

Class Newsletter

Term 1, 2023



Prep C

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the 2023 school year! I hope you all enjoyed your break over the Christmas and New Year period. My name is Shannon Cash and I will be your child's teacher for 2023. This will be my second year at Geebung State School. I am really looking forward to working with your children and the amazing staff at our school. Prior to 2022, I have lived and taught in Brisbane state schools since 2003. I am also a mother of three children (15, 13 & 4). I am enjoying working at Geebung State School and getting to know the school and the wonderful community. If I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you already, please feel free to introduce yourself and have a chat.

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 scash21@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 assist us 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 C' sign to indicate our lining up and eating area. Please assist your children with this where possible.

AFTERNOON ROUTINE REMINDER: Children need to be collected from underneath D block 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.

REMINDERS

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.

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 inside 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 3. This will allow me time to get to know the students and introduce them to their new homework routine.

Parent Information Sessions

TBC

3:30pm **OR** 4:00pm



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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 beginning few weeks will be all about introducing routine and getting used to our new environment. Eventually, we would LOVE to have some parents come in and assist in rotations. I will keep you updated about when this will begin and when we will be having rotations. **All volunteers MUST complete the Volunteer Induction with Mrs Douglas or Ms McGhie. Please contact the office for more details.**

Weekly Routine

Tuesday	Assembly – 2:15pm (P-2 even wk) (3-6 odd wk)
Wednesday	Music – 12:00 – 12:30pm Gross Motor – 12:30 – 1:00pm
Thursday	Physical Education – 12:30 – 1:00pm
Friday	Library – 10:30 – 11:00pm Health – 2:00 – 2:30pm Drama – 2:30 – 3:00pm

I look forward to meeting you all and seeing what the year ahead will bring. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or queries.

Yours sincerely

Shannon Cash
Class Teacher

Tracey Douglas
Principal



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