

# Class Newsletter

## Term 1, 2023



### Prep B

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the 2023 school year! I hope you all enjoyed your break over the Christmas and New Year period and spent plenty of time together as a family. We have had such a fantastic start to the year, the children have settled into the routine very well and are ready to learn.

There are so many great activities and days and experiences for your child to be engaged in and we are looking forward to a great year.

My name is Sonya Yates and I will be your child's teacher for 2023. This will be my second year at Geebung State School. I was fortunate to be with the prep class in 2022, and prior to that in Year 5. Before joining the Geebung State School Community, I taught in various schools on the northside of Brisbane.

I am a wife and mother to two beautiful children, 22 years and 16 years. As you all start your schooling years with your children, ours is about to finish as our daughter has just started Year 12.

I am looking forward to working with both you and your children and to be a part of the Geebung school. Please feel free to introduce yourself and have a chat and I am looking forward to a great 2023.

At Geebung State School, we 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 we will use to send emails. Often, we will email notes to you as well as send paper copies home. Please remember to check your child's bag and communication folders for notes and other communication items.

If you wish to contact me, you are welcome to email me at [sayat0@eq.edu.au](mailto:sayat0@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 helps with planning, but **please formally notify the office** so the absence can be entered correctly.

**MORNING ROUTINE REMINDER:** Children are required to be lining up in two lines underneath D block each morning at the first school bell (8.45 am). There will be a 'Prep B' sign to indicate our lining up and eating area. Please assist your children with this where possible. There are coloured spots on the ground which will help them find a place to sit.

#### Brain Break

Students may bring a healthy snack every day for brain break at 9:30am. Fruit and vegetables are accepted. Please pack the snack in a **separate NAMED** bag or container and cut the item up for them if they require it.

#### 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 on a table outside the classroom door.

#### Bell Times

Children are to be lined up in their **eating area** when the first bell goes at 8:45am. Parents are to wait **outside the Prep room** 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 5. This will give me time to get to know the students and introduce them to their new homework routine.

#### Outside School Hours Care

Please let me know which days and sessions your child will be attending OSHC so I can assist the staff with the transitions at pick up and drop off.



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**AFTERNOON ROUTINE REMINDER:** Children need to be collected from **outside the Prep building** of an afternoon. If they are booked into After School Care, an OSHC educator will come and collect them from the classroom. 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. Feel free to email me to inform me of any changes so I can assist your child of an afternoon.

**LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY DEPARTURE:** If your child arrives late or 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:** The first term will be all about introducing routine and getting used to our new environment. In term 2, we would LOVE to have some parents come in and assist in literacy rotations. I will keep you updated with information regarding volunteering as term 2 approaches. **All volunteers MUST complete the Volunteer Induction.** Please contact the office for more details as to when these sessions are being run.

### Weekly Routine

<b>Tuesday</b> (CHILDREN WEAR FORMAL UNIFORM)	Assembly – 2:15pm EVERY SECOND WEEK
<b>Wednesday</b> (CHILDREN WEAR GREEN SPORTS UNIFORM)	Music - Mrs Gibson – 12.00pm Gross Motor- Mr Stout – 12.30pm
<b>Thursday</b> (CHILDREN WEAR GREEN SPORTS UNIFORM)	Homework Returned to School Physical Education - Mr Stout – 12.00pm
<b>Friday</b>	Library – 10.30am Drama – Mrs Gibson 12.00pm Health – Mrs Devine – 12:30pm Homework Sent Home in week 5.

Yours sincerely

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Class Teacher

Tracey Douglas  
Principal



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