



Term 1, Week 2, 5 February 2015

From the Principal

Welcome back or welcome to the families here at Geebung State School this year. It was great to see so many parents here on days 1 and 2 who are part of the life of our school. It was even more pleasing to see the value people placed on ensuring their children settled into school. Thanks, it is much appreciated that we can work together to achieve good results for our students!

The year has started very smoothly and with an enormous amount of effort from many and varied people.

Firstly to Michelle, Maureen, Karen and Lisa in the office as they have dealt with the many questions from students, staff and parents have while rebuilding the office after some major work over the break. To Brett and Joshua who have worked together to keep on top of the grass, weeds and other surprises that can occur over the holidays. The place looks clean and tidy and presents well to the broader community!

All teaching staff, which includes our teacher aides, have had the chance to work together over the first three days of the year on Pupil Free Days and we welcome Sam O'Leary (Acting DP), Mirasol Andres (Prep and Music), Grace Robinson (Year 2), Andrew Robinson (Year 3) and Corbin Carter (Years 5/6) to our team. As the school leader I was very pleased with the professionalism and energy people brought to these days and the way staff prepared for the arrival of the students last week.

In 2015 there some changes which you will hear more about in coming weeks. Some of the big issues include:

Behaviour Management – a new program has been drafted and we will implement that this year. The focus for many weeks to come will be our school rules and establishing a common language amongst our staff. There are also some great additions to our awards program with a badge system to add to the ACE awards. These will revolve around attendance and behaviour

The rules are:

- Be Safe
- Be a Learner
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful

The common Language will be questions to students like: Are you being Safe? Are you being a Learner? Are you being Responsible? and Are you being Respectful? The students are being taught what this means as each week we will focus on one of the rules. In this week our focus was 'Be a Learner'.

Streaming – In Years 1-6 students are being streamed this year for their Literacy and Numeracy. This will allow the students in C block and E block to work in smaller groups at their level so their understandings of these various levels can improved. More information will be presented during parent afternoons which will be held on 18th February 2015. There will be 2 sessions run in the afternoon and each session will run for 30 minutes so that parents can go to two different rooms if they need to.

Whole School Support will see all of the support staff helping the students learn in various sectors of the school. This was explained last year to those families effected and more information will follow.

School Sport will start Friday week and will see the students from Years 1-6 playing sport each Friday from 2:00pm -3:00pm approximately. It will be a great chance for students and staff to get active and learn new skills!

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the P&C Executive and others who have already done a great deal ranging from fundraising at the Election Day Stall as well as working with us here at school to progress the planning stage of the change rooms and canteen project at the pool. While the funding is yet to be secured for this project the planning must happen first and then budgets can be looked at, at a facilities level to see if this project can be approved. Fingers crossed.

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From the Principal—contd

Some of last year's messages will not change and ATTENDANCE is one of these. We need and want your child at school each and every day. Parents can I ask so that we ensure all children are here at school as many days as possible and that appointments wherever possible be made out of school hours please? Remember every day counts!

To sum up what we at Geebung State School are about this year we have used the term 'Geebung Flyer' which refers to our Logo – the Magpie. The students we are referring to as FLYERS as we want them to achieve our Moral Purpose which is:

“ Each and every member of our school community believes that each and every student can and will achieve.”

Geebung Flyers

Feedback will guide us

Literacy is the focus

Yes Numeracy and Science too

Each and every child will improve because we know their data.

Remember let's have fun by making people think.

Safety, Learning, Respect and Responsibility are our rules.

With so much information above it is very true to say it will be both a busy and a positive 2015 and we as a staff are really looking forward to it. If we work together we will have a great year.

Take care.

Stephen Auer
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Welcome back for the 2015 school year. It has been wonderful seeing and meeting all the parents who have been bringing their children to school each day. A special welcome to all our new families, it is great to have you as part of the great Geebung community.

Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome I have received, it has definitely been a fantastic way to start the year. At this stage we do not know exactly how long Matthew Meharg will be at Albany Hills State School, but I look forward to being at Geebung State School for as long as possible.

2015 is the first year in which we will have no year 7 students. This means our year 6 students will be stepping up as School Leaders and as role models for the younger students. With the support and guidance of parents and staff, they will be successful in their new roles.

Well done to students for the manner in which you got stuck into your learning from day one. I have been visiting the classrooms and it is great to see students sitting attentively at their desks wanting to learn. We are very lucky to have such a committed staff here, I have been so engrossed in some of the lessons I have seen that it has been hard to leave the classroom.

Reading Army will be back up and running this year. I will soon be making contact with last year's members to see if they are willing to help out again. If there is anyone else who would like to assist our lower grade school students with their reading, please leave your details at the office.

We are in the process of developing an Anaphylaxis Action Plan for the school. If your child suffers from anaphylaxis and you have not informed the office, please do so immediately. We want Geebung State School to be as safe a learning environment as possible for all our students.

2015 is shaping up to be an exciting year at Geebung State School and I am looking forward to working with all of you.

Sam O'Leary
Acting Deputy Principal

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
February	
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15am Training for Bramble Bay Swimming Carnival P&C AGM Meeting Library 7pm
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch time Activities POP—Games Factory 1:15pm
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bramble Bay District Primary Swimming Carnival at Lawnton Aquatic Centre 8:30am start
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Assembly 2:30– 3:00pm School Hall - including school leaders badges presentation Parent Information Evening 1st session 3:10 - 3:40pm 2nd session 3:50 - 4:20pm
March	
4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Mapleton Camp
April	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day—End of Term 1
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Friday
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Monday
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day 1 Term 2
May	
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother's Day Stall
September	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Father's Day Stall
October	
6-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Currimundi Camp



DENTAL NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians. The Geebung School Dental Clinic has reopened. We will offer examinations and treatment to all children from Prep through to Year 6 inclusive. We will issue Medical/Consents via class one grade at a time. Due to the introduction of the Child Dental Benefits Schedule in 2014, parents will be required to attend with their children to sign the Medicare Vouchers.

The Dental Clinic will be open Mondays to Thursdays and every second Friday. Staff can be contacted on 3865 3891 or you are welcome to visit the Clinic. If you contact us by phone and we are unable to take your call, please leave a message and we will return your call when able.

If you are not able to contact us or if we are closed during normal working hours and your child has a toothache or an emergency, please contact our Call Centre on 1800 300 850 to make an appointment.

**Thank you, Dental Staff
Geebung Dental Clinic.**

Music

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC - WOODWIND, BRASS AND PERCUSSION

Hello Geebung families. My name is Jennifer Baldwin and I am very excited to be teaching at Geebung State School this year. I have most recently been teaching on the south side of Brisbane at MacGregor and Robertson and prior to this I was in the Gladstone region.

It is going to be a very special year for Instrumental Music this year as we are now starting the Woodwind, Brass and Percussion students from Yr4. This means a double set of beginners! Keep your ears tuned for some fantastic beginner sounds coming from the music room on Tuesday afternoons.

All of the Woodwind, Brass and Percussion students for 2015 will have received a letter from me which included a timetable. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you missed a letter please feel free to contact me. Email is best: jbald72@eq.edu.au or alternatively leave a message with the school and I will contact you.

Jenny Baldwin
Instrumental Music Teacher

CLASS MUSIC TEACHER

Mrs Andres is eager to start the following extra-curricular activities. Students who are interested to sign up for the following activities please see Mrs Andres this Wednesday at the hall. The extra-curricular activities will start Week 4 of this term.

Senior Choir Practice (Yrs 4-6)- Thursdays 1:15-1:45pm
Dance Club- Wednesdays 1:15-1:45pm
Junior Choir Practice- Fridays 1:15-1:45pm

Rehearsals will be during play time.

Mirasol Andres
Classroom Music Teacher

Library Resource Centre

Welcome to the Library News for 2015! We have had a busy start to the year with students keen to borrow from our wide range of junior and senior fiction, picture books and information texts. Classes have an allocated borrowing time each week but students can change their books before school, after school and at big lunch if they are ready for something new or different. Preps to grade 3 will need a library bag to keep their books safe and dry. It is a good idea to find a special place at home to put your library books so that they can be found easily on library day. It is great if parents can share the books with their children at home and encourage a love of reading at any age.

Library monitor applications for grades 5 and 6 are available at the front desk. Library monitors play an important role in the smooth running of the library and a regular commitment is necessary from the students who are interested in joining our team. Training will commence from week 3 onwards.

Library times:

8.15am – 8.30am borrowing books/homework

1.15 pm – 1.40pm borrowing/ sharing books/ games/computers/drawing/homework/reading club

3.00pm – 3.15pm borrowing books

Looking forward to seeing you during the term.

Helen Waters
Teacher Librarian

Geebung Preppies



Geebung preppies are settling in well. :-)

HPE News

Welcome back, I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and are ready for an exciting and busy year. This year I am teaching Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. I am lucky enough to be taking on two roles: HPE teacher and Learning Support in Literacy and Numeracy. This week I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and working with my Numeracy, Spelling and Cars & Stars classes.

This term is going to be a busy one. Next week (Friday 13th February 2015) the Geebung State School Swimming Team will be representing the school at The Bramble Bay District Swimming Carnival. The Bramble Bay Trials for Basketball, AFL, Netball, Rugby League, Soccer, Hockey and Tennis will also take place this term. To conclude the term we will celebrate with a Junior Swimming Carnival and Senior Cross Country Carnival (dates to be advised).

Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school at the Bramble Bay Swimming Carnival: Jack B, Dylan B, Cassie M, Maya E, Shelbe H, Aaron S, Tom S, Lucy W, Brooke H and Charlotte S. They have been training really hard and I am sure they will do well.

The HPE Award acknowledges exceptional effort and attitude in HPE lessons. This week's winners were Xander M (2B) for great confidence in swimming lessons when floating and Kyah H (4A) for participating with confidence in all swimming activities this week.

Leigh Stagg
HPE Co-ordinator

P&C News

Welcome back to all our Geebung families and a special welcome to new families to the school. We are looking forward to another rewarding year at Geebung. Our Facebook page has proved to be an excellent means of communication and reminders – join the group at Geebung State School P&C Association.

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC), Tuckshop and the Uniform Shop are all up and running for 2015. Please contact the office or directly for any information you need on these fantastic services our P&C run.

We kicked off the fundraising for the year with a very successful Election Day Stall. Thank you to all volunteers who baked and/or helped out on the day.

Swimming Club had its first night on Friday with lots of fantastic PB times in the pool. We have a few club carnivals coming up in February so please remember to nominate this coming Friday night.

Our Geebung State School P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 10 February 2015 at 7pm in the library. At the AGM, all executive positions will be made vacant, then nominations and voting will take place for a new executive committee at the AGM. Please come along to the meeting, we always have a great time, a lot of laughs and it's a great source of information from the school administration. If anyone is interested in participating in the P&C this year, below is a brief description of the roles in the executive committee.

P&C PRESIDENT

- * shall preside at every meeting of the association in which she/he is present
- * shall be a signatory on P&C accounts
- * provide leadership (delegate)
- * act as representative of the P&C
- * ensure communication between P&C, school and community
- * be familiar with the rules, operations and meeting procedures of the P&C

P&C VICE-PRESIDENT

- * consider this position as the President's understudy
- * shall be a signatory on P&C accounts
- * Chair those meetings from which the President is absent

P&C TREASURER

- * has the overall responsibility for the financial management of the P&C, including all subcommittee accounts.
- * shall be a signatory on P&C accounts

P&C SECRETARY

- * shall be a signatory on the accounts
- * will record all proceedings of any meeting of the Association by way of full and accurate minutes
- * shall maintain attendance records and a register of members
- * shall prepare and present minutes of P&C at each general meeting

Leanne Hayden

P&C Secretary

Tuckshop

- Thank you to everyone who baked and worked at the Election Day Cake Stall.
- The raffle prize is a Tupperware pack—tickets are \$2:00 each or 3 for \$5:00.
- Donations of Long life skim milk are always needed.
- Thank you to the people who have already put their name on the roster already.

Leanne & Helen

Tuckshop Convenors Ph 3265 5959

Chaplain's Corner

Hi and welcome back to another exciting year. Welcome to those families that are new to the school. Our lunch activity for this term is POP Craft. (Paddle pop sticks). We will commence on Thursday 12 February 2015 in the games factory room at 1.15pm for grades three to six. If you are available and would like to help (even if only for a week) we would very much appreciate it.

Uniting Care at Chermside is offering some workshop on parenting skills. I have listed the dates and times below. If these dates do suit then please check their website as they will be offering more throughout the year.

Chappy Kerry

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

For parents of children aged 2 to 10.

Overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent you would like to be.

PROMOTE POSITIVE SELF-IDENTITY

This program promotes positive and nurturing parent-child relationships. We use mindfulness and reflection to support you to review and enhance parental communication, promote more respectful interactions and encourage the development of your children's positive self-identity.

Where

UnitingCare Community, Level 1, 766 Gympie Road, Chermside

When

28th January, and 11th, 18th and 25th February 2015

Cost

There is no charge for attendance.

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION

PHONE 3624 2400

ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS

Would you like a better relationship with your teenaged kids?

- *For parents and carers of teenagers*
- *Simple but effective techniques delivered in 3 group sessions*
- *What are reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents?*
- *New understandings of adolescent (self-control, judgment and emotions)*

A three option model for decision making

When

Friday mornings from 10am to 12pm.

30th January, and 6th and 13th February 2015

Where

UnitingCare Community, Level 1, 766 Gympie (cnr Sparkes and Gympie Rd) Chermside.

Cost

There will be a \$12 fee for your workbook.

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION

PHONE 3624 2400

Uniform Shop

Hello and welcome to new & returning families.

The shop hours for Term One will be Wednesday 8.15am - 9.15am.

Eftpos is available on all purchases over \$10.

Friendly reminder of our school's dress code . . .

Under Section 360 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, a school Principal may develop a Dress Code for the school's students in consultation with the parents, students and staff at the school. This document articulates the acceptable dress standard for students of Geebung State School which has been developed through consultation between the Parents & Citizens Association, the School Administration and the wider community.

The Geebung State School community actively supports the implementation of a school uniform for students. Children are encouraged to wear the school uniform each day and students are especially requested to be in the appropriate uniform at formal occasions (Assembly, Anzac Day Ceremony, School pho-

to's) and when participating in special events or activities (sport, band/choir performances or excursions).

Our uniform is a green, black and white check shirt or dress, bottle green and white polo shirt with embroidered school badge, black shorts/skirt/pants/skort, bucket hat with embroidered school badge, white/black or bottle socks, black enclosed shoes or black/white joggers.

LOST PROPERTY

Items are available for viewing on Wednesday mornings in the shop or at the bottom of the stairs from the artroom for the remainder of the day. Items found with names are returned to students via the office.

I urge parents to ensure all items of clothing, lunch containers, drink bottles and swimming bags and their contents, be named clearly so items are easy to return to students if lost. Hats are already disappearing!!

Fleur Stanford
Uniform Shop Convenor

Active School Travel

Geebung State School is participating in Active School Travel again this year and we are hoping to improve our fitness levels in 2015! Each Wednesday students are encouraged to walk, cycle, scooter, car pool or catch the bus/train to school. We also provide the opportunity for students to meet at 7th Brigade Park between 8.15am - 8.30am and walk to school with their friends and some teachers. Each student will have an Active School Travel passport and can earn rewards for actively travelling each Wednesday. The rewards are fantastic- rulers, water bottles, bright green shoelaces and more!!! There are special days and raffles, so watch out for more information. Join us in Active School Travel – feel fit, win prizes and help make the roads near school a safer place for everyone.

From the BSM

YEAR 5 MAPLETON CAMP

Payment due Friday 6th February 2015

Payment for the Year 5 Mapleton Camp is due Friday 6th February, 2015.

Payment can be made through the school office by cash, credit card or eftpos. Please ensure money is placed in a sealed envelope with the student's name, class and reason for the payment clearly marked on the envelope. The envelope can be deposited in the locked box in the office foyer.

Payments can also be made by direct deposit to the school's bank account. Electronic banking is the school's preferred method of payment. Please ensure that the student's name and type of payment or invoice number are used as a reference. Bank account details are listed below:-

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
BSB 064 155
Account Name:-Geebung State School
Account No:-00090029

Are you the parent
or caregiver of a
child with a disability?



Get free parenting help

www.triplep-steppingstones.net

Notices

Learn to Swim Classes with All About Aquatics

Term 1, 2015

Where: Geebung State Primary School Pool

Commence: 27th, January, 2015

Water familiarisation

Learn to Swim: Toddlers - Adults

Stroke Development: Children - Adults

Squad Training: Children - Adults

Adult Fitness



All About
Aquatics

Accredited and experienced staff

For more information and bookings, please contact Kylie Dunn.

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

33 Alba Place Bridgeman Downs Qld. 4035

Phone (07) 3353 0555

Email : brisbanenorth@helenogrady.com.au

Attention - The Newsletter Co-Ordinator

Dear Sir/Madam,

In previous years your school has been kind enough to insert a small article regarding our drama classes in your school newsletter. We would greatly appreciate it, if once again you could include the following item in your next school newsletter.

KIDS LOVE DRAMA PARENTS LOVE THE RESULTS!

Our unique drama system develops confidence and communication skills
in children and teenagers.

Dynamic and structured, our programme covers speech, movement, creative drama and language
development with all students participating in an end-of- year production.

Our acclaimed drama programme is implemented by dynamic teachers who work enthusiastically
to bring out the very best in your child.

Affordable Fees! No Hidden Costs!

Lower Primary (5-8), Upper Primary (9-12) and Youth Theatre (12-18).

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

Please phone the Principal Margaret Treuel B.A., Dip. Ed.

3353 0555

Thank you for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret Treuel

Margaret Treuel B.A., Dip.Ed.
Principal

Notices

open up your world
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Children's storytime

Zillmere Library

Chinese New Year storytime
Thursday 19 February 10.30-11.15am

Celebrating Harmony Day
Thursday 19 March 10.30-11.15am

Call Zillmere Library on
(07) 3403 1455 for more information.

For more events at Zillmere Library visit
www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or pick up a copy
of *What's On in Libraries*.

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Festival of colour: Song, dance and stories

Zillmere Library

Learn more about the traditions and stories behind Holi,
the Hindu festival that celebrates spring, colour and new
beginnings. An energetic and interactive storytime
presented by Roushini.

Wednesday 4 March

1-2pm*

Ideal for children aged 2-8 years.

*Bookings essential.

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(07) 3403 1455 for more information.

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Play Soccer and Have Fun!

Join Nundah Wavell Soccer Club
Sign on Saturday 7 February 9am-1pm &
Wednesday 11 February 6pm-8pm
at the Uniting Church Hall, 59 Simia Ave, Geebung.
Boys and girls both welcome. Mixed teams U6-U14,
U15/16 boys & U15/16 girls. Affordable registration fees.
Opportunities for local and state representative teams.
Home ground Marchant Park Ellison Road, Chermside.
Pre-enter registration details online before sign on day.
For more information, online registration & FAQ visit
www.playsoccer.org.au
Or email info@nunwavsoccer.org

Kedron Wavell Services Hockey Club invite children to
participate in a fun, exciting, inexpensive introduction to hockey.

2015 Hook in2 Hockey Program

*This program has been arranged specially for boys and girls (primary
school age) who have never played hockey.*

Cost: \$60/player
When: Saturday's 14, 21, 28 February 2015
Time: 10am - 11:30 am
Where: Turf Field Week 1 & 3, Grass Field Week 2
Burringbar Park, Kittyhawk Drive,
Chermside (Behind Westfield Chermside)

What to Bring: Drink Bottle, Hat

What do you get?

- ✓ Equipment Pack - Hockey stick, Hockey Bag, Shin pads, Ball, Mouth guard
- ✓ Accessory Pack - Reversible Singlet, Whistle, Umpire Cards, Participation Medal
- ✓ Coaching from professional coaches.
- ✓ Learn how to play hockey, have fun and make new friends.
- ✓ Fee relief on 2015 season fees if you sign on with a Kedron-Wavell team

*Positions will fill quickly so get your registration in early to avoid
disappointment. Pass this information on to your friends.*

For more information email learnhockey@gmail.com

Registration forms are to be completed by **Sunday 8th February 2015** to assist with planning.

KWSHC Sign on Day will be held 8th February 2015 10am - 2pm at the Burringbar Clubhouse.

Cash payments will be accepted on the first day of the program.
Please return completed form to: P O Box 1074, Stafford Qld 40153
Email: learnhockey@gmail.com

This program has been generously supported by Kedron-Wavell Services Club

