Welcome back and a special welcome to our new families for Term 3. It is great to hear from so many students and parents that they enjoyed the break.

Also a warm welcome to Rod Heggie who has joined 3/4A as their classroom teacher. See photo below.

Term 3 is off and running and we already have achieved a lot with the Track and Field Carnival completed and the first day of Prep orientation occurring this week. We have also had our Prep Information Evening occur and the second round of training happen for our Reading Army. Well done for all concerned in preparing for these events and joining in to provide our students with opportunities. The first P&C Meeting has also occurred and thank-you to our dedicated band of people who come along every month.

Prep enrolments are still being taken and we are aiming for at least 50 Preps for 2015. Currently we have 37 Preps for 2015, so if you know of people who are thinking about starting their Prep aged students in 2015 please encourage them to come along and have an interview with Matthew or I. The sooner we know how many students we will have next year the sooner we can put our plans into place.

Safety is always an issue here at Geebung State School and for that matter at all schools. There are a number of concerns we have highlighted in the past about cars and children and these will always remain. In the staff car park down near the pool there are a number of people who are using this area and that is presenting a challenge to safety of children, staff and parents. The gates will be locked morning and afternoon as advertised on the signage on the fence line to ensure the children’s safety in particular. I am sure all will work with us to keep our students safe.

Attendance and Behaviour – these two messages will be repeated many times between now and Christmas. We are still having attendance issues and a few behaviour issues with a small number of children and their families. We NEED your children at school every day and behaving if we are going to teach them and that is what we want to do! How do you work with us to achieve this?

Family issues arise from time to time. We are happy to work with you to ensure your children’s education continues during these times. School is in many ways the best place for your children during traumatic times as it is predictable and “normal”, while change happens around them. I would ask that all parents consider how they impact on their children during these times as we want as educators to be able to continue their educational development. Please avoid distracting your children while they are at school with visits as this can raise their stress levels in an already stressful time. Again we are happy to work with families to ensure the quality education we provide continues.

School Opinion Surveys have arrived in our schools. This a process that is used across all schools in QLD to collect feedback from students, parents and teachers. The information for parents to participate in the School Opinion Survey (blue sheet) has been sent home to the eldest student in each family and the students are all surveyed in Years 5 & 6 as are all staff. PLEASE take the time to complete your surveys. The feedback you give us is very helpful.

Have a good fortnight.

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.
Welcome to Term 3. This is an exciting term with several key events occurring.

Our Year 6 and 7 students are busy preparing for their trip to Canberra. This will be a wonderful experience for them as they learn about our nation’s political history.

This week our Reading Army regrouped to prepare for it’s second wave of work. This term they will support the reading of our Year 1 students. A reminder that we are always looking for more volunteers willing to give us an hour per week. We will train you and you will significantly contribute to improving our students passion for reading and their skill level.

A special thanks to Miss Leigh Stagg who prepared and led the Athletics Carnival last week. It was great to see the students engaged in sporting activities all day. Everyone tried their best and the sportsmanship was very evident.

We have welcomed some new families this term already. If you notice some “new faces” around the school make sure you take the opportunity to introduce yourself and look for ways to help them settle in.

This term we will have the Japanese students from Ritsumeikan Junior High School join us again for two weeks. This is always a great highlight as we host our Japanese friends.

It has been pleasing to see all our classes quickly into the groove for learning and achievement this term. Our teachers have been working hard to prepare great learning experiences for the students and they are clearly engaged.

A reminder to all parents that it is illegal to leave a child under 10 years unattended in a vehicle even if it is parked inside school grounds. It is also extremely unsafe. We ask that parents always supervise their children in and around the school.

Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal
# Dates to Remember

## JULY
- **24**  Prep 2015 Parent Information Evening 6:30—7:30pm Library
- **28**  Pie Drive Orders due
  - Canteen Week—support your tuckshop
- **28-31**  Bramble Bay Festival of Music
- **30**  Parent Workshop No.3—9:00am —11:00am Games Factory
  - Bus Buzz Program—Years 6 and 7
  - Book Club Orders due

## AUGUST
- **1**  Gardening Meeting 9:00am—meet at Geebung tree
- **5**  Pie Drive Delivery
  - Pre-Prep Program 9:00—11:00am
- **8**  Interschool Sport
- **11**  Auditions for Australian Girls Choir
  - Bramble Bay Athletics Carnival—McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge
- **12**  P&C Meeting 7:00pm in Library
  - Bramble Bay Athletics Carnival—McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge
- **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
- **25 Aug—4 Sep**  Students visiting from Ritsumeikan Uji Junior High School 2014
- **28**  Author Visit
- **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 school disco held at the end of last term was a fantastic night and we would like to thank all our helpers from the student council and parents who volunteered their time in the canteen and sausage sizzle to help make the night a success.

It was a great start to Term 3 with the Athletics Carnival last week, a special thankyou to all of our canteen volunteers who helped on the day.

The Famous Yatala Pie Drive is up and running this term, extra order forms are available at the school office if needed. All order forms and payment are due by Monday, 28 July 2014 with the pies arriving for collection on Tuesday, 5 August 2014. This year we will be distributing the pies from the school hall. Remember all pies except caramel can be frozen for up to 12 months.

The Swimming Club will be having the sign on for club membership, lessons and squad training at the end of Term 3. We will let you know when the date has been set. We would also like to extend our thanks and appreciation to coaches Carol and Barry who have been with Geebung Swimming for the last couple of years. In the new season we will be welcoming new coaches for Learn To Swim and Squad Training and will give you the details when they are appointed.

A new development in the P&C is our Facebook page – Geebung State School P&C Association. This page has been created to provide information on current events in the school community, the page will be closely monitored and we hope that all members will use the page respectfully. If you would like to join please make a request via Facebook.

Our monthly P & C Meeting was held on Tuesday night, thankyou to all who attended. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 12 August at 7pm in the library.

Leanne Hayden
P & C Secretary
Bramble Bay Schools Festival of Music Here We Come!

Best wishes to all those instrumental and choral students attending the Bramble Bay Schools Festival of Music representing Geebung State School next week. Participating in this festival for instrumental and choral students from the Bramble Bay cluster of primary schools will be a wonderful learning and performance opportunity for our students.

Thank you to all the parents for their support of the festival and all the students for their hard work in preparation. For your information the details of the festival is listed below.

**FESTIVAL DATES**

- **Monday, 28th July** – Concert Band sectional day at various venues
- **Tuesday 29th July** – Concert Band rehearsal day at Bald Hills S.S.
- **Wednesday 30th July** – Strings Day at Bald Hills S.S.
- **Thursday, 31st July** – Choir rehearsal day at Bald Hills S.S.
- **Thursday, 31st July (Evening)** – Concert for all groups at Bald Hills S.S.

**VENUES AND TIMETABLE**

**Monday, 28th July** – Concert Band Sectionals

Students participating in the band will be attending different schools from 9:00 am – 2.30 pm for sectional rehearsals with specialist tutors as follows:

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**Tuesday, 29th July** – Band Day

Full rehearsals will be held in the multi-purpose hall at Bald Hills State School from 9 am – 2.30 pm. Bring a music stand with your name clearly marked.

**Wednesday, 30th July** – Strings Day

The String day will be held at Bald Hills State School from 9 am – 2.30 pm. Bring a music stand with your name clearly marked.

**Thursday, 31st July** – Choral Day

The Choral Workshop Day will be held at Bald Hills State School. Please arrive by 9.00am ready to start as we will be finishing at 2.15pm to allow those schools who finish their day early to travel back to school for dismissal.

**FINAL CONCERT** on **Thursday, 31st July** – All Students

The final Concert will be held on Thursday in the Bald Hills State School Hall. Students are to arrive by 6 pm to warm up the Hall is closed until 6.40pm and the concert will start at 7 pm. There is an admission fee of $5.00 per family or $2.00 per single entry payable at the door and there will be a raffle.

**Admission tickets may be pre-purchased at the school office and must be bought on the night.**

Due to the floor covering, it is requested that ladies do NOT wear shoes with stiletto heels. There will be a sausage sizzle, the coffee van, drinks & chips will be available for purchase from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Please remember there is no food or drink (other than water) permitted in the Hall.

**TRANSPORT**

Parents are responsible for arranging transport to and from camp each day unless your school. Please arrive by 9 am and pick up at 2.30 pm to avoid parking and traffic problems at the host school. The best access point to the hall at Bald Hills State School is via the pedestrian gate on Gympie Road. Please park either in the car park in Ana Street or on the surrounding roads.

**TUCKSHOP (Bald Hills State School)**

Tuck shop will be available to Festival participants on Tuesday (Band), Wednesday (Strings), Thursday (Choir) at Bald Hills SS only. A menu/price list is available on their school website. As the lunch breaks will vary to that of the school, you MUST place your order in a bag if you wish to purchase items from the tuck-shop. Please mark your bag clearly with your Name, Bramble Bay Music and the Hall, Big lunch or little lunch. Correct money would be appreciated.

**WHAT TO BRING**

**Instrumental students**
Your instrument (securely name-tagged)
Spare reeds (woodwind players), valve oil etc. (brass players), drum sticks etc (percussionists), spare strings (string players)
Music Stand (securely name-tagged)

**Everyone**
Pencil and an eraser
Morning tea and lunch
Water Bottle
Hat

**WHAT TO WEAR**

School Uniform for the rehearsal/sectional day.
Performance uniform of your school to be worn at the concert.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Final Concert!

Yours in Music,

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

At Geebung State School we place a very strong focus on the literacy skills of our students. Our whole school embraces the new literature of Australian authors and illustrators and celebrate each year with Book Week activities. This year the theme for Book Week is Reading to Connect.

During the term the students will enjoy and respond to the Book Week literature. As part of the celebrations classes will display art work in the Library and participate in Book Week activities. There will be competitions for the students to enter, a Book Week Dress-Up parade as well as a guest author/illustrator – Peter Carnavas.

Book Club

The next issue of the Book Club has been sent home this week. Would families wishing to purchase books please put orders and monies in an envelope and place the order in the box at the Administration Office. All orders must be returned to school by 9.00a.m. Wednesday 30 July 2014. Payment can be made online or by phone. If paying by credit card, please follow payment instructions on the student order form and return the completed form to the Administration office.

Sharing Stories

Please see below information from the Children’s Book Council of Australia regarding an opportunity for your children to Connect to Reading with some authors and illustrators. Places are limited.
Kids’ Club

Chermside Library Meeting Room
(375 Hamilton Road, Chermside)

Semester 2 Dates:
July 20: August 3, 17, 31; Sept 14;
Oct 12, 26; Nov 9, 23; Dec 7
8:30am to 10:00am

Music ■ Bible Stories ■ Activities

Gold coin donation.

For more information, contact:
Rev. Leanne Baker
3161 9756 ■ lbaker(at)citywesleyan.org
www.facebook.com/groups/wesleyan.kids.club

City Wesleyan Church
A Wesleyan Methodist Church
Hi welcome back to another term. I trust that you had a wonderful break.

**Lunch Activities:**

**Flight Club:** We had four of our finalist show up for the final flight of the Geebung Flight Club 2014. Congratulations to our Winner Connor. Well done! I would also like to thank Mrs Smith and Mrs Meirs for their help.

**Loopy Looms:** This term we are starting the Loopy Loom Club. Once again this will be held on Thursday from 1:15-1:45 pm, in the Games Factory room. If you are available and would like to help you are most welcome, we are also seeking donations of the loom bands.

**Parent Workshop**

This coming Wednesday 30 July 2014 we are having a Mums and Dad Make and Take Workshop to assist parents of students aged between 3-7 years with their child’s learning.

There are copies of the latest Chaplaincy newsletter available in the office if any one is interested.

Thanks

Chaplain Kerry
FREE Homework assistance & Conversational English afternoon
Celebrating cultural diversity

Every Wednesday in school terms
4pm-6pm
Starts 19 February

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

- School children can bring along their homework, reading books & pens.
- Everyone is welcome and needs would be assessed by our volunteers.
- Parents and younger children can practice conversational English while playing or socialising.
- Assistance will be available for parents needing help with completing forms and other paperwork.
- Light refreshments will be provided.
- Parents must remain on the premises.

For further details or to register please phone 33592062
All Saints Anglican Church
501 Hamilton Road, Chermside

TO REGISTER PHONE 3359 2062
THIS IS AN ACTIVITY OF ALL SAINTS’ ANGLICAN PARISH

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Mums and Dads Make and Take

Geebung State School invites you to a FREE workshop:

Wednesday
30 July, 2014
9.15 am

Topics
Create activities and games which help your early years child with their learning.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!
To register, please contact Kerry on (07) 3623 8777 by Friday 25 July 2014
Is a “dry night” something you can only dream of?

Blue Cares’ “Dry Bed Program” can help your child to make it a reality.

Our Registered Nurse will assess your child and work with you both to create a plan to reach your goal.

Phone Blue Care on 1800 030 289 and see how we can help you.

www.bluecare.org.au

Open up new possibilities...

St James College Open Day

Friday 1 August, 2014 ~ 10.00am to 12.00pm

- Come and see St James College during the course of a normal school day
- Let our student leaders take you on a guided tour of the College
- Meet our highly qualified, caring and enthusiastic staff
- Learn how 2016 will see refurbished facilities including state of the art science and library building as well as a Trade Skills Centre
- Come and see for yourself how a St James education can provide YOUR child with the skills for a happy and successful future

St James College
201 Boundary St, Brisbane Qld 4000
P 07 3210 8800 | F 07 3210 8855
E school@sjamescollege.qld.edu.au
W www.stjamescollege.qld.edu.au
Craigslea State High School Open Mornings

Would you like to see Craigslea State High School in action?

To follow up on the Craigslea State High School Open Day we are offering Open Mornings on the first and third Friday of each month. This is an opportunity to see classes, meet staff and students and to take a tour of the school. These mornings will run from 9.00am to 10.00am. Our next Open Morning will take place on Friday, 8 August. You are warmly invited to attend.

For further details please see the flyer below

Craigslea State High School
An Independent Public School

OPEN MORNINGS
First and Third Friday each Month
9.00am - 10.00am
See Classes in Action
Meet Students and Staff
Tour the School

Contact Cathy
 craigslea.high@eq.edu.au
Tel: 07 3326 5222

Craigslea State High School Hamilton Road Chermside West Qld 4032
Website: www.craigsleeshs.eq.edu.au

2015 Year 7 and 8 Enrolments

Year Seven and Eight Enrolment Interviews have commenced for 2015. Interviews are available on the following dates: 24 July, 11 and 21 August, 8, 10, and 18 September. Enrolment packs may be collected from the Craigslea State High School Administration office. To book interviews please contact our Administration staff on ph: 3326 5222.
Year 7 – 2015 Excellence in Science Program

In 2015, Craigslea State High School will be offering an Excellence in Science Program for selected students. This program is designed to provide high-performing students with greater opportunities to excel in Science. This three year program across years 7, 8 and 9 allows bright, highly motivated students to be grouped together in one class so they are challenged, nurtured and motivated to work hard and continue to excel in their studies.

Year 7 students in 2015 are invited to apply for entry into this Signature Program. Entry requirements into this program include an Entrance Examination, interview and a portfolio containing their two most recent report cards and other supporting documentation such as UNSW certificates. We wish to advise the sitting date for the Entrance Examination is 9.00am Saturday, 2 August 2014. If your student will be sitting the Entrance Examination, please contact Cathy craigslea.high@eq.edu.au or phone 33265222 by Wednesday, 30 July.

For further details please see the flyer below

Mark Farwell
Principal
Northern Galaxy
BASKETBALL CLUB

COME TRY PLAY SESSIONS

Come and Try Basketball:

When: Tuesday evenings from 6 – 7 pm
Dates: 2nd, 9th and 16th September 2014
Where: Wavell SHS - Childers St Kedron

Northern Galaxy Basketball Club is actively recruiting for:

Girls U12 – U16 teams
Boys U12 teams

Northern Galaxy Basketball Club offers this opportunity to girls and boys in these age groups to come and try basketball.

The cost for this experience is $30.00 and includes the three one hour training sessions as well as a Northern Galaxy T’shirt and basketball.

Register and pay on-line

For more information visit our website galaxybasketball.com
Or contact the Club Registrar at registrar@northerngalaxy.net
Brighton Roosters Softball Club

SOFTBALL / T-BALL DEMONSTRATIONS

18th July 2014 (2.45 – 4.30pm) Brighton State School Oval
25th July 2014 (2.45 – 4.30pm) Nashville State School Oval

We are holding two FREE demo days for any interested students to learn more about playing softball and t-ball
For BOYS & GIRLS from 5yrs
We also have LADIES and MEN’s Teams of all skills for interested parents.

Register online at:
www.brightonsoftball.com.au

All equipment is supplied, pls bring own hat and water

Our official sign on is August 6th, 5.00pm to 8.00pm at the Brighton Roosters Football Club.
Fees and Uniform costs advised at sign on

Please visit our website or call us if you have any further queries.
www.brightonsoftball.com.au

Club President – Graham McLeary 3269 6531
Club Secretary - Tracey Rhys 0417 700 198, or email info@brightonsoftball.com.au
www.brightonsoftball.com.au
Junior Touch Football
Term 3 Season
Registration for individuals or Teams now open!!

No experience is necessary

Games will be held between 4pm-6pm.
(Usually 4-5)

Requirements: Enclosed shoes, water bottle and a wish for fun with Touch Football

Nominations: Please go online to www.citytouch.com.au and nominate either as a 'team' or 'individual'.

The cost, inclusive of insurance is only $50/player the term

10 Week Season

CityKidz is proudly supported by:

For further information please contact:
Helena
CityKidz Competition Manager
Ph: 3275 2077
juniors@citytouch.com.au or

Peter 0439 679 379
Venue Organiser
scanpbs@bigpond.net.au

Term 3 2014
Mitchelton - Thursdays
West Mitchelton Leagues, Club, Prospect Road, Gaythorne

Sign on days
Thursdays
17/7 & 24/7 from 3:50
7 - 16 years
Girls—Boys—Mixed
LOWES
SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Your school uniform is now available online at www.lowes.com.au

FREE SHIPPING FOR ORDERS OVER $100

Register online and receive a DISCOUNT ON YOUR FIRST ORDER
NEW LETTER  
GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL

Notices

FREE WATER POLO OPEN DAY
August 3rd
12:30pm – 3:30pm
ALL AGES WELCOME
FUN SKILLS, DRILLS AND ACTIVITIES, FREE BBQ

COME ‘N’ TRY AT:
YERONGA PARK SWIMMING POOL
81 SCHOOL ROAD YERONGA
Sign-up not necessary, just drop by.

All registrations received by Monday 28th July go in the draw to win an amazing giveaway!!!

Clubs Near You:
South Brisbane
Warriors
Carina
Albany Creek
Riverview City Water Polo
Fortitude Valley

www.waterpoloqld.com.au | Ph: 07 3367 1661

Missed it last year? ....He’s back
Gesellino - Brisbane North with a brand new seminar
August 8th 7.00 for 7.30pm

DR. PETER DINGLE
Speaker
Motivator
Sustainable Health Advocate

Dr Dingle (PhD) has spent the past 25 years as a researcher, educator, author and public health advocate for common sense. He is one of Australia’s leading motivational health teachers and an Associate Professor in Health and the Environment for over 25 years. Dr Dingle dispels myths and confusion around healthy eating and lifestyle and how to create long lasting wellbeing.

More and more people have heart attacks, stroke, diabetes, Alzheimer’s and other chronic illnesses than ever before and they don’t have to.

Sick of being sick or your family being sick or just want to stay healthy?

Based on his new book “Reversing Heart Disease, High Blood Pressure and Blocked Arteries”.

In one short talk you will learn how to REVERSE:

• Diabetes
• Clogged Arteries
• High Blood Pressure
• Fatigue
• Alzheimer’s and
• Regain your Energy & Health

This is a NOT TO BE MISSED HEALTH EVENT!!

Friday, 8th August, 7:00pm for 7:30 pm start
Aspley Hornets AFL Club
50 Deplin Road, Aspley
Only $5.00 entry

Inquiries/Seat Bookings: Please call PAUL 04280470/3

Thank you to the Health & Wellness Centre, Sun Family, Sun Chemist & The Place