From the Principal

Welcome to the second newsletter of the year. It has been a very busy two weeks and lots of important events have occurred.

Firstly, my apologies for not being present at the Leaders Induction and parent afternoon. I was in Cairns as part of a School Review on fairly short notice. Thanks to the parents who were part of the school leaders induction. The contribution of our Adopt - a Cops Sgt. James Tibbetts and Snr Constable Scott Travers was a highlight. Congratulations to the leaders listed below who I am sure will set the example for all of student community.

Our School Captains: Pema G and Dylan B
Our Vice School Captains: Joel S and May-Ling D
Our Cultural Captain: Macy O
Our Sports Captains: Presleigh F, Shelbe H and Hayden T
Our Student Councillors: Gemma R, Lauren G, Grace S and Maya E

While talking about students PLEASE be aware there are a number of students who have Anaphylaxis in our school community. Like all medical situations alert and informed is what we need to be so that if required we can act in an appropriate way.

Can I ask all families to read the information below:

Precautions parents can take to help keep children at risk of anaphylaxis safe are:

All parents can encourage their child to avoid sharing or trading food and eating utensils. Encouraging children to wash their hands after eating may also be helpful to avoid mild allergy symptoms such as a skin rash. It is also helpful to tell children to get help from a teacher or other adult if another child looks unwell, even if they do not know what it is wrong with them.

Geebung State School does not have a nut free policy but we ask if you can be considerate in your food choices for your child whenever possible.

Have you updated your child's or children's medical information? If not or if you are unsure please do so ASAP.

The Parent Information afternoon was the culmination of a really successful start to 2015. Thanks to those who could make the sessions. All present would have heard about expectations, homework and the streaming strategies that are being used to teach children at their level amongst many other topics. If you have any questions about streaming even if you made the information sessions let us know in the office area, in person, or via the info e-mail info@geebungss.eq.edu.au and we will run another session to answer questions.

In 2014 our attendance target was set at 95%. We showed significant improvement to almost get to 93% from 88% in previous years. Thanks to the parents who made sure their children were on time and at school every day. Research shows that children who attend 95% or more of their school days can and will improve their learning. If children are not attending and these absences are unexplained then we will pursue each family concerned to help them make sure we can have children at school so we can teach them.

Behaviour will remain a focus in 2015. We showed improvements in 2014 and we want to continue this progression.

The Badges for ACE AWARDS have arrived. Please see the photos below. It would be great to see as many students as possible receive these.

The P&C meeting was very, very, well attended. Thanks for all who took the time to come along. We look forward to see the 28 number being a regular occurrence for us.

Parent induction session. Would you like to work in your child's classroom? Have you been involved before, or not? Would you like to get some basic information about how to work with your children in our school and what are the rules for achieving this? Finally would you like to know what opportunities are available to you? Come and join us on 25.2.15 at 8:55 am in the library. It will be a short meeting going for 30 minutes only!

Continued . . . overleaf
From the Principal—contd

Would you like to be part of our Gardening Committee? A meeting will be held in my office at 9:00am on Friday 6th March 2015. The projects I have in mind for 2015 are the continuation of the vegie patch and a refurbishment of the garden area outside of the OSHC building. While on the garden topic thanks to those parents who came in and cleaned out and added to the vegie patch - looks great.

Have you changed address or phone numbers. Please let the school know your current contact details including emergency contacts. Please find a copy of the form to complete and return to the school office in this newsletter.

School Bells—please be aware that the first bell now rings at 8:45am. This is to indicate to students to go to their designated line-up area. Another bell will then ring at 8:50am (school start time) and will signal time for the teacher to lead the students to class to begin your child’s learning for the day.

Just a reminder of Our School Rules

Be Safe
Be a Learner
Be Responsible
Be Respectful

Have a great fortnight.

Stephen Auer
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Thanks to all the parents who came along to the P&C meeting last week, it is great to see such a turnout in support of our students.

Reading Army will again be running this term. If you’d like to volunteer once or more each week to help our students by reading to them, reading with them or listening to them read, please let me know as soon as possible. This term we are going to be reading with the Year 3 students. Any parents who are unsure of how the Reading Army works or would like some information, please see me.

Thank you to everyone who turned out for our 2015 Leadership Assembly. I’d like to especially thank Sgt James Tibbetts and Snr Constable Scott Travers who spoke about leadership and presented the badges to our new School Leaders. Congratulations to all our 2015 School Leaders, what a wonderful group of role models for all our students.

Thank you to all parents who came to the classroom information sessions. This is a great opportunity to keep informed on what is happening in each class and also to pose any lingering questions to the classroom teacher.

Religious Instruction forms went home last week. Please ensure these forms are filled in and returned to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. If the details of your child’s nominated religion are incorrect, please come in to the administration building so that we can correct these details in our system.

Congratulations to all students who represented Geebung State School at the Bramble Bay swimming carnival on Friday, we are all so proud of your effort in each race.

Sam O’Leary
Acting Deputy Principal

A reminder to parents/carers to notify the school about your child's health

Geebung State School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

Information about any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to supporting your child.

For any enquiries, please contact the school office on telephone (07) 3623 8777.
# Dates to Remember

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        • Parent Information Evening  
            1st session 3:10–3:40pm  
            2nd session 3:50–4:20pm |
| 25    | • Parent induction session for class volunteers at 8:55am in the library |
| **March** |                                                                 |
| 4-6   | • Year 5 Mapleton Camp                                                |
| 6     | • Gardening Committee Meeting –9:00am Principal’s office              |
| 9     | • Middle School Problem Solving Challenge                             |
| 20    | • National Young Leaders Day                                          |
| **April** |                                                              |
| 2     | • Last Day—End of Term 1                                              |
| 3     | • Good Friday                                                         |
| 6     | • Easter Monday                                                       |
| 20    | • Day 1 Term 2                                                        |
| 22    | • ANZAC Ceremony at Geebung State School                              |
| 23    | • ANZAC Ceremony in the city                                           |
| 24    | • ANZAC March                                                         |
| **May** |                                                              |
| 7     | • Mother’s Day Stall                                                  |
| **September** |                                                         |
| 3     | • Father’s Day Stall                                                  |
| 8     | • School Photos                                                       |
| **October** |                                                          |
| 6-9   | • Year 6 Currimundi Camp                                              |
| **December** |                                                           |
| 9     | • Year 6 Graduation Dinner                                            |
| 11    | • Last Day of Term 4                                                  |

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**STUDENT ABSENCE**

If your child is away from school please let us know by either phoning the absence line on (07) 3623 8760 or emailing us on info@geebungss.eq.edu.au.

**School Banking Details**

If making an payment our bank account details are listed below:

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

Cultural Update

Senior Choir Practice- Thursdays big lunch during play time.
Junior Choir Practice- Fridays big lunch during play time.
Dance Group- Wednesdays big lunch during play time.

Mirasol Andres
Classroom Music Teacher

Library Resource Centre

Helen Waters
Teacher Librarian
Assembly Awards

Good Luck to Aaron S who will be trialling for the Bramble Bay AFL team on the 18th February 2015 and Grace S, Kay M and Brooke H who will be trialling for the Bramble Bay Netball Team on the 5th March. I am sure they will do well.

Don’t forget to keep an eye out for the dates for the Junior Swimming Carnival and Senior Cross Country Carnival (dates to be confirmed in the next newsletter).

Congratulations to Jack B, Dylan B, Cassie M, Aaron S, Tom S, Lucy W, Brooke H and Charlotte S who represented our school at the Bramble Bay Swimming Carnival. Their outstanding results were:

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Leigh Stagg
HPE Co-ordinator
What an amazing turnout we had for this year's AGM! A record number 28 people were in attendance and it was so great to see some first time prep and year 1 parents (both mums and dads). It was an unusually long evening, having both the AGM and the first general meeting of the year on the same night as is the usual practise. Please do not let that discourage anyone from coming to another meeting as we normally try to finish up around 8:30pm.

The results of the committee elections from the AGM are as follows:

Fundraising Coordinator: Julie McMahon
Treasurer: Kylie Johnson
Secretary: Ashley Carradus
Vice President: Mandy Stiller
President: Melissa Ashford

I would like to thank our outgoing secretary, Leanne Hayden, for your years of service on the P&C, in your various roles with fund raising and on the executive committee. Your humour and attention to detail are such valuable assets and your countless hours of involvement over the years is greatly appreciated.

Welcome to Ashley Carradus for coming on board as secretary. We all look forward to working with you and thank you for your willingness to join the executive committee.

I’d also like to thank Julie, Kylie and Mandy for continuing in their roles on the executive committee for another year.

The time that you all put into ensuring we have a smooth running P&C to benefit our children’s education is truly commendable.

A new subcommittee of the P&C formed last year, the Garden Club. Thank you to everyone involved in the Garden Club in 2014, parents that attended the monthly meetings, planted, harvested and maintained the gardens, and the school staff and students that participated in planning, planting and selling produce. The Garden Club leader, Trudi Melloy, has stepped down from this position for 2015 and I would like to thank Trudi for her hard work, knowledge and perseverance through the sometimes murky waters of getting a project off the ground. Mr Auer will be leading the garden club temporarily and monthly meetings will now be held in his office rather than under the fig tree.

Parents/carers that are new to the school, may not be aware that it is important to sign in at the administration office before volunteering on the school grounds. Any volunteers in the school are covered by the P&C’s insurance policy and need to be signed in and out with every visit. This includes volunteering in tuckshop, in your child’s classroom, in the library or at the pool, the garden club, the reading army or with Kerry the Chappy. This is especially important in the case of a fire or lockdown emergency. Administration staff need to be aware of exactly who is on site at what time.

All parents and carers are encouraged to join our Facebook group, Geebung State School P&C Association, for reminders and updates about school events. We currently have 85 members, but would love to see that increase.

It looks like it’s going to be a great year, I look forward to working with lots of parents and community members, all with the same goal of successfully educating our children.

Melissa Ashford
President

Tuckshop

- Thursday breakfast starts this week. Sausage sizzle every week. Cost $1.50.
- All donations are gratefully accepted. This fortnight we need tins of crushed tomato donated.
- Thank you to everyone who has put their name on the roster.
- Treat Day for this term is on Wednesday 25 March 2015. Helpers are needed from 12:30 to 1:30pm on the day. Please phone or call in and put your name down.
- Our next raffle is a home furnishing package—tickets $2 each or 3 for $5. We have raised over $1,000 so far toward the cost of the air conditioner.

Leanne & Helen
Tuckshop Convenors Ph 3265 5959
Chaplain’s Corner

I am aware that at this time of the year it can be difficult financially for some families with buying uniforms and books for kids. Below I have listed a few places that are able to assist with extremely cheap groceries, fruit & vegies. The other day I went to all 3 places.

Food Mart:

Stafford Heights Baptist Church, 268 Appleby Rd Stafford Heights. Open Tuesdays & Saturdays 9am to 12noon. Enter via thrift shop. Food Mart has a lot of ethnic foods and spices. On Thursday they open for local refugee families who may find it overwhelming to shop on other days. They have a large thrift shop with most items of clothing for 50c.

Reach Out Community and Family Care:

36 Baden Powell St Everton Park, Ph. 3355 7444. Monday – Friday 9am-4pm. Saturday: 9am-12pm. Parcels must total $10/single, $20/family to receive free fruit and vege. Sign up is required to receive a membership number and this is free. New stock arrives throughout the day on Tuesday; therefore Wednesday is probably the best day to go.

World Harvest Food Assist:

53 Telegraph Rd Bald Hills, Ph. 3261 4555. Tuesday- Friday 9am-4pm. Saturday 9am-11am
A free community lunch is held every Thursday @ 12.30. I was told that Friday is the best day to shop here. World Harvest was the best for hygiene items toothpaste, toothbrushes etc. Free fruit and Veg are also given out with orders.

Both Community Outreach and World Harvest did not sell individual items and stock was not marked with individual prices. The best thing to do is to see the assistant and they will help you.

If you would like more information or know of any other food assist programs within the community please contact me on 36238777 (Tues-Thurs) or kerrye@chappy.org.au.

Lunch activities:

We held our first POP Club last Thursday. We had about 30 students attend. Most of the students made a key holder and others used their imaginations to create other wonderful items. It was really great to see the students working together & helping each other. I would like to thank the parents who helped with the POP Club. This Thursday we will be making a note holder and picture frames.

Chappy Kerry
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 photo'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 Art Room 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

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**Vacancy - School Crossing Supervisors**

Casual positions exist for School Crossing Supervisors at multiple schools throughout the region. Please tell neighbours, friends and family of these positions available. Please help us to help our students.

School Crossing Supervisor positions are for up to 5 days per week on a roster. Remuneration $27.49 per hour.

Contact the Brisbane North Road Safety Office for more information.

Phone: 3863 9873

Email: zillmere_road_safety@mrq.qld.gov.au
Geebung State School

STUDENT CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE

Please complete the details below and return to the school Administration Office for records to be updated. For finance and newsletter correspondence please add your current email.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN/CARER DETAILS

1st Parent/Guardian/Carer
Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss
Surname: __________________________
Given Names: ____________________
Address: _________________________
Postal Code: ____________________
Home Phone: _____________________
Mobile Number: __________________
Email: ___________________________
Work Phone: _____________________

2nd Parent/Guardian/Carer
Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss
Surname: __________________________
Given Names: ____________________
Address: _________________________
Postal Code: ____________________
Home Phone: _____________________
Mobile Number: __________________
Email: ___________________________
Work Phone: _____________________

BILLING DETAILS: Parent/caregiver will receive invoices via email. If Fee Allocation is to be shared between parents, please contact the Office for further information.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

(NOT PARENTS/GUARDIAN/CARERS LISTED ABOVE)

Please ensure that the emergency contact names you provide are people you feel are totally trustworthy to collect your child from school if you cannot be contacted. A friend, neighbour or relative may be your choice but it is important you check that they are willing to be recorded on your child’s records as an emergency contact.

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Parent Name: __________________________ Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

Great State. Great opportunity.
Learn to Swim Classes with All About Aquatics

Term 1, 2015

Where: Geebung State Primary School Pool

- Water familiarisation
- Learn to Swim: Toddlers - Adults
- Stroke Development: Children - Adults
- Squad Training: Children - Adults
- Adult Fitness

Accredited and experienced staff
For more information and bookings, please contact Kylie Dunn.
Email Address: kyliedunn@icloud.com.

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Notices

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WEBERS CIRCUS

With a Touch of South America

27th Feb - 15th Mar

www.weberscircus.com

CHERMSIDE
ELLIISON ROAD
NEAR WESTFIELD

27th Feb - 15th Mar

With a Touch of South America

Trick Ponies, Wheel of Death, Aerialists, Miniature Horses, Dogs & Clowns plus exciting circus acts and Salsa Dancing. Fun and laughter for all ages.

Show Times

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- All tickets must be purchased online or at the box office.
- All children pay ages 3-14 and must be accompanied by an adult.
- Online Bookings: www.weberscircus.com
- Phone Bookings: 9.00am - 7.30pm

www.weberscircus.com

For All Enquiries

0448 247 267

0448 CIRCUS

$2 Off Discount

Terms and Conditions Apply

www.facebook.com/weberscircuspectacular
AUSSIE HOOPS
STARTER MID-WEEK PROGRAMS

WHAT IS IT?
Aussie Hoops is an exciting new basketball program that will help improve your child’s motor-skill and social learning as they dribble, shoot, pass and catch their way thru this fun, active and safe program.

WHO IS IT FOR?
Aussie Hoops is run by professional coaches specifically for children aged 7-10 years with little to no experience in the sport.

HOW TO REGISTER?
Prior registration is essential. If you wish to register for the Aussie Hoops program please go to www.aussiehoops.com.au. Registration and payment facilities will not be available at the venue.

DATES
Starts Thursday 19th February 2015 and runs for 6 weeks.

TIME
4.00pm - 5.00pm

VENUE
Boondall State School, Corner Ruscomman & Sandgate road Boondall

COST
$10.00 registration fee for new players (which includes the Aussie Hoops Basketball, singlet, bag).
$65 for returning players.

ZILLMERE COMMUNITY CENTRE
Market day fundraiser
Saturday 28 March, 9.00am - 3.00pm
54 Handford Rd Zillmere 38652880

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
All funds raised are to assist with upgrade of courtyard.

Children’s activities:
- Face painting, Beading
- Lucky Dips, Art competition

FOOD COURT
- Fairy Floss
- Cake and sweet stall
- Savory Stalls
- Cold Drinks
- Crappacino

Stalls
- Art and crafts
- Jewelry
- Toys
- Books
- New and second hand clothes
- Bric-a-Brac

NORTHS JUNIOR RUGBY UNION
SIGN ON 2015
New Players Wanted
U6-U14

Register Online:
www.northsjuniorrugby.com.au

Celebrating 50 Years
SAINTS
Junior Rugby League & Netball
Sign On Day 2015

Sunday 1st February & Sunday 8th February 2015
9.30 am - 12.00 pm
Norths St Joseph's Clubhouse,
14a Wellington Street, Virginia

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

Netball
Net Set Go From 5 – 9 years
$150.00
Ages 10 to Open
$250.00

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

Price includes:
Affiliation fee, insurance, Team photo, participation trophy and more...
Now Players to bring a copy of Birth Certificate
(Proof available)

Lucky door prizes
Draw every hour

No mothers day gifts

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Smoke-free Schools

From 1 January 2015, it is against the law to smoke at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for five metres beyond their boundaries.

The law applies to the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

On-the-spot fines apply for breaches of the tobacco laws.

For more information on Queensland's tobacco laws, call 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or visit www.qld.gov.au

For information or support to quit smoking, call Quitline 13 QUIT (13 7848) or talk with your doctor, health professional, general practitioner or pharmacist.