

# THE GEN

## UPDATE TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Yesterday we received a memo from the Education Minister indicating that Tasmanian states schools will be starting their Easter holiday break earlier, making their last day Friday, April 2nd. We have been advised that at this stage having schools open is not a health risk, therefore, the Geneva Board and I have made the decision to keep the school open and finish the term two days earlier, making our last day Tuesday, April 7th. Teachers will remain at school until Thursday to start their planning for Term 2.

If families have decided or will decide to self-isolate and not return to school this term, I am fully supportive of that and along with my staff will seek to facilitate your child's continued learning while at home for these next few weeks. Self-isolation means that households limit their movements and stay home, with one family member only going out for supplies and undertaking necessary business. So please don't take you children to shopping centres or supermarkets, or let them ride their bike to the park, they must practise social distancing in the wider community.

At this stage we cannot forecast what Term 2 will look like. If we will be fully operational, or not, is difficult to say, however I will keep you informed via email and our face book page, as official information comes to me. Please understand I cannot make decisions based on innuendo or supposition and will act only on direct instruction from the authorities. At this stage Geneva will remain open and operating.

Thank you to those families who have shown and offered their support and sent words of encouragement during this difficult season. It is not something any of us envisaged and certainly don't wish to repeat. But like real seasons, there is something good that seems to always come out of them. We have observed students rise up and take the lead, we have seen precious gifts of love and random acts of kindness and these are the moments where teachers realise their efforts are not in vain. For the growth of a child is not merely their intellectual knowledge, but how they behave, react, respond and treat others. So thank you again for the privilege of sharing the journey with you in training your children for now and eternity!

Sincerely,

Rosemary Lincolne - Principal



### VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## KINDER

Ezra Ziesel & Chester O'Neill for being a positive and cheerful classmate.

## PREP

Luca Fauvette for working diligently and always getting his work done.

## YEAR 1

Hudson Ward for working well independently and a good attitude to his learning

## YEAR 2

Peter Echikwonye for settling in well at Geneva. Great job!

## YEAR 3

Ella Overton for working well on her Pace goals and for catching up. Also for being very helpful and polite.

## YEAR 4

Jacoub Abdou for finishing all his goals for the whole week.

## YEAR 5

Daisy Cassidy for settling in well and achieving her goals.  
Sophie Atkins for an amazing effort in all of her work areas.

## YEAR 6

The whole year 6 class for being positive and responsible.

## YEAR 7

Theodore Spedding for being hard working, polite and showing excellent manners, as well as doing a great job in Fablab.

## YEAR 8

Brady Humble for having a focused and productive work ethic. Well done!

## YEAR 9

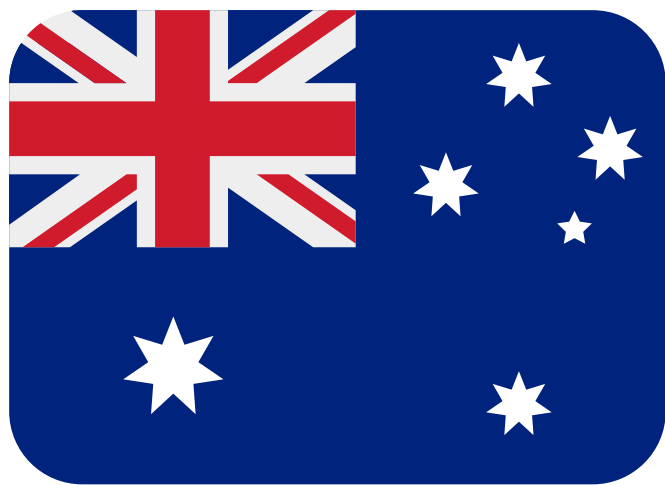
Ben Young for an epic work ethic.

## YEAR 10

Daniel Rouse for being a dead-seat, true-blue, fair-dinkum, Aussie legend! Also for his diligent work ethic and positive contribution to all classes.

## YEAR 11/12

Georgie Brown for great achievement in her Modern History assignment.



## WEAR RED, WHITE & BLUE 'COME ON AUSSIE'

It is no secret that our economic climate has taken a bashing with the current state of the COVID-19 virus around the world. So this **Friday, TOMORROW**, we want to mark the day by wearing red, white and blue (staff & students), flying the flag high and encouraging and celebrating what it means to be Australian. The gold coin donation will go to a local business in our community that suffered this last week with a break in, resulting in a large amount of stock being stolen, worth thousands of dollars. We want to show our support and love to others:)

"Come on Aussie"

## 1ST TERM FEES

Dear Families,  
Fee statements were emailed out today.  
If you have not yet paid first term fees, please can you organise payment before the end of term.  
Our bank details are:  
Geneva  
BSB 067402  
Acc No. 00920653

We realise we are in difficult economic times and appreciate that families are committed to paying fees on time. We here at Geneva have bills and wages to pay to keep things ticking over and are thankful for your efforts in helping us do that :)



# WEEK 8 PHOTOS



Kinder enjoying watching the progress on our new building.



Staff enjoying morning tea whilst adhering to social distancing regulations.





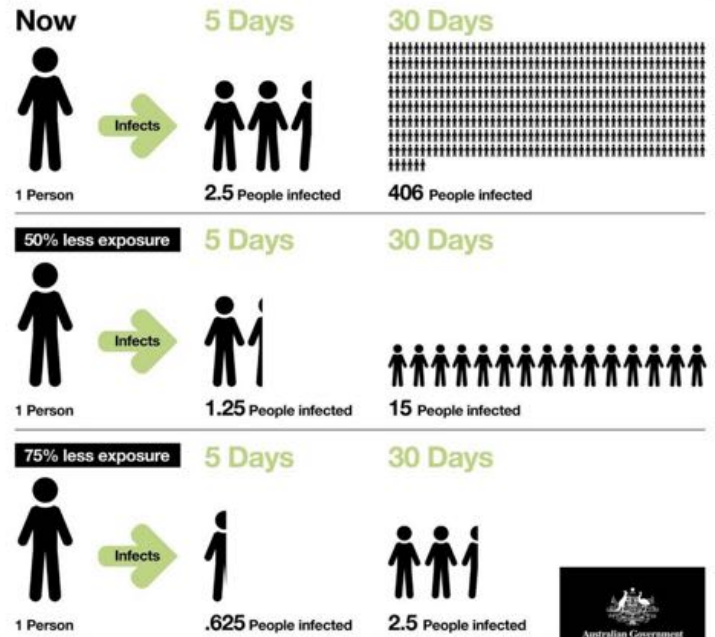
# INFORMATION:

## WHERE CAN I GET ADVICE ABOUT COVID-19?

For the latest advice, information and resources about coronavirus go to the Australian Government Department of Health website at [www.healthtas.gov.au](http://www.healthtas.gov.au) and follow the link from the homepage. For general information about COVID-19, including the national response, call the National Coronavirus information line on **1800 020 080** (24 hours, 7 days). If you require translating or interpreting services call **131 450**. The Tasmanian Government Department of Health website ([www.health.tas.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.health.tas.gov.au/coronavirus)) has information about how the situation is being monitored in Tasmania. You can also follow the Department of Health on facebook for updates at [www.facebook.com/healthtas](https://www.facebook.com/healthtas)

## Why social distancing matters

Social distancing of 1.5 metres decreases the exposure of coronavirus (COVID-19).



## RUMPUS & RUCKUS CANCELLED

Rumpus and Ruckus are both cancelled until further notice. Stay tuned on their social medias for online services and updates.

## SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE **PAUSED**

Notice from CommBank School Banking: The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, **School Banking has been temporarily paused from 20 March 2020 until the start of Term 2**. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.



Disease Prevention

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least **20 seconds**

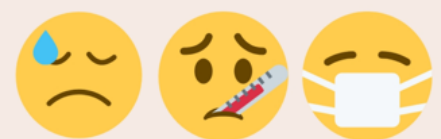
SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

IT'S NORMAL TO FEEL SAD, STRESSED, CONFUSED, SCARED OR ANGRY DURING A CRISIS.



TALK TO PEOPLE YOU TRUST, SUCH AS FRIENDS AND FAMILY OR YOUR FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

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If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early