

# GEHAM STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Monday 2nd September 2019  
Week 8

## PLEASE RETURN

Year 4, 5 & 6 Camp Deposit  
and Permission

School Production DVD order

## DATE CLAIMERS

September

2 Sept - Parade, Prep & Yr 1  
20 to 22 Sept - Craft Show  
21 Sept to 6 Oct - Holidays  
7 October - Public Holiday

## SCHOOL CAMPS

8 - 11 October - Year 6  
17 - 18 October - Year 4 & 5

## General Information

Office Hours  
8am—3.30pm

Parade  
Every Monday at 2.45pm

Phone  
Ph: 4612 6333

Absence Line  
Ph: 4612 6366

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our explicit improvement agenda this year is focused around the consistent, explicit and targeted teaching of writing. We have also continued to shine a light on Reading, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program in the school. As part of this we have continued to:

- Develop a whole school approach to our teaching and learning programs
- Deliver the intended curriculum with learning intentions and success criteria for each unit of work
- Track data to identify gaps in learning and identify next steps
- Address difficulties through a tiered approach—good first teaching, case management and early intervention
- Embed processes for targeted descriptive feedback
- Set individual goals around English, Maths and Behaviour

Last week I spent time in every classroom speaking to students about their learning – what they were learning, why they were learning it, how they were going and what would they do if they needed help. I was very impressed with the level of conversation I had with all students from Preps right through to our year 6 students. At home, you can ask your children about their learning and what they are working on to improve.

## MAKING A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Last Thursday we welcomed Mr Scott Rowan (the Principal) and Mr Dan Norris (the Deputy Principal) from Highfields State Secondary College. They spoke to all the year 6 students about making a smooth transition to secondary school. They gave some general information on how to promote a successful start to high school, regardless of which school the students will be attending. They also provided support and encouragement to ‘empower positivity’ in the students to ‘finish’ their last year at primary school to the best of their ability.

## TEACHER AIDE DAY

A big thankyou to our amazing Teacher Aides, as we celebrate International Teacher Aide Day. Thank you for your hard work and support assisting our students and teachers. We all hope you enjoy your special day of celebration this Thursday.



I would like to take the opportunity to wish all the dads in our community a very Happy Father's Day for Sunday and I hope that the occasion provided some wonderful family time and fun.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Prep	Name withdrawn	Mrs Thornton	Mia M
Year 1	Ella V	Mrs Kahler	Alexis N
Year 2	Cooper L	Ms Meagher	Chance G
Year 3	Noah H	Mrs Patzwald	Skye W
Year 4	Darcy Mc	Mrs O'Brien	William E
Year 5	Sienna L	Ms Attrill	Billy Pa
Year 6	Chris D	Mrs Long	Nevaeh A



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## GEHAM BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Mistakes, failures and challenges are positive and help us learn new things.

Mistakes have the power to turn you into something better than you were before.

Mistakes are proof that you are trying.

Mistakes  
are  
PROOF  
you're  
TRYING

**Growth Mindset—Don't forget the Power of Yet!**



Thank you to everyone who supported the Father's Day Stall. Student Council made a profit of \$109.00



### KIDS HELPING KIDS

To continue the Yr 5 Science Week theme of sustainability we are asking everyone to bring in their washed milk bottle, water bottle and soft drink bottle tops – we will be sending them to a group who melts them down and turns them in to prosthetic hands for children around the world in need.

“Bottle caps are fully recyclable. Unfortunately, as reported on ABC’s ‘War on Waste’, they aren’t being recycled. After considerable experimentation we have successfully taken this plastic and extruded it to create functioning filament for 3D printers. Once we have the filament we 3D print all the components that make up the hand.”

Please drop your lids in to the special collection bins in the office and outside the Yr 5 classroom. Visit the website <https://envision.org.au/>

[envision-hands/](https://envision-hands/) for more information and please help us to help others.



Please donate your TRC Plant



voucher to the school!

### TOURETTE'S SYNDROME

With parent permission I would like to introduce you to a new student in the year 4 room. Levi has Tourette's Syndrome. Tourette's is a neurological disorder characterised by involuntary body movements and vocalizations. Levi has both motor and vocal tics. Further resources about Tourette Syndrome are available through the Tourette Syndrome Association Australia found at <https://tourette.org.au/> or their Facebook Forum.



Musical Production DVD's will be available to purchase by ordering. Complete the order slip below and return to the office. DVD's are \$5 each and will be available to collect by the end of the term.

#### School Musical Production DVD Order

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of copies: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$5 payment enclosed/pay at collection**

**HIGHFIELDS**

Sign on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> September 5:30 pm

Highfields Fitness and Recreation

Centre

**SWIM CLUB**

ages 5-18

All ability levels welcome!

### Disability Action Week



**Fun Fair!**



West Toowoomba Croquet Club

is hosting a

**Croquet for All Fun Fair**

at Newtown Park,

147a Taylor Street, Toowoomba

on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

1.00pm to 5.00pm.

There will be croquet, g-ball, bocce, fairy floss, face painting, refreshments, party bags

More details (07) 4633 0911

Email: [westtoowoomba@croquetqld.org](mailto:westtoowoomba@croquetqld.org)

or check out this free event on their facebook page

