



# GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

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Term 2, Week 4, 15 May 2014

## NEWSLETTER

### From the Principal

Good afternoon and a belated Happy Mother's Day to all of the Mums of the school. Also welcome to the second electronic newsletter. Thanks to all who have commented positively about the new format. A big thank-you to Maureen for making it all work so well. If you haven't given us an e-mail address can you do that ASAP please.

NAPLAN has been the main event for the Year 3, 5 and 7 classes this week and for all of the hard work done by teachers of the whole school and in particular the teachers of these year levels thank-you. A lot of behind the scenes work has been done by teachers who have met every fortnight this year to prepare and discuss the preparations for these tests, it is much appreciated by myself and by the community at large I am sure! A big thank-you to Denise and Kerry and the SEP staff who managed the breakfast program for the three days to ensure the students were well nourished before the testing began. We now await our results.

There are a large number of facility projects that are going to occur in the coming 6 weeks. Please be aware of the various contractors who will be on site and be safe! The resulting works will see a variety of projects undertaken from new carpet in some rooms to new and refurbished pathways and the whole of E block being painted, just to mention a few. We are also going to upgrade the entrance into the school that many parents who access the grounds from Newman Road use. We will widen the path and concrete it and re-establish the drain so it actually works. We will then hedge the pathway and plant some more trees in the area.

Attendance and behaviour as many will have read remains on the top of our list as does behaviour. If these two factors are at 100% or very close to then we have a chance of teaching your children well. Remember from last year the  $A+B=C$ . I am very pleased to report that 305-310 students are achieving near what we want each week which is high attendance and high standards of behaviour. Well done to all of the families who are supporting this push as in the end it will benefit the children's learning! Awards will be given in coming weeks to those students who have 100% attendance and behaviour so far this year. Thanks to Jason Woodforth MP for many of the prizes that will be used for this event.

If you are unable to send your child to school for any reason please call the absence line. It is vital we know why your children are away. The absence line number is 3623 8760. If you want our help to ensure that your children are coming to school we are happy to try and help you. PLEASE call us and we will do what we can.

P&C meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Library. This forum gives Matthew and I a chance to get feedback from the broader community in one place at one time. If you want a venue to have your say on broad issues this is it. We welcome your comments.

Speaking of feedback, have you taken the chance to have your say about Geebung State School? In the last newsletter I listed a number of questions. If you haven't taken the opportunity to give us your feedback then feel free to provide this via the e-mail below.

1. What are you happy with that is currently occurring at Geebung State School and why?
2. What initiatives are occurring at Geebung that you find interesting and maybe would like to find out more about?
3. What are you unhappy about and how do you believe it could be improved?

Please respond to these questions to the following e-mail address: [the.principal@geebungss.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@geebungss.eq.edu.au).

Please save this date—Saturday 14 June 2014. We are holding a school working bee and would appreciate assistance from school community members to assist with mulching at our school.

Have a great fortnight!

**Stephen Auer**  
Principal

### FOR SALE GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL GARDEN'S FRESH VEGETABLES AND HERBS

*Fresh vegetables and herbs grown by students in Geebung State School's garden are available for sale at Tuckshop or at Assembly. We are currently selling bags of Basil and Sage at 50c per bag.*

*When available will also be selling silverbeet, tomatoes, spring onions, spinach, cauliflower, etc.*

## Deputy Principal

**NAPLAN:** With a range of views around these assessments, the reality is that our Year 3, 5 and 7 students each year participate. Last year we improved our results and we are hoping to see this trend continue. Well done to the teachers, parents and students of the NAPLAN students this week for your focus and effort in preparing and completing these assessments.

Congratulations to the students for their support of our Active Travel to School program! It is brilliant to see the numbers are growing as we walk to school together each Wednesday morning from 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade Park.

The number of students in full school uniform is almost 100%! I have noticed that inappropriate jewellery is being worn and this is both unsafe and not part of uniform. Students please keep jewellery to a simple set of ear-ring studs or sleepers. Necklaces, rings and bangles are not part of uniform.

I reminded students on Assembly this week that trading cards and other toys and belongings should stay at home. At school we provide students with a range of lunch time activities that include sporting equipment and alternative computer and board game activities in the library. Please keep personal toys at home where they will remain safe.

**Curriculum News:** The school curriculum team is working hard building our curriculum framework. Results from the Teaching and Learning Audit recommended that we invest in the strengthening the use of the overarching documents. This is a large job and will take some time to complete but the process as we build it is strengthening our teaching and learning knowledge and practice.

**Reading Army:** Our first wave of reading army volunteers is underway. They have started targeting our Year 2 classes and will progress to our Year 1 and then Prep classes later in the year. At the moment we have 18 volunteers and we hope to see this grow. Would you like to be a part of helping to improve the reading performance of Geebung State School students? We provide you with your ongoing training. Feel free to contact me by calling the office on 3623 8777.

**Matthew Meharg**  
Deputy Principal

## Geebung State School Garden



Promote your business to local school families in this space.

Contact the school for more details  
Ph: 3623 8777  
Info@geebungss.eq.edu.au

North Star Football Club

It's not too late!  
Registrations still open for 3 – 12 year olds

For more information please contact Kelly on 0451 028 325 or email [astf@northstarfc.org](mailto:astf@northstarfc.org)

SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
**Academic Achiever Exam**  
*Step up to the challenge!*

Are you looking for a program for your student that offers an academically challenging, content based, an creative, meaningful and problem solving? Do you want a program that sets high expectations for work ethic and behavior? This exam will be held on

**Saturday 24 May | 9am**  
Contact us for more information

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## Dates to Remember

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## May

- 16-21 Life Education Visit  
 21 Crazy Socks Day  
 23 National Walk to School Day  
 InterSchool Sport  
 9am Gardening Committee Meeting—Figtree  
 26-30 Chappy Week  
 27 BBQ Breakfast—Handball Finals  
 28 Bike & Scooter training sessions

## June

- 6 Interschool Sport  
 Deposit of \$50 due for Year 5 Currimundi Camp  
 9 Queen's Birthday  
 10 P&C Meeting 7pm Library  
 10-12 Northside Junior Music Camp  
 11 Treat Day—Tuckshop  
 Parent Workshop No.2 - 3:30pm Games Factory  
 14 School Working Bee—mulching to be done  
 18 Winter Showcase—School Hall  
 20 Interschool Sport  
 25 School Disco  
 27 Last Day Term 2

## July

- 14 Term 3 begins  
 16 Athletics Years 4-7 Bowden Park  
 18 Final payment for Years 6 & 7 Canberra Trip due  
 23 Athletics Years 4-7 Bowden Park (if rained out on 16th)  
 30 Parent Workshop No.3—3:30pm Games Factory

## August

- 13 Ekka Day  
 15 Interschool Sport  
 Final Payment \$190 due for Year 5 Currimundi Camp  
 18-22 Years 6 & 7 Canberra Trip  
 25-29 Book Week  
 29 Interschool Sport

## September

- 2 School Photos  
 12 Interschool Sport  
 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

## December

- 12 Last Day Term 4

## ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

Just a reminder that "ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL" is **every Wednesday morning**. We have had a wonderful response so far but would love more families to come on board. You can walk, ride, skate/scooter, use public transport, carpool or 'Park and Stride'. Our 'Park and Stride' meeting area is at 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade Park between 8.15am and 8.30am. If your child arrives before 8.15am or after 8.30am please be aware that they will be unsupervised by Geebung State School staff. Students who join us at the park are asked not to play on the equipment as there are safety issues with large numbers of students. We look forward to Geebung State School students being active and healthy for 2014 ! Thanks for your support.

Week 5 is "Wear Crazy Socks" day if you actively travel to school by car-pooling, park and stride, walk, catch public transport, scoot or ride a bike! Not only do you get to wear your craziest socks but you also get DOUBLE STAMPS in your passport!! Come and join us for Active School Travel and have some fun!

## H. Waters &amp; Student Council



With just a few weeks left, this is just a quick reminder about national Walk Safely to School Day on **Friday, 23 May 2014**.

There are some great resources and ideas on the website: <http://www.walk.com.au/WSTSD/>.

**Cameron Hillard**  
 Project Officer Active Transport  
 Transport Planning and Strategy  
 Brisbane Infrastructure  
**BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL**

## Weekly Events

## Wednesday

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

## Uniform Shop

- WINTER Jackets and Jumpers. Currently the shop only has 1/4 zip jumpers in stock in all sizes except size 4. 1/4 zip jumpers are \$28 (child 4-14) \$32 (adult SML).
- Full zip jackets have been ordered for those that placed orders and stock should arrive in 4-6 weeks.
- Second Hand Winter stock - there is a great selection on jumpers and jackets starting at \$1.00.
- Basketballs are still available and are a great price ... \$5.00 a ball.
- Senior students who need a jumper can grab a bargain for a new jacket at only \$5.00. These are only in adults M, L and XL.
- Girls long black pants (NEW) are available and at only \$8 a pair are a bargain for their quality. Sizes 10, 12 and 14 only.
- The shop hours for Term Two will be Wednesday 8.15am - 9.15am and Friday 8.15am to 9.15am.
- Eftpos is available on all purchases over \$10.
- Grade 6 & 7 Canberra Tour participants. ALDI is having their annual snow gear sale and has a good selection of warm winter clothing and waterproof gloves. Sale starts Saturday 17 May 2014.

### LOST PROPERTY

- Items are available for viewing on **Wednesday in the shop or at the bottom of the stairs from the Art Room on Fridays.**

Cheers,

**Fleur Stanford**  
Uniform Convenor

## P&C News

We hope all Mum's had a very happy Mother's Day and enjoyed their carefully chosen gifts from the Mother's Day Stall. The stall was a great success and as usual it was a delight to watch the students choose that special something for their Mum. Thankyou to our volunteers for helping out both on the day and in the lead up to the stall and for the many donations we received. Thankyou to our chaplain Kerry for providing the coffee.

Congratulations to the 10 winners of the Mother's Day Raffle. We very much appreciate all the prize donations we received from Wayne Swan, Fiona King, Jason Woodforth, Flour & Chocolate (Lachlan & Kylie Scott), Kathy Gorrie (Personal Trainer) and school families who left items at the office.

The tuckshop will be holding a Treat Day in June and order forms will be sent home soon. The P & C is planning another Yatala Pie Drive for later in the term.

A reminder that the Swimming Club Presentation Day is on this Saturday 17 May 2014 at 1:30pm. Please remember to bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea.

We are very excited to see the first harvest of lettuce and herbs from the new garden plots. These are on sale in the tuckshop. The next Garden Committee meeting will be on Friday 23 May at 9am under the fig tree.

Our monthly P & C Meeting was held on Tuesday night, thankyou to all who attended. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 10 June 2014 at 7pm in the library.

**Leanne Hayden**  
P & C Secretary

## Tuckshop

- Thank you to the McGuire & Earle families for their donations to tuckshop.
- Treat Day for this term is on 11 June 2014. Helpers are needed on the day.
- Produce from our schools vegetable garden is available for purchase every day in the tuckshop. Stock changes with the growing season. All money raised goes towards more seedlings.
- All donations for goods are greatly appreciated.
- Helpers are needed on various days of the month—put your name down at tuckshop if you can assist.

**Leanne & Helen**  
Tuckshop Convernors  
PH 3265 5959

## HPE News

The HPE award acknowledges exceptional effort and attitude in HPE lessons. Last week's winner were Shelbe H (4/5B) for excellent shot put skills and Daniel D (1B) for outstanding skipping. This week's winners are Riley P (3B) and Lindsey B (3/4A) also for excellent shot put skills.

Interschool Sport begins next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014. Students should receive their permission forms this week. The program runs for six Friday's with a cost of \$40. We ask that the students bring back the forms as quick as possible so that we can finalise numbers. However, we realise that it is short notice and if you require alternate or extended payment options please contact the office. I am really looking forward to coaching the netball girls, while Mr Meharg and Mr Jackson will coach the soccer boys and girls.

Last Wednesday I had the opportunity to take a group of students to represent the school at the Bramble Bay Cross Country Trials. I would like to congratulate the students on their efforts and dedication as all the runners finished strong and ran the entire track. Amber N (7A) did exceptionally well with a 1st in her age group. I would personally like to thank Kerry for her help on the day and the parents for their assistance with transport and great support of the event.

Finally, our school Athletics Carnival has been booked for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014 which is the first week in Term 3.

**Leigh Stagg**  
HPE Co-ordinator



## Money Collection Procedures

This term we will be trialling a change to our money collection procedures. Money collection days will now be **Tuesday and Friday**. This will apply to cash and EFTPOS payments.

When bringing money to the school office please ensure money is placed in a sealed envelope with the student's name, class and reason for the payment clearly marked on the envelope. The envelope can be deposited in the locked box in the office foyer. Payments can also be made by direct deposit to the school's bank account. Electronic banking is the school's preferred method of payment. Please ensure that the student's name and type of payment or invoice no are used as a reference. Bank account details are listed below:-

### SCHOOL BANK DETAILS:

Commonwealth Bank of Australia  
BSB 064 155  
Account Name:-Geebung State School  
Account No:-00090029

Credit Card details can be given over the phone, however, the payment will not be processed until the next money collection day.

On Money Collection Day receipts will be issued for every transaction and these will be sent to the classroom for distribution to students.

For your convenience if forms are lost all activity/excursion notes will be available on our website.

We understand that implementing new procedures requires a period of adjustment, however, by Term 3 Tuesday and Friday will be the only days we accept cash and EFTPOS payments.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

**Michelle Johnson**  
Business Services Manager

## Chaplain's Corner

### NAPLAN Breakfast:

Once again this year the Geebung State School Chaplaincy service in conjunction with the SEU were able to provide a light breakfast of toast and fruit for those students in Years 3, 5 and 7 before they went into class.

We found that this was a great benefit to the students at Geebung State School. They went into the testing with full stomachs which enabled them to concentrate better. It also gave some of the teaching staff and me an opportunity to talk to and calm some students that were feeling a little anxious.

Could I encourage you to thank Mrs Donohue, Mrs Marsh, Mrs Luhrs, and Mrs Cooper who organised, set up and prepared the breakfast each morning!

This breakfast would not have been possible without the generosity of Woolworths at Chermside market for their generosity in donating bread, fruit and juice.

### Lunch Activities:

Last Thursday we launched the "Flight Club". We had about 9 students come along and make paper aeroplanes. We then had a race to see whose plane travelled the furthest distance. The winner of last week's race was Matthew W.

Towards the end of the term we will then have the winner of each week compete for the overall championship.

If you would like to come along and join in the fun or perhaps even compete, then please feel free. It is held on Thursday 1-2 pm in the Games Factory.

### Chappy Week:

26-30 May 2014 Geebung State School is celebrating Chappie week.

Some ways in which we are doing this are: we are inviting everyone in the school community along to a BBQ Breakfast and Handball tournament on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014 from 8am. We would love to see as many families as possible come out to join us.

Then on the Wednesday at Assembly we are having the quiz of all quizzes.

So I would like to encourage you to set these dates aside to come join us and have a whole heap of fun.

### Holiday Activities:

Did you know that the holidays are only just over 6 weeks away, and now is the time to start planning!

Mon 30 Jun 2014 - Fri 4 Jul 2014 is WINTER WIPEOUT! If you only go to one camp this year it has to be this one! Held at Luther Heights Cooloom. Some of the COOL things we get to do are- tackle the beach in winter, have a great day out at Aussie World (YIPEEEEE!!!), and go on a gnome scavenger hunt. (A WHAT?) This is the best Northside camp on offer for Grade 5-7 students. Each day we will look at God's creation, eat great food, make new friends and hang out with awesome leaders. So grab a group of friends or come along and meet some new ones. To find out more contact Kerryn Grice on 0431 755 158 or visit [www.suqld.org.au/camps](http://www.suqld.org.au/camps). **BUT WAIT THERE IS MORE**, the first 3 students who see me to register for camp will receive a discount of \$100.

### Parenting Ideas:

In the last news letter I mentioned that I had come across an article by Michael Grosse titled 25 great parenting tips. Last

week I listed 13 and this week I have listed the other 12.

1. Move kids down the road from 'me' to 'we'
2. Teach your kids to **do what's right**, not what's easy
3. **Strengthen your family** by creating a strong food culture
4. Create a culture where there's **nothing so bad that 'we' can't talk ABOUT it**
5. Parent from the **same script**, even if you're not together
6. **Do things** with your kids
7. Don't let kids **drop out of the family**
8. **Connect** with other parents
9. Every child needs someone in their life who says **you can do this**
10. Make the most of **teachable moments**
11. **Avoid your first impulse when kids misbehave**
12. Build a **strong family brand**

The idea is to focus on **one** point a day. More information and parenting ideas can be found at [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au).

I have a limited number of posters available with these parenting tips on them so please let me know if you would like one.

If I can be of any assistance to you or you would like to know more about any of the above things please do not hesitate to contact me on 36238777 or [chaplain@geebungss.eq.edu.au](mailto:chaplain@geebungss.eq.edu.au).

**Kerry  
Chaplain**

SAVE THE DATE!!!

**TUESDAY**

**27 MAY 2014**

BEFORE SCHOOL

FREE BBQ BREAKFAST

HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

FINALS

**CELEBRATING  
CHAPPY WEEK**

## Library Resource Centre News

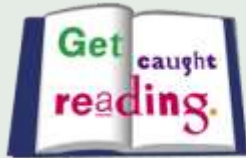
### Book Donations

One of our school strategies included in the **Great Results Guarantee** is to improve the literacy of our students. With this in mind, the school is in the process of establishing a before school "Reading Bin Program", whereby students and parents read with the younger children before school every day to give the younger students an opportunity to develop their reading skills. Books that are no longer needed at home would be gratefully accepted for our Reading Bins.

### National Family Reading Month

The month of May is **National Family Reading Month**, which is designed to encourage more children to read with their families. Family reading time is a great way to grow a child's interest into the wonderful world of books as well as an important factor in literacy development. At Geebung State School we are encouraging our students to **GET CAUGHT READING** with their family for at least 10 minutes per day. Students who "*get caught*" may enter into a draw for a \$10.00 Book Club voucher. The draw will take place during Assembly. Entry forms are available at the Library (or copy below).

Julie Silva  
Teacher Librarian



# ENTRY FORM

## Get Caught Reading

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

has read with their family for 10 minutes per day for 5 days.

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## NAPLAN BREAKFAST



## Music

Rehearsals are tracking well towards our Winter Showcase Concert for the Instrumental and Choir program on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Parent information and permission slips have gone out this week. Anyone from Senior Choir or Junior Choir that haven't received one yet please advise me next week so that I can get that information out to you. Thank you to those of you that have returned them already. It is ideal for our planning that we receive confirmation of attendance as early as possible.

A big thank you goes out to Junior Choir members for their enthusiasm, focus and hard work this week. Senior Choir welcomed new members this week and I would like to thank the students from 7A and 4/5B who have made posters and presentations promoting the Choirs valuable contribution to the Geebung State School community.

Being part of the Choir program is made through a commitment to in School rehearsals and practice at home. It is in this way we can improve our musical skills to lead to more rewarding performance experiences.

Remember all are welcome to join in the fun!

Yours in Music,

**Julie West**  
Classroom Music Specialist/ Choral Conductor

## Awards

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS WINNERS



### Subscribe for our School E-Newsletter

Please print clearly and return to the school office

Parent First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_