Welcome. I have talked a lot in past newsletters about attendance and behaviour. The value of this is really obvious when reporting time comes around. There are some children who will see in their report cards positive comments in almost every area due to their attendance and behaviour. Some people have only missed school days due to illness or appointments and they too will receive a vast majority of positive comments. There are a few whose report cards will read due to a lack of attendance or poor behaviour assessments are not complete. As a parent if this is on your child’s report card what can you do to help us improve this situation. We are happy to work with you and your family we just need the children at school and behaving to achieve this!

Congratulations to those students who received an award on Wednesday the 11th of June 2014. The target group were those with no absentee days or behaviour issues.

Year 1  Alisha J
Year 2  Austin A, Jacob H, Logan O
Year 3  Eddie A, Lindsey B, Taye G, Skylah H, Frank M, Lucy W, Teagan W, Ashley W*
Year 4  Choe H, Monique P, Arris R, Esther T, Ethan T
Year 5  Pema G, Cassie M, Macy O, Gemma R, Grace S
Year 6  Emma-Lisa C, Ben H, Sam H, Joshua M, Casey P
Year 7  Brandon B, Matthew B, Bree S

My sincere apologies to Ashley W that I did not announce her on Wednesday.

SCHOOL GROUNDS ON THE IMPROVE - the work continues around the school with electrical, building, carpet, lino and garden works still going on. By the end of the June/July holidays the external issues in the entire school should be complete and it does look really good.

WORKING BEE - if you are available to help out on Saturday morning from 8:00am - 11:00 am or even just part of that time we are mulching. We will start down near the tennis courts and finish mulching this area and then if time permits we will move over to the swimming pool side of the school and keep on mulching. Please bring gloves and any implements you need to move mulch around. Thanks to Brett for making sure all is ready to go in terms of weeding and cleaning up these areas. A great job as per usual.

READING ARMY - an idea that is just growing and growing. (Well done Matthew and team). Thank you so much to the Reading Army helpers who have joined the whole school push to improve reading. GREAT JOB! The work of the Reading Army has been further improved with the arrival of the RED (Read Every Day) TROLLEYS which go out every morning so that students can simply sit and read. If you are a Mum, Dad or older student please grab a book and read with someone little. Thanks to Julie and Kirsty for their work in this area.

STUDENT TEACHERS - from time to time we have a number of student teachers in the school. This allows young teachers to refine their skills in a supported environment. It also allows us as a school to develop first hand knowledge of future employees’ skills so that when they graduate we know what we can expect and also know that these people know the Geebung way. Currently, we have student teachers on site and I would like to thank them for their efforts as they are adding to the learnings of our students which is great for all concerned.

FEEDBACK - to those parents who took the chance to have their say, thanks. We received a real variety of feedback from a range of different perspectives. The challenge is now to put in place the thoughts of those who gave us feedback to further improve the school and or its’ operations.

SCHOOL SPORT has seen the second round. It was pleasing to hear so many people are participating in the right way. Well Done!

Stephen Auer
Principal

2015 School Enrolments

Parents and caregivers with children starting Prep in 2015 are asked to please make contact with the school to enrol for next year at their earliest convenience.

Please encourage relatives and friends who are considering enrolments for 2015 to make contact with the school. While the start of the 2015 school year may seem a long way off, the official staffing process for next year has begun and early knowledge of enrolments assists us greatly with our planning.
Music Camp
This week several of our instrumental music students have had the privilege of participating in the Northside Junior Music Camp. The camp involves over 600 students and they will work together to prepare several pieces to recite. This will culminate on Thursday with a performance for up to 2000 people at Brisbane City Hall. I have been asked to attend all day on Thursday as the Camp Principal and I am really looking forward to supporting the hard work of the students and their teachers over the week. A special mention goes to Mrs Alyson Van Gaalen and Miss Rebecca Moore for their contribution to our Geebung students and also the camp success!

Enrolments
Our prep enrolments are steadily growing. Do you have a friend or neighbour with children who are eligible for prep in 2015? Let us know their contact details or advise them to make contact with the school so we can guide them through the process for 2015. Enrolling early at Geebung State School provides families with the opportunity to attend our free prep-prep program which is a valuable way to help students transition into prep for 2015.

Pre-Prep Partnerships
Children come to Geebung from a diverse group of Pre-prep providers on the northside of Brisbane. We have recognised that much can be done to help improve the transition from a pre-prep program such as kindy to prep at school. To help improve this process I am pleased to announce that Geebung State School is in the early stages of partnering with 6 of our closest pre-prep providers to work with the centre directors to look at how we can support student transition to school. The group are unsure where this process will lead us however we all agree that if we work together the winners will definitely be the kids and that is our focus.

Eating morning tea and lunch
There have been one or two reports of students asking other students to share their lunch and morning tea. We ask that you speak with your children about this to make sure that they are only ever eating the food that you provide them with. We have also asked students to talk with their parents if they feel that they need more food or if they don’t like a particular food that they have been provided with.

Reading Army
The Reading Army are now in the fifth week of action. Teachers report that students have been enthusiastic about reading with our volunteers. I am pleased to say that the army is growing and I will be training some more volunteers this week and next week. It has also been great to hear from the volunteers that the students have been focused and very well mannered when they come out to read. Well done students and thanks to our volunteers. This is yet another example of our community supporting the things that really matter to kids, reading!

Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal
Dates to Remember

**JUNE**
14  School Working Bee  8am-11am—mulching to be done
18  Winter Showcase—School Hall 5:30pm for 6:00pm start
19  8:50am Garden Committee Meeting
20  Interschool Sport
25  School Disco
   Junior—Pyjama Party Theme 4:00—5:30pm
   Senior—World Cup Carnival Theme 6:00—7:30pm
27  Last Day Term 2

**JULY**
14  Term 3 begins
15  P&C Meeting 7pm Library
16  Athletics Carnival Years 4-7 Bowden Park
   Athletics Carnival Meal Deal available at Tuckshop
18  Final payment for Years 6 & 7 Canberra Trip due
23  Athletics Carnival Years 4-7 Bowden Park (if rained out on 16th)
30  Parent Workshop No.3—9:00am —11:00am Games Factory

**AUGUST**
5    Pie Drive Delivery
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
Library Resource Centre News

National Family Reading Month

Congratulations to Layla V (Prep B), our last winner who GOT CAUGHT READING in May. Well done to the many students who enjoyed reading with their families and entered the completion.

RED Books (Read Every Day)

The book trolleys for early morning reading are available and brimming with lots of great reads for parents and students.

We encourage the school community to participate and help our students develop their literacy skills.

Julie Silva
Teacher Librarian

Entertainment Books for sale

The new 2014 | 2015 Entertainment Books are here!

The 2013 | 2014 Brisbane Entertainment™ Book has just expired. If you haven't already purchased a new 2014 | 2015 Entertainment™ Membership, now is the time to do so.

Choose from the traditional Entertainment™ Book or the NEW Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!

Plus, 20% from every Entertainment™ Membership we sell contributes towards our fundraising! The more Entertainment™ Memberships we sell, the more we raise – so please forward this email to your family and friends!

To purchase your entertainment book go to:
https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2277g08

Also available at the school office.

Tuckshop

Thank you to all the helpers for Autumn Treat Day and everyone who ordered.

The Athletics Carnival is on 16th July 2014. We are sending the forms home early so it can be paid for before the school holidays.

Fish Burger or Chicken Burger $4.20.

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

Leanne & Helen
Tuckshop Convenors
PH 3265 5959
Music

As I write this entry for our newsletter, I am looking forward to working with beginner Woodwind, Brass and Percussion students participating in the Northside Junior Music Camp. Our Geebung students will join with over 600 other students on Thursday 12th June 2014 to perform in the final concert in the Main Auditorium of Brisbane City Hall. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to perform in a professional venue and to get to know other music students in our area. The friendships made on these camps can help with the transition to high school, as an enjoyment of music making is a common thread that can help to bring together students in their high schools. Students will also possibly meet and work with their future teachers at high school.

We also have our Winter Showcase Concert coming up in Week 9. Notes have been sent home already about our culminating concert for Semester 1. Our students have been working hard for this so we would love you to come along and experience the results from their hard work. I would also like to thank you for your support over this semester. Learning an instrument is enjoyable and also challenging for young musicians. Your support and encouragement is vital to their success. Thank you for being a part of our music team!

Ms V

Just to add to Ms V’s entry I wanted to wish the Junior Instrumental Music students well on their Music Camp and Concert this week, it is such a great musical opportunity, and there has been a lot of excitement shown from the students. I send a big thank you to Ms V from the Geebung community for all her input into the organisation of this event.

Our Winter Showcase Concert is next week and I am looking forward to seeing everyone there. I want to take this opportunity to thank all choir members for their hard work, creative ideas and enthusiasm this semester and also thank their parents for their support. It is exciting that our Choir program is growing with new members joining each week. There is a joy in singing together and the choir members can’t wait for their performance.

See you all at the Concert!

Julie West
Classroom Music Specialist / Choral Conductor

Gardening Project

Have You Seen Our Garden Yet?

For those who’ve missed it, the school garden is down by Outside School Hours Care. The garden is currently producing a very healthy crop which is being ably maintained by the garden committee and various classes. Keep a lookout over the next few months for cabbage, broccoli, onions, marigolds, beetroot, corn, parsley, chives, lettuce, silverbeet, capsicum, broccoli, strawberries, shallots, marjoram, sage, spinach, basil, tomatoes, parsley, sugar snap peas, peas, carrots, cucumbers and broad beans.

This produce is being made available to the school tuckshop and the surplus is being sold before school outside tuckshop and before assembly on a Wednesday afternoon. Come in and check out what’s available right now!

The next garden committee meeting will be on Thursday 19 June 2014 at 8:50am, under the fig tree. All welcome.

Kylie & Trudi
UNIFORM SHOP

Did you order a full zip GSS polar fleece jacket? These should arrive in the next fortnight and I will call those on my list as soon as the stock arrives.

Senior students - I have one year 6 size 14 senior polo shirt and one year 7 size 14 senior polo shirt available for purchase.

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.

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.

Fleur Stanford
Uniform Convenor

P&C News

It was great to see some new faces at this week’s P&C meeting – welcome to all new members.

This Wednesday was Treat Day at the tuckshop, everyone enjoyed the brownies from Flour & Chocolate. Thankyou to all helpers, the kids love treat day and it would not be possible without volunteers and our tuckshop staff. We would also like to thank the McGuire, Johnson and Earle families for their donations to the tuckshop last month.

Coming up this Saturday is the working bee for the school grounds, we hope to see you there at 8am with gloves, buckets and wheel burrows if you can. The school gardens are looking fantastic and the extra mulching will benefit them even more.

The school disco is on Wednesday, 25 June 2014. The P&C with the help of students from year 6 and 7 will be holding a sausage sizzle with the money raised going towards embroidery for the Canberra Tour jumpers. Tickets will be available at the door.

The Yatala Pie Drive date has been set for Tuesday, 5 August 2014. Order forms will be going home with students after the holidays, however if you would like to start your orders with family, friends and work colleagues early a copy will be available from the office or on the Q Schools App as of next week.

The next P&C meeting will be held in the library on Tuesday, 15 July 2014 at 7pm.

Leanne Hayden
P & C Secretary

The HPE award acknowledges exceptional effort and attitude in HPE lessons. Last week’s winners were Teagan W (3/4A) and Jasper W (4C) for being a cooperative and helpful team members. This week’s winners were Griffin G (5A) for making an excellent effort in PE this week and Jaiben O (4/5B) for outstanding efforts in athletics this term.

Interschool sport was played again last Friday 6th June 2014. Teams made great improvements and this showed in the game results. Players of the week for netball were Chloe H (6A) and Kay M (3/4A). Players of the week for soccer were Amber N (7A), Christian B (6A), Cassie M (5A) and Lucy G (6A). Well done! The next round will be played on Friday 20th 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, this week I have been finalising the HPE report card results. Students will receive a grade that is based on both their PE and swimming results. In PE, students have participated in a range of activities and their performance in these activities will be averaged to determine their grade. Students are also given an effort grade which reflects their attitude, behaviour and ability to work cooperatively in a team during HPE lessons.

Leigh Stagg
HPE Co-ordinator
Well done to some very hardworking students in Prep B who have mastered their list 1 high frequency sight words.
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JUNIOR DISCO

Pyjama Party Theme!

Wednesday, 25 June 2014
4:00pm—5:30pm
Cost: $6.00

Sausage sizzle, chips and drinks available

MUST WEAR RUNNERS
NOT SLIPPERS

Admission paid at the door on the night only
GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

SENIOR DISCO

World Cup Carnival Theme!

Wednesday, 25 June 2014
6:00pm—7:30pm
Cost: $6.00

Sausage sizzle, chips and drinks available

Admission paid at the door on the night only
Family Law
Community Legal Information Seminar

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

Be informed on

- Divorce
- Property Settlement
- Mediation
- Parenting after Separation
- Defacto relationships
- Your Rights
- Domestic Violence Orders
- Family Violence and the Family Law Act
- Information from the Queensland Police Service
- Community Support

At the Nundah Neighbourhood Centre
14 Station St, Nundah
5.30pm Thursday 26 June, 2014

Register attendance by phone: 3260 6820 or email: admin1@nundahcc.org.au

A free community event
Refreshments provided

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If you only go to one holiday camp this year it has to be WINTER WIPEOUT 2014!

What is it?
Winter Wipeout is a Scripture Union camp that caters for students in grades 5-7 from the north-side of Brisbane.

What do you do?
At camp, we will be going to the beach, competing in mini-olympics, visiting Aussie World, trying some craft, playing sport, playing spotlight, making new friends, eating some great camp food, and learning something new about God every day.

Who:
Kerryn Grice (school teacher) is directing camp this year, with the help of a brilliant team of leaders and chaplains.

Where:
We tackle the sun and sand at Luther Heights Youth Camp during the cold of Winter (Call us crazy but we love it!!!)

When?
30th June – 4th of July 2014

How much?
$300 which covers everything that you will need for the week, including transport from Brisbane to camp and back.

Registrations are open! To secure your spot, go to www.suqld.org.au/camps early so that you don’t miss out!

Who should come?
Grab a few friends from school and come together as a group, or come on your own ready to make some fantastic new friends. Boys and girls in grades 5-7 welcome!

More Information?
Kerryn: 0431 755 158
Email: winterwipeout@sucamps.org.au

Register for camp at:
http://www.suqld.org.au/camps

We look forward to meeting you on camp!

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### Holiday Sports and Games Action

**Just For Kids!**

**30th June – 4th July 2014**

- Ages: 5-12 years
- Location: GHB (Main Campus)
- Activities: Sports, dance, computers, crafts, games, and much more.

For children in primary schools, programs delivered by local churches.

**Special Kids Gamesota** at most venues.

Opening ceremonies at some locations on Sunday 29th June available at your local venue.

Visit the website to register online or to download a Registration Form and contact your nearest venue for a form to send over.

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### Kids Games

- Website: www.kidsgamesqld.com.au

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### Ready to Register.....?

- Choose your nearest venue.
- Book online at www.kidsgamesqld.com.au
- Or contact your venue for more information or help.
- Get ready for the action!

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#### BRISBANE CITY

- Venue: City Tabernacle Baptist Church
- Weekly Cost: $30
- Programs: Mon-Fri, 9:00-12:00 morning tea provided
- Enquiries: Alison Jacobs, alison.jacobs@bigpond.com 3343 1641

#### FOREST LAKE

- Venue: Lake Community Church (Forest Lake Uniting)
- Weekly Cost: $60
- Programs: Wed-Fri, 9:00-3:00 morning tea provided BYO lunch
- Enquiries: Debbie Geehr, geehr@bigpond.net.au 0438 974 891

#### JINDALEE

- Venue: Centenary Cross High School
- Weekly Cost: $80
- Programs: Mon-Thurs, 9:00-12:00 morning tea provided BYO lunch
- Enquiries: Gavin Brown, gavin.brown@bags.qld.edu.au 0479 192 631

#### COOPERS PLAINS

- Venue: Village Ave Community Church
- Weekly Cost: $80
- Programs: Mon-Fri, 8:30-12:00 morning tea & lunch provided
- Enquiries: Jim Bray, jim.bray@ozemail.com.au 0413 121 703

#### SPRINGWOOD

- Venue: Springwood Church Of Christ
- Weekly Cost: $50, 1 child $90, 3 children $120 (Day $10)
- Programs: Mon-Fri, 9:00-12:00 morning tea provided
- Enquiries: Tegan Cunningham, tareenlaw@big.com.au 0401 980 688

#### TAIJUN

- Venue: The Salvation Army, North Brisbane
- Weekly Cost: $10
- Programs: Mon-Wed, 8:30-1:30 morning tea & lunch provided
- Enquiries: Wil Greentree, wigg@chappy.org.au 0409 494 225

#### CLONTARR

- Venue: Clontarf Beach Baptist Church
- Weekly Cost: $30
- Programs: Mon-Fri, 9:00-12:00 morning tea provided
- Enquiries: Bruce Costersley, bruce@clontarfbaptist.org 0427 360 884
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