Monday to Thursday for more information, or there is a flyer located

in the School Administration office.

Term 4 Treat day will be on Wednesday 6 November 2013. This term's treat day is a McDonald's Day, with a big thank you to McDonalds Bracken Ridge for their very kind donation. An order form will be sent home with every student this week.

This term we will be holding a Slice Drive fundraiser. More information will be provided as the time approaches.

Our next general meeting will be held Tuesday, 12th November at 7pm in the library.

Melissa Ashford
Secretary

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Wednesday 8:15—9:00am and

Friday: 8:15am—9:15am

Tuckshop New

- There are no pineapple fritters for this term's special. Frozen or cold pineapple rings are available. 2 pieces for \$1:00.
- Pizzas are back on the menu - they cost \$2.70.
- Treat Day for this term is 6th November 2013. Helpers are

needed on the day.

- Please do not bring foreign currency to tuckshop.

Leanne & Helen Ph 3265 5959

Tuckshop Convenors

Australian Girls Choir Open Day

Congratulations to girls in Grade 1 and above who recently took part in the AGC assessment workshop at school. By now you should have received your personalised assessment report either posted to your home or via your school. Girls in Prep will be receiving an information flyer about the AGC Open Day and we hope that you will be

able to join us! Everyone is welcome to come along to the Open Day which will give girls the opportunity to try a free class and attend an information session. Ph 07 3256 0207 for more information or visit www.aspagroup.com.au.

Chaplain's Corner

Lunch Activities:

This term on a Thursday at lunch time with the help of Mrs Smith and Mr Bernard we are running team sports in the hall. We will have a variety of team sports with students verses adults. The scores will be tallied and at the end of the term the winners will be announced.

We are in need of parents to help us make up the adult team. So if you are looking for some fun and laughter, a way to get fit and engage with our students this is the way to do it!

Towards the end of last Term a group of approximately 25 students in years 6 and 7 met to form the parliament of the Island of Geebung. Parties have been selected and leaders elected. We meet each Wednesday in the Library.

Last Wednesday we had Question time. Some of the questions and responses were really good and it is very insightful to hear what issues and concerns are important to our young people here at Geebung State School.

Operation Christmas Child:

I would like to thank everyone for supporting Operation Christmas child. I was overwhelmed by the response and eagerness towards this project. Over the holiday a group of us assembled over 50 boxes. (Great Effort) If you would like to contribute towards the shipping cost of the boxes donations can be made at www.operationchristmaschild.org.au. You can even follow the journey of the boxes online.

School Chaplaincy Celebration:

Once again this year Geebung, Taigum and Zillmere SS are holding

the chaplaincy celebration. On Friday November the 1st from 4.45pm to 8.00pm there will be fun games, BBQ dinner and a concert with performances from all 3 schools. There will even be principals vs. chaplains' challenge.

Seeking help:

Do you own or know of anyone who has an overlocker. We are trying to put together some bunting that can be used as decorations at our school discos and I'm in need of 8-10 people who are willing to overlock a pile of 12 triangles each.

If you can help please contact me on 0431227320.

The latest copy of the chaplaincy newsletter is available from the back wall of the office if any one would like a copy.

Chaplain Kerry Edwards

Chaplain



Sport

We will be practising for interschool sport for next year on Friday afternoons throughout the term. The prep Perceptual Motor Program will be running between week 3 and week 9 on a Wednesday Afternoon. We have started a Thursday lunch sport program with the teachers versing the students to try and encourage more physi-

cal activity, peer relationships and better peer teacher communication.

Robert Bernard
HPE Co-ordinator

Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service News

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service will be offering treatment to the year 3 and 7 students soon. Medical history consent forms have been issued to these students. If you wish your child to be treated please return the fully completed consent form (3 pages) to your class teacher by 24/10/13. Due to the demands on our service parents who return consent forms late will not necessarily have their children treated on site and may be offered treatment at another

site. Once dental staff receive a completed form your child will be examined. If your child requires further dental treatment, a 'consent to treatment form' will be issued for your signed consent. Students from the other year levels will be offered treatment after the Year 3 and 7 students are treated. For any enquires please contact staff on 3865 3891.

From the Business Services Manager

Voluntary Contributions

Each State school is resourced by the State Government through grant funding to provide a core educational service to students. Voluntary financial contributions are used by schools to provide an enhanced educational service and to enhance resources available for student learning.

In 2013 the Voluntary Contribution at Geebung State School has been set at \$40 per student. Thank you to all those families who have already contributed this year. Letters have been sent out this week as a reminder to other parents who may wish to make a voluntary contribution. This contribution can be paid at the school office by cash, cheque or eftpos and also by direct deposit to the school's bank account. Details for direct deposit are:-

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Geebung Sate School
BSB 064 155 Account No 00090029

Please ensure your child's name is used as a reference followed by "Vol".

Students leaving Geebung State School

As we prepare for the end of the school year and to assist us in class allocations for 2014 please complete the attached form if your child/children are leaving the school at the end of the year. We have included provision for updating contact information to ensure our records are current and contact can be made if required.

Student/s name: 1. 2. 3.		Class	
Name of New School (if known)			
Reason for leaving (if applicable)			
Current address		Forwarding address (if known)	
Parent/Guardian:	H	W	M
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Thank you for assisting us in our preparations for 2014.

Michelle Johnson
Business Services Manager

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