



# GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

## Newsletter

27 March 2014

### From the Principal

ANZAC DAY is a very significant day for ALL Australians. It is an opportunity to acknowledge the soldiers who have served our country. Some have paid the ultimate sacrifice for us who remain so that we can live the very fortunate lives we have. We are involved again this year with our school leaders taking part in the official ceremony. Also, we are going to march as a school this year as a way of acknowledging those who serve. In an ideal world we would have 320 students marching. Can you come along? Will you bring your children and show your support? Hope to see as many children as possible there! The march will occur on Anzac Day the 25th of April 2014 starting at the Corner of Zillmere & Handford Roads and will progress to O'Callaghan Park for the official ceremony. Children will need to be at the Corner of Zillmere & Handford Roads by 7:00am.

Attendance is currently averaging 94.33% across the whole school. There are 5 year levels whose attendance is above 94%. There are 2 year levels from within those 5 year levels with attendance above 95% and 1 year level overall averaging above 96%. Great work! Remember every day counts!

Behaviour this term has been acceptable. There are some students who do the right thing ALL of the time. There are many who are well behaved most of the time and a few who have issues we continue to manage and deal with on a regular basis. The major consideration to be aware of is that we want all of our children to behave so they can learn and that they are NOT distracting others from their learning. Children's whose behaviour is unacceptable on a regular basis will be shown how to improve their behaviours and parents will be contacted. If we work together we will be successful.

Thank- you to teaching staff including teacher aides for their great work this term. There has been a very sharp focus on student learning and this will pay dividends later in the year with improved students results. There has also been a great deal of work invested in parent teacher interviews. I sincerely hope that all families have taken the opportunity to take the time to meet with teachers as this is a vital part of working with us as a school to help your child or children improve their learning.

Thanks to Chris McCall and all staff and parents who took part and helped out for Harmony Day. It was a great example of what can be achieved together. It yet again reinforced that Geebung State School is a strong supportive community.

The school camping program started this week with the year 4's travelling to Mapleton. Thanks must go to the teaching staff Louisa Newton, James Jackson, Sue Joyce and Kerry Edwards our Chaplain for their attendance. It is very kind that they give up their time to make this great experience available for the children in their care. Well Done. From all reports the camp is a great success with many new skills learnt and fun had.

The Active School Travel program has kicked off really well with about 1/3 of our students involved. Wednesday is travel day and we look forward to you walking, riding, scooting, car-pooling or bussing it to school. Yes we do have a few who are coming via the train also. The aim is for us to have 55 % of our students Actively Travelling to School each day and especially on Wednesday each week.

School watch is important to us. Over the holidays you can help us look after our school by calling the School Watch number—131788 if you see anything suspicious. The School Watch Program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. Let's work together to help create a safer school community.

#### Asbestos removal

Over the holidays the Dental Clinic will be receiving a much needed external paint job. As part of this project asbestos removal will take place on the weekend of 5th and 6th April 2014. The school site will be closed from Saturday 12pm on the 5th April and will reopen on Monday 7th April at 6am to allow the contractors to undertake this work. **Please do not enter the school grounds during this time.** General repairs and painting will then take place over the course of the break. Barricades will be erected around the Dental Clinic. It may be necessary to use the other entrance for access to Outside Hours School Care. We apologise for this inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Finally to ALL have a great holiday and enjoy the break. We look forward to seeing you all back on day 1 happy and healthy on Tuesday 22 April 2014 ready for Term 2's learning.

**Stephen Auer**  
Principal

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## Deputy Principal

It was great seeing the year 4 students off to camp on Wednesday. For many of our students this is their first camp and that is exciting.

I also was able to walk to school with the Active School Travel students, parents and teachers. Well done to the teachers and the student leaders who are helping to coordinate this great initiative.

**Strong Decisions:** In his chapter "Making the Right Decisions" Dr Wilson McCaskill (Play is the Way) says that too often we give children choices. He states; *We say things like, it's your choice, you can either do "X" and suffer the consequences, or do "Y" as you've been asked to. The choice is yours. Not much of a choice if you think about it. What we mean is, you don't have a choice because we've selected a consequence we know will work and you're going to end up doing what we ask.* Dr. McCaskill believes that *it's less confusing for children if they understand that rules, regulations and codes of conduct are put in place for good reasons.* He goes on to say that using the word **decision** instead of **choice** helps to support the idea that making a decision requires a process of considered thinking rather than relying on emotion or feelings. This is why we use the word decision at Geebung State School.

**Reading Army, final call:** Have you sent your details to Maureen to be part of the Geebung State School Reading Army? This is an important resource that we want to build from within our school community, for our school community. Remember we will train our Reading Army to help target our student needs. Of course these skills can be taken with you anywhere and will benefit your own children as you support their learning from home. The training for the Reading Army is being finalised and dates will be released via email.

**Parent Teacher Interview:** One of the most powerful messages you can send your children around valuing education is to take regular interest in their progress. Our teachers know your child and want you to hear about their successes and challenges. Make it a priority to book an interview if you have not done so yet.

**Senior Shirts:** Our year 6 and 7 students look fantastic in their new senior shirts. Thanks to Mrs Stanford for coordinating this. Well done!

**Matthew Meharg**  
Deputy Principal

## Weekly Events

### Wednesday

8:15am	Active School Travel—meet at 7th Brigade Park
2:30-3:00pm	Assembly in School Activities Hall

## Dates to Remember

### April

4	Last Day Term 1
18	Good Friday
21	Easter Monday
22	Term 2 begins
23	2:00 –3:00pm ANZAC Day Assembly
25	ANZAC Day

### May

13	7:00pm P& C Meeting - Library
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### June

9	Queen's Birthday
18	Winter Showcase—School Hall
25	School Disco
27	Last Day Term 2

### July

14	Term 3 begins
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### August

17	Ekka Day
18-22	Years 6 & 7 Canberra Trip
25-29	Book Week

### September

2	School Photos
19	Term 3 ends

### October

6	Labour Day Public Holiday
7	Term 4 begins
8-10	Year 5 Trip to Currimundi
20	Student free Day

### November

10-12	Book Fair
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### December

12	Last Day Term 4
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**Reading Army – EOI** Geebung State School are calling for Expressions of Interest to join our "Reading Army." We are looking for parents who are prepared to give up a small amount of their time to help our students improve their reading. The Army will work in 5 week blocks with days and times yet to be determined. TRAINING will be provided by the school and is an essential requirement to be part of the Reading Army. The training will go through "What Reading Is" as well as "How to help children to Read." Reading improvement is a 2014 priority for our school and this will be an important resource that can have a positive impact. If you would like to express your interest, please give Mrs Brennan (school office) your name, phone number and email address. We will then be in contact with you with fur-

## HPE News

The Cross Country is next Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April. 2014 The program will run from approximately 9am to 11am. All students who are nine years or older will be running on the day. It would be great to see as many parents as possible supporting our runners on the day. Students who run within the district qualifying times will then represent the school at the Bramble Bay District Cross Country Carnival.

The HPE award acknowledges exceptional effort and attitude in HPE lessons. Last week's award winners were Harry S (7A) and Georgia H (5A) for providing great feedback in peer coaching. This week's winners

were Lauren G (5A) and Jack B (4/5B) for outstanding achievements in swimming this term.

Finally, next week sees the completion of the swimming program for this term. The swimming program will resume in Term 4. The Physical Education program for Term 2 will consist of ball games and athletics.

**Leigh Staff**  
**HPE Co-ordinator**

## P&C News

On Wednesday last week the school held a very successful Harmony Day. It was good to see so many parents and caregivers helping out with the various activities and enjoying the celebration with the students. A special thanks to the tuckshop volunteers who helped out with the Harmony Day Treat.

The swimming club held the first half of its Club Championships last Friday night, it was a great evening for all involved. Congratulations to all competitors and best of luck to all those competing this Friday night. Friday, 29 March 2014 will be the last club night for the season. Thank you to all the volunteers who help out with timekeeping and the BBQ each week. The final day for Learn to Swim and Squad Training is Thursday, 3 April 2014. Please make sure you are up to date with any outstanding fees.

Congratulations to all those involved in the Garden Plot Project, the plots are now ready for planting and a photo session with The Quest newspaper was held on Tuesday to help launch the project. The Bay-

side Star will also be visiting soon. Well done Trudi Melloy and Kylie Johnson.

**DONATIONS:** Outside School Hours Care always appreciate donations of books or toys in good condition, keep them in mind if you are having a 'clean out'. The fundraising committee is also on the hunt for ribbon, twine and all things nice to package Mother's Day gifts.

There will be no P&C meeting in April due to school holidays. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 13 May at 7.00pm in the Library – all parents and caregivers are very welcome to attend.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and a safe holiday.

**Leanne Hayden—P&C Secretary**

## Uniform Shop

### UNIFORM SHOP

The shop hours for term two will be Wednesday's 8.15-9.15am and Friday's 8.15-9.15am.

Eftpos is available on all purchases over \$10.

Second hand items are very low in stock so please consider selling your old/small uniforms in the shop. All uniform items are accepted including shoes.

I am still waiting on a order of size 4 polo shirts. Students who are on the wait-list will receive them as soon as they arrive. Apologies to those who are waiting.

Please note Rowena's and Lowes are our stockists for our new formal

uniforms.

### LOST PROPERTY

Items are available for viewing on Wednesday in the shop or at the bottom of the stairs from the art room on Friday's

Happy holidays :-)

Cheers,

### Fleur Stanford—Uniform Convenor

Uniform Shop @ Geebung State School, 250 Newman Road, Geebung  
Mobile: Ph 0407 598 334 .

## Tuckshop

Thank you to everyone for their support this term. Whatever the way—by volunteering or donations. It all helps to keep tuckshop afloat. Next term we are having a Milo and Muffin on Thursday morning as it is getting colder.

**Leanne & Helen**  
**PH 3265 5959**

## Music Department

Hi everyone,

Two weeks ago our advanced strings students travelled to Windsor State School to participate in the Northside Primary Celtic Workshop, led by guest conductor and Celtic Strings Specialist Emma Nixon. The Workshop involved an intensive day of Celtic music playing, culminating in a concert for parents and teachers. Congratulations to all involved for your hard work during the day! If anyone is interested in playing more Celtic music, please contact Emma through her website <http://brisbanecelticfiddleclub.com>.

A reminder to all strings students, there will be NO lessons or ensemble on next week, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2014, as I will be away on music camp with Sandgate District State High School.

Have a great Easter holiday, see you all in Term 2 J

**Miss Moore**



Well! We are almost at the end of Term 1 and now is a good time to check to see if your child is practising regularly. To facilitate progress, it is expected that students will practice at least 5 times each week for a period of 20 minutes. Sometimes students find it difficult to plan this time due to other activities. I have asked the children to seek help from the adults at home to help them plan their practice schedule. Students will not improve without adequate practice on their instruments so I ask that you check in with them on a regular basis to help with planning.

As the holidays are almost upon us, I am taking this opportunity to ask that you encourage your children to keep practising over the holidays. Students are encouraged to look ahead in the book than just the tasks that I have set. It is also encouraging for the students to use the CD that comes with the tutor book to keep practice fun.

Next term I will be running a practice competition. I will have practice logs coming home that will need to be checked and signed, and will maintain a leader board, prominently displayed in the IM Room. I am also in the process of setting up the virtual classroom in Essen-

tial Elements Interactive. Further information on how to register and enrol in my class will be coming home shortly so please keep an eye out for this information.

Yours in Music

**Ms V**



**A Big Thank you!**

The Harmony Day assembly and celebrations were a big success and I would like to say a big thank you to all the members of both the Junior and Senior Choirs for putting that extra focus and effort in to really come together as an ensemble for our first performance of 2014! A special thankyou goes out to all the Year 7 and 6 Junior choir helpers, with Bree S., Shayne G., Bree C. and Sam H. displaying strong organisational and team building skills. Senior choir was also ably assisted by Jessica T., Jeffrey W. with some accomplished Ukulele playing by Kelvin B. Thank you and well done to all! It was lovely to see so many parents and family members there, and I would especially like to thank Mrs McCall & Mrs Beckett for all their Harmony day organisation.

Senior Choir now has an extra rehearsal time on Mondays at first break to go along with the existing time on Tuesday at second break. This extra time will really assist in preparing for our participation in Choral festivals later in the year.

Remember all students are invited to join the choirs and we would love to see you there!

Yours in Music,

**Julie West**

**Classroom Music Specialist / Choral Conductor**

'He who sings scares away his woes.' ~Cervantes

## Awards



Congratulations to this week and last week's recipients of Awards at Assembly

## Library Resource Centre News

### ANZAC DAY DISPLAY

Next week the Library will have a display from the ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee. The school community is very welcome to come and view the display as our school commemorates the Anzac Day tradition.

Julie Silva - Teacher Librarian

## Student Health

Some medical conditions require exclusion from school to prevent the spread of infectious diseases among children and staff. Parents are requested to inform the school administration if their child contracts a virus, or has been in contact with a contagious illness such as influenza, chicken pox, whooping cough or measles.

The following Department of Health link details conditions and current exclusion times for students.

[http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ph/documents/cdb/timeout\\_poster.pdf](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ph/documents/cdb/timeout_poster.pdf)

A student currently attending the school has increased susceptibility to contracting infectious diseases. Your support in ensuring optimum health for our school community is appreciated.

## Notices



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A National Youth Week Event

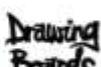
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If you would like your child to learn tennis, please complete the enrolment form below and email it to our office. If you prefer you can call our office on 3266 1660 and enrol over the phone.

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118 Shaw Rd, Woolloowin 4030 e: info@shawparktennis.com.au

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**Please circle preferred day and time:**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
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## Notices

**HOST FAMILIES**

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JAPANESE STUDENTS

Ritsumeikan Uji JHS (from Kyoto) 14-15 y.o.

ARRIVAL DATE: 24<sup>th</sup> Aug (SUN) 2014

DEPARTURE DATE: 5<sup>th</sup> SEP (FRI) 2014\*

\*Departure will be after the Farewell Party & around 8pm

ATTENDING SCHOOL: Geebung State School

**HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS:**

- No other Japanese person staying with the family
- Provide 3 meals per day
- Own bed, but can share a room with a host child
- Over 18's hold a Blue Card or willing to apply through us
- Safe travel to & from school

Families with children in ANY GRADES are welcome to host

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**For Sale by Tender**

The following items are for sale by tender under the conditions listed below:-

Items are offered on an "as is" basis. No warranties apply.

Removal and delivery charges must be borne by the buyer and collection can be no later than Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

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Closing date for offers is Friday 28th March, 2014.

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We are changing our method of distributing the school newsletter. Hard copies of the newsletter will no longer be sent home as in previous years. Next term editions will be electronic, coming to you via email and also through our school website each fortnight. This exciting new innovation will allow you to access school news as well as images, providing a more vibrant and dynamic form of communication.

*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](mailto:info@geebungss.eq.edu.au).

Stephen Auer  
Principal

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