DATES TO REMEMBER
P&F Bonfire & Fireworks Night
Saturday, May 21st
P&F Time & Talent Auction
Friday, June 17th
Cross Country
Friday, July 1st

TERM DATES 2016
Term 1  Feb 9th - April 8th
Term 2  April 26th - July 1st
Term 3  July 19th - Sept 23rd
Term 4  Oct 11th - Dec 15th

VERSE OF THE WEEK
“I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With Him at my right hand, i will not be shaken” - Psalm 16:8

BIRTHDAYS
Rebecca Lavers 21st May
Hugh Clark 23rd May
Matthew Roberts 24th May
Abigail Roberts 24th May
Blake Barton 24th May
Jacob Gatti 25th May

P & F Bonfire and Fireworks Night
THIS Saturday 21st May 2016, our Parents & Friends are hosting a Fireworks & Bonfire night at Geneva! This is a family friendly event to gather our school community to enjoy a warm bonfire, a show of fireworks and some supper.

Time: 6.45pm Bonfire lighting & 7pm Fireworks on the Geneva oval with great undercover viewing points from the school kitchen. Supper to follow.

Where: Geneva Christian College - 197 Moriarty Rd, Latrobe.

What to bring: A plate of supper to share & a chair or ground tarp to sit on.

Cost: $5 per head OR $20 a family payable on the night as you come through the gate.

Wear: Waterproof footwear & warm winter clothes as it may be cold.

Hot Chocolates are also able to be purchased for $2

All money raised goes to our P & F which comes directly back to our school.

Cancellation of this event for any reason including bad weather will be sent via SMS.

Two Parent Surveys
Geneva Parent Survey (online)
Over the next few days you will receive an email from us regarding our Geneva Parent Survey, in which we would love it if you could complete online.
This survey is to find out what you, as a parent, think of our school and it is an opportunity for you to give us feedback.

With the results, the Geneva Christian School Board will be able to plan and make decisions for future improvements to the school. This is an online survey which can be completed via the link from your email or by going to the link below. Please complete the survey by Friday June 3rd.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDWPYNW

KidsMatter Parent Survey (attached)
Geneva will continue involvement in ‘KidsMatter’ this year. Attached is a Parent Survey to be completed at home. Students will complete a KidsMatter Survey at school. We value your opinion and will use the information to support the social and emotional wellbeing of our students and to improve our school environment. Please return this survey to us by Friday, June 3rd.

P & F Bonfire and Fireworks Night
THIS Saturday 21st May 2016, our Parents & Friends are hosting a Fireworks & Bonfire night at Geneva! This is a family friendly event to gather our school community to enjoy a warm bonfire, a show of fireworks and some supper.

Time: 6.45pm Bonfire lighting & 7pm Fireworks on the Geneva oval with great undercover viewing points from the school kitchen. Supper to follow.

Where: Geneva Christian College - 197 Moriarty Rd, Latrobe.

What to bring: A plate of supper to share & a chair or ground tarp to sit on.

Cost: $5 per head OR $20 a family payable on the night as you come through the gate.

Wear: Waterproof footwear & warm winter clothes as it may be cold.

Hot Chocolates are also able to be purchased for $2

All money raised goes to our P & F which comes directly back to our school.

Cancellation of this event for any reason including bad weather will be sent via SMS.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kinder
Sasha Matveev for settling in to Kinder happily and enthusiastically.

Prep
Nathanael Haidau for always being considerate and helpful in the classroom.

Grade 1/2
Emma Baldock- her lovely attitude at school.
Roelf De Boer- for always being kind and helpful

Grade 3/4
Oliver Groenewold -for his spunky hairdo’s every day
Oliver Cohen- for his calm presence in the classroom and his hardworking attitude :)

Grade 5/6
Amber Wells- for settling into her new class very well
Erin Beer - for fluent and expressive reading

Grade 7
Jai Kirwood- for being diligent and having a humble serving heart.

Grade 8
Hugo Bissell-for improved goal achievement and test results.

Grade 9
Darcy Young- for being first to memorise the scripture this term.

Grade 10,11,&12
Dion Donohue- For diligence in his work and extra help in keeping our space clean. Thank you Dion!

Rostrum Voice of Youth

On the 6th of May, Joshua Bass, Suzette Mansfield- Potter, and Ashley Eyles, competed in the senior section in the Rostrum Voice of Youth Speech competition. This was held in Burnie at Marist College. Maisie Bond, Dominic Burgess, Tammen Westlake and Georgia Marks also competed in the junior section in the speech competition and demonstrated great courage and represented our School well. All students spoke clearly and were a credit to Geneva and their families. Congratulations to Suzette who received the encouragement award in the senior section, and to Ashley who came second in the senior section. A special congratulations to Joshua Bass who won the North West senior section for 2016. This is the second year that Joshua has won the senior section, and once again he will represent Geneva Christian College in the State competition on the 4th of June, from 1:45 to 4:40pm, at Scotch Oakburn, Launceston. We would like to encourage families to attend this event and support Joshua as he represents our school for the State. If Joshua is successful in the state final, he will fly to Melbourne to represent the Tasmania on the 30th of July. We would like to wish Joshua all the best as he prepares for this event, our prayers and thoughts are with him.
IS GARDENING GOOD FOR KIDS?
We have been running the SAKG programme for over 3 years now at Geneva. We see benefits of the programme on a daily basis. Here is an article we found that supports this idea, although not a research paper, it is very interesting and also very encouraging.

http://www.gardenbuildingsdirect.co.uk/blog/why-gardening-is-great-with-children/

OUR FLAG
“Our flag bears the stars that blaze at night,
in our southern sky of blue,
And the little old flag in the corner,
That’s part of our heritage too.

It’s for the English, the scots and the Irish,
Who were sent to the end of the earth,
The rogues and schemers, the doers and dreamers,
Who gave modern Australia birth.

And you, who are shouting to change it
You don’t seem to understand,
It’s the flag of our law and our language,
Not the flag of our far away land.

There are plenty of people who’ll tell you,
How when Europe was plunged into night,
That little old flag in the corner,
Was their symbol of freedom and light.

It doesn’t mean we owe allegiance,
To a forgotten imperial dream,
We’ve the stars to show where we’re going,
And the old flag to show where we’ve been.”

By an unknown soldier.

Geneva kitchen is after donations of cutlery (dessert spoons, soup spoons, knives and forks) large mixing bowls and pie dishes!

If you can’t donate any of these items please drop them off at the office. Thank you.

lorraine lea
Today you would have received a Lorraine Lea Linen catalogue. This is a Lorraine Lea party to raise money for our Parents & Friends. The school gets 10% of sales as commission and a further $10 for each party booking!

If you are interested in purchasing any linen, please return the order form and payment details to the school by Tuesday May 31st.

If you want any information, contact Kirstie Young on 0432 926 572

LIVE SIMPLY FOR just ONE day
For Just One Day eat simple food, use water thoughtfully and turn off screens to experience difference and raise money to keep poor kids in developing countries in school.

Eat simple food
Use water thoughtfully
Experience difference
Raise money
Keep kids in school

THE CHALLENGE/03

ON THIS DAY
This week we had the pleasure of having international needs “Just One Day” at Geneva. The Preps to grade 6 experienced what it is like for children in Africa to attend school. On Tuesday, June 21st, the Preps - Grade 6’s are going to live simply (at school) for “just one day”. We encourage them participate in the fundraiser on this day which involves eating simply, using water thoughtfully and turning off all screens. If you would like more information, please see the office.
In Conversation

with Rev Justus Miwanda

The Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. and Brixhibiton invite all Primary School students in the North West and West Coast of Tasmania area to compete in a Lego Competition running in the second term of 2016.

- Each student to have their Lego creation completed and ready for judging by your school by **Monday 13th June 2016**
- Each School to have judged and announce their winning entrant by **Friday 17th June 2016**
- The Winner of your school will win a winners medal, a free family pass to Brixhibiton at Devonport Recreation Centre plus other prizes.
- Each Schools Lego Challenge Winner is invited to display their winning Lego creations, at Brixhibiton **Devonport on Sat 9th and Sun 10th July 2016**.
- All Lego Challenge winners displayed at Brixhibiton will be judged by Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. members.
- Large Lego Kits [Donated by Birchalls] awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- Winners and announced at **3pm, Sun 10th July 2016** at Brixhibiton
- Application forms and conditions are available from your school

Happy Building!

- North West & West Coast Primary Schools Lego Challenge 2016
  
  The Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. and Brixhibiton invite all Primary School students in the North West and West Coast of Tasmania area to compete in a Lego Competition running in the second term of 2016.

  - Each student to have their Lego creation completed and ready for judging by your school by **Monday 13th June 2016**
  - Each School to have judged and announce their winning entrant by **Friday 17th June 2016**
  - The Winner of your school will win a winners medal, a free family pass to Brixhibiton at Devonport Recreation Centre plus other prizes.
  - Each Schools Lego Challenge Winner is invited to display their winning Lego creations, at Brixhibiton **Devonport on Sat 9th and Sun 10th July 2016**.
  - All Lego Challenge winners displayed at Brixhibiton will be judged by Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. members.
  - Large Lego Kits [Donated by Birchalls] awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
  - Winners and announced at **3pm, Sun 10th July 2016** at Brixhibiton
  - Application forms and conditions are available from your school

- Time & Talent Auction
  
  The Time & Talent Auction is on again! It is on Friday, June 17th, at Geneva. For those who don’t know, the Time & Talent Auction is an evening fundraiser where donated goods and services are listed and auctioned. It’s loads of fun! You should have received a form asking for you as a family to donate some items, time or special talent you have. Following are some ideas for you to look over. You can donate something that you are good at or enjoy doing. This is a great night out, so we invite and encourage parents, relatives, friends and neighbours to come together for the auction and supper. There is something for everyone and you always get more than you bargain for! The proceeds go to the Parents & Friends which in turn come back into our school.

Some examples of previous auctions:

- babysitting - 4 hours
- picture framing
- load of wood
- baskets of ironing
- sewing a garment
- window cleaning
- Baking
- movie night
- cut lunch for a week
- food basket
- car cleaning
- gardening
- cook specialty dessert
- dinner for 2
- Accommodation
- homemade products
- child’s hair cut
- lawn mowing
- labouring
- painting
- jumper knitted
- fresh produce etc etc
- Voucher
- preserves

So please complete the form and return it to school office by Friday, May 27