Welcome to the newsletter and Week 6 of this term. There is much going on in the school’s life so please read all of the newsletter. Thanks to those who have given feedback to Matthew or I regarding our questions from the previous newsletters, the comments were considered and helpful. Thanks again.

Sorry Day was on Monday the 26th of May 2014. We were represented by two students. It was great during the afternoon on Monday to receive this email from a senior leader in the Metro Region:

I had the pleasure of attending the Sorry Day ceremony this morning at Kalinga Park where your students participated. All your students proudly represented your schools. Congratulate your students. It was a privilege.

Jane Sedgman Acting Assistant Regional Director

I was very pleased to see that Geebung State School was represented and recognised for the contributions made. Well Done!

“Chappy Day” – it was great to see so many children turn up to play handball against the staff on Tuesday this week. Thanks to Kerry and her team of workers who cooked a great sausage and onion on bread feast. The highlight for me was that the community came together and got involved in school life. Yes there were some good hand ball styles as well! Also on the highlight reel was that a number of parents then went onto Reading Army Duty. Thanks to all of those who are involved in helping our children learn. WELL DONE!

The school grounds continue to improve in their overall look. Thanks to Brett and his merry band of helpers they have mulched, planted and watered many new additions to the school. Speaking of new additions we have a new long haired friend joining the vegie patch area and even though he just stands around all day he is doing a particularly good job in that area. Thanks to the class of 2A for their construction skills and the help from the parents who built Mr. Scarecrow. While talking gardens do you have any agave “pups” at home that you do not want? We are looking for some for our gardens. If you can send a few in that would be much appreciated straight after the school holidays would be ideal please.

Working Bee – on the 14th June 2014 we are having a working bee. The aim will be to mulch, mulch, mulch and then mulch. We have a huge amount of mulch on site and want to concentrate on the bank that is on Ellison Road and the bank below the teacher’s and swimming car park, so come along. There will be plenty to do and we aim to work from 8:00am until 11:00am. We should get quite a lot done in that time so bring your gloves, hats, water and any containers you have to move mulch in please. See you all there.

Reporting period is almost upon us. Teachers and students are working towards the report cards. There is a huge amount of effort going into these and we will report to all parents about their child or children’s progress. PLEASE take the time to read these when they come home in the last week of school this term as they will let you know about your child/rens successes and the areas they need to work on.

Attendance/Behaviour remains an issue. PLEASE be aware that children’s behaviour determines their participation in school events such as school sport and extra curricula activities. This is really important as it acknowledges the great work of so many of our students, who do the right thing, SO often. Current attendance across the school is running at 93.83%. Our aim for this year is 95%. There is currently one year level achieving this. There are 4 other year levels achieving 94% attendance. Well done to those year levels.

Have a great fortnight.

Stephen Auer Principal
Active School Travel: I’ve just returned to my office after watching some of our students participate in the Active Travel to School bike and scooter training. What a wonderful set of skills and information these students engaged in to ultimately improve their safety when riding. I should also add that the school bike racks looked awesome with the overflow of bikes and scooters and I believe this is a realistic goal for us as a school as we increase the number of active travellers for Geebung State School.

Geebung State School Strength: Recently I enrolled a family into our school who had decided to come to Geebung State School because they heard our school was a good school. After taking them on a tour of our school and meeting some other staff, students and parents they were overwhelmed by the warm welcome they received and the high level of manners that our students showed. This helped them to feel confident in their decision to join Geebung State School. This is not an isolated story, in fact this has happened three times in the past three weeks. Well done students, teachers and parents. Our hard work together in ensuring high expectations of effort and behaviour are starting to be noticed by more and more people.

Uniform: A reminder that when wearing the school polo shirt, a black skirt, skorts or shorts are the options required to wear as part of the uniform. Bike pants are not part of the school uniform. If girls are wearing bike pants they must be covered by a skirt, skorts or a pair of shorts.

Homework: Each family has their own viewpoint on the value of homework. Some families want more, some less and some wish for none at all. At Geebung State School we support the use of homework to help strengthen the link between school and home. Homework also offers a great platform to help build routine at home. If you ever have questions around the homework that your child is asked to complete please make sure you speak to your child’s teacher. It is also great feedback to the teachers if you are able to tell them whether your child is challenged by the homework or finding it far too easy. Together you can partner with the teacher to find the best way to support your child through this process.

Reports: Teachers are preparing written reports over the next three weeks to inform you of your child’s progress in Semester 1. A reminder that you can always talk with your teacher about children’s progress. It’s important that your children see that you are taking an interest in their learning by partnering with the classroom teacher. Look for opportunities as a parent to model to your children the values of school attendance, good behaviour at school and best efforts when learning.

Contacting You: Do we have your current phone number, email address and postal address? Make sure the office is up to date with your current details.

Before School: Are your children arriving on site too early? School begins at 8:50am every day. Upon arrival students are expected to sit in their eating areas until this time. If your child is unable to do this you may need to sit with them or review the time that they arrive at school. We are in the process of developing a bank of books that parents and students will be able to read before school at each of the eating areas. This will be a helpful way to pass the time whilst waiting for lessons to start.

Reading Army: The Geebung State School Reading Army continues to work with our Year 2 classes. Thanks so much to the parents who are involved with this group. If you wish to join the Reading Army please contact the office. We provide training and support and can work in with your availability.

Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal
Dates to Remember

June
6  Interschool Sport
   Deposit of $50 due for Year 5 Currimundi Camp
9  Queen's Birthday Holiday
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 8am-11am—mulching to be done
18  Winter Showcase—School Hall 5:30pm for 6:00pm start
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

Weekly Events

Tuesday
9:00am  School Banking Day

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

Chappy week is an event held each year to promote and show case the local chaplaincy service.

This week Geebung State School celebrated Chappy Week with a BBQ breakfast and a handball competition between students and staff.

We had many families and students and staff turn up to make this a wonderful morning.

I would like to thank everyone for making the effort to attend. I would also like to thank the many people who helped to organise the morning.— Mrs Ashford, Mrs McCall and Mr Meharg.

I would also like to thank Brett, Terry, Allison, Linda, Heather and George for their invaluable help in setting up and serving of the food. Thank you also to Lyn and Wayne for cooking of the sausages.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the School community for their support of the chaplaincy service here at Geebung State School.

If you would like to know more about the chaplaincy service here at Geebung or about what a Chaplain is, then please do not hesitate to contact me on 3623 8777 or chaplain@geebungss.eq.edu.au.

Chappy Kerry

Library Resource Centre News

Book Donations

Many thanks to the families who have donated books to the before school RED (Read Every Day) Program. The program will commence in a few weeks. Any further donations will be most welcome.

National Family Reading Month

Congratulations to Sophie M (2A) and Jessica L (Prep/1A) who are the winners of our GET CAUGHT READING competition.

Julie Silva
Teacher Librarian
**News Letter**

**Geebung State School**

**Music**

Just a few reminders this week regarding music program communication.

In February and April for Junior Choir a note was sent home for parents of students in the music program to send in their email address and mobile numbers so that it could help us communicate about events and changes to rehearsals. If your child is in either the Instrumental or the Choral program and you haven’t seen this note, could you please email me with this information (jwest269@eq.edu.au) and I will add you to the list so that you are never out of touch with Music happenings.

On a similar note, we are excitedly heading towards our **Winter Showcase Concert** on **Wednesday 18th June at 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start** in the School Hall. To make this happen successfully, we need permission slips returned from all those students who will be participating. These slips were issued in early May and again if you have missed receiving one, please contact me and I can send a copy to you through email. Performing is an excellent experience for music students and I am looking forward to a big turnout.

Yours in Music,

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

Hello Everyone – it’s great to be back after a week away!

Thank you for remembering our first band rehearsal on **Tuesday 27th May**. It was encouraging to see everyone ready to work so early in the morning!

Our next scheduled rehearsals will be in the hall so that we can get used to the space. Rehearsals start at 7:50am and are scheduled for:

- **Tuesday 3rd June**
- **Tuesday 17th June**

I will be at school from 7:30 to supervise.

A reminder that our assessment is next week on **Tuesday 3rd June**. Please help your student to remember all of their equipment for their assessment and encourage them to keep practising to prepare.

There are some great practice logs coming in so keep up the good work!

I have heard that a few students are having trouble accessing Essential Elements Interactive. Can I draw your attention to the notes I sent home outlining the registration and sign on procedures. Your student will need some initial help to set up their profiles and recording studios but once done, it should be simple to use. You will need a microphone to record. Most computers have one built in but if you don’t have one, I believe they can be purchased for under $20.

If your student needs a password reset, please email me at avang16@eq.edu.au.

Northside Junior Music Camp is coming up in Week 8. For those of you attending please remember to check which campus you need to go to, as last year, we had some confusion with students turning up at the wrong location.

Your campus is highlighted on your information letter. I am co-ordinating the last day at City Hall and I can tell you, it is going to be fantastic! Parents are invited to the final concert which commences at 4:00pm in the Main Auditorium of City Hall. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students to perform in a professional venue so please do come along if you are able. A reminder that students will be shuttled in to the venue in the morning but will need to be picked up by parents, after the concert.

Happy Music Making!

**Ms V**

**Tuckshop**

Just a reminder to get your Autumn Treat Day orders in—last day for orders is Friday 6 June 2014.

Helpers are needed please phone or call in to tuckshop and put your name down.

Donations of sugar and Long life milk are always needed.

Fish burgers or chicken burgers cost $4.20.

Soup for sale $2.50 over winter.

Helpers are needed on 11th June 2014 to assist with the Autumn Treat Day.

Leanne & Helen  
Tuckshop Convenors  
PH 3265 5959
Uniform Shop

Second Hand Winter stock - there is a great selection of 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.

Currently there is a great selection of second hand footwear for boys and girls and all are $5 or under.

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.

Also available for purchase is one size 14 Year 6 and one size 14 Year 7 senior shirt.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property rack will be out on display on Friday's only under the stairs to the art room. Items found with names are returned to students via the office. Only items that have no name are placed on the lost property rack.

Cheers

Fleur Stanford
Uniform Convenor

P & C News

What a beautiful morning it was for the Chappy Week sausage sizzle and handball tournament on Tuesday. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful chaplain in our school community, thank you Kerry for all the good work you do.

As you all know we had the Mothers Day Stall and Raffle this month and were able to raise $880 from the stall and $735 from the raffle – a great effort. The pie drive for this term has been postponed to the beginning of Term 3 and we will update you with exact details soon.

On behalf of the P&C we would like to thank our outgoing swimming club executive, thank you especially to Kym Shelford who has been president since 2005. A new executive and committee has been announced and we would like to congratulate all members on their positions as we look forward to a successful 2014/2015 season at the Geebung Swimming Club.

Geebung Swimming Club Executive and Committee:

Presidents: Chantal Watson & Lorna Gurney

Vice President: Ashley Deakes
Treasurer: Kelly Scouller
Secretary: TBA
Marshall & Carnival Coordinator: Emma Radel
Canteen Convenor: Nicky Hudson

The reading army are doing a fantastic job and we thank them for their continued support of our student’s reading progress, just a reminder that any parents/carers participating in the reading army need to sign in at the office first as they are covered under P&C insurance.

Treat day for this term will be on Wednesday, 11 June 2014 and order forms have already gone home for this. Extra order forms are available at the tuckshop.

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday, 10 June 2014 at 7pm in the library.

Leanne Hayden
P & C Secretary

High School 2015 – Here we come! Back by popular demand High School Master Classes Sunday 1st June 8.30 am – 11.30 am

High School “Master” Classes (limited places in each class)

Register on our website: www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au and choose your classes from Science, Soccer with Brisbane Roar inflatable field, History, Musical Theatre and Woodwork.
The HPE award acknowledges exceptional effort and attitude in HPE lessons. Last week’s winners were Christian B (6A) and Jeffrey W (7A) for outstanding long jump skills. This week’s winners were Teagan W (3/4) for being a cooperative team member who always follows instructions and Taijah M (2B) for outstanding skipping skills.

Interschool sport started last Friday 23rd May. Teams played exceptionally well and displayed great sportsmanship. Player of the week for netball was Siobhan M (6A). Players of the week for soccer were Nakita S (6A), Sam H (6A) and Ruben M (4/5B). Well done! The next round will be played on Friday 6th June. If parents are interested in assisting with interschool sport please contact the office, any extra help with transitioning teams to their games, scoring and/or umpiring would be fantastic.

Lastly, our school athletics carnival has been booked for Wednesday 16th July which is the first week in Term 3. Students are very excited about the event and I have seen some exceptional performances in the PE classes this week, especially in long jump.

Leigh Stagg
HPE Co-ordinator
Scooter Training Sessions

Assembly Awards
Gold Star Reading Club book party
Zillmere Library

Celebrate the start of the Gold Star Reading Club by bringing along your favourite book or come along dressed as your favourite character for a fun afternoon of quizzes, games and craft.

Friday 6 June*
3.45-4.30pm

*Bookings essential.

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Wednesday 11 June – Vocal Auditions
Thursday 12 June – Woodwind auditions
Friday 13 June – Strings Auditions
Monday 16 June – Percussion (and bass guitar) Auditions

If you haven’t already applied or would like more information please contact the Junior Secondary Office on 3630 3323, email instmusic@kedronshs.eq.edu.au or visit the school’s website www.kedronshs.eq.edu.au