Term 3
September
Wed 16th SAPSASA Selection Tennis & Cricket
Wed 16th 50 year Planning Meeting 7.00pm
Wed 16th Governing Council 8.00 pm
Fri 18th Assembly
Tues 22nd SAPSASA Athletics Adelaide
Wed 23rd Working Bee
Fri 25th Last day of term
Sat 26th 50 Year Celebration

Term 4
Mon 2nd Nov Tony Pasin visit 11.00 am
Wed 4th Nov School Photos
Fri 20th Nov Student Free Day

2015 Term Dates
Term 3 20th July - 25th Sept – 10 weeks
Term 4 12th Oct-11th Dec – 9 weeks

Greetings:

Just before I turn my complete attention to our 50 year celebration, I’d like to acknowledge and thank the GPS community for their participation and support of our athletics carnival. It was fantastic to see so many of our families at the day, helping out and supporting not only their own children, but all of the children in their group. I’d particularly like to thank the Epiha’s for helping out another family when their car broke down, and Adam Morgan, Richard Howard and Matt Harvey who stepped in and led a group at the last minute. It was unfortunate that we had to finish early, and there were a few glitches along the way, but overall I thought it went really well.

And now, we are on the last stretch before our 50 year celebration!

Plans are well underway, but there are some areas where we still need your help.

WORKING BEE
We will have a working bee on Wednesday 23rd September during the day. If you are able to give us a couple of hours, that would be fantastic. We will be doing things like washing windows, cleaning the secondary block, hanging curtains, setting up areas, laying out the pavers... If you can’t help out on that day, but may have some time on another day in that week, just let us know and we will be able to give you a job!

BOWLING CLUB TEA
Don’t forget that if you are planning to come to the tea at the bowling club on the Saturday night, you need to RSVP to the school, so we can gather names for catering. Please do this ASAP!

ADVERTISING
There still may be people who have not heard, so PLEASE, get the word out! We have flyers available for you to help us advertise the event – come in and grab some from the front office, or give Sue a ring and she can send some home to you. We also have an email version that you can pass on – just let us know your email address and we’ll send it to you.

PAST UNIFORMS AND SCHOOL MAGAZINES
If you have any past uniform items, or school magazines that you would be willing to lend to us for the day, that would be fantastic! The students would love to add them to the displays. I recently attended a teacher’s reunion with my Mum in Adelaide. All of those present had begun their training 60 years ago. One lady I met told me a story about her father, a Jim Lush, who had attended Geranium Primary School I think around 1915 – you’ll need to come to our celebration to find out what the story was! It reminded me that we truly are a school with deep roots.

Regards,
Ruth
MIDDLE AND UPPER PRIMARY
CLASS REPORT

Congratulations to the seven students from our class who went to Lameroo on the Friday before last to participate in the athletics selection day for our SAPSASA region. Ben, Olivia, Jasmine, Emelia, Lilly, Matthew and Harrison all put in their best effort as they represented Geranium in their chosen events and they would like to pass on a big thank you to the family members who were able to transport them and help out on the day – we rely on parent involvement to allow our students to participate in these events. Extra congratulations go to Olivia and Emelia who were both selected to run in their age group relay team at the athletics championships in Adelaide on the Monday of Week 10. We wish them luck and I’m sure they will enjoy the experience of being part of the Murray Mallee SAPSASA team and competing at SANTOS Stadium.

Our students all had a wonderful day of participation and fun at our Athletics Carnival at Coonalpyn last Thursday. It’s always good to see how well they socialise with the students from Coonalpyn and Raukkan schools and it was also great to see so many families able to attend to cheer the competitors on and help out with the running of the day. Well done to those students who won or placed in their events and to all of you for participating enthusiastically and showing a great attitude and sportsmanship. I know that some of our Year 3 and younger Year 4 students can’t wait for their chance to have a go at SAPSASA selection next year!

Our time in class has continued to be busy with short weeks, PAT testing happening, concert rehearsals, 50th celebration preparations and another German afternoon this week. In Maths we have begun our work on money and the students have participated enthusiastically in some shopping within a budget challenges including a day at the Royal Show, planning a class party and birthday shopping for friends. Hopefully as well honing their skills in adding amounts of money and calculating change they are also gaining an understanding of just how expensive living is and the importance of budgeting and saving!

I will finish with some photos of the students participating in an Art lesson with Mrs Smith. They have been creating some wonderful visual art works this year and the portraits they produced are looking amazing with their variety of frames finishing them off beautifully. Well done to our budding artists and to Mrs Smith for her great creative and artistic guidance!

Kathryn Roberts

A Point to Ponder
Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning. Albert Einstein
Junior Primary Class Report

It has definitely been a whirlwind term! Who can believe there is only two weeks to go until Term 3 is over and until our 50 year Celebration? Although the term has flown right by, looking back at all the learning opportunities we have had in the JP class, it has made this busy time all worth it.

In the last two short weeks students in the JP class have participated in German, concert rehearsals as a class and whole school, Sports Day and they have loved having the chance to play on the fantastic new Kindy cubby house and fort.

In Science, we started the term by looking at weather in our world and the affect that the weather has on our daily life. Over the past few weeks we have dug deeper into the idea of how weather affects an aspect of our lives. We have been looking at how weather particularly affects Farming and the different types of Farming there are. Students have now been involved on an investigation on Dairy Farming and as part of our Technologies curriculum, they have been analysing the process to the inquiry question: *How does food get to our plate?*

In Maths, the last two weeks has seen us change over topics. Students have enjoyed engaging in our Measurement unit and we have had many opportunities for hands-on learning and investigations during our investigations on length, speed and volume and capacity. Please enjoy some photos below from our Measurement investigations. We have now moved on to more work on Number, consolidating place value for our older students and the language of number and teen numbers for our Receptions.

Last Thursday, students participated in our joint Sports Day. I was very impressed with the way all students conducted themselves at the event and enjoyed seeing them use many of our learning toolbox tools of “going for it!” and “getting along”. Well done to all JP students for giving each event a go and with a smile!

Throughout this term we have been having a lot of fun working on our class item for the reunion. All students have shown wonderful creativity and are playing their role as “hip-hoppers” brilliantly. Just a reminder about the costume items required for the Junior Primary segment of the 50-year Celebration, school performance. Each student needs the items below, to complete their outfit:

- A coloured top (preferably with no writing or slogan)
- Jeans or coloured tights/leggings
- Sandshoes (sport shoes, converse shoes etc.)
If the above items could be sent in to school by early Week 10 – that would be fantastic! It would be appreciated if all items could also be individually labelled. Shoes do not need to come until the day of the event, as I am aware that some students may need them throughout the week. Please let me know if you need help to acquire the above items or if there is an issue with getting them by early Week 10. We can’t wait for you to see our performance.

Thank you for your assistance!

Take care,

Miss. Lorelle Barton

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**Glee Club**

This is a friendly reminder about costumes for the Glee Club’s performance for the 50 Year Celebration. Students who have definitely committed to performing the number are: Jessica, Libby, Jasmine, Matilda, Georgie, Emelia, Amy, Olivia, Jade, Tracey, Sophie T, Kiara and Lilly. They are asked to have the following items to complete their costume:

- A black or white t-shirt
- Black or white shoes (sandsals/casual sneakers)
- A pair of black leggings (if they would prefer to wear them under long skirts)

If the above items could be sent in to school by early Week 10 – that would be fantastic! It would be appreciated if all items could also be labelled. Shoes do not need to come until the day of the event, as I am aware that some students may need them throughout the week. Please let me know if you need help to acquire the above items.

The Glee Clubbers have been working very hard during lunchtime rehearsals and should be very proud of their efforts. We can’t wait to perform our number for you!

Thank you,

Miss. Lorelle Barton
PCW CORNER

I have heard so many positive comments about the TOOLBOX Parenting Workshop that is currently running. There are two more sessions to go and next Monday’s Session will focus on “Creating Memories” and I think the parents are in for some “hands-on fun”!

A number of parents have spoken with me about the possibility of running another TOOLBOX. This hopefully will happen in Term 1 of 2016 and will be run in the day time. If you are interested or know of others who may be interested, please let me know so that we can make this happen!

For the remainder of the Term, I have begun having Tea Parties with the children! (Such a tough job…) But it’s time to farewell winter and each of the students has a “Tea Party” voucher and they book a time with their friends and then the fun begins 😊

Over the past few weeks, I have been aware of people carrying burdens. These burdens may be sickness, challenging children, school work, friendships, feeling like we have “way too much on our plate”, overwhelmed by people’s expectations of us, feeling criticised, feeling isolated or disconnected….and the list goes on. I came across an illustration in the Good News Bible that is a great solution strategy in regards to burden carrying.

We are here for each other, so take a look at that illustration and see how you can lighten another’s load. Just talking about a problem, helps to lessen the load. Remember that I am available to listen!

I keep all families and staff of Geranium Primary School in my prayers,

Margaret Smith (Pastoral Care Worker)

If anyone has old picture frames that they don’t need, we will put them to good use in our visual arts lessons. They can be dropped off at school in Margaret Smith’s PCW room.

Thank you

P&F Reminder

To assist with planning, can you please return your reply to notify your availability to work on the P&F stall at the 50 Year Celebration. Thank you. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.
Jason Todd— Tennis Coaching

Wed 30th Sep
Thurs 1st Oct
Fri 2nd Oct
Jabuk Tennis Courts

Beginners Clinic
9am – 10am each day
Coaching, drills and games
Prizes to be won
Cost $60 for the 3 days

Intermediate Clinic
10am – 11:30am each day
Coaching, drills, games and matchplay
Prizes to be won
Cost $75 for the 3 days

Advanced Clinic
11:30am – 1pm each day
Coaching, drills, games and matchplay
Prizes to be won
Cost $75 for the 3 days

We will bring tennis gear, for sale, from our pro shop in Adelaide “Just 4 tennis”. A great opportunity to get anything you need conveniently brought to you and cheaper than you would find in Adelaide. Please call Jason On 0401 559 163 with enquiries.

Teresa Pickering
Secretary Peake & District Tennis Association
Mobile: 0409 284 073
Email: tnpickering@bigpond.com

Peake and Districts Football Club

AGM Part 1

Monday, 12th October, 2015, at 7.30pm in the clubrooms

All welcome
to Teresa Pickering
409 284 073 or
Email: tnpickering@bigpd.com

GERANIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED

Thurs 1st Oct & Fri 2nd Oct 2015

From 7.30 am to 5.00 pm

For Asbestos Removal from Buildings 01A &01B

No personnel are to be on site during these hours.

Sat 19th Sep to Sun 20th Sep

At Berling’s Carriage

Consent Forms need to be handed in by Tuesday 15th September. Payment can be made at camp or before.

Details from Marg Smith 8577 2216