Welcome to the second newsletter for the term. With the temperature warming up rapidly this week it is timely to remind people about the need for hats. There is also a need to talk about personal hygiene. As the temperatures warm body odours can be offensive in a classroom situations for all concerned. Are your children having daily showers or baths. Do they use deodorant? If not, it is time to address these please as everyone benefits!

Swimming has begun and it is great to see so many involved. Remember swimming is part of the curriculum and as such we need all children participating. Those children who have a real reason rather than they don’t want to, need a note or medical certificate if there is an ongoing issue. The children who can’t swim will be well taught. It is a great opportunity here at Geebung State School to learn to swim and develop your strokes and become a confident swimmer for life. PLEASE take this great opportunity.

Attendance – thanks to those families who have come to see us, called or written back to us about attendance. It was a great opportunity to work with the community and address a number of issues families are having. We will always be willing to work with families to help you achieve a quality education for your children, just talk to us – partnerships work!

Behaviour is an ongoing issue for all schools. I am really pleased to say that many children are taking on board feedback about their behaviour and actively doing something about their behaviour. It is great to see. There are still a handful of children who are not getting the message and generally speaking it is really pleasing to see that families are working with us to rectify the situations. Thanks for your help.

Canberra Update -there were only 23 students who paid the deposit for Canberra by the extended due date. This being 23 out of 39 students left us with no choice but to cancel Canberra for 2015. We are currently looking at other options including other venues and / or extending programs at already used venues. We will keep you informed as progress is made.

Friday Afternoon Sport in 2014 saw a number of children attending sport over a 6-10 week period in the whole year. In 2015, we would propose that all students in years 1-6 in terms 1-2 and Prep – 6 in terms 3-4 except for the first 2 and last 2 weeks of the year be involved in sport at Geebung State School each Friday from 2:00pm-3:00pm. This will see significantly more people involved in weekly sport and allows our children to learn more skills and games as a result of this program. The aim would be to then use these skills in a Gala Day environment which is just 1 day per term or 2 or 3 times a year when students go to a carnival type event and play multiple games in one day. The aim for presenting this information is to get people thinking before the next P&C meeting so you can come along and have your say on 11th November 2014 at 7:00pm, so please collect your thoughts. We are happy to listen to what you have to say.

Whole School Support Model – also in 2015 will be changing the way we deliver our program for students with a disability. This is a more complex process than the sporting one proposed above, but very simply it will involve an integrated process whereby children are supported in class for the majority of the day. With the exception of the 2:00pm – 3:00pm time slot. We will have a special meeting to explain the process in full detail to those families with students with disabilities and this will also provide an opportunity for questions. The matter will be further discussed at the upcoming P&C meeting to provide us another opportunity to inform the community. If you can’t make the full meeting this will be an abridged presentation only.

Skip-a-thon is on Monday 3rd November 2014. A timetable is included in this newsletter. You are welcome to come along and help spin the ropes or help out when your child or children are involved. Thanks in advance to Leigh Stagg, Mandy Stiller and Julie McMahon for their organisation in setting this up.

Have a great fortnight.

Stephen Auer
Principal
From the Deputy Principal

Friday 31 October 2014 is World Teachers Day! Our teachers form a really strong team of dedicated and passionate people who care for kids! I’d like to thank them for their efforts and relentless drive to offer a range of learning opportunities and experiences for our students. Make sure you join me in thanking them too.

Thanks to everyone involved with the Iwata High School visitors. Our Japanese friends reported to us that Geebung State School students provide one of the most hospitable environments for their students to experience Australian culture and English language. A special thanks to the student buddies, the buddy class teachers and Nonaka Sensei who helped to coordinate the buddies. Well done everyone!

Student Behaviour: Parents, at school we are giving our students a timely reminder about our behaviour expectations. All the students are busy finishing off work for teachers and it has been a long year so we must remind our children to make sure they are paying attention to their actions, their words and their attitudes. It would be beneficial to have these conversations at home to so we are sending a clear and consistent message.

The students involved in the MAD concert are busy preparing. Make sure you mark this in your calendar to come along and support our budding artists!

The weather has certainly warmed up! Please make sure students are coming to school with the school hat. It is part of the uniform and sun safe, win win!

Safety around the roads. Students please remember to follow the instructions of the lollipop ladies at the crossing. They are in charge of the crossing and their directions will help support your safety.

Matthew Meharg
Deputy 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.

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

Promote your business to local school families in this space.

Contact the school for more details
Ph: 3623 8777
Info@geebungss.eq.edu.au
## Dates to Remember

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Skip-A-thon 9:00am—3pm |
| 6 | Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am  
Mums & Dads Make & Take Workshop  
Orders due for Grad Bears |
| 7 | Gardening Meeting |
| 10-12 | Book Fair |
| 11 | 7pm P & C Meeting Library |
| 14 | G20 Public Holiday |
| 18 | Dress Rehearsal MAD Concert 9-11am |
| 19 | Inaugural Music Art & Dance (MAD) Concert  
Volunteer Morning Tea Library 11-11:30am |
| 20 | Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am  
Payment due Graduation Dinner Yrs 6 & 7 |
| 26 | Senior Choir Morning Tea Concert |
| **December** | |
| 3 | School Disco |
| 4 | Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am |
| 9 | Year 6 Graduation Dinner—Geebung RSL |
| 10 | Year 7 Graduation Dinner—Geebung RSL  
Awards Assembly School Hall |
| 11 | Free Dress Day |
| 12 | Last Day Term 4 |
Hello Everyone,

There is certainly a lot of excitement, enthusiasm and commitment being shown by both Senior and Junior Choir members as we prepare for our **MAD Concert on Wednesday 19th November 2014**. I want to congratulate the students on their dedication in coming to all rehearsals.

A reminder to Senior Choir members that they will need to attend an extra rehearsal with the School Orchestra on **Tuesday Morning 18th November 2014** at **7.50am-8.40am** in the hall.

As we are preparing for our concert please note that all Music performance uniform shirts issued for the Bramble Bay Music Festival need to be returned to the office as there are some that are still missing and need to be accounted for.

More exciting news is that Senior Choir has been invited by the Geebung Uniting Church to sing at a festive morning tea function. As it is on one of my days away from campus Chappy Kerry will have the role of supervisor and she will be assisted by Year 7 members of the Choir. Details for the performance are included below:

**Date:** Wednesday 26th November 2014

**Time:** 9.30am meet outside Chappy Kerry’s room to walk down to the Church for a 10.00am start. Students will return to school by 11am

**Venue:** Geebung Uniting Church, 59 Simla Avenue, Geebung.

**Dress:** Formal School Uniform

I thank Chappy Kerry for her support in making this event happen. Performing for the community is an excellent experience for students in the Choral Program. It is a way of sharing all they have learned and practised throughout the semester. The Choir will sing their performance pieces and then finish with a Christmas Sing-a-long Medley. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

Parent permission slips have been sent home for both events. If you haven’t received one or have any queries you can email me jwest269@eq.edu.au.

Yours in Music,

Julie West
Classroom Music Specialist/ Choral Conductor

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To the students and parents of Class 1B at Geebung State School. On behalf of my children and I we would like to thank you all very much for the support and love you have given to my son for the loss of his Mum. The smile and glow on his face when his class mates hugged him was very nice to see, it filled an empty space in his life.

Thank you Mrs Conomos for your love and support for my son Puhi.

All our love—Darryl, Georgia, Josiah, Hendrix and Puhi Ropitini
BOOK FAIR  10 – 12 November 2014

BOOK FAIR GARDEN: Let’s grow readers!

The Library will host a Book Fair from Monday 10 November – Wednesday 12 November 2014. The Fair will be held in the Library from 8.30 am to 4.00 pm each day. Students can browse the Book Fair on Friday 7 November 2014 as each class will have a scheduled viewing time. This is an excellent opportunity for students and parents to purchase quality items for their Christmas shopping. All purchases will benefit our Library. Parents are most welcome to come and enjoy the fun. Hope to see you there!

Julie Silva – Teacher Librarian

HPE News

The HPE award acknowledges exceptional effort and attitude in HPE lessons. Last week’s award winners were the class of 4C for all students remembering their swimmers, caps and swim shirts for their swimming lesson and Kingston S (P/1A) for being a valuable and cooperative team member. This week’s winners were Prep 1/A and 3B for all students remembering their swimmers, caps and swim shirts for their swimming lesson and Chloe H (4C) for working hard to swim 25m without stopping, well done.

The Skip-a-Thon will be held on Monday 3rd November 2014. Students will participate in various skipping activities. Please see the following timetable for class skipping times.

Leigh Stagg
HPE Co-ordinator

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Skip-A-Thon

Well the Skip-a-thon is almost here, I hope all the children have been collecting their sponsors and are looking forward to a fun day of skipping.

This Monday 3rd November 2014 classes will be paired up and will have the opportunity to participate in lots of fun and challenging skipping activities. There will be activities for all levels, from beginners up to expert skippers. It’s all about having a go.

We would love for parents grandparents, carers etc to come along and join the fun, help spin some ropes, join in with your child or just cheer them on.

The class list on the previous page shows the times each class is expected to participate.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Julie McMahon
Fundraising coordinator

Chaplain’s Corner

Hi! Welcome to another edition of Chaplains Corner. Below are some activities taking place this term.

Lunch Activities:
Thank you to those parents who came and boosted our numbers last Wednesday. We all had a great time there was heaps of cheering, a bit of friendly competitiveness, encouragement and good sportsmanship. We had approximately 60 P-3 students and 10 adults. Unfortunately the students were too good for us last week. You are more than welcome to join us if you are free.

Operation Christmas child:
Thank you to those who have bought items in for operation Christmas child

The categories are:

Something to wear: T-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, beanie, cap, sandals, underwear.

Something to love: teddy bear, doll, soft toy.

Something special: carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklace, craft kit, note or photo of yourself.

Something for school: exercise books, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, chalk, and eraser.

Something to play with: tennis balls, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets.

Something for personal hygiene: soap & face washer, toothbrush, hair brush, comb, scrunches’, hair clips.

These items can then be dropped off/left in the baskets at the office. The gifts will then be assembled into the shoe boxes and delivered to Samaritans Purse.

The final day for bringing in items will be Thursday 20th November 2014.

Parent workshop: On Thursday November 6 we are having a Mums and Dad Make and Take workshop. Parents are able to create activities and games which will help their early year’s child/ren with their learning. Child minding and morning tea are provided. This workshop is open to the community so please invite family or friends whom may benefit. Please RSVP by 4th November 2014 to kerrye@chappy.org.au or 3623 8777.

Competition
This week is the last opportunity to enter the competition to name the chill n relaxation garden. We have had over 13 entries so far. The winner will be announced on assembly next Wednesday.

If you would like more information on any of the above activities please feel free to drop into my office or email me on kerrye@chappy.org.au

Chappy Kerry

P&C News

On Saturday the OSHC hosted a Tupperware Party, thankyou to all who came along and also those who have placed outside orders. All gifts received from the party will be used for raffles.

The Skip-A-Thon will be held on Monday 3rd November 2014 in the hall area. Parents are welcome to come along and assist with rope turning on the day. There will be 2 classes skipping at a time in half hour blocks throughout the day with older grades matched with a younger grade. We hope everyone is busy collecting donations, envelopes and money are due to the office by 10th November 2014. Our top fundraisers will receive a prize and there will also be a class prize given to the class who raises the most money.

Swimming Club Nights are going very well and with everyone back in training with the new coaches we are sure to see some great personal best times this season. Swimming events include half laps (12.5m) for our beginner swimmers, 25m, 50m and also special 100m events.

Club nights are held every Friday night during Term 4 and 1 with warm ups at 6pm for a 6:30pm start. The first carnival for the season will be at Somerset Hills on Saturday, 8 November 2014 All club members who would like to attend need to nominate this week.

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, 11 November 2014 at 7pm in the library and will be our last meeting for the year.

Leanne Hayden
P & C Secretary
2015 Geebung State School Uniform Preorder

Sports Polo Shirt
Size 4 to 14 - $30.00
   or 2 for $50.00
Size XS S M L - $34.00
   or 2 for $60.00
Polo Sizes (measured across chest)

Polar Fleece Jumper/Jacket
Size 4 to 14 - $28.00
   with full zip - $30.00
Size S M L - $32.00
   with full zip - $35.00
Jumper Sizes (measured across chest)

Embroidered Bucket Hat
Size 53/55/57cm - $10.00

Please complete details below and submit to the uniform shop before Friday 5th December. Orders can be collected before school resumes in 2015 on Thursday 22nd January 9.00am-12.00noon or 4.00pm-6.00pm Alternatively, collect in the first week of term one.

The uniform shop will be open in 2015. In week one, every day from 8.30am-9.00am. From week two, standard days will resume - Wednesday’s 8.15am-9.00am and Friday’s 8.15am-9.15am.

Name & Contact Telephone Number: | Item: | Size: | Quantity:
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Assembly Award

Gardening

The rosters, organised by the student council, have been finalised and we now have a regular group of dedicated and willing students to help with garden planting, maintenance and produce sale. Ask your child if they registered. If so, they are well on their way to learning additional life skills, such as economics (supply and demand, handling money), managing a living system, healthy eating, and the general sense of accomplishment watching something grow from seed.

New plantings were carried out this week, including a few popular regulars and some new vegetables in season and previously voted by the students. Have a look at the garden plot for the new no-dig garden beds to grow quick turnaround vegetables. Hopefully we'll have a good harvest before the end of term.

We are still looking for (ideally) second hand 4 or 5 litre buckets for the students to paint and use for hanging fruit or vegetables. It would be best if we can avoid buying the buckets!

Thank you to parents wanting to donate plants but I would be grateful if they could run the plants past the gardening committee before donating. The children vote on what is planted and we are strictly adhering to the moon calendar to lower pesticide and fertilizer use. Monthly meetings are held first Friday of the month within the school term or you can contact me via the P&C Facebook page, school office or speak to Brett or Stephen Auer.

Thanks to the hard work by Brett on Monday, who planted the 20 fruit trees organised by Stephen Auer. A big job on a very hot Spring Day.

Trudi Melloy
Gardening Co-ordinator

Tuckshop

- This week is the last week for our Thursday breakfast.
- There is a new mango ice block for sale $1:00.
- Helpers are needed. Please put your name down at tuckshop if you are able to assist.
- Gingerbread men are not on the menu for the rest of the term.

Leanne & Helen
Tuckshop Convenors
Ph 3265 5959

Trudi Melloy
Gardening Co-ordinator
MONTHLY SPECIALS
VALID NOVEMBER 2014

LANDSCAPING SPECIALS
ORGANIC XTRA FERTILIZER (25KG BAG)  
RRP $31.50  SPECIAL $27.50 (per 25kg BAG)
RED CYPRESS MULCH  
$88/m3  SPECIAL $80/m3
TUMBLED SANDSTONE GRAVEL  
$170/m3  SPECIAL $155/m3

SPECIALS (SALES ON)
PLANTS, ARCHWAYS, GREENHOUSES, HEXIE GARDEN BEDS, OUTDOOR SETTINGS, BBQ’S, HOSES, TREATED PINE & HARDWARE SLEEPERS, FENCING AND PAVERS

WE DELIVER

STORE TRADING HOURS
MONDAY 6:00am - 5:00pm  
TUESDAY 6:00am - 5:00pm  
WEDNESDAY 6:00am - 5:00pm  
THURSDAY 6:00am - 5:00pm  
FRIDAY 6:00am - 5:00pm  
SATURDAY 6:00am - 4:00pm  
SUNDAY 8:00am - 4:00pm

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Geebung C&K

Is your child 4 at the 30\textsuperscript{th} June 2015?
We have limited vacancies for 2015

For more information

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Email: geebungkindy@optusnet.com.au
Visit our website: http://geebung.candk.asn.au
Or come in and visit our centre and fill out a form!
1 Maidencombe Street, Geebung QLD 4034

Where Children Learn Through Play
The SPEAK (Speaking Promotes Education And Knowledge) oral language app has been developed by the Department of Education, Training and Employment as a joint initiative with Queensland Health and Redland City Council to help develop children’s speaking and listening ability.

Research supports the importance of oral language, not only as the foundation for the development of literacy skills but also a strong indicator of later reading, writing and overall academic achievement.

Children with a language impairment are six times more likely to have a reading problem than children without. It therefore makes sense to be proactive in the early years of a child’s life and the SPEAK app helps this happen.

SPEAK provides lots of fun, free activities, ideas and information for parents, carers and educators to support and nurture oral language development in children from 0–6 years of age.

The information and activities were developed by the department with the help of speech pathologists, educators and health professionals.

How does it work?

It is a user-friendly app that aims to help parents, carers and educators teach their children oral language skills from a young age.

The app supports adults develop an understanding of the importance of oral language for life success, and provides ‘on the go’ parents with ideas and activities to encourage and foster talk in their young children. It can also be used in educational environments for professional learning opportunities.

The app is broken into five age areas, (0 months+, 13 months+, 2.5 years+, 3.5 years+ and 4.5 years+) each with ten talking points. In each age area there are four sections which all provide free activities to enhance and encourage oral language in young children. The four areas include:

- social
- connecting
- literacy and numeracy and
- play.

Target audiences

The app is aimed at parents and carers, grandparents, educators, health professionals and the general public.

SPEAK is for everyone who wants the best start in life for their child and provides a fun, convenient way to make chatter matter!

The SPEAK app is available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.