Welcome to the final newsletter for 2014. WOW this year went fast!

Firstly thank-you to all who have made a contribution to the school, whether you be parents, grandparents or community members. Your efforts have made a difference to the whole community and the students learning in particular. Furthermore, I would like to make special mention of the P&C Executive who go above and beyond the normal to attend meetings and make this school a better place for all children. We couldn’t do it without you!

Thanks to the parents who have told us they are moving on in 2015 as this helps us make informed decision for 2015. To all of you and your families we wish you well in the future.

Class Lists will be emailed to families via our email contact list. Also class lists will be placed at the school site on Wednesday 21 January 2015. These are DRAFTS only as staffing may change over the holiday period. As you will see some teachers are not confirmed yet and these will be advised ASAP. They are most likely to be filled in the first week of the school holidays as we have worked very hard with staffing to ensure this occurs.

If for some reason your circumstances change over the break and you move house and will not be continuing at Geebung State School then please let us know. A phone message will be fine or an e-mail PLEASE!

Also if neighbours are looking for a quality school with high expectations then recommend them to us. The office re-opens on January 19, 2015.

Report Cards were sent home on Thursday the 11th of December 2014. Please take the time to read these carefully!

Graduations were held this week for the Year 6 and 7 students. Both groups made history in many ways. The Year 6 were the first students to finish Primary School in that grade and will be the first Year 7’s in High School. The Year 7’s were the last group to finish Primary School and the last Year 8’s to start High School. Thanks to Therese Anderson and Helen Waters for their extra efforts in preparing the evenings celebrations. Both nights were a great success.

There are some staff changes that have and will occur in coming times. In case some staff don’t return in 2015 we would like firstly to say thanks to Rachel Killpack, Grace Robinson and Alex Fernandez for the contributions to Geebung during this term and wish them all the best in the future.

Julie Silva will be going on long service leave in 2015 for six months and then will retire. Julie has made an enormous contribution to the “Literacy Life” and other areas of the school and left all of the children she has worked with a deep and life-long love of books. What a gift! We wish Julie and her family all the best in her future.

Helen Waters has been selected to replace Julie in the 6 months that she is on leave as she too has a deep love of Literacy and is willing to take up the challenge of the multiple roles that a Librarian possess in a smaller school. Furthermore Helen has worked across multiple year levels and will be able to engage the students in our school from Prep to Year 6 as we will be in 2015!

At this stage I am unsure what roles Rod Heggie and Denise Donohoe will have in the school next year. When I know I will advise the community.

We welcome back James Jackson in 2015 from Leave. I would also like to thank all staff for their contributions in 2014. We have worked very hard to progress students this year and the results we have achieved together confirm we have achieved our goals. A special thank-you to Maureen, Michelle, Brett and Matthew for their efforts in transforming our school administratively and physically in the last 12 months. Your efforts have been enormous and need to be acknowledged publicly.

Over the holidays there will be some ASBESTOS work carried out. The site will be closed from the 25 December 2014 until the 12 of January 2015 when the OSHC program recommences. The site closure is for everyone’s safety.

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.

Finally on behalf of all of the staff thanks for your very generous gifts and the way you have worked with us. Co-operation is the key to success. Enjoy the holiday period and however you celebrate it enjoy the time with family and or friends. Take care and we look forward to seeing you in 2015.

Merry Christmas
Stephen

School recommences on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 8:45 am PLEASE be on time for day 1 and all days after this.

Stephen Auer
Principal
From the Deputy Principal

Season’s greetings to the great Geebung community. Thanks for a highly successful year. It feels like it has flown.

I’d like to begin by wishing the graduating year 6 and 7 classes every success for 2015 and beyond. You are well prepared for high-school and we look forward to catching up with you in the years ahead to track your journey.

I’d also like to welcome our new families who will be joining our learning community in 2015. We are very pleased to have you join us and look forward to working with you to see your children develop to their full potential.

Our teachers, teacher aides, cleaners, admin team and Brett have done an amazing job this year. We turn up everyday at Geebung State School because Each and every member of our school community believes that each and every child can and will achieve. I’d like to thank the team for their commitment to the task. Well done.

I’d like to thank the P&C for their tireless commitment to our school community. Whether you have contributed once or weekly it makes a difference to our school.

I’d like to thank Scott and James, our Adopt-a–Cops for their support this year. They provide our students with wonderful tips on staying safe and how to help others.

Thanks to Chaplain Kerry for another great year. Her commitment to our students and their families is relentless and so caring. Thanks.

Stay safe over the holidays and I wish you well for the beginning of the new year. Take the time to recharge for the new year and enjoy some quality family time. A reminder that I will be acting deputy principal at Albany Hills State School for the beginning of term 1 so we welcome Sam O’Leary who will be the Acting Deputy Principal at Geebung State School.

Matthew Meharg
Deputy Principal

Assembly Awards
Dates to Remember

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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.

Guitar Lessons

I've been teaching guitar and bass for 25 years and am constantly adapting my teaching style to cater for each individual. I like to work in a relaxed atmosphere and have a comfortable well-equipped studio. These days we are using iPads, iPods, YouTube and recording software to ensure a unique learning experience for each student. I focus on promoting good technique and learning the fundamentals of music but I also teach students the songs they want to play. I'm just up the road in Geebung near Gems.

My number is 0412 962 669 if you want to book yourself or your child into lessons.

Mick Melit

Donna’s Family Day Care
(The lady with the big pram)
0412 781 529
Wesley Mission
Brisbane Family Day Care

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Geebung State School Activities Hall
Mobile: 0422 817 150 or 0438 838 445
Music

Well, here we are at Week 10! Thank you for another fantastic year at Geebung State School. On Monday, Band students shared a break up party with the String & Choir students. I took this opportunity to tell the students that I will not be teaching at Geebung State School in 2015 as my circuit has changed. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working with wonderful students and staff, and feel proud of the results we have all achieved together.

I have great confidence in my replacement and know that Jenny Baldwin will take up the baton and continue to grow the program at Geebung State School.

All the best to the continuing and new students for 2015, and good luck to the 6’s and 7’s transitioning to high school in 2015. Your music will be a great help in this process. I hope you continue to have fun and enjoy your playing.

I hope to work with you again at area camps and maybe even at high school!

Thanks again for all of your support and all the very best for a safe and relaxing holiday season.

Yours in music,
Ms V

Library Resource Centre

Many thanks to our school community for the support shown towards the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. It was pleasing to see the families and students thinking of others.

Thanks also to the school community for your commitment and support for the development of the literacy skills of our students. The Library has been an integral part in the process providing and managing the appropriate resources and technology for their learning and their recreational literature. Our school is fortunate to have such a valuable educational facility.

It has been a pleasure to plan, manage and develop the Library as a learning centre over the past seven years.

All the best for the festive season. May the New Year bring many positive learning experiences for the students at Geebung State School.

Julie Silva – Teacher Librarian

HPE News

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for such a great year. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching both PE and 2A on a Friday. The students amaze me on a daily basis. I have felt very welcomed by both staff and parents, thank you. Geebung State School is an exceptional school and I feel humbled to be a part of it.

Last Monday 1st December 2014 was our swimming carnival. It was a great day and I was extremely impressed by the number of students who tried their best and just ‘had a go’. Congratulations to Bribie who won with 414 points. Stradbroke came second with 290 points and Moreton came third with 237 points.

The age champions were: Amber N (7A), Patrick W (7A), Samuel H (6A), Kirsten P (7A), Jack B (4/5B), Chloe H (6A), Dylan B (4/5B), Cassie M (5A), Tom S (4C) and Lucy W (3B). Well done!

Have a safe and happy Christmas and I will see you all in 2015.

Leigh Stagg
HPE Co-ordinator
Gardening

Despite mozzies and muggy weather, the garden committee put on morning tea under the mango tree on Tuesday morning to celebrate their enthusiasm and thank the volunteer gardening students for all their hard work. 34 students were invited and all deserve a pat on the back as without their help, the fresh food we have had the chance to try throughout the year would not have been possible.

Thanks to the McGuire family who have offered to water over the holidays. We have purchased a new timer which Brett will install at the vegie plot so hopefully all will be ok. We anticipate the fruit trees will cope between Brett working some of the six weeks and expected rainfall.

So it’s the end of a year of concentrated effort in improving the school grounds, including establishing a vegetable garden, planting of trees, creation of the Rainbow retreat, and general beautification of the natural spaces around the school. A huge thanks needs to go to Brett and his energy and willingness to throw himself in to all of the above, over and above expectations. Geebung State School is lucky to have someone as awesome as he.

Thanks also to Kerry for her cool idea of a chill out zone and her encouragement with initial discussions in 2013 about establishing a vege plot at the school. Thanks to Steve Auer, Melissa Ashford and the P&C Committee members for their support and of course, Kylie, Trish, Jason and Mark from the gardening committee and all the other parents for their contribution.

It’s always good to end the year on a quote, so I’ve taken opportunity to throw in the following as it perfectly sums up my feelings on the importance of school gardening.

“Teaching children about healthy eating and where our food comes from is just as valuable as teaching them how to read and write.” Christine Quinn (NYC Council Speaker promoting healthy eating to city youth)

Trudi Melloy
Gardening Co-ordinator

Christmas Carols

On Thursday night December 4 both the senior and junior choirs joined with 3 other schools to perform at the Sandgate Rotary Carols. It was a nice evening and our students did the school proud. I would like to thank the students, parents and staff who supported this event.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our year six and seven students and their families all the very best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

I would also like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Local Christmas services

Centepoint Chermside
240 Hamilton Rd Chermside
Christmas Eve 7pm

Geebung/Wavell Uniting
Christmas Eve Service 5 pm @ Wavell Hts
Christmas Day Services
Geebung 7.30am
Wavell Heights 8.30am

Wavell Heights Presbyterian Church
64 Spence Rd Wavell Heights
Christmas Day 8.30am

St Kevin’s Catholic Church
251 Newman Rd Geebung
Christmas Eve 9 am followed by Holy Communion to the sick
7.30pm Christmas Night Mass
Christmas Day 8am

Chappy Kerry
P&C Fundraising

Thank you to all the families who have supported the fundraising team throughout 2014. Without your support, commitment and generosity we couldn’t have raised the funds we have this year. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful school community.

The winners of the P&C Christmas raffle are:

Ben Ashford – 3B
Tayleesha—2A
A Mitchell
Jake Stirling-White—3B
Maya Ellem—5A
Luke Morsch—Prep/1A
Damon James—Prep/1A
Bryce Vandenberg—3B
Donna Obezek
Veronica Tibbetts—2A
Glenda Lavery—2B

Don’t forget to purchase your book covers for next year’s books from ezcover.net.au and quote the reference code ZFA186. EZcover is an affordable, stress-free way to cover your child’s books and at the same time support our school.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Julie McMahon
Fundraising coordinator

P&C News

Who can believe the end of the school year is here already?

We have had such a successful year and this is due to the incredible amount of volunteers that we have had during the year. There are way too many to name individually, but if you have helped within the school in any way at all, we thank you. Without your help, whether it’s a one-off, once a month, once a week, or more, every person’s contribution is valuable. We would like to thank the support we have received from the administration, teaching and grounds staff. Their patience and willingness to answer our questions are never ending.

To the other members of the P&C committee, whether you attended one monthly meeting or every meeting, thank you. I would encourage you to continue coming to meetings in 2015 as it’s promising to be a sensational year. The P&C committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

On behalf of the P&C I wish everyone a happy Christmas. Stay safe and let’s all work together for a fabulous new year in 2015.

Melissa Ashford
P&C President

Tuckshop

Thank you to everyone for their help this year. Especially, our volunteers, families who donated raffle prizes or goods for baking and the people who wrote “Please keep the change on their child’s lunch bags.”

This weeks raffle winner is Jason & Trish Green Andrew.

Over $700-00 has been raised towards the cost of an air conditioner.

The colouring competition winners are :-
Chad H Pema G Thommas H Damon J Gienna L Kingston S

Have a great holiday.

Leanne & Helen
Tuckshop Convenors
Ph 3265 5959
Geebung Flyers!

The ACE Awards recognise students who have displayed both Attendance and Citizenship Excellence throughout the term. Last Wednesday, awards were presented to students attending greater than 95% of school days and exhibiting exemplary behaviour. Students receiving the award consistently applied and modelled our four school rules:

- BE SAFE
- BE A LEARNER
- BE RESPECTFUL
- BE RESPONSIBLE

The Top ACE award was presented to four students who displayed 100% positive behaviour and 100% attendance for the whole 2014 school year. Our congratulations to the following four students for outstanding commitment to learning throughout the year:

- Damon James
- Ella Vandenburg
- Ethan Travers
- Lee-Ling Dutton

All students are to be congratulated on a 37% IMPROVEMENT in minor behaviours this semester at Geebung State School. Next year we look forward to a renewed focus on the explicit teaching of positive behaviour through a whole school approach to self-management of social and personal capabilities.
Rotary Christmas Carols
NEW

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All About Aquatics

Holiday Intensive Program – Swim everyday!

Week 1 – 15th December till 19th December 2014
Week 2 – 13th January till 16th January 2015
Week 3 – 19th January till 22nd January 2015

Geebung State School Pool - Sign up now for Term 1, 2015!

For more information or to enrol, please email: geebung@allaboutaquatics.com.au

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Celebrating 50 Years

SAINTS
Junior Rugby League & Netball

Sign On Day 2015

Sunday 1st February & Sunday 8th February 2015
9.00 am - 12.00 pm
Norths St Josephs Clubhouse,
14a Wellington Street, Virginia

Rugby League
Mini League Under 6 (5yr olds and up) $100.00
Under 7, 8, 9, 10 $200.00
Under 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18. $250.00

Netball
Net Set Go From 5 – 9 years $100.00
Ages 10 to Opens $250.00

For any questions please email us at admin@stjoeys.com.au

Free training shirt if fees paid in full by 8th February

Price includes:
Affiliation fees, insurance, Team photo, participation trophy and more...
New Players to bring a copy of Birth Certificate
Elipses available
# Tuckshop Menu 2015

## Breakfast
Available Daily 8.15 – 8.45am

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Available Lunch time only

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Happy Birthday – class treats are available for your child’s birthday celebration.
- 30 x mini muffins $15.00
- 30 x frozen popsicle $15.00
* Payment and order required two days prior*

Convenors: Monday & Tuesday – Helen
Wednesday to Friday – Leanne
Telephone: 3265 5959

All orders received by Tuckshop must be written on a paper bag. A separate bag must be used for morning tea and lunch.
Orders must be placed before 8.50am. Printed bags are for sale from Tuckshop for 10 cents each or plain brown bags $2.00 for 60. Plastic fork/spoon available $0.10
Notices

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