



GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

1 November 2013

From the Principal



Good afternoon and welcome to week 4.

During last week we had a Pupil Free Day. The staff here at Geebung were involved in a number of activities that ranged from Michelle Johnson (BSM) and her merry band of teacher aides doing a whole school stocktake and the teaching staff doing an in service for 1 and a half hours on using the full capabilities of the interactive data projectors. The enthusiasm and interest teachers are showing in developing their skills further is amazing. The teaching staff and Matthew and I also looked at the issues of intervention and talked about a draft proposal for developing whole school process to providing support in the school to the children with the full range of skills they possess.

While on the teaching staff thanks to the families who went out of their way to acknowledge their children's teachers, it was much appreciated!

Have you downloaded the QSchool app? I have this week and must say it does allow you to keep up to date. Download now to keep your information as current as possible PLEASE!

Every week Mrs. Morcom and I review attendance rates for the children in the school. The average school Attendance Rate for the whole school is approximately 90%. This is too low. This means that children are missing 1 day per fortnight, which equals 20 days a year. This equals 1 month of schooling per year and over a ten year period if this was to continue that we be 1 year in ten. This simply is unacceptable and severely inhibits our ability as teachers to teach your children. We need your child at school on time every day of the week, that's how you can help us help your children.

This week in the mail I received some flyers regarding safety for children when they are on-line. I really liked the simple messages that were presented and thought they would be a very effective way for children to learn about cyber safety. It is also an oppor-

tunity for us as parents to make sure we keep up to speed for our own benefit and for the children in our care.

The 5 p's for technology safety are included below with simple messages that go with each of the key ideas. This information all fits under the 5 Ps for a positive digital footprint.

Permission - make sure you have a grown up's permission to use a new site or app.

Positive- make sure online information about you and others is as positive as possible.

Privacy - keep your passwords and personal details secure.

Protect - your self, keep evidence and never bully back.

Profiles - use a nickname and profile picture that doesn't show your face.

Have you changed your address or have a new phone number? Have you updated your details with the school office? There are numerous occasions when the school is required to contact you. Whether it is an emergency situation, your child is sick or seeking permission, it is imperative that the school has the correct information. Please update your details as soon as possible. There is a form at the back of this newsletter which you can use.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE BOX BELOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO WIN A PRIZE BECAUSE YOU READ THE NEWSLETTER (1 PRIZE PER FORTNIGHT).

Stephen Auer
Principal

I READ THE NEWSLETTER!

I confirm that I have read the newsletter.

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please hand into the school office for your chance to win a prize on assembly.

School Details

Address	250 Newman Road Geebung	SEU	3623 8706
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Fax	3623 8700	After School Care	3865 8971
Student Absentee Line	3623 8760		

Website: <http://geebungss.eq.edu.au> | Email: info@geebungss.eq.edu.au

From the Deputy Principal

Iwata HS: This week I received emails from the study tour agency and also from Iwata High School. They were very appreciative of our efforts in hosting the Japanese students. Geebung State School continues to be a great host to visitors.

Canberra Trip 2014: There will be a meeting for all year 5 and 6 parents to discuss information relating to next year's trip. The meeting will be held in the library on Tuesday 12 November from 3:15pm.

Parent Workshops: It was wonderful to see a great turn out of parents who participated in our first Parent Workshop. This was the first of a series so make sure you add them to your calendar for the future. The topics covered yesterday were "Teaching your child to read", "Dental Care" and "Healthy Eating."

Dogs on School Grounds: A reminder to family and friends that dogs are prohibited on Education Queensland sites. Can you please ensure that this requirement is adhered to for everyone's safety.

Writing: The Curriculum Team have been reviewing how we teach writing at Geebung State School. Although there are many elements to learning and understanding writing we are looking for new and exciting ways to engage our students and support improvement in their writing skills. The Curriculum team are trialling a program at the moment and will feedback to the entire teaching team to develop a plan for 2014.

Australian Curriculum: We are currently using the Australian Curriculum

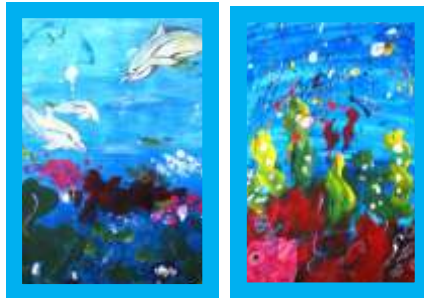
for English, Maths, Science and History. Next year Geography will also be part of the Australian Curriculum suite as part of the roll out of all the Key Learning Areas over the next few years.

Stop Drop and Go: A reminder that the turning circle must remain free of parked cars. Thank you for your understanding if you are requested to "move on.". A suggestion is that parents could wait until 3:05 before arriving to collect students as this is likely to give the students enough time to arrive at the pick-up point.

School Pride: Parents, please talk with your children about school pride. Taking care of our school equipment and grounds is everyone's business. Don't walk past an item of litter, instead pick it up and do good for your school.

Samaritan's Purse Donations: It was wonderful to see so many gifts on display at the assembly this morning. I mentioned on assembly that doing good deeds for others is an incredibly satisfying feeling. Well done to those who have contributed to making another child's Christmas more enjoyable.

Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal



Artwork by Iwata HS.



EVENTS

Date	Event
1 November	4-8pm Combined Chaplaincy Celebration (Zillmere, Taigum & Geebung) at Salvation Army Taigum
6 November	9am Assembly Tuckshop Treat Day
11-13 November	Book Fair
12 November	9-11am Pre Prep Program 3:15pm Canberra Trip Mtg for parents Yr5&6 7pm P&C Meeting
13 November	9am Assembly
14 November	District Reader's Cup
20 November	9am Assembly 6pm Music Concert school hall
26 November	9-11am Pre Prep Program 11-11:30am Volunteer Morning Tea
27 November	9am Assembly
3 December	9-11:15am Parent Workshop—Games Factory
4 December	8:30-10:30am Prep 2014 Transitional Session 9am Assembly School Discos
5 December	Prep –Yr3 Swimming Carnival (during swimming lessons)
6 December	Yrs 4-7 Swimming Carnival (all day)
10 December	9-11am Pre Prep Program
11 December	Awards Assembly Yrs 4-7
12 December	Yr 7 Graduation Dinner at Virginia Golf Club
13 December	Last Day of Term

Library News

BOOK FAIR: 11 – 13 November

The Library will host a Book Fair in November. The school community is very welcome to come along and purchase books and stationery from the Fair. It is an ideal time for some early Christmas shopping for family and friends. Our Library will benefit from every purchase made at the Fair so your support is very much appreciated. Students will view the Book Fair on Friday 8 November. They may purchase books from Monday 11 November till Wednesday 13 November. The Fair will be open from 8.15am to 5.00pm. Payment facilities include: cash, eftpos and credit card. If you cannot attend the Fair, you can make a secure credit card payment online or by phone, details to be found on the Book Fair flyer which will be sent home with the students on Friday 11 November after they have visited the Fair. Please see the Library staff for further information.

**READING
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SUPER POWER!**

**District Reader's Cup: Year 5 Team**

Congratulations to our Year 5 students: Siobhain, Sam, Joshua and Patrick, who have been selected to represent our school in the District Reader's Cup competition. The students are in training for the big event, which will be held at our school on Thursday 14 November 2013.

Julie Silva
Teacher Librarian

Music

A reminder to all students wanting to start an instrument in 2014, instrument selection forms are due back now. If these forms don't come back we will not know your preferences in time for physical testing, explained at the information afternoon. Please return these forms to the office, ASAP.

Current & continuing students - don't forget we change our tutor book for 2014. You need the Essential Elements Book that is relevant to your instrument. We will be using them for our first lessons so please make sure you have the tutor book for the start of the new

year. I've heard of some students asking Santa for the book for Christmas!

Our Music Concert is coming up fast on the 20th November. Please make sure you keep practising your parts and those of my students who want to perform a solo or duet, please make sure you let me know by next Tuesday (5th November) what you would like to play.

Happy Music Making!

Ms V. Alyson van Gaalen

Notice

LOWES
SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR

Geebung State School
**SPECIAL
UNIFORM SALES EVENING**
Lowes Menswear Chermisde
Thursday 5th December, 2013
3pm-9pm

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GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

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Name: _____ Mobile: _____
E-mail: _____ Name of School: _____

Award



Congratulations to our Award recipients at Assembly.

Year 6 Currimundi Camp

On Wednesday 16th October 2013, the year 6 students from Geebung State School went to Currimundi Active Recreation Camp for 3 days. We went to the camp to have fun and build our leadership skills for next year.

On Thursday morning we woke early and some people went on a beach walk before breakfast and it was a beautiful sight. Watching the crystal clear water form into waves as another one crashed on the shore. On the beach on the way back the water started to get higher and higher up on the shore and soon it got so high people's feet and shoes were getting drenched.

On camp I learnt that leadership isn't just about public speaking and commitment but it is also about challenging yourself and letting others have a say in the group.

Shayne G 6W



The year six students from Geebung State School went to Currimundi Recreation Camp from the 16th to the 18th of October 2013. The bus left at nine o'clock and it took approximately an hour and a half to reach Currimundi. We went to camp to work on our leadership and to bond with our friends.

On Wednesday my group did the team challenge. The first game was hospital tag. The object of the game was to tag people with the barrier and if you got tagged you lost an arm and so on. The next challenge was heads or hands. It's like a game of opposites. So if Myer said heads you would have to catch the ball with your hands. Next we went on a massive see saw and we had to lift it up a millimetre for

as long as we could. The record was 32 seconds. But sadly we only got 8 seconds. Our final activity before afternoon tea was organisation without talking. So what we had to do was organise ourselves without talking. We managed to get all of it correct. After afternoon tea we did pool games. The first game we played was submarines. That was awesome. We swam laps of the pool. Then we had the pool party. I played a game with Riley, Jyi and Raymond. I really enjoyed the pool party.

I learnt how to communicate better with others and I built more confidence in myself. I learnt how to be a good leader. I really LOVED camp.

Skye S



Sports News

I would like to start by thanking all parents for the great effort with getting students to swimming with all the right swimming gear. If your child is in grade 5 to 7 I would like them from week 5 to bring a spare shirt for a number of clothed swimming activities. At Geebung State School we work closely with the Geebung swimming club if you

feel that your child could benefit from extra swimming time we highly recommend the Geebung Swimming Club. We hope that this helps with further development in swimming for your child.

Robert Bernard
HPE Co-ordinator

P&C News

This term's McDonald's Treat day will be next Wednesday 6 November 2013. All orders are due back at the tuckshop by Friday 1 November. A big thank you to McDonalds Bracken Ridge for their very kind donation. Any parents that are available to help from 12:30pm on the day, please leave your name at the tuckshop or phone Leanne or Helen on 3265 5959.

A reminder that Swimming Club has started again, with learn to swim lessons, stroke development and squad training. 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.

The Slice Drive fundraiser this term will be kicking off this week. A letter will be sent home with the order form and will be due back by

Friday 15 November.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have returned the consent forms for the school yearbook/magazine. Unfortunately, any students who do not have these consent forms returned will not be able to have their names, photographs or artwork published in the yearbook. Please have these forms returned to your class teacher or the administration office as soon as possible. This delay will hold up the printing of the yearbook.

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

Melissa Ashford
Secretary

Uniform Shop News

I often get asked about our school uniform and what is required, so I thought I would take this opportunity to publish our current school dress code which is available at the school office.

DRESS CODE

Under Section 360 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, a school Principal may develop a Dress Code for the school's students in consultation with the parents, students and staff at the school. This document articulates the acceptable dress standard for students of Geebung State School which has been developed through consultation between the Parents & Citizens Association, the School Administration and the wider community.

The Geebung State School community actively supports the implementation of a school uniform for students. Children are encouraged to wear the school uniform each day and students are especially requested to be in the appropriate uniform at formal occasions (Assembly, Anzac Day Ceremony, School photo's) and when participating in special events or activities (sport, band/choir performances or excursions).

Our uniform is a green, black and white check shirt or dress, bottle green and white polo shirt with embroidered school badge, black shorts/skirt/pants/skort, bucket hat with embroidered school badge, white/black or bottle socks, black enclosed shoes or black/white joggers.

INSTORE

Our new bucket hats have arrived and are still only \$10. **If you purchased a bucket hat in term 3 with the new sandwich trim, it needs to be returned and you will get a new for old.**

Bargain priced Geebung swim-wear for boys (speedo style) and girls (full racer) are available for \$10 a pair in limited sizes. Stock on racks is all that is left.

Backpack/bags are available for \$5.00 and are great for swimming bags. Calico library bags are available for \$5.00.

Swimming caps are in stock latex \$4, Lycra \$6 and GSS swim caps are \$12. Basketball for sale for \$5.

Bucket hats and swim caps are available for purchase from the Tuckshop when the uniform shop is closed.

Currently, there is a great selection of 2nd hand items priced from \$2.00 currently in stock plus various sizes of shoes too. Hair accessories are in stock ... scrunchies, head bands, hair clips and elastics start at \$1. These are made in school colours (green/white/black) and girls dress fabric.

Donations of clothing or clothing to be sold for commission can be left at the shop, tuck-shop or office. Please ensure you mark the items as donation or for sale for commission and included your contact details.

If you have any blackwear (shorts, skirts, skorts) or school shirts/dresses that are not worth selling, consider donating them to the office for emergency clothing. Any donations to are greatly appreciated.

The shop hours for term 4 are Wednesday 8.15am - 9.00am and Friday 8.15am to 9.15am. At this stage, hours for term 1 2014 will be the same.

The shop will be open prior to the commencement of term 1 on Thursday 23rd January from 9am to 12noon and 4pm to 6pm. Any polo preorders can be picked up on this day or when school commences the following week.

LOST PROPERTY

Items are available for viewing on Friday's. Items found with names are returned to students but the amount of unnamed items is increasing. I urge parents to ensure all items of clothing, lunch containers, drink bottles and swimming bags and their contents, be named clearly so items can easily be returned to students.

Fleur Stanford
Uniform Shop Convenor

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Wednesday 8:15—9:00am and

Friday: 8:15am—9:15am

Amart AllSports Virginia

Please be aware that when you shop at Amart AllSports Virginia our school receives 5% back. When purchasing from them please let the store know you are from Geebung State School so that our school can benefit from your purchase.

Chaplain's Corner

There has been a lot happening over the last couple of weeks at school.

Year 6 Camp:

On Wednesday the 16th I spent the day with our year 6 students at Camp Curramundi. I had a great time and it was a pleasure to see them working together as a team and developing their leadership skills.

School Chaplaincy Celebration:

Once again this year Geebung, Taigum and Zillmere State Schools are holding the chaplaincy celebration, this **Friday** November the 1st from 4.45pm- 8.00pm. There will be fun games, BBQ dinner and a performance from The Geebung State School Choir.

96.5 Radio visit:

I would like to thank everyone for their help and involvement in the 96.5 radio visit. I trust that everyone had a great time. A special thanks to those that cooked and organised the BBQ.

Lunch Activities:

The lunch activities on Thursday have been heaps of fun. The first week was a victory to the students, but with some reinforcements in the form of parents and teachers the adults have made a comeback. If you are ever available on Thursday between one and two come

along and join in the fun.

A big thank you to Mr Bernard for organising the games.

Q. What happens when 50 rabbits hop backwards at the same time?

A. You get a receding hair line!

Chaplain Kerry

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY CELEBRATION!
Friday November 1st
at The Salvation Army, North Brisbane
Corner Handford & Roghan Rds, Taigum

4:45pm Fun Games
5:30pm BBQ Dinner
6:30pm Concert
Choi-Jazz Show team (dance group)
Performances by Geebung S.S.
Performances by Taigum S.S.
Performances by Zillmere S.S.
Principals vs Chaplains Challenge
Message from the Chaplains

8:00pm Finish

BBQ Pricelist
Sausage Skewer \$2.50
Drinks \$1.50
Ice cream \$1.00
Donuts \$1.00

Tuckshop New

McCain Ham & Pineapple Pizzas \$2.70 each.

Just a reminder that Treat Day is Wednesday 6 November 2013. No late orders. If you can help on Treat Day please phone tuckshop and book in.

This Friday there is urgent help required for the day. Please help out as there is no one on the roster for that day.

Leanne & Helen Ph 3265 5959

Tuckshop Convenors

Book Club

Friday 1st November 2013 in the Library. Bring any book from an Australian author. Friday 6 December 2013 in the library. Bring any crime book. All welcome.

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:-

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Geebung State 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.

Thank you for assisting us in our preparations for 2014.

Michelle Johnson

Business Services Manager

DEPARTING GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL ADVICE FORM

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
Parent/Guardian:	H	W	M

CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS FORM

Have you changed your address or contact details. Please complete relevant details that are to be updated. Please print clearly.

STUDENT SURNAME:

STUDENT CHRISTIAN NAME:

STUDENT CLASS:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

**Parent
Name:**

(H)

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