

Weekly Newsletter



A BROKEN WORLD, BUT THERE IS HOPE!

The news of late has not been nice. We have the massive loss of life in Turkey and Syria, from two earthquakes. Closer to home, two miners are missing in Queensland and this morning I read where youth crime in Toowoomba has escalated to such a point that regular families do not feel safe in their own homes. Why do bad things happen? As humans, we often feel the need to blame someone or something, and there are times that bad things occur because people do bad stuff. The fact is, we are all living in a broken world. From the beginning of time, at Creation, God gave us a set of instructions. There was peace, order and directions. If everything operated within those structures, then all was well. However, when people make choices to live outside this set of structures, the result affects themselves and others negatively and is generally always damaging. God, through His Son Jesus, made a way for things to be brought back to peace and order. If you feel that your life is out of control and you need direction, peace and joy, then please come into school and talk with the class teacher, our Chaplains or me. In this broken world, there is hope, and this is the hope we share with the students everyday, Jesus!

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

PRAYER POINTS:

- Praise God for a great first week back!
- Thank God for new friendships being formed.
- Pray for the emergency crisis in Turkey and Syria
- Pray that we all keep our minds on things above and not be confused by the things of this world.

Geneva Christian College PROVERBS 3:6

STUDENT'S OF THE WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS!

KINDER:

Eltani Spaulding - for having a thankful, happy heart

PREP:

Allegra O'Neill - being an enthusiastic student and putting in the effort to make her work neat

Jayger Crowden - for consistently exemplifying The Golden Rule by being kind to his friends

YEAR 1:

Amity Conway - for a wonderful start at Geneva and her careful listening

Charlie McKerrow - for being a champion on our nature walk and for a great start at Geneva

YEAR 2:

Maci McIntee - for her wonderful helpful ways

Hudson Johnson - for his quiet 'can do' approach to all tasks

YEAR 3:

Millicent O'Neill - for being a great help to her teachers in all subjects

Mason Blackberry - for fantastic work during PACE time and giving his all to his work

YEAR 4:

Olivia Lambert - for a great effort in Auslan

Charlie Harker - for a great effort in Auslan

YEAR 5:

Rosie Broomhall - for her amazing listening in class and showing kindness toward our new students

Jax Miles - for his excellent work in handwriting and a fantastic start to the year

YEAR 6:

Margaret Hume - for a great start to Geneva

Toby Ralph - a great start to Geneva

YEAR 7:

Alessi McKerrow - for settling in well and doing her best to be friendly and hardworking

Nathan Veridiano - for reciting both Scripture passages in Week 1 as well as being exemplary in his work habits and ethic

YEAR 8:

Kaitlyn Overton - for working diligently across all areas and for reciting both Scripture passages

Bryce Newton - for applying himself well to his classes and in turn achieving some great results.

Well done on a great start to Geneva

YEAR 9:

Jaime Harris - for her lovely attitude and great application to her work

Oliver Carroll - for a great effort in Math

YEAR 10:

Maeve McDowell - for her willingness and eagerness to give things a go

Angus Robertson - for his up-beat attitude and going out of his way to help others

YEAR 11/12:

Amber Jordan-Wells - for a most impressive and tidy locker

Xavier Murray - for an outstanding recital of Proverbs 3:1-24

EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK

Tony Forward - because he's great and he painted our classroom wall

INFORMATION

BUS TAGS & APP

By now, everyone should have received an email inviting you to our new Rollcall parent app, (if you have not received this email, please contact the office). If your students are not travelling on the bus for any reason, please follow the following steps:

- Log into the Rollcall app
- Click on the 'Bus absence' tab at the bottom of your screen
- Click on the plus sign top right, and that takes you to a screen where you can remove your child from the bus, on one occasion, or for as long as is needed

By doing this, it helps our drivers and staff. It also, as we are not looking for students who are not travelling. If you have any questions please email darren.eyles@geneva.tas.edu.au

SCHOOL TIMES

A reminder that our school day commences at 8:45am and ends at 3:05pm and buses leave at 3:10pm. We ask that children arrive at school no earlier than 15 minutes prior to class. This will ensure that there is adequate supervision while they are on premises.

STANDARDISED TESTING

As part of whole school learning support, specific standardised tests and screener tests are administered throughout the year based on Classroom Teacher referral. The information gathered from these assessments is confidential and is used to monitor student progress and to assist in planning and learning. If results indicated that further professional assessment is required, parents will be consulted.

MATHS PATHWAY

We are very excited to continue the great developments in the subject area of math. Here at Geneva, we have adopted the program Maths Pathway and to date have found it a great tool for all students. Traditionally in schools, it has been extremely difficult for one teacher to cater to the learning needs of 20 individual students. As a result, not every student has experienced success in maths, with many students finding it particularly stressful or difficult. Our teaching team is now working very hard to change that, by evolving the way we teach maths so that instead of all students learning the same topic at the same time, each student will focus on only what they are ready to learn. This means that every student can experience success in maths. Along with these individual paths, students will take part in mini groups and targeted learning. Over the next few weeks, all parents would have access to the program themselves to view the progress themselves. PARENTS: There is a great website called, mindset.org this is well worth exploring if you are wanting some tools in parenting.

INFORMATION

TERM DATES 2023

TERM 1:
February 7 - April 6
(9 weeks)

TERM 2:
April 26 - June 30
(10 weeks)

TERM 3:
July 25 - September 29
(10 weeks)

TERM 4:
October 17 - December 20
(10 weeks)

STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS

Student Medical forms have been issued to each child and we ask that they are completed and returned to school as soon as possible or emailed to the Front Office.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



Reminder: Book club orders are due back next Wednesday, February 22nd. Alternatively, you can order online at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

THE LION KING

Secondary students will be involved in bringing the Lion King to the Latrobe Memorial stage during the last week of June this year. This show requires special preparation in the form of large puppet making. If you are interested in learning or know the art of puppet making, please call Teresa Bentley on 0437706963.



KOMODO

This year we are partnering with a student wellness program called Komodo. A summary of what Komodo does is that they make it easy for schools to do regular student wellbeing surveys from Year 1 - 12. Komodo sends a wellbeing survey every fortnight, which will ask students questions about how they are feeling, how school life is, what is happening in their world, etc. The survey takes all of about 2-3 minutes and students will do it on an iPad or their laptop. Once the survey is done the program will send the teacher and chaplain's a report with students who may raise issues or areas of improvement. This survey will also make it easier for students who don't feel comfortable speaking to others. All information remains private and if any concerns are raised, parents would certainly be notified. If you do not wish your child to be involved, simply let the class teacher know. If you would like any further information, please feel free to contact the school chaplains: Mr Dance, Mrs Lincolne or Mr Eyles.

INFORMATION

STAMP & COLLECTABLES FAIR

Are you interested in collecting stamps or coins or any other objects? The Devonport Stamp and Collectables Club are holding a Stamp Hunt and a 2c Coin Hunt for children at our Fair on Saturday 4th March at the Latrobe Memorial Hall from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Admission is \$2 adults children are free. Along with the Stamp & Coin Hunts there will be a free Stamp and Collectables fun bag available for all children. Hope to see you there. Enquires to Merilyn on 0407335487.

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

Our first P&F meeting for 2023 will be held on Monday, February 20th at 10am. Everyone is welcome to attend.



WOOLWORTHS BRICKS

If anyone is collecting these and doesn't want them, we would love them for our Kitchen Garden program.

Thank you!!



NAPLAN - YEAR 3,5,7,9

National Testing for Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students is usually conducted in Term 2. However, this year the testing has been moved forward and will be held in Term 1. The dates for testing are March 15-17.



MUSIC INSTRUMENT LESSONS

Would your child like to learn an instrument? At Geneva we provide opportunities for students to take lessons in piano, guitar, bass, drums and now violin, viola and cello. We are very excited to be able to pursue a strings program in 2023, and this will include lessons on a string instrument. More detail on that later, but for now, contact our music teacher, Peter Atkins if you are interested in starting music lessons. He can provide more information - peter.atkins@geneva.tas.edu.au.



WEEK 2 PHOTOS



LITTLE GEMS







AGRICULTURE



YEAR 10 INTERLAKEN CAMP



FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
05	06 Week 1 	07 	08 	09 	10 Canteen 	11
12	13 Week 2  Year 10 Interlaken	14  Year 10 Interlaken	15  Year 10 Interlaken	16	17 Canteen	18
19	20 Week 3	21	22 	23	24 Canteen	25
26	27 Week 4	28	01 	02	03	04

MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	01 	02	03 Canteen Outdoor Ed Hike	04
05	06 Week 5	07	08 	09	10 Canteen	11 Long Weekend
12 Long Weekend	13 Week 6 Long Weekend	14	15  NAFLAN Outdoor Ed/ Outdoor Leadership camp	16 NAFLAN Outdoor Ed/ Outdoor Leadership camp	17 Canteen NAFLAN Outdoor Ed/ Outdoor Leadership camp	18
19	20 Week 7	21	22  Year 7 Interlaken	23 Year 7 Interlaken	24 Canteen Year 7 Interlaken	25
26	27 Week 8	28	29  Year 8 Interlaken	30 Year 8 Interlaken	31 Canteen Outdoor Ed Hike Year 8 Interlaken	01

APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	27	28	29 	30	31	01
02	03 Week 9	04 Year 11/12 Interlaken	05  Year 11/12 Interlaken	06 Last day of Term 1 Year 11/12 Interlaken	07 Good Friday	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Term 2 commences	26	27	28	29
30	01	02	03	04	05	06