

Class Newsletter

Term 1, 2021



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to Geebung! I hope the children have had a relaxing and refreshing holiday and are eager and excited to get back into learning and experiencing the success of achieving their learning goals. I am looking forward to teaching your child in 2021.

Our school rules are to be safe, be a learner, be respectful and be responsible. I expect the year 6A students to demonstrate these rules to the younger students of Geebung State School.

Our subject outlines for this term are below:

ENGLISH

The students will be participating in literacy programs to further develop reading and writing skills. This term we will be examining and creating short stories.

MATHS

We will be interpreting and comparing data displays to make reasoned decisions, and using timetables and cost information to determine schedules.

SCIENCE

We will investigate changes that can be made to materials and how these changes are classified as reversible or irreversible (such as water-ice-water).

HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences)

The students will explore how key figures, events and values shaped Australian society, its system of government and citizenship.

TECHNOLOGY

We will be investigating the functions and interactions of digital components and data transmission in simple networks, and working collaboratively to create a new maze game.

HEALTH

We will look at how people, places and media influence health behaviour.

ART

The students will work towards performing a scripted drama for an audiences.



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HOMework

Homework tasks will be given out on Monday and will include a variety of learning activities, which are important to your child's academic development. It is expected that each student will fully address their homework responsibilities. Homework is to be set out neatly, using a ruler and sharp pencil. Failure to do so will be treated seriously and may result in the homework having to be completed at school during lunch time. If circumstances prevent the completion of homework at home, please write a short note explaining that this is the case in order for consequences to be waived. Please take the time to sign your child's homework book and to have a chat with them about their learning goals for this term.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

The school has developed a Student Code of Conduct policy for both the classroom and playground. In the classrooms, the system below is in place.

Daily Behaviour Management

The students will learn to self-regulate their behaviour using the 'Zones of Regulation'. The students will learn to identify their 'zone' as either:

Blue (sad, sick, tired, bored or moving slowly).

Green (happy, calm, feeling okay, focussed and ready to learn).

Yellow (frustrated, worried, silly/wiggly, excited, losing some control).

Red (mad/angry, terrified, yelling/hitting, elated or out of control).

The students will learn and develop strategies to cope to enable them to maintain or re-establish their 'green zone' for optimal learning potential.

In addition, students will also follow the High 5 strategy in the playground (ignore, talk friendly, walk away, talk firmly, report to an adult).

I will give 'positive decision-making tickets' to those students who are helpful to students and teachers, both in the classroom and at lunchtime. In addition to this, each week, our class will elect a class captain. Our decision for the nominees for class captain will be based on students who are thoughtful and considerate, and who have positive school behaviour for the week. Other class awards are also recognised with a certificate in our Assembly each week.

REMINDERS

NO HAT NO PLAY

Students are required to bring their school hat every day.

Belongings

Please ensure all drink bottles, lunch boxes, books, bags and jumpers/jackets are clearly named to avoid confusion about ownership and so they may be returned if misplaced or left in the classroom.

Bells

Students should not be arriving at school too early. On arriving at school, students should be seated in their lining-up areas. Students who are arriving early often find themselves becoming involved in problem situations which continue once they have entered the class for learning. Students should also be reminded to use the toilets when the first bell rings, rather than using valuable class time.

Being Absent

When your child is absent, please ensure that notes are sent explaining the reasons why they were unable to attend school or please ring our office with an explanation. The phone number to ring when your child is absent is 36238760.

Homework

Homework should come home each Monday afternoon and is due in the following Monday morning.

Use of Toilets

Please encourage your children to use the toilets at appropriate times rather than during class times. We are having students miss important learning time due to visits to the toilets.



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Please read our school newsletter to ensure you are aware of up and coming events.

I look forward to our parent information meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday in week 3, and the parent/teacher interviews in week 8.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am usually available to speak with you in the mornings or afternoons, though please be aware that Wednesday afternoons I will be in a staff meeting.

| Specialist Lessons | |
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| Japanese | Monday 10:00 am – 11:00 am |
| The Arts (Music and Drama) | Thursday 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm |
| PE | Friday 10:30 am – 11:00 am |

Yours sincerely

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Principal



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