



Casual Clothes  
Day tomorrow

## TERM 1, WEEK 6, 2024

### VERSE OF THE WEEK:

You are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord turns my darkness into light.

2 Samuel 22:29

### PRAYER/PRAISE POINTS:

- Pray for students undergoing NAPLAN this week.
- Thank God for another week of lovely weather.
- Praise God for the country we live in.
- Pray for the countries that are under the influence of war.

### SCHOOL FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR:

- Clarke
- Close
- Cohen
- Colledge
- Conway/Richardson

## UNITED WE STAND!

*A message from our Principal*

As you are now aware, our core values for Geneva are Community, Faith, Hope & Love. Today, I want to talk about Community. The dictionary defines community as a group of people living or working in the same place or having and sharing a particular characteristic, interest, or purpose in common. We see Geneva as a community and thus in essence are a group of people (staff, students & families) who share a communal goal. We seek to partner with families to educate, instruct and nurture their children through their primary and secondary years of schooling, with the end aim, being young people who are not only flourishing, but are committed, caring and contributing citizens of our world.

It is a tough gig at times and so the word partnering is important in a community. To reach the end goal, we need to work together: home & school. This means we should have similar expectations, boundaries, rules, rewards and consequences when it comes to our children's behaviours, attitudes and performance. If this happens, our children then know we are all in this together. There is 'no them or us' mentality.

Parents, if you ever have any concerns, please get on the phone or send an email to the class teacher. Find out the full story and let's fix any misunderstandings or misinformation, together, for we know that if we are united, we will stand and we will succeed, with God's help!!

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## KINDER:

**Archie Youd** - for showing care and concern for his friends when they had missed out

## PREP:

**Spencer Davis** - for writing her name neatly and forming all the letters correctly

## YEAR 1:

**Lillee Wilkins** - for her smart choices and for being respectful

**Dominic Harris** - for settling so well into his new class and for being kind and helpful

## YEAR 2:

**Phoenix Delaney** - for making responsible choices

**Charlie McKerrow** - for learning quickly from mistakes

## YEAR 3:

**Payton Wyllie** - for her excellent participation in cooking and putting others first (Philippians 2:3)

**Enoch Shabi** - for listening extremely well in Kitchen (Proverbs 19:20)

## YEAR 4:

**Summah Hannon** - for persevering with her running during sport

**Eli Stephenson** - having a good, productive week

## YEAR 5:

**Chanel Cetaj** - for kindly supporting other students and completing her first round of PACEs

**Blake Malas** - for his greatly improved focus and attitude toward learning tasks

## YEAR 6:

**Sophie Ralph** - for her thoughtful work on her storyboard project

**Elliott Wilkins** - for his interesting storyboard

**Class of the Week in Assembly** - Year 4

## YEAR 7:

**Monique Carman** - for being a neat and diligent worker as well as being polite and well-mannered  
**Jon Hutchinson** - for being respectful, hardworking and a great contributor during class Devotions

## YEAR 8:

**Brianna Metcalf** - for working diligently to complete set tasks

**Jack Schelbach** - for producing quality work

## YEAR 9:

**Daisy Cassidy** - for great perseverance towards more challenging work

**Corey Hyland** - for a fantastic attitude towards his school work

## YEAR 10:

**Jessica Bateman** - for her great work and determination in Math

**Tayla Dolega** - for her positive attitude that she brings each day

## YEAR 11/12:

**Charlee Gardam** - for working hard on her diorama in Working with Children

**Peter Metz** - for great email communication with teachers regarding assignments

## EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK

**Mr Jack Dance** - for being 'so great' and caring for others

**Mrs Jess Deverell** - for her caring attitude towards students and staff

thank you

# WEEK 6 INFORMATION

## WINTER UNIFORM - TERM 2

In Term 2, our students commence wearing the Winter Uniform.

- For boys, this means no change.
- Primary girls are to wear the primary winter tunic, bottle green skivvy, bottle green tights (or bottle green socks) with their cardigan and polishable black formal shoes.
- Secondary girls are to wear the secondary winter tunic, white collared shirt, bottle green tie, black tights, with their blazer and black polishable formal shoes (green jumper optional).

Please note, girls winter tunics are dry clean only.

Due to limited staff in the office, we encourage uniform sales during school hours (10am-2pm) to avoid before and after school rush. Alternatively, the uniform shop will be open during the second week of the holidays, please email the front office at [frontoffice@geneva.tas.edu.au](mailto:frontoffice@geneva.tas.edu.au) to book an appropriate time.



## CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

**Tomorrow** is casual clothes day. Students may wear neat, modest casual clothes for a gold coin donation. All proceeds go to Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes.

## P&F DATES/EVENTS TO REMEMBER

Saturday, May 25 – Geneva Fireworks

Friday, June 21 – Pie Drive

Friday, August 23 – Time & Talent Auction

Saturday, October 25 – Trivia Night

## PRIMARY TEA TOWELS

Last week Primary school families would have received information regarding a fundraiser for school tea towels. If you would like one, please return your order form to the front office by March 27. Attached is an example.



## RABBIT HUTCH

This year, a group of Agriculture students are breeding rabbits as part of their enterprise. They are in need of rabbit hutches. If you have one sitting around that is not longer required and would like to sell or donate, please contact the Front Office.



## HANDWRITING AWARDS

Congratulations the following students who received the Handwriting Award this week:

Kinder – Chase Crowden

Prep – Eltani Spaulding

Year 1 – Maggie McGuire & Daniel Shabi

Year 2 – Marlena Gold & Harlan Cetaj

Year 3 – Pippah Whiteley & Ezra Ziesel

Year 4 – Mianè Fourie & Billy Reid

Year 5 – Dunay Van Der Schyff & Charlie Harker

Year 6 – Jake Mather-Norris



# WEEK 6 PHOTOS

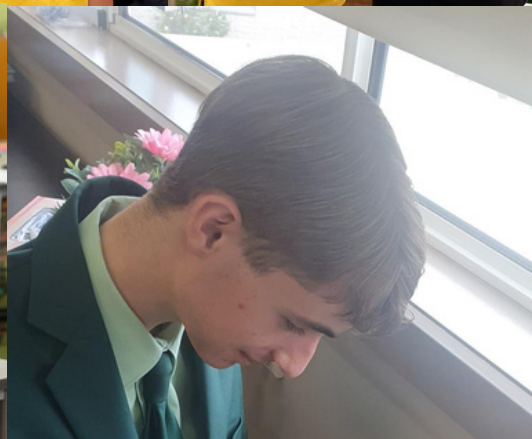
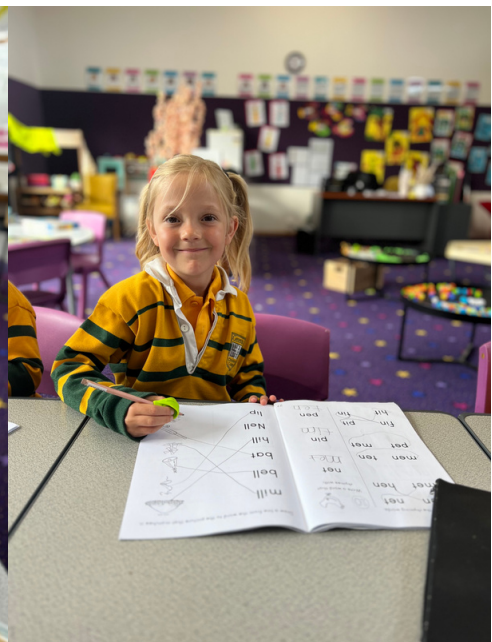
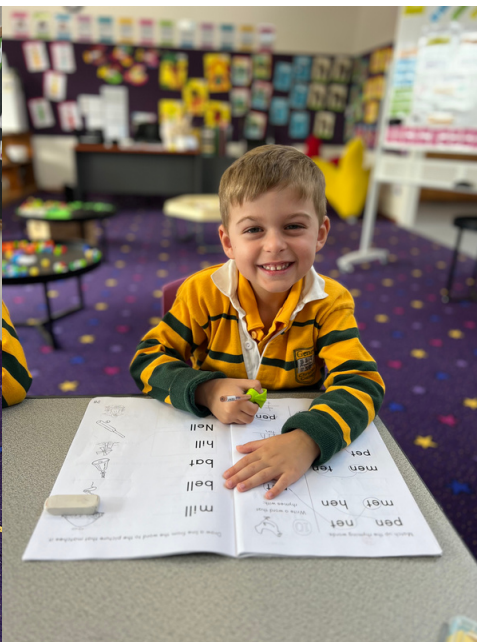


Congratulations to our Year 12 student, Angus Robertson who recently represented Geneva at the Tasmania Schools Rowing Championships at Lake Barrington. Well done, Angus!





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# E-SAFETY

eSafety is Australia's independent regulator for online safety. You can access information about online risk and safety at their website. [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

## Set strong passcodes

TIP: Make sure all your passcodes are strong, secret and safe. Strong passcodes are long and hard to guess. Always keep your passcodes secret.



## Signs your online friend might be fishy

- You feel that something is not right
- Things don't add up
- They tell you their webcam is broken
- They contact you a lot and in different ways
- They ask you who else uses your computer or tablet
- They ask you for favours and do things in return
- They say they like your appearance or body
- They insist on meeting
- They want to keep your relationship secret



## Do you have a friend being bullied online?

Be an upstander, not a bystander. There are heaps of ways you can act. Start by asking if your friend is OK.



# MUSIC LESSONS

Would you like to learn a musical instrument at Geneva? We have tutors who are giving lessons in piano, guitar, bass, violin, viola and cello. Now that the year is under way, It is a great time to think about taking up individual music lessons. These can be during school lunch or morning tea or before or after school. Music lessons like this have been shown to help people become better learners in every subject - increasing cognitive capacity, creativity and confidence. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Peter Atkins (music teacher) - [peter.atkins@geneva.tas.edu.au](mailto:peter.atkins@geneva.tas.edu.au).





# NEW STAFF TO GENEVA

This year we welcome 6 new staff members. Over the coming weeks, we will introduce them to you and learn a bit about them.



Mrs Savannah Ritchie

Mrs Savannah Ritchie is a Teacher Aide in Year 7.

1. **What were you doing before you started at Geneva?** I was working as a building designer and did a couple of months as a TA at Queechy High School in Launceston.
2. **What are your hobbies?** I enjoy reading and riding dirt bikes.
3. **What is your favourite food?** I love ice cream and chocolate.
4. **What do you like about working at Geneva?** I like how friendly the staff are. You are instantly welcomed and accepted by everyone. It's a very loving and positive environment to work in.

## LOTS OF SOCKS DAY

Next Wednesday, March 20 we are celebrating Down Syndrome Day. Students may wear brightly coloured or odd socks for a gold coin donation. Normal uniform as per timetable. The 'Lots of Socks' campaign is a celebration of everything that makes all of us different, and yet the same. The sock idea comes from the fact they look like chromosomes and demonstrates how we are all different and worthy. Wear your brightest and boldest socks to celebrate Down syndrome Day.



# THE 'FIERY FURNACE SHIELD' ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our annual athletics day is on THURSDAY, MARCH 28th here at Geneva. Our house teams are Shadrach (yellow), Meshach (red), Abednego (blue) and students will seriously compete for points toward the FIERY FURNACE SHIELD, a highly sought after prize awarded at the end of the year! Your child has been allocated to a team. If you are not sure which one, please contact the class teacher.

## WHEN

Thursday, March 28th commencing at 9:30am and finishing with awards at approximately 2:30pm

## WHO

All students, parents, relatives and friends. Please come and make this a fun day.

## WHAT

Events will include running, vortex throw, jumps, water relay and lots more.

## WHAT TO WEAR

Students can dress in their house colours. Hats, face paint, streamers, balloons are all acceptable in their team colours. Staff have also been allocated to a house. This is a great time of competition and fun, so please get enthusiastic with your children. Don't forget your sunscreen.

## WHAT TO EAT

Students can bring their usual cut lunch and water bottle . Alternatively there will be a free sausage sizzle on the day for everyone to enjoy.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the front office.

