



GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

14 February 2014

From the Principal

Welcome to week three and the second newsletter for the year. It was great to see an impressive turn up for the badge presentation ceremony last Wednesday. I am very pleased to report the children have settled into class life and they are learning each day. There are only a few who have needed reminding about their behaviour and I am sure all families effected will work with us to improve these few children's behaviour. So that you are aware of our process for dealing with behaviour, in the first instances of minor behaviours we deal with the matter at a school level, with classroom teachers involved. If a child's behaviour is repeating and not changing then Matthew, Denise or I intervene and discuss the specific behaviour issues. Again if the behaviour issue continues then parents are involved and if further issues arise then we look at suspension. If a major issue occurs then this process can be accelerated depending on the severity of the child's or children's action.

The other improvement that has been noticed this year is in attendance. Education Queensland has a policy which states that EVERY DAY COUNTS and this is very true. Our goal is to have 95% attendance for all children over the whole school year. If your child or children attend school on a regular basis and behave then we as educators can teach them. As you would know from our previous newsletter the focus for us as teachers this year is Literacy and Numeracy, and with this focus we want to be able to map how far your child or children has/have progressed in each term/semester and report this to you. We can do this far more effectively and efficiently if your child or children are present every day and behaving. In the coming weeks to help you as parents/guardians understand exactly what we are targeting with your child you will receive a target sheet with an explanation letter outlining the target your child has set with their teachers for term 1.

Are you being safe? This is a question I am bound to ask having received e-mails and photos of where people are parking when they come to collect their children especially in the afternoon. In the side streets around the school there are cars parked over yellow lines, which are clearly no parking areas in which stop traffic flow and endanger people lives as cars try and turn off Newman Road. There are further problems as this then blocks off Newman Road and cars cannot turn onto Newman Road further compounding the problem. You can help by driving and parking in legal areas ONLY and maybe even walking to school if possible and collecting your child to reduce congestion. The neighbours concerned have contacted the school about these issues and have asked for help. I am happy to highlight issues to attempt to improve the situation, however in the end if no change occurs very quickly I will need to contact Queensland Police Service and Brisbane City Council Officers and ask for offenders to be fined. Can you afford this? Can we afford to endanger lives of our

children? My answer on behalf of everyone to both questions is NO!

P&C meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month. As a parent or guardian within the school community you are both welcome and invited to come along to hear about what is going on in the whole school community. The issues discussed range from classroom events, whole school projects, tuckshop, uniform shop, fundraising projects, Out of School Hours Care, Swimming Club and the Chaplaincy service. It is also a forum for people to discuss general issues within the school and to raise their ideas and or suggestions. Why not come along and see what is going on and be part of your child's education. Our next meeting will be the 11th of March 2014 at 7:00pm

Our first Active School Travel meeting will occur on Monday the 17th of February in the Year 7 room from 1:00pm. Cameron from Active School Travel will present a core of information that will help set the direction for the year. Parents are welcome to attend. The aim of the program is to reduce the traffic around the school to make it safer and healthier for our students to get to school. A very relevant point considering the point above!

Our gardening group will meet on Friday the 21st of February under the fig tree for an update at 8:45am. Hope to see those interested there.

Have you submitted your up-to-date e-mail address? If not please fill in the attached form and get it into us ASAP please.

Finally I would like to compliment the parents who we have spoken with since the start of the year. There are many reasons that families and school communicate and these usually lead to positive outcomes for all concerned. Can I please remind families that if you have concerns about your child's or children day to day issues your first port of call is the classroom teachers. If you have further concerns or complicated issues that need to be sorted through then please contact Matthew or I and we will be happy to help you. We work on calendars with appointments and from time to time you may need to wait a few days to see us. Even if the matter is urgent sometimes it may still take some time to juggle prior commitments. Appointments can be made at mutually convenient times. We are more than happy to meet with you to work for a good result for your child or children.

Have a great fortnight.

Stephen Auer
Principal

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Deputy Principal

Well it was strange to miss the first day of the school year. It is always a high energy day filled with anticipation and excitement. My family and I were having our own excitement as we welcomed the birth of our son Lewis.

I've hit the ground running and it's wonderful to see the Geebung State School strengths shining through. Our students are all walking around with smiles, being courteous and polite and with their manners on show. These are great features that we expect of our students. It's also a highlight to return and see the student's pride in their uniform.

I'm pleased to report that we have just sealed another opportunity to host Ritsumeikan Junior High School later this year. This is always

a highlight on our calendar and helps to support our students cultural awareness .

As I went around to classes yesterday my message to students was clear and simple. We are now in week three and we should all be in the groove of learning. Routine really helps to support this process and it is timely that families are reminded to prioritise getting students to school on time so that they can access the lessons properly.

Please be aware that the bottom gate at the tennis court end of the school is now open from 7am-9am and 2:15pm—3:15pm each day.

Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal

<i>Geebung State School</i>					
TERM 1 2014 – COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	FEBRUARY 10	FEBRUARY 11 7:00 pm P&C Meeting in Library	FEBRUARY 12 2:30pm Assembly -Activities Hall Bramble Bay Basketball Trials—Boondall SS Bramble Bay Cricket Trials—Norris Road SS	FEBRUARY 13	FEBRUARY 14
4	FEBRUARY 17 Bramble Bay Swimming Trials—Albany Creek Leisure Centre 1:15pm Active Travel Day Meeting—Year 7 classroom	FEBRUARY 18 9-11am Parent Workshop — Games Factory Room	FEBRUARY 19 2:30pm Assembly -Activities Hall Parent Information Sessions 3:15pm Classrooms 4:30pm Year 4 Camp Info Session—E Block Bramble Bay Aust Football Trials—Zillmere AFC	FEBRUARY 20	FEBRUARY 21 9:00am Gardening Meeting—met under figtree
5	FEBRUARY 24	FEBRUARY 25	FEBRUARY 26 2:30pm Assembly -Activities Hall	FEBRUARY 27	FEBRUARY 28
6	MARCH 3	MARCH 4 Bramble Bay Netball Trials—Bald Hills SS	MARCH 5 2:30pm Assembly -Activities Hall Bramble Bay Hockey Trials—Boondall SS	MARCH 6 2pm Graffiti Education presentation for Yr6&7	MARCH 7
7	MARCH 10 9am-1pm Middle School Problem Solving Challenge—Wavell State HS	MARCH 11 7:00pm AGM P&C Meeting in Library	MARCH 12 Active School Travel Day 2:30pm Assembly -Activities Hall Bramble Bay Rugby League Trials—Location TBC	MARCH 13	MARCH 14
8	MARCH 17	MARCH 18	MARCH 19 9-11am Harmony Day 2:30pm Assembly -Activities Hall Bramble Bay Soccer Trials—Curlew Park	MARCH 20	MARCH 21
9	MARCH 24 Metro Region Choral Honours Music Camp	MARCH 25 Metro Region Choral Honours Music Camp	MARCH 26 Metro Region Choral Honours Music Camp Year 4 Camp—Mapleton 2:30pm Assembly -Activities Hall	MARCH 27 Year 4 Camp—Mapleton Queensland Art Gallery Excursion	MARCH 28 Year 4 Camp—Mapleton
10	MARCH 31	APRIL 1 Cross Country School Event	APRIL 2 2:30pm Assembly -Activities Hall	APRIL 3	APRIL 4 Term 1 finishes

Student Leaders 2014



School Captains



Sports House Captains



Cultural Captains



Student Councillors

Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP

Hello and welcome to new & returning families.

The shop hours for term one will be Wednesday 8.15am - 9.15am and Friday 8.15am to 9.15am. Eftpos is available on all purchases over \$10.

Friendly reminder of our school's 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 partici-

pating 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.

LOST PROPERTY

Items are available for viewing on Wednesday in the shop or at the bottom of the stairs from the artroom 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 are easy to return to students if lost. 40+ hats have been lost already this year.

Fleur Stanford
Uniform Convenor

From the Music Department

Meet Julie West, our new Classroom Music Specialist and Choral Conductor

Hello Everyone!

My name is Julie West and I am thrilled to be here at Geebung State School in 2014 as the Classroom Music Specialist and Choir Conductor. Firstly I would like to tell you a little about myself.

I am a Queensland University of Technology graduate with a Bachelor of Creative Industries (Drama and Music - Distinction) and Bachelor of Education (First Class Honours). Throughout my teaching career I have taught both Secondary and Primary Music and Drama. I am passionate about music education in early years and studied early childhood development and the arts as part of my Master of Education (Leadership and Management) completed at the end of 2013. Before my teaching career I have had an extensive professional career as a vocalist and actor where I have had experience and training across a broad range of musical styles including Musical Theatre and Jazz. I have also produced and directed small venue musical special event shows. I am looking forward to using this experience and skill base to now contribute to school extra-curricular activities that brings me to our Choral program here at Geebung State School.

There are two choirs here this year **Junior Choir** (Prep to Year 3) rehearsal time Mondays at second break and **Senior Choir** (Year 4 to Year 7) rehearsal time Tuesdays at second break. I would love to see all the students who participated in the choirs last year continue and any children interested in singing to come along. Everyone is welcome!

We are planning some great musical experiences throughout the year that I will inform you of soon. If have any questions or you need to contact me please do via email jwest269@eq.edu.au. I look forward to working with you and your children as we create some lovely singing together.

Yours in music,
Julie West

“Where words fail, music speaks” – Hans Christian Andersen



Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) commenced on 1 January 2014 and provides access to benefits for basic dental services to children aged 2-17 years. The total benefit entitlement is capped at \$1,000 per child over a two calendar year period. The CDBS has a means test which requires receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB-A) or a relevant Australian Government payment*.

The CDBS provides individual benefits for a range of services including examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. Benefits are not available for some complex services such as orthodontic treatment of cosmetic dental work, and cannot be paid for any services provided in a hospital.

No Out of Pocket Expenses

All Medicare benefits payable under CDBS must be assigned under bulk billing arrangements to the Metro North Oral Health Services.

If your child is eligible for dental treatment under the CDBS you will be asked to complete the Bulk Billing Consent form attached to the Medical History/Consent for Treatment form to assign the benefits up to the cap to the Metro Oral Health Services. You will pay no out-of-pocket expenses for these services subject to sufficient funds be-

ing available under the benefit cap. Once the benefit cap has been reached, you will not need to pay any out-of-pocket costs provided your child is eligible for services in a Queensland public dental health clinic (four year of age until the completion of Year 10 at school or have a Healthcare Card).

Children who are not eligible for treatment under the CDBS, but are eligible for treatment under the Queensland public oral health services will be provided oral health care without out-of-pocket expenses in the public oral health clinics.

Metro North Oral Health Services still provides a broad range of services not covered by CDBS at no cost if you child is eligible under Queensland public oral health services.

Your child will receive treatment from experienced paediatric oral health staff including dentists, dental therapists, oral health therapists and dental assistants.

It is a requirement that a parent/legal guardian attends all dental appointments with their children to complete and sign the necessary forms. This will also provide an opportunity for parents and guardians to discuss any concerns about your child's oral health.

HPE News

Awards

Swimming started last Tuesday and Wednesday with great success. Most students remembered to bring their swimming gear. Please make sure your child remembers their swimming cap as it is a school requirement.

The HPE award acknowledges exceptional effort and attitude in HPE lessons. This week's award winners were Kenyon P (3B) for having a great HPE attitude and following instructions promptly and Aiden S (4C) for being a helpful team member.

The Bramble Bay Swimming Competition will be held on Monday the 17th February 2014. Students have been nominated according to their times recorded at our swimming carnival last year. These students should have received the required paperwork and information this week.

Finally, good luck to those students who are proudly representing our school at the Bramble Bay district trials for basketball (Wednesday 12th February) and AFL (Wednesday 19th February).

Leigh Stagg
HPE Co-ordinator



CONGRATULATIONS

to our Award winners at this week's Assembly

Chaplain's Corner

Welcome to another edition of Chaplains corner. I trust that you and your families have settled into the routine of school by now.

Lunch Activities:

This term as a lunch activity Mrs. Smith and I are running a card making club, "Crazy Card Club" for students in grades 2-7. We started off small with 5 students, but expect numbers to steadily increase.

We are looking for donations of stickers, stamps tissue paper, old wrapping paper ECT. These can be left at the office.

If anyone is available and would like to help out on Thursdays between 1-2pm it would be most appreciated.

Parent Workshop:

On Tuesday we will be running our 3rd Parent Workshop. The topic is preparing your child for school. The workshop is open to anyone from the community so if you know anyone who may be interested

please feel free to invite them.

Community Legal information Seminars:

The Nundah Community Centre is hosting 2 Community Legal information Seminars, the first being on Monday the 17th Feb at 5.30pm. The topic being Employment Law. Issues such as unfair Dismissal, Workplace Laws, Discrimination, Redundancy, Rights and Conditions, Fair Work Information. The 2nd being held Covers **Family Law** and is on Monday the 24th February at 5.30pm. Topics covered are Divorce, Property settlement, mediation, parenting after separation & de facto relationships. To register your attendance please ph. 3260 6820 or email:admin1@nundahcc.org.au.

If you would like more information on any of these activities or chaplaincy here at Geebung State School please don't hesitate to contact me on 36238777 or chaplain@geebungss.eq.edu.au.

Chaplain Kerry

Tuckshop

Helpers are needed on a Friday—please book in at tuckshop if you can help.

Apple pies are no longer on the menu please cross them out on your copy at home.

Donations of flour, sugar, long life milk, skim milk, muffin mix, tinned tomatoes are always needed and appreciated.

The 2014 Price List will be out shortly.

Leanne & Helen PH 3265 5959

Notices

Parent Workshops

Geebung State School invites you to a FREE WORKSHOP about being ready for school.

Date: Tuesday 18 February '14
Time: 9am—11am
Place: Games Factory, D Block

Topics:

- Preparation for school
- School expectations
- Saver Plus presentation
- Reading with your kids

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To register, please contact our Chaplain Kerry on (07) 3623 8777 or chaplain@geebungss.eq.edu.au by Friday 14 February

Family Law

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Presented by the Nundah Community Legal Service in collaboration with the Family Relationship Centre Chermide

Be informed on

- Divorce
- Parenting after Separation
- Property Settlement
- Defacto relationships
- Mediation

**At the Nundah Neighbourhood Centre
 14 Station St, Nundah
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Sessions will be held at Wavell State High School Basketball Stadium (located at the end of Childers Street) from 6 – 7 pm on the 18th and 25th February

Northern Galaxy Basketball Club is actively recruiting for U10 – U14 teams.

For more information visit our website galaxybasketball.com

Or contact the Club Registrar at registrar@northerngalaxy.net

Heidi Newton on 0400 430 101

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Arriving in July:

Pietro (17) from Italy is sporty, representing his region in tennis. He is a member of the scouts and plays the guitar and drums.

Cecile (15) from France is a keen dancer, in both classical and jazz. She is also an excellent skier and enjoys the smaller, non-materialistic things in life.

+ MANY MORE

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Dear Parents/Guardians

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*Gone are the days of digging crumpled bits of newsletter
from the bottom of our children's bags!*

We are hopeful that we can enhance our communication to parents and perhaps reduce the need for paper based communication. Reduction of paper is consistent with our endeavour to model responsible environmental action.

Our school will focus on developing our E-Newsletter to maximise its useability but we will still make available a print copy for those parents/guardians that do not have internet connection or an email address. This is collectible from the school office.

Please complete your email details on the tear-off slip below and forward to the school office, or alternately you can forward a email to info@geebungss.eq.edu.au.

Kind regards

Stephen Auer
Principal

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