



Term 1, Week 8, 19 March 2015

From the Principal



Welcome to week 8 of Term 1. The year is flying. It's great to be back at Geebung State School. It has been inspiring to return to the team and see the new initiatives and innovative practice that the teaching team are implementing to help give our students great opportunities to have success at school. I must admit that seeing Geebung State School receive recognition on the news recently for our improvements in NAPLAN results was both rewarding and truly deserving. More than anything I am pleased for the teaching team, the families and of course our students as it's this partnership that has combined to see great results. Can I say too, that it is clear coming back into this learning community that the team are not resting on recent improvement success but rather are showing a relentless commitment to the students and each other in the pursuit of student achievement.

I'd like to thank Sam O'Leary for his professionalism and leadership as he worked with Stephen Auer in my absence. As you would be aware he will continue in the role of Deputy Principal for the last three weeks of term whilst Stephen Auer is away. I look forward to working with Sam and the team as we focus on continuing our 2015 priorities within the school's improvement agenda.

Thanks to all of our volunteers who have signed up to join the 2015 Reading Army. Spaces are always available and we want to see this group grow as it impacts the reading achievements of our kids. Please make contact with Sam O'Leary to find out more information.

Prep Enrolments 2016: In term 2 we will begin our recruitment process for 2016 prep enrolments. Children born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011 are eligible for prep in 2016. If you have a child or know a friend, neighbour or family member looking for a great school in 2016, please see Maureen in the office or go to our website to download the enrolment information. We will offer our Pre-Prep Program again in Semester Two this year. Feedback from teachers and parents over the past two years reports that the program significantly assists with student transition to school. A reminder that a pre-requisite to attend the 2015 Pre-

Prep Program is that your child must be officially enrolled for Geebung State School in 2016.

Have you booked your Parent-Teacher interviews? With bookings now electronic I remind you that you will need to go online to access these. A letter was sent home recently and there is a link from our school website for your convenience. Whilst we formally establish this information sharing process in Terms one and three, I encourage you to make sure that you check in regularly with your child's teacher throughout the year not just at these events to strengthen the relationship between school and home.

Reading focus: Are you reading every night with your child? Research shows that students who are exposed to regular opportunities to engage with literacy at home are more likely to see improvements with their literacy and numeracy at school. Take time to bond with your children over a great story today! We also have our reading book bins available in each of the eating areas before school. Read with your children each morning before school, it's a great way to prepare your child for a day of learning as they enter the classroom calm and ready to engage with their teacher.

Chris McCall who is the teacher for 1/2A on Thursday, Friday and alternative Wednesdays is taking Long Service Leave. Her last day will be on Friday 20 March 2015. She will return Thursday 18 June 2015. Her replacement teacher is Daniel Foureur. We wish Chris a nice break and extend a warm welcome to Daniel in 1/2A.

In the weeks ahead we will have a couple of trees removed following a recent engineering report (down at the pool) and on advice from Education Queensland we will also be removing some dead trees and Sheena's Gold.

This Term our school has been talking and learning about Respect. Respect is something that we say is earned and I absolutely agree. I also believe that each of us can model respect in a range of circumstances. Respecting our friends, community, uniform, school and ourselves all rely on us taking ownership of our thoughts and actions towards these things. Don't wait for something or someone to earn your respect, be assertive and lead with a respectful heart and manner in everything you do. By doing this, you will know that you are helping to make a positive impact on those you engage with and the community you belong to. Have a great week.

Matthew Meharg
Acting Principal



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Each and every member of our school community,
believes that each and every child can and will achieve.

From the Deputy Principal

This was a busy fortnight with Mr Auer heading off to review schools across Queensland. Fortunately, Mr Meharg's return means that business as usual can continue.

The Parent-Teacher interview booking process is well underway. If you haven't already booked appointments on Wednesday 25 March 2015, you can do so at www.schoolinterviews.com.au using our booking code **AWAAA4**. If you are unable to book your own, please let me know so I can assist you. All interviews are being held in the Games Factory, so there is no need to allow time to transition between interviews. Due to the quick nature of the appointments, we will be keeping strictly to the times. Please do not arrive late as we will not be able to delay other parents to accommodate you. Julia Tilling is unavailable on the Wednesday, so is conducting interviews on Thursday 26 March instead.

I am pleased to be escorting our school leaders to the National Young Leaders Day on Friday 20 March 2015. I know they will show the rest of Brisbane what an amazing group of students we have here at Geebung State School. I hope they will find the day enriching and that it provides them with more insight as to what it means to be a leader.

Every Day Counts! During the last two weeks and up until the end of term students have been involved in assessment. Please have your child at school on time so they have the best possible chance of performing their best.

We have scheduled NAPLAN practice tests for week 1 of Term 2. This is a vital opportunity for students to become familiar with test questions and conditions prior to NAPLAN. This year we are involving all students from Years 2-6 as students in Years 2, 4 & 6 will benefit in future years from exposure to the process.

Sam O'Leary
Acting Deputy Principal

HPE News

The Junior Swimming Carnival will combine full pool games with some swimming races across the pool. All Year 1 to 3 students will be able to participate.

Congratulations to Grace S who made the Bramble Bay Netball team to represent our district at the Met North Competition. Well done!

The HPE Award acknowledges exceptional effort and attitude in HPE lessons. This week's winners were Luke M (1/2A) and Lachlan M (4A) for outstanding efforts and skills in swimming this week. Well done.

Leigh Stagg
HPE Co-ordinator

JUNIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Years 1—3

Wednesday 25 March 2015

9am to 11am

(note: finish time change)

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
March	
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Young Leaders Day Deadline for Tuckshop Treat Day forms
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Swimming Carnival (Yrs 1-3) 9am –11am Tuckshop Treat Day Parent-Teacher Interview s—Games Factory
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter raffle tickets due back
April	
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Raffle ticket draw
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
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C Meeting—Library 7pm
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANZAC Ceremony at Geebung State School
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANZAC Ceremony in the city
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANZAC March
May	
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother's Day Stall
12-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naplan testing
June	
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Disco
August	
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shine Alright - whole school performance
September	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Father's Day Stall
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Photos
October	
6-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Currimundi Camp
December	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Disco
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Graduation Dinner
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Term 4

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**.

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Library Resource Centre

U2B

Every Tuesday from 12.00 -1.00pm a group of Year 5 students come to the library to work on Project U2B. This is a maths initiative where students work online to complete problem solving tasks with a teacher in a virtual classroom. The program lasts for 14 weeks and so far the students have learnt and practiced the "Part, Part Whole" strategy, Multiplication and Division Triangle strategy, "Double MADT" and how to use a Thinkboard. The students are enjoying the sessions and working very hard.

New Resources

We now have the Friendly Schools Plus program in the library which has activities for students to help them to learn skills of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and social decision making. There are posters in every classroom to help students with strategies to develop anti-bullying behaviours. Don't forget it is Anti-Bullying Day this Friday 20 March 2015.

Book Club

Thank you to all the families who have supported Book Club this week. Every order gains us points to purchase additional resources for the library. It is also great to see so many students wanting to have their own books to read as well as borrowing from the library. The orders will be distributed as soon as they arrive.

Helen Waters
Acting Teacher Librarian

P&C Fundraising

Thanks to all the families that have donated to the P & C Easter Raffle. We have had all sorts of wonderful donations this year including a very generous donation from Pedders Geebung, who have donated a voucher to the value of approx. \$170.00. The winner will be able to get their cars tyres and suspension ship shape for their Easter break.

Donations are still being accepted at the office and the tuckshop.

Easter Raffle tickets were sent home last week. Please ensure all sold and unsold tickets are returned to the locked box in the office by Tuesday 31st March 2015. The Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday morning 1st of April 2015.

If you would like more tickets to sell these are also available from the office.

We are also running a "Guess how many Easter eggs in the jar" competition. This will be run at Tuckshop and it will cost 50c per Guess. The closest guess wins the jar of eggs. The winner will be announced at assembly on 1st of April 2015.

The 2015/16 Entertainment Books or alternately the App will soon be available for purchase through the School. More information will be available in the next couple of weeks.

Thanks once again for supporting our P&C fundraising.

Julie McMahon
Fundraising Coordinator



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Year 5 Mapleton Camp



P&C News

Hi everyone!

Treat day will be happening next Wednesday 25th March 2015 – don't forget to return your forms to the Tuckshop by Friday 20 March 2015. If this is something you would like. We are still in need of any volunteers in the Tuckshop on the day so if you can lend a hand, please see Leanne or Helen in the Tuckshop. Remember, this is a big lunch treat so if your child is having this treat, they will still need a nutritious morning tea.

The Easter raffle tickets went home last Friday; these are due back (with the money) on Tuesday 31st March with the raffle being drawn on the 1st April 2015. We are still looking for any donations for this so if you are able to donate anything with an Easter theme (non-perishable foods, gift vouchers, baskets, ribbons...just to name a few!) it would be greatly appreciated. These can be dropped off at the Office or the Tuckshop.

The recent 'Induction' for volunteers to school was a success and we are looking at holding another in the near future. The P&C are currently in the process of publishing basic guidelines for volunteers in the school. We will let you know when these are complete.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st April 2015 (first Tuesday back after the break) at 7pm in the library. We'd love to see you there!

Remember to join our Facebook page (Geebung State School P&C Association) for reminders and updates about school events.

Ashley Carradus
P&C Secretary

Tuckshop

- Thursday's Breakfast Sausage Sizzle is on again every Thursday morning \$1.50 each.
- Treat Day is on next Wednesday 25th March 2015. Friday 20th March 2015 is the last day to order. Sorry we cannot accept late orders.
- Thank-you to all the new volunteers, had heaps of fun—still have some vacancies.
- Thank-you to all the families unable to volunteer but regularly donate produce and cooking ingredients.
- Guess how many 'Easter Eggs' in the jar. 50c per guess. First correct guess wins.

Leanne & Helen
Tuckshop Convenors Ph 3265 5959

Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP

The shop hours for Term one will be Wednesday's 8.15-9.15am. Eftpos is available on all purchases over \$10.

Year 6 Seniors shirts have been ordered and will be delivered to students as soon as they arrive.

Second hand stock is really low. Please consider selling your outgrown uniforms in the uniform shop. The shop takes 30% commission from all second hand sales.

Second hand items are ever changing and stock is always welcomed. Items may be left at the office, tuck-shop or in the shop during open hours. Items should be placed in a bag with contact details and clearly marked if they are a donation or to be sold on commission.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property rack will be on display out near the art room stairs all day Wednesday's. Named items are returned to students as soon as convenient via the office.

Fleur Stanford
Uniform Shop Convenor



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Chappy News

Last Sunday the chaplaincy service held a High Tea. I was totally amazed at the amount of people who supported this event. We had 110-120 people attend and raised \$2879. This would not have been possible without the help of a great team. I would like to thank Kim, Fleur, Chantelle, Melissa and Anna for their wonderful cooking skills.

A huge thank you to Julie, Megan, Sioban and Mandy for their tireless assistance in the kitchen and the two best cold drink waiters at Geebung - Frank and Tom. Thanks you also to Raylene and the team from Geebung Uniting. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Below is a list of those Businesses that sponsored the High Tea. All these businesses are local and have been very generous, so could I please encourage you to support them.

High Tea Sponsors

- Northside Flower Market
- Green Star Electrical
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- Knudsen Betta Home Living Virginia
- Katrinas Hair and Beauty School
- Australia Post Geebung
- McDonalds Bracken Ridge



Chappy News

High Tea



Student Contact Details Update Form



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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.

CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAMES

SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

PARENT/GUARDIAN/CARER DETAILS

1 st Parent/Guardian/Carer	2 nd Parent/Guardian/Carer
Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss Surname: _____	Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss Surname: _____
Given Names: _____	Given Names: _____
Address: _____ _____ Postcode: _____	Address: _____ _____ Postcode: _____
Home Phone: _____	Home Phone: _____
Mobile Number: _____ <small>(This mobile will receive notifications via text message)</small>	Mobile Number: _____
Work Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

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***.

	Contact 1	Contact 2	Contact 3
Name			
Relationship			
Home Phone			
Work Phone			
Mobile Phone			

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Notices

Learn to Swim Classes with All About Aquatics Term 1, 2015 Geebung State Primary School Pool

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



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