Welcome to the third newsletter for the term. It has been a very busy and interesting fortnight. This week we have had a review team at school for 3 days and they have worked with students, parents, staff and the leadership team to assess our current position. This is a new process that is being trialled here at Geebung State School and a small number, eight I believe, of other schools to refine the instrument before its implementation in 2015 across QLD. If you have been involved and have any feedback for us please contact the school via phone or e-mail please as the final part of the trial.

During the week Matthew and I spent more time than usual in classes teaching which was fun for all concerned.

Behaviour – currently Mrs Sarah Cracknell is working with our behaviour program to improve it to the standards recommended by our Behaviour Audit that occurred in March this year. There have been a number of achievements made due to Sarah’s hard work and the contributions of others. The most obvious at this stage is the publishing of the school rules after discussion with students, staff and parents whereby their thoughts were collected using various survey instruments.

The four very clear rules are

- Be SAFE
- Be a Learner
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

We will all hear these rules a lot in the coming weeks, months and years and it is very important that the students know and understand these and can explain what they mean. If you can help us with this it would be very much appreciated. A lot of work will go into this at school as well!

Thanks Sarah for your efforts and all others for their contributions.

At this stage we have had a number of Head Lice reports. Can parents please be vigilant and check their child or children’s hair. If discovered they need to be treated and other actions need to be taken. There is useful information on the Health Department’s website:


Swimming season is underway and the warm weather has been kind. It’s great to see so many involved. We do have some reluctant attendees so please ensure that your child has all of their essential swimming gear and can be involved each week!

Year 7 graduation – as a school event we are currently finalising the numbers for this. There have been some enquiries around extra tickets. The venue (Geebung RSL) holds between 90 and 100 people. With 30 year 7 and 33 Year 6 students and 2 people calculated as attending with each and approximately 10 staff attending we will be full on both nights. Yes, there maybe people wanting extra tickets but we simply won’t have room and we also need to ensure everyone is given the same opportunity, as we would need to be able to justify why some families were able to get more tickets than other families. I am sure families will be able to work together with us to make it a great night for the students!

School Opinion survey data has arrived and we have had a quick look today. We will present more information in coming newsletters.

Please let us know if your child is not returning to Geebung State School next year. As this allows us to plan for classes in 2015.

Later in the newsletter you will see a proposal for sport next year. Please provide feedback to us about this via email.

Have a great fortnight.

Stephen Auer
Principal
From the Deputy Principal

Active School Travel: Last week The Lord Mayor of Brisbane hosted all the schools involved in the Active School Travel Program for the annual awards evening at City Hall. Geebung State School didn’t win our category but we received a Certificate of Achievement for our enthusiasm and commitment to the program this year. Well done to the huge amount of teachers, parents and students who have contributed this year to a wonderful culture in our school community.

School Rules: Have you noticed the new ‘Be a Geebung Flyer’ posters around the school? Thanks to the coordination of Sarah Cracknell we have a new set of school rules for our students to follow. You will notice that ‘Be Safe’ is now added to rules. We know that when students are following these rules they are better positioned to have success at school. Take time to talk with your kids about these rules.

Sun Safe: Please ensure you are sending your children to school with their school hats. These are essential for safety in the sun. A reminder that if there is no hat, there is no play.

Thanks: The skip-a-thon was a real success. It was great to see students from all year levels having fun and raising their heart rates. A special mention to Julie McMahon, Mandy Stiller and Miss Stagg for coordination of the event.

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.

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Hello

Next week is our MAD Concert on Wednesday 19th November 2014 and the excitement, enthusiasm and commitment being shown by both Senior and Junior Choir members is growing with our preparation. I want to congratulate the students on their dedication in coming to all rehearsals.

Another 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.

Another exciting event has now been added to our calendar as both the Senior Choir and the Junior Choir have been invited by Sandgate Rotary to participate in their Carols in the Park event.

Details for the performance are included below:

Date: Thursday 4th December 2014
Time: 5.30pm for a 6pm start.
Venue: Einbunpin Lagoon, Sandgate.
Dress: Christmas clothes/colours (red, green, white), tinsel, Santa hat etc!

Supervision: As this is an evening performance, students must be accompanied by a parent to and from the event and parents must remain at the event for the duration of the time their child is performing. When students are not performing, they are under the care of their parents.

Chappy Kerry will be the Geebung State School contact person for the night and I thank her for her support in helping this event happen.

This event along with our Senior Choir singing at the Geebung Uniting Church festive morning tea function on Wednesday 26th November 2014 from 9.30am to 11am will keep the Choirs busy indeed.

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. Parent permission slips will be sent home this week for the Rotary Carols event. If you have any queries you can email me jwest269@eq.edu.au.

Yours in Music,

Julie West
Classroom Music Specialist/ Choral Conductor

IM Students in 2015

Brass Woodwind and Percussion offers have been sent home this week. Please read through the information thoroughly, and contact me via avang16@eq.edu.au if you have any questions.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite new students and their families to our Music Art and Dance Concert next week. The concert is on Wednesday 19th November 2014 and starts at 6:00pm in the school hall. This will be a great opportunity to see what we have been working towards through the year.

A reminder that students performing in the concert need to be at school by 5:30pm, dressed in school uniform.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Happy Music Making,

Ms V

Assembly Awards

Congratulations!
The HPE award acknowledges exceptional effort and attitude in HPE lessons. Last week’s award winners were the class of 3B for all students remembering their swimmers, caps and swim shirts for their swimming lesson and Jenaya O (2B) and Taylee T (2A) for being groovy dancers in PE lessons. This week’s award winners were 3B again for all students remembering their swimmers, cap and swim shirts for their swimming lesson and Bree S (7A) for helping other students with their swimming stroke.

The Geebung State School Swimming Carnival will be on Monday 1st December 2014. Further information will be provided in next week’s newsletter. Also, the Year 3 and 4’s have been training for a netball competition that will be held on Wednesday 10th of December at 11:30am to 1:00pm. The three classes will participate in games against each other. It would be great to have parents come along to spectate, cheer and assist in the organisation of teams.

Leigh Stagg
HPE Co-ordinator

Tuesday night was our last P&C meeting for the 2015. It has been a very successful year for the P&C with lots of new faces bringing new ideas to the meetings. P&C meetings provide an important insight into the running of the school for parents and are a great way to meet others in the school community and work together to help our school grow. We hope to see more new faces in 2016.

The Skip-A-Thon was held last week and we are very happy to report that the students and their families raised over $2000. It was a great event and we plan to do it again next year. Thank you to all the parent and teacher helpers on the day, hopefully your arms have recovered from all the rope turning.

Last Saturday, the Geebung Amateur Swimming Club attended its first carnival for the year at Somerset Hills for the 20th Annual Clayton Owen Memorial Carnival. Six clubs from the area competed and Geebung swimmers shone in the pool with quite a few first, second and third places throughout the events. All swimmers did a fantastic job and we all had a really great afternoon in and out of the water. This week there is not Friday club night due to the G20 holiday, but we hope to see everyone well rested on Friday 21, November 2014 for the next meet – 6pm warm-ups for a 6:30pm start.

Next week the tuckshop will start to sell boiled eggs for 50 cents each. They will be available on Mondays and Tuesdays until the end of term – YUM.

We have received some great feedback from our Facebook followers and our group has grown to 77. Join up today – Geebung State School P&C Association.

Donations are starting to come into the office for the Christmas Raffle, thank you to the families that have brought in items already. We would like to have several raffle hampers and prizes so keep them coming!

The next P&C meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday, 10 February 2016 at 7pm in the library. All are very welcome.

Leanne Hayden
P & C Secretary

With only a few weeks left of school we are running everything down in tuckshop. At the moment there is no gingerbread men left.

The raffle prize is a $30 Repco voucher donated by the Wano Family. Tickets are either $2.00 each or $5.00 for 3.

The amount raised so far towards the air conditioner is $597.20. Thank you for your support.

Leanne & Helen
Tuckshop Convenors
Ph 3265 5959
Wow what a great day. We were blessed with cool weather and lots of enthusiastic skippers.

A big thank you to all the children who collected sponsors. The total raised was $2,125.75 a wonderful effort.

Our top fundraiser were:

- Kingston S  Prep1A
- Logan O  2B
- Samantha H  1B

The top fundraising class was Prep1A.

Thanks again to Miss Stagg for co-ordinating the days activities and to all parents, grandparents and friends who came along to join in the fun.

Julie McMahon
Fundraising coordinator
P&C Uniform Shop

Second hand stock is in high demand but we have very low stocks. Please consider selling your child’s outgrown school uniforms in the uniform shop – it’s a great way to make a few dollars. 30% commission kept - sell a shirt for $10 and you get $7.

Donations of clothing or clothing to be sold for commission can be left at the shop, tuck-shop or office. Please ensure you mark the items as donation or for sale for commission and include your contact details

If you have any blackwear (shorts, skirts, skorts) or school shirts/dresses that are not worth selling, consider donating them to the office for emergency clothing. Any donations to them or the shop are greatly appreciated.

Shoe SALE for term 4 ... all shoes 50% off marked price. Most are hardly worn so for around $3 you get a great buy.

Pre-orders of the school polo shirts are being accepted now until Friday 6th December. Children sizes 4-14 are $30 and adult sizes S/M/L $34. Strictly for pre-orders only the shop is offering children sizes 2 for $50 and adults sizes 2 for $60.

Forms are available at the office, tuckshop and instore.

The shop will be open prior to the commencement of term 1 on Thursday 22nd January from 9am to 12noon and 4pm to 6pm.
Any polo preorders can be picked up on this day or when school commences the following week. The school uniform shop is the only stockist for GSS Polo.

Bargain priced Geebung swim-wear for boys (speedo style) and girls (full racer) are available for $10.00 a pair in limited sizes. Stock on racks is all that is left.

Bucket hats and swim caps are available for purchase from

the Tuck-shop when the uniform shop is closed.

The shop hours for term 4 are Wednesday 8.15am - 9.00am and Friday 8.15am to 9.15am. At this stage, hours for term 1 2014 will be the same.

Fleur Stanford
Uniform Shop Convenor

Public Transport Disruption during G20

Travel into and across the city will not be as easy as usual over the G20 long weekend from Friday 14 to Sunday 16 November and in the lead up to the event.

The South Brisbane train station will be closed from Monday 10 November to Sunday 16 November. Students can use South Bank station as an alternative.

There will be major bus disruptions from 7pm Thursday 13 November to Sunday 16 November, including the closure of busway stations between Royal CH Herston and Woolloongabba stations and many CBD bus stops. If your child commutes to and from the city and surrounding suburbs by bus, he/she should aim to leave the city before 6pm Thursday 13 November to avoid disruptions.

Translink is working to ensure Brisbane's traffic and public transport network will be operational for the morning peak on Monday 17 November; however, disruptions should be expected as services return to normal after the summit. Buses will operate as normal following their regular routes, however delays and congestion in and around the city should be expected. Students should allow extra time for their journey.

Visit translink.com.au for further details of the public transport changes or visit www.g20.org/community_information/brisbane_locals/traffic_and_transport for more general information on traffic, parking and road closures.

School social media – facebook and Twitter

Public transport into and across Brisbane City will not be as easy as usual over the G20 long weekend. translink.com.au.
**Behaviour Survey Results!**

Results of the on-line behaviour survey from the previous school newsletter, combined with staff and student polling have nominated, “Be Safe” as the most important rule for our school community. Highly valued elements for fostering a positive school environment were identified as following school/classroom rules and high expectations of student behaviour.

Look for the new Geebung School rules posters (see below) that are prominently displayed around the school and spend time talking with your children about the importance of being a ‘Geebung Flyer’!

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**Japan Trip 2015 Important Information**

Konnichiwa, everyone.

Thank you so much for your interest in Japan trip.

Please read the following updated information carefully if you would like to join the tour.

1. The tour will be held between 20 September 2015 and 1 October 2015 (The dates may change).
2. The tour is going to Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima with year 4 to 7 students of Virginia State School, Geebung State School and Hamilton State School this year (parents are also welcome).
3. The due date of the first non-refundable deposit ($404/student, $431/adult) is Friday 30 January 2015. Please make sure this is our new due date, which is earlier than the date informed.
4. The difference between the $300 deposit and the tour package fee is payable to the office by 5th June 2015.
5. The tour package fee contains the fee (approximately $400/participant) for 2 complimentary teachers.
6. If your child is in high school next year, could you please get a written permission from the high school principal this year, 2014.
7. If you do not have your child’s passport, please go to the near post office to start application process ASAP this year.
8. If we don’t have enough number of the first deposits, the tour will be cancelled and the deposit will be returned to you.
9. Students who have serious behaviour problems cannot join the trip.

If you have any concerns or questions, please don’t hesitate to send me an email at tnona15@eq.edu.au.

Thank you so much & Arigato.

Tsunehiro Nonaka (sensei)
Gardening

The vegetable plots are still producing, with beans, red onions, brown onions, leeks, lettuces, eggplants, tomatoes, carrots, beetroots, cucumbers, shallots and herbs still growing well. Hopefully we will have an abundance of strawberries in the 2015 season! The gardening committee is looking ahead at preparing the beds for next year by considering planting green mulch which can be dug in to feed the soil ready for 2015 autumn planting. Students on the gardening roster were able to plant spare seeds at the end of October, so we are hoping to harvest to some of these plantings by end of term. It was a great exercise for the keen gardeners.

Brett has used spare guttering to build strawberries planters to hang off the fence. Great lateral thinking on Brett’s behalf so we will see how they go!

Thank you to Mick Vanderburg for donating his time, material and efforts building frames for our plots. It’s great to see growing support for the gardening initiative. Thanks also to the parents who are purchasing produce through the tuckshop and school assembly….we never cease to be amazed by people handing over larger notes and not wanting change. This is appreciated by everyone involved.

A reminder for parents, if you are wishing to donate time, materials or money to the gardening project (or all of the above!), you can message me via the P&C Association Facebook account, attend the monthly gardening meetings, or see Steve, Brett or myself at school. If you can’t make the meetings, you are welcome to include items on the agenda. They are held the first Friday of the month in the school term, under the fig tree.

Trudi Melloy
Gardening Co-ordinator

Extract from Bayside Star 29 October 2014
Chaplain’s Corner

Thank you

I would like to express my gratitude to the Geebung P&C association for all their assistance and help that they have provided to me and the chaplaincy service here at Geebung State School, over this past school year.

I look forward to working with you again next year.

Geebung Choir

Please come along and support our senior choir who will be performing Christmas Carols at The Geebung Uniting Church (Simla ave) Friendship group on Wednesday November 26 between 10am -11am. All are welcome

Parent workshop

Approximately 20 parents attended the make and take workshop held last Thursday. All had a good time as we made games to take home to help our children with their learning.

Thank you to Mrs Cracknell and the ladies from Red Cross who shared with us.

Student v Adults

The lunch activities are going well. This week the years 4-7 had their first opportunity to compete. The competition is strong. The students are in the lead at the moment by 1 point.

Operation Christmas Child

Thursday the 20th November is the final day for donations. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed towards this worthy cause.

Chappy Kerry
On Friday afternoons, classes will participate in Senior (5 classes) and Junior (5 Classes) activities that will focus on skill development activities and game play.

The various activities have been separated into Summer (Term 1 and 4) and Winter Sports (Term 2 and 3). Students will choose to participate in a different activity each term. The following allocation of activities are a guide and will depend on resources, teacher capabilities and student interest.

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WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Orientation Day for students
in Years 7 and 8 2015
Monday 8 December 2014
Assembly Hall
Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights
8:30am for 8:45am start
3:00pm finish
(Morning Tea provided for parents at 10:00am)

Students to bring/wear:
Primary School Uniform
Notepad & pens
Morning Tea & Lunch

Combined Shop Hours – Monday 8 December
Stationery & Clothing 1:00pm – 5:30pm
(Pre-purchase your requirements prior to Orientation Day.
Shop opens Monday – Thursday 8:15am – 11:15am)

Applications still welcome.
Enrolment Enquiries: Contact: Sandra Lock
Enrolment Officer on 3350 0328

Sandgate District State High School would like to invite families who are yet to enrol their child in 2015, to please collect an enrolment pack, which is available from your Primary School office. Upon completion of all relevant paperwork please contact the office on 3869 9888 to arrange an interview time, as places are filling fast.
Looking for a GREAT Kindy

Geebung C&K

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

For more information

Contact our centre
Ph: 3265 6609
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!
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Where Children Learn Through Play