

GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 3, Week 4, 8 August 2014

From the Principal

Welcome to our second newsletter for the term.

The School Opinion Survey (SOS) is your chance to have a say about Geebung State School and express your satisfaction or otherwise. Have you responded online yet? You have until Friday the 8th of August 2014. We welcome your opinions although we will not know who gave these so please comment. You would have received a flyer with login details two weeks ago. Please take the 5 minutes it will take to complete this and have your say. We have a few spares at the office.

Have you seen our website? There are a number of features that you need to be aware of that will make some aspects of your life easier in terms of getting information and having access to the latest news. Were you aware there is a Tweeter feed as part of our website? We are trying to make sure that we have a venue that all parents can see that keep parents and families up to date with latest events. Canberra Trip updates will be posted there daily at least while we are away and there will also be weekly updates to keep you reminded of upcoming school events or the latest news. Please try it out.

Our school audit is over and I was very pleased with the results. We were given some clear direction as to what needs to be improved and it also allowed us to recognise the very hard work that Michelle Johnson our BSM and our Workplace Health and Safety people had done in the last few 12-18 months. The school grounds and general appearance of the school was also commented on which was a credit to Ana, Brett, Garry and Rosa. Well done and thank-you to all who have contributed.

The Canberra Trip is nearly here. There have been numerous meetings and ALL who are attending are looking forward to this great trip. I am sure the children will appreciate the hard work and sacrifice parents have gone through to afford this trip. Having been on 7 different Canberra trips with 2 previous schools the activities undertaken and the learning that goes on is of the highest quality and unforgettable for the children who get the experience.

Matthew, Melissa and I spent some time working this week with the Smith family at Mt Gravatt to work in the area of Partnerships.

It was a very worthwhile experience and one that we hope to use extensively to ensure the working relationships and communications between families and school is even more productive and positive as we move forward.

A part of the Smith Family project is the work Kerry Edwards has been co-ordinating in terms of morning and afternoon parent info sessions. The session held last week was well attended and the people who attended walked away with more skills than they had on arrival. We will continue these as the years progress so that as parents you can continue to develop your skills sets.

The Reading Army continues to march on. I would like to thank all who are involved in this for their commitment knowing that their efforts and the training Matthew has undertaken with the Army will have long term benefits for the children at Geebung. THANK-YOU!

Mr Mike Kelly, Assistant Regional Director, will visit us next week on the 12th August 2014. He replaces Karen Howes our previous ARD. We thank Karen for her help over the past years and look forward to working with Mike.

Next week a number of our students along with some staff will attend the Bramble Bay Athletics. Congratulations to all who have made the team and all who tried out. The students attending this event will be representing our school and I am sure their behaviour will be the best of all schools. attending

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.



Geebung
State School

Each and every member of our school community,
believes that each and every child can and will achieve.

From the Deputy Principal

Prep enrolments: Our enrolments for Prep next year continue to grow. Do you know someone who has a child who is eligible to start Prep in 2015? We would love to meet them and show them around this great school. Give Mrs Brennan their contact details or ask them to contact the school directly.

Our senior students are busy making their final preparations for Canberra Trip 2014. This will be an exciting adventure for each of these students and one they will reflect on for years ahead. A reminder to students that they must thank their parents for giving them this brilliant opportunity.

We still have the occasional parent crossing the road without using the traffic lights or the lollipop ladies. Please ensure you use the official traffic crossing points around the school. It's for everyone's safety.

Later this term you will be invited to attend a parent interview with your class teacher about your child's learning. It is important that all parents attend, however I'd like to highlight that it's the working relationships leading up to the interview that are most effective. Ongoing "check-in" from parent to teacher enables parents to ask important questions and then feedback to the children about their learning and development. This reinforces strong links between your values at home and your child's learning at school.

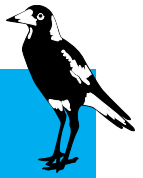
Ritsumeikan Junior High School students will be arriving on Monday 25 August 2014 and are staying with us for two weeks. Start polishing up your best Japanese greetings so we can impress them with our skills.

Geebung State School Graduate Successes

Last Monday the Academic Excellence Awards for Semester One were held at Wavell State High School. It was great to see many past Geebung State School students receive awards for excellence for their year levels. The past students award recipients were: Cassandra I, Megan Mc, Sharni M, Selene W, Sheryl G, Emily G, Abbey W, Natalie I, Jason M and Clare P. Congratulations to these students.

Mr Meharg's Senior 1 and Junior 1 football teams deserve a mention in this week's Newsletter as they have consistently represented our school well both on and off the field. The teams are a standout amongst other schools and their sportsmanship is exemplary. I might also add that both teams are undefeated too! Well done players, you deserve this mention.

Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal



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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

Dates to Remember



AUGUST

- 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
Auditions Youth Choir
- 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
10am School Tour
- 20 Year 5 Parent Camp Meeting 6:00-6:30pm—5A Classroom
- 25 Payment due for Author Visit
- 25-29 Book Week
- 25 Aug—4 Sep Students visiting from Ritsumeikan Uji Junior High School 2014
- 27 Dress Up Parade for Book Week —2pm in Activities Hall
- 28 Author Visit – Peter Carnavas
- 29 Interschool Sport

SEPTEMBER

- 2 School Photos
Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am
- 3 Spring Treat Day Tuckshop
- 4 Father's Day Stall
- 12 Interschool Sport
- 16 Pre-Prep Program
- 19 Junior School Athletics Carnival
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
- 19 Inaugural Music Art & Dance (MAD) Concert
- 20 Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am

DECEMBER

- 4 Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am
- 12 Last Day Term 4

Library Resource Centre News



Book Week: Connect to Reading – 25—29 August 2014

Our school will be celebrating **BOOK WEEK** during 25 – 29 August. 2014 Book Week is a time when our school highlights the importance of reading and draws upon the joy of stories and creativity of Australian books.

The students have begun embracing the Literature from the shortlist of Book Week books. Our Book Week celebrations will include a Dress Up Parade on Wednesday 27 August 2014 at 2.00pm in the hall. Each class will focus upon books from the Book Week selection. Parents are very welcome to come and enjoy the celebrations and view the class displays in the Library. Various competitions are about to begin in the Library. Students in Prep – Years 3 can enter a colouring in competition while the Years 4- 7 may enter a poster competition. The Geebung Readers' Cup will be open to teams of students from year 4 – 7.

Author Visit: Peter Carnavas

During Book Week, **Peter Carnavas**, an author and illustrator from the Sunshine Coast, will visit our school to speak about the process of writing and illustrating. A permission letter will be sent home early next week.

Julie Silva

Music

Congratulations to all who participated in Bramble Bay Music Festival! Unfortunately I was unable to attend the final concert but have heard that it was a great success!

I have some exciting news to share with you – as of 2015 Year 4 students will be able to participate in our Brass, Woodwind and Percussion Program. More information available here: [Young musicians receive boost from school music program.](#)

As a result, I will be asking for expressions of interest from current Year 3 & 4 students for participation in 2015. Please keep an eye out for notes coming home about the selection process. We will also update you through future newsletters regarding the recruiting timeline. I will send notes home, but in the meantime,

Teacher Librarian



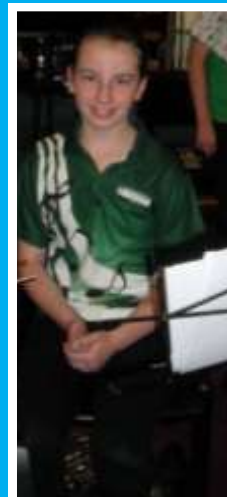
if you think your child would be interested, please feel free to contact me via avang16@eg.edu.au.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to encourage parents/caregivers to check in with your students regarding their home practice. Unfortunately there has been a bit of a drop off in home practice and this is slowing our progress in lessons.

A reminder that students need to practise their instrument at least 5 times each week, for a minimum of 20 minutes.

Thank you for your support

Ms V.





Music

Bramble Bay Schools Music Festival 2014 a Great Success!

Geebung State School music students represented their school admirably at the Bramble Bay Schools Music Festival last week culminating in a fantastic concert last Thursday night. I would like to congratulate them on their exemplary behaviour and focussed participation.

The school had students participating in the Concert Band, String Ensemble and Massed Choir sections and it was wonderful to witness the student's enthusiasm and joy in performance.

The Massed Choir was conducted by renowned Choral Conductor Kate Albury (pictured below with some of our participants),

and she ran an extensive workshop with the choir students throughout the day before the Concert. The students learned skills in musicianship, breathing, vocal range and presentation, while having great fun along the way.

I would like to thank Ms Moore, Mrs Van Gaalen, Mrs Brennan and Mrs Stanford for all their assistance in getting our students ready and organised and I would like to thank all the music parents' as events like this wouldn't happen without your care and support.

Yours in Music,

Julie West
Classroom Music Specialist / Choral Conductor





HPE

The HPE Award acknowledges exceptional effort and attitude in HPE lessons. Last week's winners were Riley P (3B) for being a great CrossFit Kids judge and Memphis K (3/4A) for supporting others to do their best. This week's winners were Zoe W (3B) for her exceptional effort in PE and Riley M (4/5B) for outstanding sportsmanship.

Last Friday, we held the Athletics presentations. Well done to Stradbroke champions who won with a total of 616 points. Bribie was second with 585 points and Moreton came third with 581 points. The boy age champions were Ashley S, Frank Mc, Ethan A, Riley E, Kodi D and Patrick W. The girl age champions were Magda I, Shelbe H, Chloe H, Nakita Sao and Amber N. Well done!



Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th August 2014 at McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge. Good Luck!

The Junior School Athletics Carnival is planned for Friday 19th September 2014. The event will run for the morning session and will be a great way to finish off a fantastic term.

The Interschool Sport competition resumes this Friday 8th August 2014 and will continue on 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



Our exceptional athletes will now represent Geebung State School at the Bramble Bay athletics competition. It is held on

Assembly Awards





Did you order a full zip Geebung State School polar fleece jacket? They are now in stock except size 10 which have had a dye issue. More size 10's are on the way and I apologise for the lengthy delay in this order. Should you wish to discuss your order, please come in to see me or call the P&C Office on 3865 5022. and leave a message.

Year 6 and 7 students - need an extra senior polo shirt?? I have one size 14 senior polo shirt from each year level available for \$28.00.

Canberra Tour 2014 ... your ordered jumpers are being supplied to you this week.

Lowes have gone online for sales ... Geebung State School uniforms are now available online by using this link ... <http://www.lowes.com.au/CampusCategories.aspx?depid=459>

Do you use OSHC and can't get to the uniform shop? A message can be left with the girls at OSHC and they will forward orders on to me so I can assist with your uniform needs.

Please note that second hand commission is now 30%. An increase was necessary due to time spent on these sales and is comparable with many other P&C Associations.

Geebung State School Bucket Hats are available everyday at the tuckshop @ \$10.00.

The shop hours for term three will be Wednesday 8.15am - 9.15am and Friday 8.15am to 9.15am. Eftpos is available on all purchases over \$10.

Fleur Stanford
Uniform Shop Convenor

P&C News

Hello Geebung families!

We have kickstarted this term with the Yatala Pie drive. The pies were delivered this week and we hope they are being enjoyed by our Geebung families. THANK YOU to all the families who placed orders. Without your participation these fundraisers would not work. \$541 was raised, so again, "thank you!"

Our Facebook group is up and running. A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents that have requested to join. We hope to have many more in the coming weeks as this is a great medium for providing information to busy families and we have received some positive feedback already. Thank you!

Fathers Day is approaching and we would love any donations of cellophane bags, ribbon or bags of lollies the stall. Tickets for the raffle will be sent home in the next two weeks along with a list of the prizes on offer.

Our P&C is on the lookout for a Fundraising Co-ordinator. You will have a great team to work with, lots of assistance and loads of laughs are guaranteed. If you're interested or would like more information, please phone Melissa on 0402 431 827.

Our next P&C meeting is Tuesday, 12 August 2014 at 7pm in the library. We would love to see some more parents come along. It is a great time to meet other parents in the school as well as have your questions answered and learn more about what's going on at your child's school. And **Tim Tams will be provided.**

Melissa Ashford
P&C President

Tuckshop

Volunteers are urgently needed . Please book in. If every family did tuckshop once a month the roster would be full. This is a good way to help your child's school. Grandparents are very welcome.

Treat Day for this term is Wednesday 3rd September 2014—helpers needed on the day.

All donations of Long Life Milk are greatly appreciated.

Leanne & Helen
Tuckshop Convenors
Ph 3265 5959

School Photo Day








Our school photos will be taken on the Tuesday 2nd September 2014.

For the convenience of our school community advancedlife have now introduced Online Ordering. School photos can now be ordered and paid for using a secure online Web Portal. *Please note:* Photos can still be purchased using an envelope.

The preference of our school is that Orders and Payments be made through the Web Portal as this reduces the administration and associated order issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code- **VLV YzN YFC**. A full set of instructions on how to order can be found on the back of the order flyer. The order code can also be found printed on the envelopes supplied by advancedlife. Please be aware that-

1. Sibling/Family Photos may be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photography day, Online Orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off 48hrs before our photography day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling Photos can still be ordered after the Online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office in the usual way and returning the envelope on photo day with payment enclosed.
2. All Online Orders should be placed on or before our day of photography. Please Note: Once orders are closed a LATE FEE will apply.
3. The Online code above Web Portal may also be used to order previous years' sports and other group photos at any time.

All Online Orders placed through the Web Portal will be returned to school for collection.

Education on Show

During Term 2 we had several classes enter the 2014 'Education on Show' competition. We had students enter pieces of work in the categories of: An Australian map, Endangered Species, Saving our Bushland and Bag It and Save the Planet.

Due to the high quality of work by Geebung State School students who were up against entries from students all over Queensland we have been fortunate enough to have success with a first place in the Endangered Species poster by Alicia B. We also achieved a first to Ashley S and a fourth to Katie D in the "Save our Bushland" writing category. Fantastic work! Great work to all students who entered representing Geebung State School.

Every Minute of Learning Counts

A FLYING start EVERYDAY

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Start 8:50am everyday	10 minutes LATE each day	1 day ABSENT each fortnight
6 hours of learning each day	50 minutes each week	20 days each year
Maximum Learning Potential Reached	20 days each year	4 weeks each year
	Half a year	1.5 years

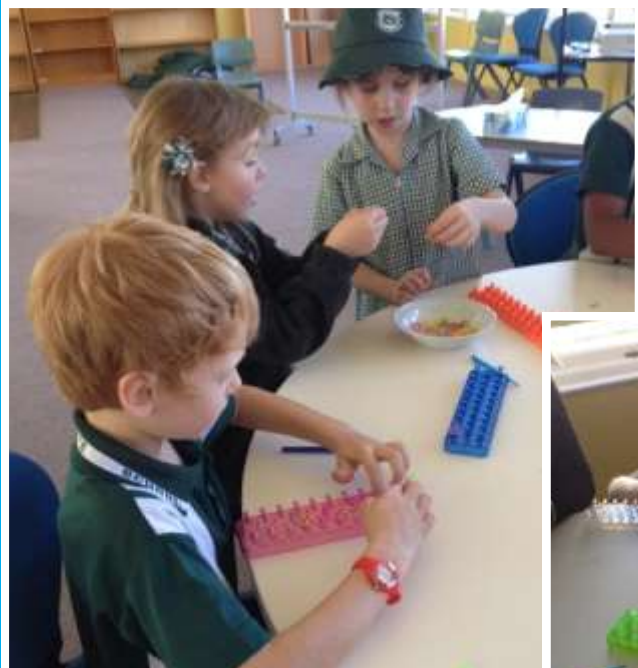
Give your child a FLYING START everyday by arriving before 8:50am.

Every minute of learning counts!



Loopy Looms Club

This term Chaplain Kerry is running the Loopy Looms Club on Thursdays from 1:15—1:45pm. If you are available and would like to help you are most welcome.



Golden Boot Award



Congratulations!

Geebung State School has won the Active School Travel Golden Boot Award.

Thank you to all students who have participated in this program.

Notices



Looking for a GREAT Kindy

Geebung C&K

We have limited vacancies for 2015

For more information

Visit our website
<http://geebung.candk.asn.au>

Or contact our Director on
 Ph: 3265 6609

Email: geebungkindy@optusnet.com.au

Or come in and visit our centre and fill out a form!
 1 Maidencombe Street, Geebung QLD 4034

Where Children Learn Through Play

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children's tendencies to being tricked, fooled and misled by their peers. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 \$50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/childsvq2>

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652 or rebecca.seward@research.uwa.edu.au

Aspley State High School
An Independent Public School

We are a disciplined school and approach our learning with a growth mindset. Teachers deliver quality instruction in an orderly environment. Students know that "Learning is the work" and they wear their school uniform with pride.

2013 Year 12 Outcomes: OP 1-15 89%; OP 1-10 58%; OP 1-3 11%; GCE/QCIA 95%

2015 Enrolments for Year 7 through to Year 12 are now available. We welcome you to contact the school for Parent tours and enrolment interview times.

"TWILIGHT TOUR" With the Principal - Ms Miller
Wednesday 20th August 2014
 5.00pm - 7.00pm Lecture Centre 651 Zillmere Road Aspley
 Register online www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au or phone 3863 9222

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Family Transitions Triple P

Free Parenting Workshop

(for divorced or separated parents)

Presented by: Professor Matt Sanders

Professor of Clinical Psychology and the Director of the Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland.

Is this you?

You are a parent who has been separated from your partner less than two years. You have at least one child aged between two and twelve years.

What is the Family Transitions Triple P workshop?

The Family Transitions Triple P workshop is a family intervention designed for parents who are experiencing personal distress from separation or divorce, which is impacting on, or complicating, the task of parenting.

What happens at the Family Transitions Triple P workshop?

The Family Transitions workshop is a half-day (4 hour) presentation. It targets concerns, such as how improve your personal coping skills, reduce conflict between parents, improve family relationships, and best support your child during this time. At the seminar you'll be given a tip sheet to take home to remind you of the great ideas you've heard. You'll be able to start positive parenting straight away, to get back on track with your child – or be ready for what's ahead.

This Triple P program is being tested in trials through universities and other organizations around the world. As a parent, you may be eligible to join, and get free positive parenting support through a trial next year.

To access current trials open to parents please search:
<https://exp.psych.uq.edu.au/family-transitions>

PIRATES WEEK

AT THE QUEENSLAND MARITIME MUSEUM
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!
 FOR CHILDREN 7 - 10 YEARS

Includes a special "Pirates Quest" book
 (one per child - see terms)

The day commences with
 "The QMM Presentation with the Buccaneers Band"
 Plus the following activities:

<p>FOR THE YOUNGER ONES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walk the plank - Search and make a deck - Lie in a hammock - Try the ship's biscuits and snacks - Build a toy boat - Placemat art 	<p>FOR THE OLDER ONES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walk the Big One - Banning a line (see day book) - Throw a life line - Stone, Paper, Scissors & Cheese - Pirate Food - Finding the way
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And for all groups: **Plugging the Board Threat!**

SPECIAL PRIZES FOR BEST PIRATE COSTUME ON THE DAY AND A HOLE COLOUR PORTER COMPETITION

PRICE: \$12.00 per child and \$18.00 for each additional family child
PRICE (Including lunch): \$18.00 per child and \$24.00 for each additional family child

PLEASE NOTE:
 - The special presentation is \$10.00 and must be paid.
 - Adults are required to accompany 7 year olds. (They should have the event when a child is 10).
 - Transport when accompanying adults or children must be group A or B. No road provided for bus availability. (Book all options a working Print Book)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - BEFORE THE WEDNESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 11.00am
 Via the link, where www.qm.qm.com.au or Phone: 07 3863 9222. (The venue has a limit of 1000 places)