

# Class Newsletter

## Term 4, 2021



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Dear Parents /Caregivers

Welcome to the 2021 school year! I hope you have all enjoyed your break over the Christmas and New Year period. My name is Victoria Tamas-Cao (**Miss T-C**), and I will be your child's teacher for 2021. This is my fourth year at Geebung State School. I have previously taught Prep for two years before taking on Year One last year. I am very excited to be your child's Year One teacher for 2021! Although this is my fourth year at Geebung State School, this is my eighth year as an educator. Prior to my time here at Geebung State School, I have taught both Year Three and Kindergarten. I look forward to working with you and your child to provide strong learning experiences.

Both Admin and I will keep you informed by sending home notes or emails to notify you of any events, changes or updates. Please ensure your contact details are current with the Office, as the email address you have provided will be the one I will use to send emails. Often I will email notes to you as well as send paper copies home. Please remember to check your child's bag and homework folders for notes and other communication items.

If you wish to contact me, you are welcome to email me at [vmtam0@eq.edu.au](mailto:vmtam0@eq.edu.au). I am more than happy to speak with you in person, but please consider that mornings and afternoons are extremely busy (particularly in Term 1) and you will need to make an appointment if you wish to discuss something with me at length. We encourage you to advise us of any absences as this assists with planning, but **please formally notify the office** so the absence can be entered correctly.

Below are some important details regarding your child's routine for Year One. Please read these carefully. If you have any questions regarding these, please do not hesitate to let me know.



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### REMINDERS

#### Brain Break

Students may bring a healthy snack every day for brain break at 10am. Fruit and vegetables are accepted. Please pack the snack in a **separate NAMED** bag or container.

#### NO HAT NO PLAY

Students are required to bring their school hat every day. Please ensure all hats are **NAMED**.

#### Drink Bottles

Drink bottles are essential every day of the school year. Students are allowed to leave them in the classroom for easy access.

#### Bells

Children are to be lined up in their **eating area** when the first bell goes at 8:45am. **Parents are to wait in or near the line up area for collection at the end of the day.**

#### Personal belongings

Please ensure all items are **clearly named**. If it is unnamed, we cannot guarantee its safe return!

#### Homework

Homework will begin in Week 3. This will allow me time to get to know the students and introduce them to their new homework routine.

#### Parent Information Sessions

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of February  
3:30 **OR** 4:00pm

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## Curriculum:

English	In this unit students will listen to, read and view a variety of poems to explore sound patterns and features of plot, character and setting. Students will comprehend a poem, create their own poem and recite a poem to the class.
Maths	Students will represent and solve addition problems. They will order objects based on length and capacity using informal units. Students will recognise, model, write and order numbers to 20, locate numbers on a number line and partition numbers using place value. They will also classify outcomes of simple events.
Science	Students will explore sources of light and sound. They will manipulate materials to observe how light and sound are produced, and how changes can be made to light and sound effects. Students will examine how light and sound are useful in everyday life and respond to and ask questions. They will make predictions, share observations and communicate their understandings in a variety of ways. Students will design and create (at school) a musical instrument using recycled materials brought in from home. A separate note will follow soon.
HASS	In this unit students will explore the following inquiry question:  • <i>How has my family and daily life changed over time.</i>
Media Arts	In this unit, students will explore the existence and impact of sound as a representation of settings and characters in the community.
Health	In this unit students will examine health messages related to the health benefits of physical activity, nutritious dietary intake and maintaining good personal hygiene habits to help them stay healthy. Students will describe how to keep themselves and others healthy in different situations.



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**MORNING ROUTINE REMINDER:** Children are required to be lining up in two lines downstairs under the Year 1B sign each morning at the first school bell (8.45 am). Please assist your children with this where possible.

**AFTERNOON ROUTINE REMINDER:** Children need to be collected from our lining up area at 3pm or they may walk to the Drop Off/Pick Up Zone. Please ensure your child knows how they are going home in the afternoon and any changes to routine, as this assists in eliminating any confusion or anxiety at the end of the school day. I will walk the class down during the first week to assist with this change in routine from Prep. From Week Two onwards, children will be dismissed from the door.

**LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY DEPARTURE:** If your child arrives late or is leaving early, you will need to sign your child in/out at the office **BEFORE** you come to the classroom. Please note: students CANNOT be released without an early departure slip, even if there are only a few minutes left in the school day.

**PARENT HELPERS:** Parent helpers are always welcomed in the classroom. Reading Groups are a particular area in which assistance is required (Monday – Thursday 10:30 – 11 am). We also welcome volunteers to assist with swimming during your child’s time in the pool (12-12:30 pm each Thursday). All volunteers **MUST** complete the Volunteer Induction with Mrs Douglas or Miss McGhie. Please contact the Office for more details.

### WEEKLY ROUTINE

Monday	Homework sent home (from Week Three)		
	<b>10:30 – 11:00 am</b>	Reading Groups	
Tuesday	<b>10:30 – 11:00 am</b>	Reading Groups	
	<b>2:15 – 3:00pm</b>	Assembly in the Hall	
Wednesday	<b>9:00 - 9:30</b>	Music with Miss McCall	
	<b>9:30 – 10:00 am</b>	Gross Motor	
	<b>10:30 – 11:00 am</b>	Reading Groups	
Thursday	<b>10:30 – 11:00 am</b>	Reading Groups	
	<b>12:00 – 12:30 pm</b>	Swimming with Mrs Robb (Starting date to be confirmed)	
Friday	<b>10:00 - 10:30 am –</b>	Drama with Miss McCall	
	Homework due	Spelling test	Library Borrowing

Yours sincerely

Victoria Tamas-Cao  
**Class Teacher**

Tracey Douglas  
**Principal**



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