Welcome to the final newsletter for Term 3. It has been a busy term with a sporting, cultural and academic events many and varied. It was great to see Geebung State School involved, well represented, and performing very well. Congratulations to all concerned and thank-you to all who have contributed and made all of these activities possible.

This week we presented our first A.C.E Awards. I have included all of the names in the newsletter of the award recipients elsewhere but would like to highlight the students who received the Top A.C.E Awards—Damon J, Lee-Ling D, Taya G, Ella V, Skyla H, and Ethan T. All of these students should be very proud but the students mentioned here should be very, very proud of their fine efforts. A special thank-you to Sarah Cracknell for her work in this area.

Teaching staff have been very busy this week planning for Term 4 based on the data sets they have compiled while assessing student performance as part of their professional practice and in preparation for parent teacher interviews. Matthew and I spend time with each planning group to analyse the data with them to ensure we have strong focus on student improvement.

Thank-you to those parents who took the time to come in and see their child's or children’s teacher/s. It was great to see and hear the sharing of information between teachers and families and the positive way we are working together.

While on the thank-you path I would like to publically thank all of the volunteers including P&C members who have given a great deal of their time to support the school. This looks very different for different volunteers but at the end of the day it is all about making a difference for the students at our school. Well done!

Please keep an eye out for the new learn to swim flyers for this program at Geebung State School. The flyers will be emailed out at the start of the new term. Please look at these carefully as learning to swim is a vital life skill.

School Watch please keep an eye out for our school over the holidays. If something you see worries you please call School Watch on 131788.

It is now 18 months since I arrived at Geebung and reflecting on the improvements in multiple areas I would like to recognise the staff here at Geebung State School and the volume and quality of the work they do. Every member of the team contributes and all deserve recognition for their efforts. This quality work is only enhanced by the generosity and work ethic of the P&C and the executive specifically. The many hours you contribute is genuinely appreciated.

Have a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back after the break safe and sound and ready for another term and in some cases their final term of primary school.

A farewell to Mr Jackson for the final term and yes he will be back next year as he heads off for leave in term 4. Enjoy!

Take care.

Stephen Auer
Principal

**PREP 2015 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.
From the Deputy Principal

I want to acknowledge the hard work of the team this term. There have been many events and demands this term and despite this our students continue to benefit from a committed and hard-working team of teachers and support staff. Our students have also responded to the teaching and learning opportunities our teachers provide and have generally worked very hard. A well-earned break for students and the teaching team is very timely.

I’d like to also thank the parents and carers who have met with their class teachers for interviews about your child’s progress. It is vital that our teachers and parents work closely together to help coach, inspire and lead our students through their education. If you have not met with your child’s teacher I strongly urge you to make an appointment. We have a target for each teacher to interview with 100% of their student’s parents.

With the release of our NAPLAN comparative data it has been great to see Geebung State School trend positively. Again this is a direct result of hard work from our teaching team and the students. Well done!

This week teachers are planning for Term 4. This time is important as teachers and the administration look at class and individual student performance data and strategize a way forward for student improvement.

Thanks to the teachers, students and parents who continue to support Active School Travel. This has been a great program so far and we look to increase the number of students participating actively as they commute to and from school.

Thanks Brett for your hard work in preparing the chill out garden for the students to enjoy. Greatly appreciated.

Geebung State School is your school. Over the holidays make sure you keep an eye and ear out for non-authorised visitors on site. If you are unsure, please contact School Watch on 131788 which is the number to access State Government Security to report any suspicious behaviour.

Above all, enjoy the school holidays, rest up and return safely for our final term which will endeavour to be a busy time as we wrap up the year and prepare for 2015.

Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal

G20 public holiday for Brisbane schools

With the G20 Leaders’ Summit being held in Brisbane in November, our school is taking this opportunity to help our students further explore the world they live in and Australia’s place in the world through this important global event.

Parents and families are reminded that Friday 14 November 2014 has been declared a public holiday to ease the impact on the city and help minimise any potential disruptions, and our school will be closed on this day.

http://education.qld.gov.au/community/events/g20/index.html

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

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P&C Meeting 7pm Library |
| 8-10 | Year 5 Trip to Currimundi |
| 9    | Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am  
9:00am Gardening meeting—meet at Figtree |
| 14   | Arbor Day Activities 2:00pm |
| 20   | Student free Day |
| 22   | Lunch Activity Years P-3 starts |
| 23   | Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am |

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Concert |
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Interschool Sports Photos
Gardening News

School gardening has been progressing well and the radishes planted by the students from seed were harvested and sold this week. If you haven’t tried any of our vegetables, don’t hesitate too long. They sell really fast - cheap, pesticide free and freshly picked and it doesn’t get much better than this. Thanks again to the families who support the project.

The Student Council are working on a roster system for the sale of produce and taking tuckshop scraps to our compost bin - if your child is in Year 3 or above, ask them whether they would like to be involved. Either chat to Brett, Christine McCall who works closely with the Student Council gardening reps, or myself. We will be planting again in the new term - including some new no-dig garden beds - so again, chat to your child about whether they would like to be involved. Gardening is great therapy on so many levels!

Plans are under way for Arbor Day celebrations in October where natives donated from Brisbane City Council will be planted by the student classes along the embankment near the tennis courts and after school.

We are seeking donations of containers for hanging tomatoes and strawberries - do you have any spare 4 to 5 litre buckets? Can you donate money to the gardening group to buy strawberry planters? If so, please contact the office or message me through the P&C Facebook site. We are going to experiment with hanging cherry tomatoes around the school grounds so keep a look out for some tasty treats in Term 4.

Brett and Kerry have been busy creating a chill out zone near the library and I was so excited when I heard about it. You can never get enough opportunity for down time in our hectic schedules and I’m grateful for their enthusiasm!

Last but not least, a big shout out to Fiona McGuire who donated her time and talent to take gardening pictures for use in the school’s website. From the ones I have seen so far, they are amazing pictures and we are lucky to have such a talented, professional (award winning!) photographer available to help. Thank you also to the students and parents and carers who gave their permission to be involved.

Next gardening meeting is under the big fig tree first Friday back in Term 4. Hope to see you there!

Trudi Melloy
Gardening Co-ordinator

BOBCAT WANTED!

The school requires bobcat work done around the grounds. If you own a bobcat and are willing to donate your time we would love to hear from you. The school will cover fuel costs.

Please contact Maureen at the office.
**HPE**

The HPE award acknowledges exceptional effort and attitude in HPE lessons. Last week’s award winners were Sienna T (2A) for a great effort at Oz Tag and Anabel S (P/1A) for outstanding high jump skills in PE. This week’s winners were Tiraha F (7A) for being a valuable team member who always tries her best and Arnav M (2A) for excellent achievement in athletics activities this term.

Congratulations to Shelbe H and Kelvin B who recently represented the Bramble Bay district at the Metropolitan North Athletics Carnival. Kelvin came first in shot put and will now compete at the state championships in October. Shelbe placed 5th in the region for high jump, well done.

The interschool sport competition concluded with finals last Friday 12th September. Players of the week for netball were Kiralee W (7A) and Siobhan M (6A). Players of the week for Mr Meharg’s soccer team were Harry S (7A) and Sam H (6A) for showing great leadership with the teams over the season. In Mr Jackson’s team the players of the week were Jeffrey W (7A) and Jayden W (6A) for demonstrating a determined and committed attitude. Well done. All coaches agree that it was an absolute pleasure coaching these students who always displayed a high level of ability, outstanding sportsmanship and cooperation.

The Junior School Athletics Carnival will be this Friday 19th September. I am looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible supporting our fantastic athletes. Some of the events with include: sprints, relays, shot put, high jump and other fun games. The event will run for the morning session and will be a great way to finish off the term.

**Chaplain News**

**Life in the chaplaincy service has been very busy over the last couple of weeks.**

The loom bands have been popular as a lunch activity. I would like to thank everyone who has assisted with or donated looms or bands. Your contribution is really appreciated.

Next term the lunch activities will change to **WEDNESDAY**. With the help of Miss Stagg, we will be running a similar activity to the one in term four last year. The students will verse adults, parents, staff, aunts, uncles, grandparents (anybody you can muster up) in ball games. Years P-3 will do 3 weeks followed by years 4-7 for 3 weeks this will begin in week 3 being the 22nd of October 2014. Heaps of fun was had last year and we hope that you can join us this year, even if it is only for one week.

On Thursday along with Miss Callaghan and Mr Heggie classes’ I attended the Caboolture Historical Centre. Whilst there we saw demonstration on how they used to do the washing before electricity. We saw all the work involved in printing a newspaper and how because it took so long it was only printed weekly (not every day as we get it now). We also viewed the craftsman ship of the black smith. Whilst enjoying a train trip around the grounds we were held up by bushranger (extremely scary). We also got the chance to participate in gem fossicking and take home some of our spoils.

**Low Cost Holiday Activities:**

If you are looking for something different to do these holidays why not try Bunya Crossing Reserve, Dugandan Rd, Bunya. This is a great spot to fish, canoe or swim or walk along the tracks. BBQ’s are available or take a picnic.

If you would like to try something really different then why not try Edible Brisbane. Brisbane Public harvest on Google maps show you a list of public places where you can pick up a variety of food on public land free. Mangoes, cherries, mandarins, avocados, tomatoes, bananas, etc. Check out the map, plan your day, dress up as pirates and head out for a fun day.

Deep Oceans Exhibit is on at the QLD Museum until 6 October 2014. Take a picnic or BBQ and spend the day at South Bank afterwards.

I look forward to seeing you next term.

**Chaplain Kerry**

**P&C Uniform Shop**

Did you order a full zip GSS polar fleece jacket? I still have orders for collection for Batchelor, Gough and Morsch. If these orders are not needed, please let me know so I can put the stock on the shelf and sell.

Year 7 students - need an extra senior polo shirt?? I have one size 14 senior polo shirt for $28.00.

**SALE ... 50% OFF marked price** cotton polos. These are the old style material which are still considered school uniform.

The shop hours for term four 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 on display **all day Thursday and Friday** near the uniform shop.

There are over 40 jumpers/jackets on the rack that are not named so I urge parents/carers/students to check the rack this week.

Items found with names are returned to students via the office. Only items that have no name are placed on the lost property rack.

Happy holidays.

**Fleur Stanford**

**Uniform Shop Convenor**
Japan Trip 2015

Konnichiwa, everyone. I am organising another study tour to Japan during the September holiday 2015. We will stay in Japan for 12 days going to a Japanese school, science museum, Hiroshima Peace Park and Museum, Miyajima island, Tokyo Disney Land, Ninja-Samurai theme park, temples, and so on. This trip is for year 5, 6, 7, 8 for next year 2015 (= year 4, 5, 6, 7 this year 2014).

If your child is in high school next year, you would need permission from the principal of the high school. I have organised study tours to Japan 3 times before and all of the students were so inspired and had fun in the country. And those students who joined the tour showed a great level of growth and deepened their cultural understanding during the trip by experiencing different and new culture. I believe this is a very precious event and it would be a treasure for the rest of your child’s life.

If you are interested in the tour, please submit your expression of interest to the office as soon as possible by the beginning of the next term. If you have any inquiries and more detailed information on the tour, please do not hesitate to contact me at tnona15@eq.edu.au.

Thank you & Arigato. By Sensei NONAKA, Tsunehiro
野中恒宏
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Teacher (LOTE: Japanese)

Canberra Camp

Thanks to Fleur Stanford we have discovered that the Australian War Memorial does a live stream of The Last Post ceremonies.

The video's are uploaded every 10-15 days and our students visit has been uploaded.

Ipad Winner

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Logan O who won himself an iPad mini and the school an iPad Air.

Logan entered a competition at this year’s Ekka and his entry was drawn out as first place out of more than 13,000 entries. Well done Logan!
Music

Huge congratulations to Patrick B, Anna D and Jessica T on their part in the Northside Honours Music Camp last week. These students were fabulous ambassadors for Geebung State School. The camp culminated in a concert on Friday afternoon that was very well attended and received by the audience. Our students played in a String Orchestra, Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra. This camp has broadened their musical experience and will be fondly remembered, I’m sure.

Band Rehearsals start in Term 4. The rehearsals will be in the Hall and will run from 7:50am – 8:40am. Please arrive at least 5 minutes early to allow enough time to set up instruments and stands so that the baton can drop right on 7:50am.

Dates are:
- Tuesday 14th October
- Tuesday 21st October
- Tuesday 28th October
- Tuesday 4th November
- Tuesday 11th November
- Tuesday 18th November

It is very important that all students attend these rehearsals each week as we finalise our preparations for the Inaugural MAD concert. Please make sure your student is on time so that we can maximise our large group rehearsal in the hall.

IMPORTANT: Some students have been coming to lessons without all of their equipment. Students must bring their instruments, ALL MUSIC and a pencil to every lesson. Sheet music that is handed out is a valuable resource. Please check in with your student to see how they are caring for their music and remind them to bring everything to rehearsals/lessons.

Recruiting for 2015 is underway. Please stay tuned for more information. If your family already owns a musical instrument and your child is in Year 3 or 4 this year and wanting to participate in the program, please contact me via avang16@eq.edu.au and let me know. Spaces in the IM program are limited and will be allocated according to testing data, and in consultation with music and classroom staff.

Happy Music Making,
Ms V

Honours Camp Article

From Tuesday 9th September to Friday 13th September 2014 Jessica T, Anna D and Patrick B went to the Northside Honors Music Camp. Jessica played the cello, Anna on the French Horn and Patrick on the trombone. Other than playing our instrument we also did choir and we sang some really cool songs. We all enjoyed the camp and made heaps of new friends. We all learnt lots of new things and the concert was fantastic. There was 6 band or orchestras performing and then we had the massed choir at the end. For any one who plays an instrument I recommend you continue so you can go to this great camp and if you don’t, start because playing an instrument is so fun and you learn so many new things.

By Jessica T—7A

P&C News

It was fantastic to see some new faces at this months P&C meeting. The meetings are very informative and a great insight into the direction the school is taking. We are happy to announce that our new P&C Fundraising Coordinator is Julie McMahon. Julie has always been a very loyal volunteer for the P&C and we look forward to supporting her in her new role.

The Father’s Day Stall made a profit of $920. Our raffle winners were:
- Car care pack - Hayden R 1B
- Fuel voucher & wine - Phillips Family 5A & 3B
- Fuel voucher & wine - Annabella B-R 2A
- Lolly hamper - Taijah M 2B
- Physio session - Jacob H 2B
- Lolly hamper - Simiriti S 2B
- Lolly hamper - Harmony H 1B
- Car Buffer - Lucy M 1B
- Tim Tam Cooler pack - Jake S-W 3B
- Sizzler & Movie Pass - Erin R 6A
- Hogs Breath Voucher & wine - Hillary B 2A


The second sign on day for Geebung Amateur Swimming Club will be held on Sunday, 21 September 2014 from 2:00– 4:00pm at the pool. The 1st club night for the 2014/2015 season commences on Friday 10, October starting at 6pm. Geebung State School Amateur Swimming Club offers swimmers the opportunity to participate in a regular schedule of racing, competition experience, socialising and family fun.

Remember to join our Facebook page and keep in the loop with what is happening around the school. It is especially useful for receiving reminders for current events.

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday, 7 October 2014 at 7pm in the library. We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday.

Leanne Hayden

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By Jessica T—7A

Tuckshop

Thank you to all our helpers this term. Without your help in tuckshop for treat days and the donation of goods tuckshop would not be able to open five days a week. Helpers are always needed—please book in for next term.

Leanne & Helen
Tuckshop Convenors
Ph 3265 5959
A.C.E. Award Recipients Term 3

PREP
Jayden W
Damon J
Jessica L
Clara L
Liam T
Ella V
Darcy W
Abulfazl M
Luke M
Sienna A
Amelia F
Amelia L
Wynter L
Katalena H
Layla V
Jai-Ling D
Travis S
Noa P
Makena S

YEAR 1
Lee-Ling D
Owen P
Eben P
Harmony H
Matthew W

YEAR 2
Sophie M
Christine C
Tario G
Thommas H
Taijah M
Leila T
Veronica T
Smiriti S
Sophie G
Ella-Louise G
Charlotte J
Glenna L
Kiana-Irie L
Sienna T
Austin A
Dean J
Logan O

YEAR 3
Ben A
Eddie A
Skylah H
Jake S
Zoe W
Taya G
Dillon G
Thanuki L
Frank M
Kenyon P
Riley P
Lucy W
Alicia B
Jasmine J
Bryce V
Teagan W

YEAR 4
Kobi M
Magda I
Monique P
Ethan T
Brooke H
Chloe H
Dylan M
Bryce M
Esther T
Riley M
Manny R
Ede S

YEAR 5
Jake B
May-Ling D
Matilda J
Jaiben O
Hayden T
Lauren G
Cassie M
Grace S

YEAR 6
Samuel H
Madi K
Ben H
Joshua M
Casey P

YEAR 7
Keysha A
Matthew B
Shayne G
Ruwangee L
Patrick W
Kiralee W
Kueth R
Riley G
Brandon B
Caitlin A
Bree S

School Assembly 10.9.2014
Zillmere Community Centre will host a seminar facilitated by a representative from the office of fair trading. This seminar will be open to all ages, to provide information on the following topics:

- Computer and phone scams
- Understanding Mobile Phone plans

If you are interested in attending the seminar, please call to book as spots are limited.

Where: Zillmere Community Centre
54 Handford Rd Zillmere
When: 16th October
Time: 10am-12pm
Phone: 3865 2880

For those who attend the seminar, please stay around after and join us for a free sausage sizzle lunch.
Notices

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.craigsleshs.eq.edu.au

WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL
JUNIOR SECONDARY

Parent Information Evening
Years 7 & 8 2015
Monday 15 September 2014
Commencing at 7:00pm
Assembly Hall
Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights

2015 Enrolment Applications are due now
For further details contact our
Enrolment Officer Ms Lock on 3350 0328
Jason Woodforh MP Member for Nudgee is proud to host

Food for a Happy and Calm Household

Are the chemicals put into everyday foods and drinks causing temper tantrums, sleep disturbance and disruptive behaviour in your child?

Join Louise D’Allura, the East Coast’s Additive Alert Community Talks Presenter and Meal Planning Your Way’s Home Economist for a fun and informative one hour morning or evening seminar at Geebung Zillmere RSL. Discover which chemicals in everyday foods and drinks could be causing temper tantrums, sleep disturbance and disruptive behaviour. Australian Best Seller Additive Alert will also be available at the session ($20)

Wednesday
22nd October 2014
AM - 11:00am - 12 noon
PM - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Geebung Zillmere RSL
Cnr Newman Rd & Collings St Geebung

Cost: FREE

Book tickets to this FREE EVENT online at
www.MeaPlanningYourWay.com/events

Tickets can also be booked by calling
Geebung Zillmere RSL on 3265 3711

Questions about food additives?
Call Louise on 0408 723 559 or visit www.MeaPlanningYourWay.com

This Community Event is an Initiative of Jason Woodforh MP

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