



GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

28 November 2013

From the Principal

Welcome to the second last newsletter for the year. The last newsletter will also be full of information including class lists for 2014.

The School Opinion Survey results have arrived and as a general statement the results are very pleasing:

The Students' results show increases in 25 out of 33 areas, many of these are small changes, however they are positive! With only 5/33 declining, some only very small changes. There are 3 areas showing no change.

The Parents' results are similar to 2012 with a few positive and negative exceptions. We can look at these in detail, although the sample size is only 17-19 parents so the data is a little narrower than we had hoped for out of 45 samples sent home.

The Staff results are shown out of 57 questions. I was not able to compare the data from 2012 as they have changed how this is reported, so I compared it to the like school results as they are typically higher than state results. In 2 areas our results were similar to the like schools, in 6 areas we were below like school results and in all other areas we were above like school results that is a total of 49 areas. Please note some results were only slightly above like schools, however it is still a positive result.

Overall these are great results and we should all be very happy about these.

The Vegetable Garden Project is up and running with supplies arriving and thanks to Kylie, Trudy and the merry band of helpers for what has been done so far and what will be done by the end of term. We look forward to the produce next year!

Report Cards will be sent home with the newsletter in week 10. Please take the time to read these carefully.

The Graduation event is looming and will be held on the 12th of December. Thanks to Matthew, Therese and Cassie for all of your efforts so far.

The School disco is next Wednesday and all are looking forward to this. Hope to see as many of you as possible there!

Making every day count

As we near the end of the school year, it's important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which is **13**

December 2013. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. For more information, visit <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts>.

If you are updating your uniform or for those parents of Year 7 students who are graduating at the end of the year please consider donating your school uniform to the school office. We are running low on supplies of emergency clothing and would appreciate your assistance.

Stephen Auer
Principal

Parent Workshops

Geebung State School invites you to three FREE workshops on:

Workshop 2
Date: Tuesday 3rd December
Time: 9am-11am
Place: Sunco Factory

Topic:

- Healthy meals and lunchboxes
- Surviving the school holidays
- Reading with your kids

FREE MORNING TEA!

FREE CHELDCARE!

DATE CLAIMED!
Workshop 3: Tuesday 26th February, 2014

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!
To register, please contact our Chaplain Kerry on (07) 3623 8777 by Friday 29th November

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: 28 November 2013

School Details

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

From the Deputy Principal

Have you RSVP'd for our second Parent Workshop next Tuesday? Come along and get some insight and tips to help with the unrelenting task of....parenting! A special mention to the Smith Family, Qld Health, Red Cross and Chaplain Kerry for their assistance with this project.

Volunteers Morning Tea: Geebung State School is privileged to have a community of parents who are ready to roll their sleeves up and help. It is clear that our parents want Geebung students to achieve and this year our volunteer numbers continued to grow.

Candy Canes: This year Thursday 12 December is the allocated day where students are able to exchange candy canes at school if they wish to. Thank you for helping us by ensuring that your children follow this guideline.

Thanks for a great year. This year has been defined by hard work and improved results for our school. Bring on 2014 and let's keep the momentum rolling.

**Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal**

Chill & Chat Café Recipe Book

Well finally it is here, the long awaited collection of the recipes from the Chill & Chat Cafe.

The SEP students have run the annual Chill & Chat Cafe program since 2008. It is not just about the food but an all-encompassing program which teaches skills in many areas such as social skills, health, hygiene and food preparation. The staff and SEP parents of Geebung State School have been our customers and over the years, many have said 'you should make a recipe book' and include all the scrumptious food served at the Chill & Chat Cafe. So here it is! Order your copy now for just \$3.00. The Chill & Chat Café Recipe Books will also be on sale before school and at big lunch, next Thursday 5th December!

Sarah Smith



EVENTS

Date	Event
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

CHILL & CHAT CAFÉ RECIPE BOOK ORDER FORM

Well finally it is here, the long awaited collection of recipes from the Chill & Chat Café.

\$3.00 each

(Enclose money with order)

NAME	Qty	Price
TOTAL		

All orders to be returned to the box in Staff Room by Monday 2nd December please.



A GREAT CHRISTMAS IDEA!

Library News

Book Fair

Many thanks to our school community for the support shown towards the recent Book Fair. Our Library earned over \$1000 in commission which will help towards the purchase of new resources for the students.

District Readers' Cup

Congratulations to our school Readers' Cup Team: Siobhan M, Sam H, Joshua M and Patrick B from 5J. Eight school teams participated in a very close match. Our team won the contest just winning in front of Woolloowin and Wilston schools. Well done to our team for their

commitment and hard work. A great team effort!

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

With Christmas approaching 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 to the Appeal. Items may be left under the Christmas tree in the Library from Friday 22 November. Thank you for the great responses already from our families. The Appeal will finish on Tuesday 10 December.

Julie Silva
Teacher Librarian



Awards



Congratulations to those students who have received awards at assembly over this last two weeks!

Connect 4 Cup



The hotly contested Geebung Connect 4 Cup wrapped up last week. In a nail biting, 3 game final- it was decided that Erin R was the Geebung State School Connect 4 champion. She defeated Briley B in the final. Despite dropping the first game, Erin kept her cool to win the remaining games. Congratulations Erin!

Thank you to all those students who participated - it was great to see so many involved. All students showed great sportsmanship when competing - something they should all be proud of!

Until next time,
Mrs Drake

Notice

Boondall Early Childhood Centre

73 Zillmere Road, Boondall QLD 4034

Phone: 07 3865 1492 email: director@boondallchildcarecentre.com.au

**Are you looking for something exciting for
your children to do these school holidays??**

At Boondall Early Childhood Centre we offer a vacation care program for school aged children that is jam packed with fun activities and excursions.

So why not join us these school holidays.

Government funding is available and the cost per day is from as little as \$8.

For more information or a copy of the vacation program,

please call Vicki on 07 3865 1492

Tuckshop

We are running stock down for the Christmas holidays. There are no gingerbread men or apple pies.

Thank you to all helpers this year and to everyone who donated goods or wrote 'keep change' on their child's bags. We appreciate all your help. Please book in next year if you have any available time.

Leanne & Helen
Ph 3265 5959

P&C News

Slice Drive pick up will be on Thursday afternoon, 5 December 2013 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 the school administration for hosting a morning tea this week for all volunteers within the school community. It was over-

whelming to see so many volunteers attend, and very encouraging to know that so many people are contributing in many different ways.

Melissa Ashford
Secretary

Uniform Shop News

POLO SHIRTS

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 - payment at pick up.

Pre-order forms are available at the office and shop only. **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.

As the school year nears its end, 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 kept e.g.: sell a shirt for \$10 and you get \$8.

Second hand uniforms of all sizes in polo shirts, formal shirts and dresses is in high demand and stocks are very low. 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 them or the shop are greatly appreciated. **Bucket hats and swim caps are available for purchase from the Tuck-shop 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 @ Chermisde Shopping Centre - Boys formal shirts all sizes \$27.99 and 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 and Girls formal dresses size 4-6 \$39.90, size 8-10 \$41.80, size 12-14 \$42.75, size 16+ \$43.75.

Basketballs for sale @ \$5.00 each available near the tuck-shop under the tree on Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30am.

LOST PROPERTY

Items are available for viewing in the shop on Wednesday's or at the bottom of the stairs to the art-room on Friday's. Items found with names are returned to students via the office 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 are easy to return 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

Don't forget Lowes Uniform Sale on Thursday 5 December 2013. All students from Geebung State School receive a 15% discount off the price of school uniforms.

LOWES
SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR

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

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Off the regular price on all uniform items for
GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

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Name: _____ Mobile: _____
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Chaplain's Corner

Lunch Activities:

Each Tuesday at Lunch the Parliament of The Isle of Geebung meet. Our numbers have dwindled a little over the last couple of weeks, but we are averaging 10 each week. This week we had our first debate which went very well, next week we are debating spying on other countries. The students are obviously very interested in politics and real issues concerning our country.

The team games on Thursday are going well. The competition is strong from both teams, as of last week there is only a slight point difference. With one week remaining the competition could go either way. Stay tuned for the announcement of the winner in the next newsletter.

Parent workshop:

On Tuesday we are running another Parent Workshop. The topics being covered are Healthy teeth and lunchboxes, surviving the school holidays and reading with your kids. Morning tea and child minding are available. Please RSVP by Monday.

Christmas is fast approaching so I thought I would let you know of a couple of Christmas carols / fairs taking place in the community:

December 8th 3:30 -7:00 pm Giant slide, Animal farm, Jumping castle climbing wall, Great Food and live entertainment. Lots of fun for the whole family. Where: Centrepont Church, Cnr Pflingst and Hamilton Rds Chermside. Ph: 07 3359 7700

Christmas in the Park Saturday December 14. Christmas festival starts at 4pm Animal farm, pony rides, jumping castle, sausage sizzle, Christmas café, drinks, snacks, and craft.

Carols by Candlelight will commence at 7:15 pm. The Christmas story, with music and dance, followed by fireworks. Where: Bangalow st Park, Bridgeman Downs. (Off Albany Creek Rd). PH 07 3263 1950

Community Christmas Celebration will be held on Sunday 15 December from 4 - 7pm. This is a great event with lots of activities, including jumping castles, animal farm, pony rides, mini golf, Santa photos, craft activities, face painting, sausage sizzle, etc. The evening will finish with Christmas Carols 7 - 8.30pm. Where: The Salvation Army, North Brisbane Cnr Handford & Roghan Rd's Ph: 07 38651088.

**Kerry Edwards
Chaplain**

Music

What a fantastic finish to 2013 for Geebung State School music students! Wednesday 20th November 2013 was our final concert for the year and I have to say...you all did a fantastic job! Students, I hope you all enjoyed the performance as much as I did. A huge thank you to family, friends and staff who attended and supported our budding musicians. Performing is the ultimate goal and helps to motivate our kids to keep working at maintaining and improving their skills. I'd also like to thank the families for encouraging and supporting your children during the year. Learning an instrument can be difficult and challenging at times. The kids really need support and encouragement so thank you for your part in their development! I've loved working with you all and look forward to doing it all again in 2014.

Another reminder - we are changing tutor books next year to Essential Elements 200. Please make sure your child has this book ready to go

for Week 1, Term 1 so we can hit the ground running with lessons. New students, you need to check the requirements list that was sent home and please, make sure you come to your first lesson with all the equipment listed. You can leave your music stand at home as we will use the school stands. A friendly warning, if you are looking at buying your own instrument please go through a reputable shop/dealer. Many instruments purchased on Ebay can result in false economy - it may be a cheaper purchase price but constant repairs will soon tug on the purse strings. If you are contemplating purchasing your own instrument and need some questions answered, please leave a message for me via the office and I will get back to you.

I am away on Long Service Leave in Week 10 so I will take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

Ms V (Alyson van Gaalen)



Congratulations to Geebung State School Choir for their lovely performance on Wednesday 20th November 2013, our final concert for the year. The students have worked hard throughout this semester, and thank you to family, friends and staff who have supported them during this time. We will still have choir practice every Friday until the end of the year. Look forward to seeing you this week.

**Susan Watson
Music Teacher**

Music

Thank you very much to everyone who attended the Geebung Music Night last week! It was terrific to hear all of the students' hard work and practice pay off with great performances from everyone involved. Students have now finished strings lessons for the year, and should have returned all school instruments to the instrumental music room. If you were away this week and still have a school instrument, please make sure it is returned to the music room as soon as possible.

A few reminders for next year:

New students - Year 2 students who have been chosen to learn a string instrument next year need to return your acceptance forms to the office. It is important that these are returned so that I can finalise numbers for next year.

Continuing students – For those students who have been asked to purchase their own instrument for next year, or students who are going up to a bigger size instrument, please don't hesitate to come and see me or send me an email (rmoor168@eg.edu.au) if you have any questions or need advice on purchasing an instrument. I would highly recommend purchasing an instrument from either Animato or Simply for Strings, as these are both strings specialist stores that have both new and second hand instruments of very high quality.

Thank you to all of my lovely strings students for making my first year teaching at Geebung State School a fantastic one – I am looking forward to working with you again next year!

Miss Moore



All instrumental music students, both STRINGS and BAND are invited to a Breakup Party on Monday, 9th December 2013 from 10.30-11.30am in the music room. Please bring a plate of food to share to help us celebrate the end of a great year of music making ☺



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)	
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