Class Newsletter Term 3, 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope the children have had a wonderful rest and are ready to engage in what promises to be a very busy and exciting term ahead. Outlined below is a brief snapshot of what we will be studying this term.

ENGLISH

Students will continue to engage in various literacy programs to continue to develop reading and writing skills. The writing unit is a persuasive text. Students will be assigned a point of view to research and collect evidence, then use that evidence to explain, respond and challenge other's ideas. They will make a presentation and contribute actively to a panel discussion. We will continue with the Sound Waves spelling program and reading and writing skills.

MATHS

The students will be investigating a variety of concepts such as fractions, decimals, percentage, number properties integers, Cartesian planes and transformations. Problem solving continues to be a focus, using the four operations and the See Plan Do Check model.

HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences)

The HASS unit this term is 'Australia in a diverse world'. Students will explore how places, people and culture differ across the world. Some concepts investigated will be geographic location and the differences in the economic, demographic and social characteristics of countries across the world.

SCIENCE

In this unit students will investigate electrical circuits as a means of transferring and transforming electricity. They will design and construct electrical circuits to make observations, develop explanations and perform specific tasks, using materials and equipment safely. Students will explore how energy from a variety of sources can be used to generate electricity and identify energy transformations associated with different methods of electricity production.

HOMEWORK

Homework will continue to be sent home on Friday and MUST be returned on Friday of the next week. Please take the time to **sign your child's Homework Overview Sheet** and chat with them about their learning goals for this term.

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 and an additional task 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 feel free to support your child with work at home, informing me if your child is having difficulties with any aspect of learning activities being taught at school. Parental involvement in the learning process is most important.



REMINDERS

Diary and Note Folder

Students need to bring their diary and note folder to school every day and check their diary each night to make sure they are aware of due dates and upcoming events.

Crunch Brain Break

Students will need to bring a piece of fruit or vegetables every day for brain break. Only fruit and vegetables are accepted for this snack.

NO HAT NO PLAY

Students are required to bring their school hat every day.

Bells

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

Drink Bottles

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

Jumpers

Please ensure all jumpers and jackets are clearly named to avoid confusion about ownership and so they may be returned if misplaced or left in the classroom.



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STUDENT DIARIES

Students are encouraged to take their diary home daily. Consistently using a diary enables students to develop essential skills needed for high school. The purpose of the diary is for students to keep themselves informed of school notices and to diarise events, assessment times and deadlines. The diary can also form a line of communication between school and parents.

YEAR 6 CAMP

This term, Year 6 will be going to the Sunshine Coast Recreational Centre camp at Currimundi in Term 4 Week 1. The dates are Wednesday 4th October to Friday 6th of October. A permission booklet will be sent home in the second week of Term 3 to be returned by Friday 4th August.

The full cost of \$240 covers bus transport, food and accommodation and all the activities the children are involved in. Once an invoice has been issued, payments will be accepted in cash, online, by EFTPOS and can be made in part also.

A reminder that full payment must be finalised by Friday 25th August.

A parent information session will be held in 6A's classroom on **Wednesday 2 August (Week 4) at 5:00pm** to give you further information about the camp and to answer any questions you might have.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is essential to ensure your child's educational journey continues to be as successful as possible. Remember consistent attendance is important.

BEHAVIOUR

Students are aware and reminded every day of the Geebung State School behaviour policy. It is expected that students follow the school rules *being respectful, being safe, being a learner and being responsible* both inside and outside the classroom and in every class, they attend.

Expectations for classroom behaviour and work standards are high.

Please remember, the door to 6B is always open. If you need to see me for any reason please come and make an appointment. Mornings are not always convenient as I am usually setting up for the day. I encourage you to contact me first if you have *any* concerns, so we can deal with the issue together. I can be contacted directly or by email at <u>bgrah41@eq.edu.au</u>. Likewise, I will contact you if I have any concerns about your child academically or behaviourally.

Weekly Routine

Monday	Japanese	9:00 am
Monday	Music	10:00 am
Tuesday	Health	9:30 am
Wednesday	Library borrowing	2.30 pm
Tuesday	Assembly (odd weeks)	2:15 pm
Thursday	Prep Buddies	2:30 pm
Friday	PE	2:30 pm

Please read our school newsletter to ensure you are aware of up-and-coming events. We look forward to your support and working with your child throughout Term 3.

Kind regards



Bill Graham Class Teacher Tracey Douglas Principal

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