



GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

15 November 2013

From the Principal

Last week the Principal's Position at Geebung State School was declared vacant. Applicants for this position come from a recommended pool, these people have been interviewed and recommended for this level (Band 8). Applications closed on Tuesday the 12th of November 2013. The result should be known by the school community before the end of the year. I will let you know as soon as I know.

Geebung State School will be involved in the Active School Travel program in 2014. This is a wonderful initiative that involves walking, riding or scooting to school in an attempt to reduce vehicles on roads around school. Please keep your eyes peeled for the chance to get involved and make the school a safer place.

The selection of School Captains for 2014 has occurred and what a wonderful bunch of candidates applied. We have now moved onto selecting the sporting and cultural leaders. When the process is complete we will publish all of the names.

Report Cards are not far away. Teachers are very busy writing report cards. A date will be published in the next newsletter for when these will be sent home.

Canberra 2014. Thanks to those families who made the time to come along for this meeting. More information will follow in due course but in the meantime a deposit is due on the 29 November 2013 to book your space.

In 2014 an Electronic Platform is coming. What that means is we want to do business as electronically as possible. Newsletters, even report cards will come to your e-mail address. Are you ready for this? Will it work for you. Please let us know at info@geebungss.eq.edu.au.

Newsletter Readers please fill in the return box (featured below on this page) and hand it into the office to win a prize every fortnight at assembly.

Class Allocation Process for 2014 will commence shortly. As a parent if you believe you have information you believe we need BEFORE we start this process please collect a PROFORMA from the office to complete. We are searching for information that has changed about your family and specifically any updates regarding medical or family issues. For example, your opinion on the placement of your twins for next year.

Great to see our Adopt a Cops around on assembly recently. Thanks to Sergeant James and Constable Scott.

A big thank you to Jon Osborne as the 1st December marks the 30th Anniversary of his dance studio commencing in the Geebung State School Activity Centre.

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.

Date: 15 November 2013

School Details

Address	250 Newman Road Geebung	SEU	3623 8706
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From the Deputy Principal

This week on assembly Mr Auer spoke to the students about the Golden Rule: Treat others the same way you wish to be treated. Parents, take a minute each day to talk with your children about this simple yet powerful concept. As you unpack the idea it becomes clearer that the strength of this comes from our willingness to look within. In all situations it is important that we are reflective so that we can learn from our experiences. This is a vital message for children to learn. Dr Wilson McCaskill from Play is the Way says that "You have to do good, to feel good." Remember students, the way we speak to each other, act towards each other, and care for each other will have a great impact on the community culture we have here at Geebung State School. Look for opportunities to use the Golden Rule.

Thanks to Kerry and Susan Watson for their efforts and contribution in regards to Geebung State School's considerable contribution to the recent Chaplaincy Celebration held at the Salvation Army Church at Bracken Ridge.

Student Safety: This week on assembly we also spoke about students taking ownership of their own safety. In particular we are targeting the appropriate use of stairs and chairs around the school. Parents, please remind your children about not jumping over chairs and also to take steps one at a time when using stairs.

Attendance: With only four weeks to go, teachers are working overtime to complete student assessments in time

for reporting. Please assist this process by ensuring your children arrive at school on time at 8:50am **everyday** to be sure that they are upholding their responsibility towards their learning.

The Music Concert will be held in the School Hall at 6pm on Wednesday 20th November. I am looking forward to hearing the latest performances from our great instrumental music team of students!

Volunteers Morning tea: Have you RSVP'd to the volunteers morning tea? Please contact Maureen in the office to let us know you are coming. It's a small token of our appreciation for your time and effort during the year.

Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal



EVENTS

Date	Event
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
28 January 2014	1st day of term 2014

Awards



Congratulations to our Award recipients at Assembly.

Library News

BOOK FAIR: 11 – 13 November

Many thanks to the school community for the tremendous support shown to our Book Fair.

The huge community commitment to reading is evident by this support and will benefit both our students and our Library collection. Well done!



SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

As Christmas approaches it is a time to encourage our students to reflect upon helping others. With this in mind, our school is again collecting for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Families may donate presents and non-perishable goods. Items may be left under the Christmas tree in the Library from Friday 22 November 2013.

Julie Silva
Teacher Librarian

Music

Hello everyone! Well, it's almost time. Our end of semester concert is next week—Wednesday 20th November starting at 6pm!

What a great opportunity to witness the culmination of all that your child has learned throughout 2013. I will need to have all school brass & woodwind instruments returned to me after the concert as there will be no further lessons for 2013 after this event.

Brass Woodwind & Percussion Offers for 2014 were sent out last week. **All forms are to be returned to the office no later than Monday, 18th November 2013 please.**

If your student did not receive an offer and you wish them to be considered for the program in 2014, please leave a message for me via the office.

A reminder to continuing students – we are changing tutor books next year. You will need to purchase Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 for your student's instrument. Please check in with your local music store as sometimes these need to be ordered in and can take some time. **Your student will need this tutor book for Week 2 of Term 1 to start lessons.**



Music Stores in the Area:

- Artie's Music – Aspley Hypermarket/ Westfield Chermside
- Ellaways Music – Kedron
- Morris Bros. – Stafford
- Mau Music – Keperra

Keep up the great work everyone! Almost there!

Ms V. Alyson van Gaalen
Instrumental Music Specialist

Tuckshop News

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on Treat Day. McDonald's Bracken Ridge deserve a big thank you for supplying our treat day and their \$300 donation to our school. With only a month left of school please be aware that we are running our stock down for the holidays. Note that there is no gingerbread biscuits left.

Ham & Pineapple Pizza \$2.70 .

Please come and book in to volunteer in our tuckshop for 2014. We need 'You'! Just once a month is a really big help.

Leanne & Helen Ph 3265 5959

Tuckshop Convenors

From the Business Services Manager

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 at the end of the newsletter 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.

End of Year Process

As part of our end of year processes we are closing old invoices.

Parents, please don't be alarmed if you are emailed adjustment notes. They represent excursions your child may not have participated in. No action is required by you.

Thank you for assisting us in our preparations for 2014.

Michelle Johnson
Business Services Manager

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplaincy Celebration

The Chaplaincy celebration held last Friday night was a great night full of fun. The choir did an amazing job and I was once again overwhelmed by the support of families from Geebung State School. A big thank you to Mrs Watson for her assistance.

Parent workshop

The parent workshop held on October 29 went well. We had 12 or so parents in attendance. **The next workshop is on Tuesday 3 December 2013 and the topics being addressed are:** surviving the school holidays with low/no cost activities, preparing dental hygiene part 2 & healthy lunch boxes. Morning tea and child minding are provided. 9-11:15 am in the Games Factory room.

Lunch Activities

The Team games on a Thursday have been going really well. We started off with Prep -Year 3 for the first 3 weeks, and this week will mark the second week for Years 4-7. Last week we had 15 parents and staff participate. This support is really appreciated. Also last week a photographer from Quest newspaper came out to take some photos. Check out the photos on page 47 of the Northside Chronicle.

On Tuesday lunch time I am still continuing to meet with the year sixes and sevens for their weekly parliamentary sitting.

If you would like any more information on any activities please don't hesitate to contact me on 3623 8777 Tuesday—Thursday.

Kerry Edwards

Thursday lunchtime Activity—Parents and Staff vs Students



Members of the Geebung Choir performing at the Chaplain Celebration



Sports News

For parents interested in next year's Bramble Bay sports calendar, this calendar will be available to view in the upcoming weeks. Please go to the Met North Internet site as listed here www.metnorthsport.qld.edu.au/.

Just a reminder to all parents that students must wear a swim cap to go swimming. For those students who consistently forget their swimming cap, they will not participate in swimming in the upcoming weeks. In week 9, we have our upper primary swimming carnival. If

you are available to assist as a parent helper for the event in anyway, please let myself or the office know. Thanks again to all parents and students who make my job a pleasure to teach at Geebung State School.

Yours in sport.

Robert Bernard
HPE Co-ordinator

P&C News

A huge **Thank you!** to McDonalds Bracken Ridge for their generous donation for the tuckshop treat day last week. Not only did they donate all the food, but also a \$300 cash donation! Thank you also to Kerry Edwards for organising this treat day and to all the parent volunteers who helped out on the day!

All Slice Drive order forms are due back to school this Friday 15 November. Pick up can be made on Thursday afternoon, 5 December from the RTC room next to the school administration office. Thank you to all the school families that have supported this fundraiser. Enjoy your slices!

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 year-

book. 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.

We had our last P&C meeting for the year this week. Thank you to all the parents and teachers that have made the effort to attend meetings throughout the year. We are very lucky to have so many people attend our meetings regularly. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th February 2014.

We are currently petitioning the Newman State Government for flashing lights to be installed at Newman Road. If interested in signing this petition please come into the office or tuckshop. The more signatures we have the more notice the Minister will take notice.

Melissa Ashford
Secretary

Uniform Shop News

Second hand stock is in high demand but we have very low stocks. Please consider selling your child's outgrown school uniforms in the Uniform Shop - it's a great way to make a few dollars. 20% commission is offered- sell a shirt for \$10 and you get \$8.

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 include 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 the office or the shop are greatly appreciated.

Pre-orders of the school polo shirts are being accepted now until Friday 6th December 2013. Children sizes 4-14 are \$30 and adult sizes S/M/L \$34. Strictly for pre-orders only the shop is offering children sizes 2 for \$50 and adults sizes 2 for \$60. Forms are available at the office, tuckshop and in store. 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 pre-orders can be picked up on this day or when school commences the following week. The school uniform shop is the only stockist for Geebung State School Polo.

NEW Boys formal shirts ... limited quantity of size 6, 8, 10 & 12 are in stock for \$28.00 each.

Bargain priced Geebung swim-wear for boys (speedo style) and girls (full racer) are available for \$10.00 a pair in limited sizes. Stock on racks is all that is left.

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

Our new bucket hats have arrived and are only \$10.00. Swimming caps are in stock latex \$4, Lycra \$6 and Geebung State School sili-

cone swim caps are \$12. Bucket hats and swim caps are available for purchase from the Tuckshop when the Uniform Shop is closed.

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.

Get ready for 2014 formal uniform prices at our external stockists.

Lowes @ Cherside Shopping Centre -

Boys Formal Shirts all sizes \$27.99

Girls Formal Dresses all sizes are \$42.99 .

Rowena's @ 2/613A Robinson Road Aspley -

Boys Formal Shirts:

size 4-8 \$27.50

size 10-14 \$29.45

size 16+ \$31.35

Girls Formal Dresses:

size 4-6 \$39.90

size 8-10 \$41.80

size 12-14 \$42.75

size 16+ \$43.75

LOST PROPERTY

Items are available for viewing in the shop on Wednesday's or on Friday's at the bottom of the stairs to the Art-Room. Items found with names are returned to students via the office . 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 be returned to students. Hats are a big lost property item so why not wear your hat to and from school so you know you've got it as no hat = no play.

Fleur Stanford
Uniform Shop Convenor

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Wednesday 8:15—9:00am and

Friday: 8:15am—9:15am

Notices

Changes to the Pedestrian Crossing on Newman Road

I am pleased to advise that following my liaison with the Brisbane City Council, there have been some changes to the sequence for the lights at the Newman Road Pedestrian crossing. Following discussions with members of the school community, I approached Council for assistance in making the crossing as safe as possible for our children due to the busy and industrial nature of the traffic on Newman Road. It was decided that a 4 second delay between the red light

coming on and the green walk symbol showing would improve safety at the crossing. This allows for the vehicles to come to a complete stop before the children walk out onto the roadway. I would like to thank the Brisbane City Council for their assistance in this matter. If you have any other local matters of concern, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Jason Woodforth MP
Member for Nudgee



WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Orientation Day for students in Year 8 2014
Monday 9 December 2013
Assembly Hall
Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights
8.30am for 8.45am start
3.00pm finish
(Morning Tea provided for parents at 10.00am)

Students to bring/wear:
Primary School Uniform
Notepad & pens
Morning Tea & Lunch

Shop Hours – Monday 9 December
Stationery 1.00pm – 5.30pm
Clothing 1.00pm – 5.30pm
Used Clothing (D Block) 1.00pm – 5.30pm

Applications still welcome.
Enrolment Enquiries: Contact : Sandy Lock,
Enrolment Officer on 3350 0328



SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR
Geebung State School
SPECIAL UNIFORM SALES EVENING
Lowes Menswear Chermisde
Thursday 5th December, 2013
3pm-7pm

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PLUS
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More services & minor timetable changes for Sunshine Coast & Caboolture lines

On Monday 20 January 2014, more services and minor timetable changes will be introduced on the Sunshine Coast and Caboolture lines.

At the same time, buses in the Moreton Bay region will also be changing to provide improved reliability and better integration between buses and trains.

Sunshine Coast line

Additional peak services

- A new early morning service will depart Nambour at 5:07am and Caboolture at 5:06am, arriving at Central at 5:55am (express Caboolture - Northgate).
- A new afternoon service will depart Central at 4:25pm, arriving at Caboolture at 5:11pm and Nambour at 6:10pm (express Bowen Hills - Northgate - Caboolture).

Minor timetable changes

- The current 4:34pm Nambour express service will depart Central six minutes later at 4:40pm
- Two outbound Gympie North services will also change:
 - the 9:37am outbound service will depart Central four minutes earlier at 9:33am, arriving at Caboolture at 10:17am, Nambour at 11:26am and Gympie North at 12:39pm.
 - the 5:49pm outbound service will depart Central two minutes later at 5:51pm, arriving at Caboolture at 6:44pm, Nambour at 7:44pm and Gympie North at 8:48pm.

Caboolture line

Additional services

Two new outbound services will be introduced on weekends:

- departing Central at 3:55pm and arriving at Caboolture at 4:50pm.
- departing Central at 4:10pm and arriving at Caboolture at 5:05pm.

These services run express from Northgate to Pindri, then stop all stations to Caboolture.

Minor timetable changes

- The current 4:07pm all stops service will terminate at Pindri, arriving at 4:50pm.
- The current 4:22pm express service will depart Central six minutes later at 4:28pm, arriving at Caboolture at 5:23pm.

Find out more at translink.com.au or call 13 12 20

Great state. Great opportunity.



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:

PHONE NUMBERS:

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