This Sunday is Mother’s Day and I want to thank all of our Geebung State School Mums for the impact you are having in your child’s life. I hope you have a great day and are spoiled! Thank you also to our volunteers who served at the Mother’s Day stall today. I received great feedback about our students conduct and manners.

Next week our year 3 and 5 students will join their peers from all over Australia and participate in four assessments across three mornings. These assessments give students, parents, teachers, and schools a point in time piece of information about student performances on that given day. I can assure you that Geebung State School teaching staff have worked carefully in preparing our students (as they do each year) in a manner that helps them to feel positive about their participation. NAPLAN provides a snapshot of data that we use in conjunction with all the other learning experiences and units of work our students engage with across an entire year. I want to thank our teaching team for their healthy attitude towards these assessments and I wish our students well as they simply do their best. Being a Geebung Flyer is all about having a go, trying our hardest and learning from the experience through reflection. I want to remind year 3 and 5 students that Chappy Kerry has arranged a light breakfast for each morning of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:15am outside her room.

Last week on Assembly we had the pleasure of hearing Jai-Ling from year 2 read us her persuasive text about reducing the contact hours for students at school. What a compelling argument she prepared. In fact I almost fell for it! Jai-Ling’s writing mirrors what all of our students are working on as they consider their audience and the purpose of the text when they make decisions around verb groups, modality and noun groups. It was great to see so many of our students were able to listen and identify the textual features of the piece. This is an accurate reflection of the culture our students and their teachers are creating through our school’s focus on writing. This culture is further evidenced when students share their writing (written in their own time, not for assessment but rather for the love of writing) with Miss Callaghan and I. I love their pride and passion for their own creativity in writing. Simply brilliant!

Later this term we will celebrate Under 8’s Day with a morning event for our Prep to year 2 students and their parents. Parents are invited to come along and participate with their child as you rotate through a series of activities that target skills and interests of our Prep to year 2 students. A letter is coming home so look out for it and please date claim the morning of 31 May 2016.

This week on Assembly we were visited by the Active School Travel team who gave our students some very clear messages around road safety. Tips for improving safety when riding scooters, getting in and out of cars near roads, riding bikes and walking with our friends. Each of these activities takes on a new dimension when done near a roadway which is why concentration and safety go hand in hand. Mums and Dads please talk with your children about the event to look for opportunities to reinforce these important messages.

Are your email address and phone details up to date with the office? Later this term we will send student report cards for Semester 1 to the email we have in our system. Please let the office staff know if this has changed.

Have a great fortnight.
Chappy Week is coming up and this is a good time to reflect and appreciate everything Kerry our Chaplain does at Geebung State School. Kerry is involved in class activities supporting student’s learning; supports families in times of grief or crisis; runs a playtime club for students; helps run a homework club for students and supports our staff. Kerry is involved in working with the community as well. Look out for Kerry’s notice about Chappy Week and the great activities she has organised for that week. Kerry has also organised a breakfast for our students in Year 3 and 5 who are participating in NAPLAN next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning.

It was wonderful to see the volunteers making the Mother’s Day Stall a success again this year. This is something that is valued by our students and parents and could only happen with the generosity of the parents who volunteer their time and donations. Thanks you to all the lovely people who helped make this happen. I wish all Mothers a happy Mother’s Day on Sunday and hope you have a fun day with your children.

It was such a pleasure this week when I had a parent comment to me about their daughters’ writing at home. When a student in year one, who has been exposed to our 7 Steps to Writing for 13 weeks goes home and tells her parents that to make her writing interesting she needs to include a Sizzling Start, Dynamic Dialogue and it will have to be a longer story as she has to include a Pebble, Brick, Boulder, it reinforces what great teaching is going on in our classes at Geebung State School.

Class Walk Throughs

1A with Mrs Moss have been doing some fantastic writing. They have learnt about Dynamic Dialogue and Sizzling Starts. Parents, ask your child what they need to include in their writing to make it exciting.

Year 5 Maths with Mrs Baker were learning about decimal numbers to hundredths. They learnt how to put decimal numbers in ascending and descending order and where to put these numbers on a numberline. Parents, ask your child about the steps to decide if a decimal number is bigger or smaller than another decimal number.

5/6A with Mr Carter were learning how to “Show, Don’t Tell” in their writing to make it more interesting. Instead of telling how a character feels, they were showing us by using their senses in their writing to give a better description of the feeling. Parents, ask your child how they might “Show, Don’t Tell” the emotion of scared or happy or excited.

Penny Callaghan
Deputy Principal

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| 19   | Prep Information Session 6-7pm |
| 20   | Crazy Sock Day—student council fundraiser |
| 22   | Kids for Kerry fundraiser 2pm School Hall |
| 22-29| Chappy Week |
| 24   | School Tour 9:30am—10:30am  
      | Chappy Breakfast for Community before school |
| 25   | Year 1 Street Science Incursion |
| 26   | School Tour 9:30am—10:30am |
| 31   | Under 8's Day prep-year 2 9am |
|      | **June 2016** |
| 1    | Footy Fever Maroons and Blues Day—Student council fundraiser |
| 7    | Spinal Unit Visit 2:00-2:40pm Years 4,5 &6 |
| 7-9  | Junior Music Camp Strings |
| 10   | Geebung SS Athletics Carnival  
      | (for students turning 9,10,11 or 12 this year) |
| 14   | P&C Meeting 7pm Library |
| 15   | Disco - Junior 4-5:30pm Senior 6-7:30pm |
| 16   | Dr Joe Science Incursion |
| 17   | Geebung SS Athletics Carnival (Wet Weather Option) |
| 24   | Free Dress Day |
|      | **July 2016** |
| 19   | Prep Transition Program 9:00am—11:00am |
|      | **August 2016** |
| 2    | Prep Transition Program 9:00—11:00am |
| 10   | Ekka Holiday |
| 16   | Prep Transition Program 9:00am—11:00am |
| 30   | Prep Transition Program 9:00am—11:00am |
|      | **September 2016** |
| 6    | School Photos |
| 7-9  | Honours Music Camp—Strings |
|      | **October 2016** |
| 13   | Prep Transition Program 9:00am—11:00am |
| 19-21| Year 6 Camp |
| 27   | Prep Transition Program 9:00am—11:00am |
|      | **November 2016** |
| 10   | Prep Transition Program 9:00am—11:00am |
| 24   | Prep Transition Program 9:00am—11:00am |
|      | **December 2016** |
| 6    | Year 6 Graduation Dinner |
| 9    | Last Day of School |

**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE**
If your child is going to be away from school please let the school office know.

**Phone:** (07) 3623 8760
or
**Email:** info@geebungss.eq.edu.au.
Bramble Bay Cross Country 2016
Last Friday, our Geebung State School Cross Country team competed at the Bramble Bay Cross Country. Congratulations to Sam C, Harmony A, Bigoua R, Lana B, Andon G, Evan B, Tariro G and Geoffrey G who all performed extremely well. Tariro G was our best performer who placed 13th in her age group, well done.

Geebung State School Athletics Carnival
The Geebung State School Athletics Carnival will be Friday 10th June 2016. This event is for students turning 9, 10, 11 or 12 this year.

Bramble Bay Trials
Good luck to Ethan T in his Rugby Union trials for Bramble Bay selection on the 18th of May 2016.

Leigh Baker
HPE Co-ordinator

Chaplain’s Corner

NAPLAN
On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week Mrs Smith and I will be supplying a light snack of croissant, yoghurt and fruit for those students in years 3 and 5. This will be served from 8:15am onwards in front of the Chappy room. As this is only a light snack, students are still encouraged to have a wholesome Breakfast before coming to school.

Thank you to McDoanld's Virginia and Woolworths Chermside Market for their generous donations toward our NAPLAN breakfast.

Chappy Week
May 22-29 is Chappy Week! Chappy week is an event held each year to promote and show case the local chaplaincy service.

As a part of celebrating Chappy week the Geebung Chaplaincy service will be hosting a free BBQ breakfast for the Geebung school community on Tuesday 24 May 2016 from 8am. Please mark this date in your diaries and I look forward to seeing you there.

Connect four Contest
Next Thursday will see the launch of the connect four Contest. We have over 25 students signed up.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above mentioned activities please do not hesitate to contact me. Ph 38238777 or email Chaplain@geebunss.eq.edu.au.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Mothers, Grandmothers and Mother figures within the school community a very Happy Mother’s Day!

"Being a mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure love."

Chappy Kerry

Music News
The first rehearsal for the Geebung State School Concert Band was a blast!!! Below is a photo courtesy of our student Matilda P.

Mr Ken Lincoln
Instrumental Music Teacher
Prep A and B read the book "Biddy's Fishing Line" by Bridget Priman and talked about different types of lines and made a fish with small 2-3 letter high frequency sight words.
Students who attended the ANZAC ceremony in the city are pictured below with Ms Helen Waters and Mrs Kerry Edwards (Chappy) and also in the city on the March.
On 25th April 2016, Geebung State School students and their families proudly supported and participated in the ANZAC Day March and ceremony held at the Zillmere PCYC. During the ANZAC Day commemoration, the School Captains, Bryce M and Phoebe T, read a resolution and later placed a floral wreath at the memorial. Lest We Forget.
Crazy Socks Day

Crazy Sock Day is coming up in Week 6 on Friday 20 May 2016. The Student Council is organising this whole school fundraiser to raise money so every student will have the opportunity to attend a Performing Arts Production in Term 3. A reminder will go home nearer the date. We would like your child to participate by wearing their crazy socks and by bringing a gold coin in Week 6 on Friday 20 May 2016.

Thank you for your support. Mrs. Anderson and members of the Student Council

Library

Welcome to the library news for this fortnight. As you enter the library take a look at our great displays of new books for borrowing. There are a range of books for the older students such as the Horrible Histories series and picture books with more detailed content. We also have some wonderful new picture books for the younger students, with humour, pathos and fun ways to count. Thank you to our parent volunteers for helping with the covering of these new books.

Mrs. Wretham has been very busy cataloguing our new group reading books. Students should be seeing them in classrooms any day soon, so keep an eye out! There are many exciting titles to choose from in both fiction and non-fiction.

Year 1 have been reading some mixed up fairy tales in the library and writing their own stories. Their imaginations have been running wild! Which fairy tale character would you invite to your party? Could you trust Goldilocks to behave herself near the food or the furniture? Would the Billy Goats Gruff be helpful mowing the lawn before the party? Would Snow White bring all 7 of the dwarfs? Maybe Red Riding Hood could bring some extra food in her basket to feed all the guests…… Ask your children who they would bring and how they think they would behave!!

Don’t forget that this May is National Reading with your Family month, so why not pop in to the library and choose something to read with or to your child.

Happy Reading!

Helen and Glenda
**PREP INFORMATION SESSION**

**Thursday 19 May 2016**

6:00—7:00pm

- Find out why Geebung State School is a great choice.
- Meet our Prep Teachers and Administration team.
- Learn about our early year’s curriculum.
- Hear more about our Prep Transition Program.
- Registration: 3623 8777 or info@geebungss.eq.edu.au.

**SCHOOL TOURS**

Take a school tour and visit our Prep classrooms

**Tuesday 24 May 2016** 9:30 - 10:30am
**Thursday 26 May 2016** 9:30 - 10:30am

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**TRANSITIONING TO PREP PROGRAM**

- Great opportunity for your child to transition to primary school.
- A Parent or Carer must accompany your child whilst participating in the Pre-Prep Program.
- Bring along a hat, water bottle and a piece of fruit for your snack.
- Registration: 3623 8777 or info@geebungss.eq.edu.au.

**DATES TERM 3**

- 19 July 2016
- 2 August 2016
- 16 August 2016
- 30 August 2016

**DATES TERM 4**

- 13 October 2016
- 27 October 2016
- 10 November 2016
- 24 November 2016
Fundraising

MOTHER’S DAY STALL  Thanks to all who supported our Mother’s Day stall and all who helped out. We hope you all enjoy the gifts that your children have chosen and have a relaxing Mother’s Day.

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE  Congratulations to the Mother’s Day raffle winners:

1. Israel B—2A  
2. Betty-Lyn E—Prep A  
3. Juliette B—1A  
4. Sabrina T—1A  
5. L. Huckel  
6. Jamison B - 1B  
7. Sam—Prep A

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS have arrived! If you have pre-purchased a book and not yet received it, we can deliver it to you via your child or it can be collected from the tuckshop. The book or app can be purchased on line at www.entbook.com.au/2277g08  
Books can also be purchased at the Tuckshop in cash or by Eftpos.

Please contact the P & C office if you have any queries.

Julie McMahon - Fundraising Coordinator

Tuckshop

HOMEMADE SOUP is available NOW! Made fresh at Tuckshop there are 3 choices: Chicken and vegetable with bone broth and fresh vegetables (GF), Vegetable (V / GF), and Pumpkin (V / GF). Only $2.50! Add on a garlic bread for $2 or ½ garlic bread for $1.

FRIDAY NIGHT MEALS LET THE TUCKSHOP COOK FOR YOU!  Friday night meals are $15 each. Homemade at tuckshop with the freshest ingredients. Please make your orders by Thursday, either by phoning the Tuckshop or ordering online at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

VOLUNTEERS We are looking for a few more volunteers that can regularly help on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, even for ½ hr before school to help with serving. Can’t volunteer? You can still help by donating food items we regularly use:

- FLOUR  – plain and self-raising  
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- BUTTER  
- ZIP-LOCK BAGS – sandwich and snack sizes

Helen Miers – Tuckshop convenor  
Tuckshop ph. 0409 391 822

Uniform Shop

Wearing a uniform is a badge of pride and it creates an identity for a school and is an important part of being a school student. A uniform teaches students to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance.

OPENING HOURS The uniform shop will be open in term two on Wednesdays from 8:15am to 9:15am.

LOST PROPERTY Please ensure you or your child checks the rack on Wednesdays, near the art room stairs. Named items are returned to students via the office.

UNIFORM GUIDELINES The school’s current uniform guidelines are available from the school’s office or on the school's webpage. I urge all our school community to read this document to familiarise yourself with the school’s uniform policy.

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Fleur Stanford – Uniform shop convenor  
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How can I make an appointment?

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