Welcome to the last newsletter for the term. It has been a very busy and successful term. Thanks to all who have contributed to the further development of the school. The school grounds are still improving in their look and this will be continuing over the school holidays with E block and A block being painted.

Congratulations to the tuckshop ladies and Kylie Johnson who have won a grant to add to the equipment in the tuckshop to ensure the quality of the services provided from this area are even higher than they are at the moment. WOW – looking forward to that.

This week teachers have been involved in a planning day for each level that sees teachers out of class and discussing students results and how we are going to improve these results further in Terms 3 and 4. I would like to commend all staff involved and in particular Matthew Meharg for the way these days have been led and the quality of the discussions and the open mindedness that has been brought to these days so that students’ results can improve. Thank you

Report Cards were sent home on Thursday. PLEASE take the time to read these and look carefully at the areas that have been achieved in and the areas for improvement. We want to work with you to ensure that Each and Every child at Geebung State School achieves.

The disco was a wonderful success. Thanks to all who have been part of the preparations and planning for the event. Must say the costumes looked fantastic.

The active school travel day also on Wednesday this week was very well supported. The scarves and beanies were colourful, and entertaining at the same time. There certainly were some looks on display. Thanks for your support of this program and our numbers are slowly growing. Will you be an active school traveller on Wednesdays next term? We hope so!

Finally I would like to say farewell to Mrs Sharon Beckett. Sharon has served the Geebung State School community over many years and she will be missed in her retirement. Her colourful, hard-working and involved way of contributing to so many aspects of Geebung life have been a credit to her professional attitude and her dedication to providing students opportunities to learn. I am sure all will join with me to wish Sharon well and trust she will enjoy every aspect of retirement particularly her desire to pursue more of her own artistic interests. Thanks to those concerned who organised a wonderful tribute to Sharon on behalf of all the students and families on assembly this week.

I hope all have a happy and safe holiday and we are looking forward to seeing you all in Term 3. Remember every day counts!

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.
Congratulations to all students, families and teachers for a successful first semester of school for 2014. For our prep students who are halfway through their first year of school we acknowledge your wonderful transition to school. Our student leadership group, the year 6 and 7 students are now halfway through their final year of primary school. The next semester will be a significant step forward as they prepare for high school and they must remain focused and ready to learn to help them have success.

Last week’s Geebung State School Music Showcase was brilliant. What a turn out of parents and friends to support our students. For many this was the largest audience they have played for and I know that this was a buzz for them. We must credit the hard work of our choir and instrumental music students who practice many hours to achieve their success. This is not possible without the coaching from Mrs Alyson Van Gaalen, Mrs Julie West and Miss Rebecca Moore. Thank you ladies for your commitment to Geebung State School kids. The skills and work ethic they are learning through their commitment to learning an instrument or being part of a choir is setting them up for life ahead.

This week I had the privilege of hosting two past students who attended Geebung State School in 1962. As I showed them around the school it was wonderful to hear their old stories and it was equally great to see their reaction to the changes we have made to help progress the school.

Last week I hosted a meeting with several Centre Directors from our nearest pre-prep providers. The top topic of conversation was around looking at ways we can improve transition from kindy to prep. This was a great group to work with and it was wonderful to speak with such passionate educators. We look forward to strengthening our relationships over the next 12 months as we build and engage plans of action to support our students.

Sharon Beckett is hanging up her chalk at the end of this term. Sharon has served students as a teacher in both NSW and Brisbane since 1974. Sharon is a significant, long term team member of the Geebung State School staff and her contributions over the years are many and varied. Her energy and passion will be missed by students, her colleagues and the school community. Sharon, thanks for your service at our school and we wish you well for your future.

To our students, enjoy your break, be polite with your family and we shall see you all safely back at school on 14 July 2014 ready to go again for the next stage in your learning journey.

Matthew Meharg
Dates to Remember

**JULY**

27  Last Day Term 2

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

22  Pre-Prep Program 9:00—11:00am

23  Athletics Carnival Years 4-7 Bowden Park (if rained out on 16th)

24  Prep 2015 Parent Information Evening 6:30—7:30pm Library

30  Parent Workshop No.3—9:00am —11:00am Games Factory

**AUGUST**

5   Pie Drive Delivery
    Pre-Prep Program 9:00—11:00am

8   Interschool Sport

13  Ekka Day

15  Final Payment $190 due for Year 5 Currimundi Camp

18-22 Years 6 & 7 Canberra Trip

19  Pre-Prep Program 9:00—11:00am

25-29 Book Week

29  Interschool Sport

**SEPTEMBER**

2   School Photos
    Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am

12  Interschool Sport

16  Pre-Prep Program

19  Term 3 ends

**OCTOBER**

6   Labour Day Public Holiday

7   Term 4 begins

8-10 Year 5 Trip to Currimundi

9   Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am

20  Student free Day

23  Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am

**NOVEMBER**

6   Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am

10-12 Book Fair

20  Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am

**DECEMBER**

4   Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am

12  Last Day Term 4
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

Next term we are selling a new drink called ‘Glee’. It will replace LOL drinks. Glee has less sugar in it and is made in Australia. There are 4 flavours—Grape, Berry, Blackcurrant, and Strawberry and will cost $2.40.

Thursday morning Breakfasts: Sausages and bread first week and pancakes alternate weeks.

Thank you for all your support this term.

 Helpers are needed—please phone and book in if you can assist.

Happy Holidays.

Leanne & Helen
Tuckshop Convenors

Music

Thank you all for your wonderful support over Semester 1, culminating in our Winter Showcase concert last Wednesday evening. It was fantastic to see so many in the audience and the students so well supported by their parents and staff. Our success would not have been possible without a team effort and I thank you all for your very important part in that team. Thanks also to Mrs West and Miss Moore for your skills and enthusiasm. It is wonderful to be part of our music team at Geebung State School! I look forward to Semester 2.

This week I had a familiarisation session with students on Essential Elements Interactive. We explored the features of this free online resource and I think it is safe to say, the students are excited about the possibilities. Even if it is only used for the practice logs and play along capabilities, it is worthwhile signing in. Please take some time over the holidays to have a look yourself. If anyone needs a password reset, please email me at avang16@eq.edu.au.

Term 3

I am fortunate to be taking one week long service leave in week one of Term 3 so lessons will not resume until Week 2. Senior students wishing to audition for honours camp, your audition DVD’s will be recorded in this week so please keep practising over the holidays and remember to bring all of your equipment in week 2. I will record your auditions in lesson time during week 2. Honours Camp is for students in their second or third year of playing an instrument.

Band rehearsals - we will run band as a seasonal rehearsal period as we did this Semester. I will send a note home with details as the season draws closer.

Thank you again for your continued support and have a fantastic holiday.

Ms V.
A BIG congratulations to all students who performed in our Winter Music Showcase last Wednesday night, it was a great success. I was very impressed with the 100% participation rate by the strings students, well done strings! Thank you to Mr Meharg for helping to run the night, and of course thanks to my fellow music teachers Mrs West and Ms V for their hard work in putting together their groups fantastic performances.

Well done also to the Year 4 strings students who participated in the Northside Junior Music Camp last week. The camp was most strings students first performance opportunity in a large ensemble, and what a great first ensemble performance playing in such an amazing venue - Brisbane City Hall! I had the honour of conducting two pieces with the Purple Ensemble – Two’s Company and Cowboy Lane (my favourite!).

Second Year Students – As you are almost finished your first book can you please purchase the next book over the holidays. Encore on Strings Book 2 (yellow).

Honours Camp Auditions – Those students auditioning will be doing so very early after the holidays, so keep up the good practicing! This is only open to advanced students who have already received the music from me.

Thanks for a great term of music making – see you in term 3!

Miss Moore
Music

Congratulations to all students and teachers involved in last Wednesday night’s Winter Showcase Concert. It was a fantastic night where both Instrumental and Choir students rose to the occasion both through their behaviour and performance. A big thank you also goes out to the parents, families and teachers who made up a very supportive audience.

Many thanks to all parents and teachers, who assisted with the preparation, set up and during the performance. Your assistance help make it a positive and memorable night for our music program students. I would like to give a special thank you to Mr Meharg for hosting the evening, Brett Thorne for his practical and technical support and Ms van Gaalen and Miss Moore for their musical expertise.

Both Junior and Senior Choir members sang with great focus and enthusiasm and I applaud their efforts through the rehearsal process. It was wonderful to see the students’ joy in their musical performance.

Looking forward to the next one!

Julie West
Classroom Music Specialist / Choral Conductor

HPE

Firstly, on behalf of the students I would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Auer for approving the purchase of new high jump mats for the school. It has been fantastic to see how excited the students are to participate in high jump. I am sure we will see some exceptional performances at the sports carnival next term. The athletics carnival is scheduled for Wednesday 16th July which is the first week in Term 3.

The HPE award acknowledges exceptional effort and attitude in HPE lessons. Last week’s winners were Frank M (3/4A) for outstanding high jump skills and Jacob T (P/1A) for working hard in Health lessons.

Interschool sport was played again last Friday 20th June. It was great to see students putting in 100% effort and making huge improvements. Players of the week for netball were Anna D (6A) and Dekoda W (4/5B). Players of the week for soccer were Jessica T -Seniors, Tom S - Juniors and Senior Soccer 1 – Brandon Baker and Junior Soccer 1: Christian Bogo. Well done! The competition will continue after the holidays on Friday 8th August 2014, Friday 29th August 2014 and Friday 12th September 2014. 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.

Leigh Stagg
HPE Co-ordinator
Farewell Mrs Beckett

You’re a tremendous teacher and a super superb t-ball player/teacher. You have taught my friends and I a wide majority of useful knowledge. My friends and I have had so much fun with you from doing maths to drawing in art. Grade four was by far one of my favourite years and I know that my friends will definitely agree. So from all the people that have been in your class I say thank you!

Patrick 6A

Mrs Beckett is a wonderful teacher. She has done a lot for the school community. Mrs Beckett comes up with lots of fun ideas to help her class learn in the best ways possible. She is fun, artistic, and active and not like any other teacher I have had before. I wish her the best for the future J!

Gabby 6A

I remember in the class break up party how Mrs.Beckett would let us play on the playground equipment. It was fun because I never really got to do that at my old school. She was a fair teacher and I think everyone enjoyed being in Mrs Beckett’s class.

Jordan 6A

In Mrs Beckett’s class I remember having group time every Thursday when there were four groups and we would do art, maths, handwriting and spelling. It was great fun because we learnt all these different categories. I also remember in Mrs Beckett’s class we listened to number facts songs to help us with our number facts. I remember how we went to the art gallery GOMA and learnt about famous paintings, we did a quiz in a group and answered all the questions about the paintings. Mrs Beckett is a creative, supportive and soft hearted teacher and I have lots of great memories of being in her class.

Annalise 7A

You are a great teacher! I have great memories from Year 4 of dissecting a lambs’ brain and also doing lots and lots of art! I learnt heaps of new knowledge about different artists and art techniques. I remember playing T-Ball and LOVING it! I also remember the 2 excursions we had -we went To Alma Park Zoo and GOMA. And I will Never forget being in your class!

Josh

Mrs Beckett is a wonderful teacher. She is like no other teacher. I wasn’t even in her class but she is fun, active, creative person to be around. She has been an awesome teacher and been very helpful. She has made the school a great place to be and I wish the best for her!!

Best wishes from Breanna.

Goodbye

Mrs Beckett I hope you enjoy your retirement. In year three I remember doing a lot of art and running around the oval during the walk-a-thon and a lot of training. I remember doing a lot of maths and English. When the years threes got good grades at NAPLAN you kept us in at lunch time and we had a year three party and food with soft drinks and chips. You’re the best!

Brooke

Bye!
Lunch Club

Flight Club this term has been heaps of fun numbers have varied each week.

This Thursday will see the last planes take off for this year. Our Pilots who made the final race are Remy, Alex, Matthew and Connor.

A special thanks to Bree C, Mrs Meirs and Mrs Smith for their help.

Holiday activities

On Mon 30th June – Wed 2nd July 8:30am – 3:30pm. I will be helping out at Kids Games at Salvation Army Taigum. This is for students in prep to seven cost $10 per day and includes morning tea and lunch, plus a sausage sizzle on the Wednesday night.

To register go to www.kidsgamesqld.com.au find Taigum and fill in the registration form. Each participant will receive a T-Shirt and a Medal.

For those students aged 12-17 years YACCA at Zillmere Community Centre are running some fun and interesting holiday activities please see the attached brochure.

“Live simply so we may simply live” Anonymous

Have a great holiday

Chaplain Kerry
Camp Quality Puppet Show

Last Friday, the students in Prep to Year 2 were treated to a puppet show performed by the Camp Quality organisation. Titled ‘Laughter is the Best Medicine’, the performance used the platform of optimism and humour to raise awareness and provide strategies on how we can best support students living with cancer. The puppets in the show helped us understand how our actions impact other children and reinforced anti-bullying concepts. We were also taught practical ideas on how to be a supportive classmate and friend.
Geebung State School Student Gardening Project
School Holiday Activities—July 2014

**Thursday 3rd July**
Martial Arts!
New Farm Park
Time: 10am-1pm
Cost: Free
Limited transport available, please call.
Lunch included!

**Wednesday 2nd July**
Skating!
Stafford Skate Centre
Time: 9.30am-12:30pm
Cost: $13.50 (or speak to a Youth Worker)
Limited transport available, please call.

**Wednesday 9th July**
Amazing Art Race!
Mt Coot-tha Reserve
Time: 1pm-4pm
Cost: $5, (or speak to a Youth Worker)
Limited transport available, please call.

**Thursday 10th July**
Orienteering!
Kalinga Park, Clayfield
Time: 11am-1pm
Cost: $6 (or speak to a Youth Worker)
Limited transport available, please call.

For more information on any of the activities, and to book, please call Nigel on 3865 2890 or coord.yacca@necsg.org.au
OPEN DAY

Sunday, 6 July 2014
10am - 3pm

Guide Dogs Queensland
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2015 YEAR 7 & 8 ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS

Saturday
26 July 2014 | 9am

Contact us for more information.

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WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Missed our Open Day
Don’t Worry!

Parents can organise a personalised tour of our school this term.

Please phone to book a tour with
Mr Peter Turner, Deputy Principal,
on 3350 0333.
Cook well—Eat well Program

Zillmere Community Centre is pleased to host the Cook well-Eat well program. These workshops will be tailored specifically to support and enhance you and your families' nutritional and budget requirements.

Cook Well—Eat Well program is designed to help:
- create healthy, nutritious meals on a budget
- create and manage food budgets
- create your own cook book
- Know where to shop for food in your area.

Who should attend?
This course is for everyone in the community who would like to improve their cooking skills, eat well, save money and have some fun at the same time!

Facilitated by Qualified Chef and Nutritionist

Numbers are limited so please contact us on 38652880 to secure your place

e-mail: coord.zcc@necsg.org.au

Venue
Zillmere Community Centre
54 Handford Road
Zillmere

Dates and session plan
Sessions run on Thursdays. Dates and time for the program are outlined below:

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