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# Geranium Primary School K-7

**Principal: Tim Dunning**

GERANIUM SA 5301

*learning for all, learning for life*



Newsletter 1

Term 1

31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020

## Diary Dates

### Welcome to 2020 BBQ

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb

### SAPSASA Cricket

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

### Swimming Carnival @ Lameroo

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

### Swimming lessons

Week 3 10<sup>th</sup> Feb onwards

### Gov Council AGM

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 8pm

### SAPSASA Swimming tryouts

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

### SAPSASA Swimming in Adelaide

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

## Greetings

We are under way with the 2020 school year. A new year brings lots of new opportunities and this is definitely the case for Geranium Primary School.

The Hive with the Reception to Year 3 students with Ms Lorelle Barton have a lot of learning happening. The Middle/Upper Primary class with Mrs Roberts and Mr Dunning have a new look classroom setting and look forward to a lot of learning opportunities for each student.

A *Welcome to 2020 Night* will be held this Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 5:00 pm – a great chance for you to come into the school and chat with your child's teacher, see the classroom and have a BBQ sausage as well! See you there.

The Swimming carnival will be held on Friday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> @ the Lameroo swimming pool. Further details will be sent home as soon as they come to hand. Any help on the day would be greatly appreciated.

A new addition at Geranium Primary School program is the *Play Centre*. Play Centres are play based learning environments. The Play Centre is run by the Geranium Primary School Schools Services Officer, Ms Michelle Hensel. Play Centres are a great way to introduce children from age birth to four years to a learning environment outside of their home environment. The Play Centre started activities in the first week of school with a number of parents and their pre-school aged children enjoying the session. The sessions run will be each week for three hours from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Sadly we say farewell and a big thankyou to Mrs Joy Piggott; who is leaving us and will be taking on a role at Lameroo Regional Community School. Joy has been a valued staff member here for many years and we will miss her helpful and cheerful engagement with parents, staff and students. All the best.

The *Geranium Primary School Governing Council* will hold its *Annual General* meeting at 8:00 pm on *Wednesday 19 February 2020*; at the Community Library room at the school. Please come along and support the Governing Council in the important work that it does.

I am looking forward to the school year and the continuing support of our great school; by the community, parents and families. This year will be a great year for the students of Geranium Primary School.

Tim

## Happy Birthday to you!

**Jan**

15<sup>th</sup> Shianne

**Feb**

7<sup>th</sup> Hayden

## School Newsletter

Each Friday fortnight, our school newsletter is sent home with the eldest child in the family, emailed to families who have chosen that option too and is put on our school website. Please check the newsletters carefully for important notes/reminders as this is where they will all be placed. 😊

### Welcome to our school...

We are so pleased to welcome our new Foundation students: Lucy & Koen. You have all already been a wonderful addition to our school, congratulations on a great start!



### **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIMES**

**Geranium Community Library**  
**Opening times are:**

**Tuesdays 10am – 1pm**  
**Wednesdays 10am – 1pm**

**Public Internet available**



### **WELCOME TO 2020**

A BBQ, chat with your child's Teacher and check out the classroom night will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. A note went home during the week containing further details. Hope to see all families there 😊



### Reminders...

- RSVP's for our Welcome to 2020 night were due today (31st). Please ensure you get back to us by **Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup>** for catering purposes
- Please remember to label ALL items your child/ren bring to school ie. Hats, jumpers, jackets, drink bottles and containers.
- **HATS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR TERM 1 & 4** – we have already had some hot days and ALL students are required to wear a hat outside...hats are available for purchase at the school front office if your child does not have one.



### CANTEEN



### CHANGE OF DAY

We have got our canteen plan sorted for the year so can now get our stock ordered. Canteen will now be on a FRIDAY beginning in Week 3 (Feb 14<sup>th</sup>) Price list will come out soon!

Canteen will start on this day and continue to run on Friday's from then on. The 4/5/7 cohort will run the Canteen with support from Michelle as part of their Maths with Mr Dunning. What a great initiative!

To make things easier could you please send orders in written on a brown lunch bag, with the correct money (if possible) inside, so we can then use that same bag to put their order in. A large pack of these bags should be able to be purchased cheap at grocery stores. We will have emergency back-up bags here too. 😊



### ABSENCES AND BUS CHANGES

It is extremely important that all absences from school are followed up with either a dairy note, completion of an absentee note, a flexibuzz message or phone call to the school. This is an important part of us ensuring the safety and whereabouts of your children.

Likewise, if there are any changes to your child's bus schedules or pick up situations, for ongoing reasons or just for a particular daily situation, the same form of contact needs to be made. If this can be done ideally before 1pm, we are able to ensure all our students leave and arrive safely and correctly.

Thank you for your assistance!



## Buddy Reading & RAMP!

To help our students continue to build a love of reading, we have jumped straight back into the Reading component of our **Reading And Math Practice** sessions. This week students were matched with a buddy who they will work with during the reading part of our RAMP time. This is such a valuable time where students have the chance to share reading with others and get support from a peer.

Reading develops literacy skills and vocabulary, as well as a natural love of engaging in stories. It has been wonderful to see students share the joy of reading with each other and get the opportunity to develop fluency and expression as they read aloud, as well as other important literacy skills.



SWIMMING CANIVAL @ LAMEROO

FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEB

SOME DETAILS WENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD DURING THE WEEK, FURTHER INFO TO COME.

WE WILL REQUIRE SOME PARENT HELP WITH TIMING ETC SO IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE PLEASE SEND IN THE RETURN SLIP ASAP.

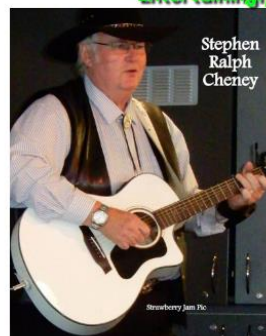
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**Poole 0428366160 by 7th March for Catering**

**STEPHEN R CHENEY 0417420858**

**Email [stephenralphcheney@me.com](mailto:stephenralphcheney@me.com)**

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## Aquarobics

At the Geranium School Pool



With Leslie Pearce – starting this coming Monday

Sessions will run on the following Monday afternoons from 2pm – 2:45

- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February and the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2020

**Classes are suitable for all ages – swimmers and non-swimmers**

If you don't have bathers then shorts and a T shirt are fine.

Please make sure you wear sunscreen on hot days.

Class fees:

- \$5 session fee
- \$5 pool fee (unless you have a season pass)

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN IN AT THE SCHOOL PRIOR TO THE SESSION.**

ALL ENQUIRIES to Lesley Pearce – PH 85763910 (which has message bank), phone or text my mobile 0444 544 995

Accredited WETS (Water Exercise Training Service) Aqua instructor.



# Garden Challenge

## Succulent garden design

Entrants Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

### Entry Conditions

- Entry must be named
- Entries must be the work of the designer registering in the event and cannot infringe any copyright.
- The item of interest must consist of succulents.
- Entries must be **1m x 1m and under and easily transported by hand**.
- The use of hazardous materials and chemicals is prohibited.
- Submit entry forms to [dutschke@active8.net.au](mailto:dutschke@active8.net.au) or post to Box 415, Karoonda SA 5307, or delivered personally.
- Finished masterpiece must be delivered to the nominated site (fashion parade tent) at the Farm Fair site no later than Thursday 12.00am or as arranged with the Co-ordinator Janine Dutschke (0407781263). Winners will be announced after the first fashion parade on Saturday.
- They must be collected after 4.00pm on Saturday the 4th of April 2020.

I hereby certify that I agree to the above conditions of entry:

Signature: .....



When: 3rd and 4th April 2020  
Where: Karoonda Farm Fair  
for more information contact Janine Dutschke 0407781263 or visit the website [www.farmfair.com.au](http://www.farmfair.com.au)

## Succulent garden design

### 1. Source

Grab your succulents

### 2. Design

Create your masterpiece with your succulents e.g. potted delights or use your initiative to create your own design ideas

### 3. Enter

Entrants will be judged by design and originality in any of the four categories:

- Best Overall
- Best Overall Group
- Best Under 13
- Best Under 6
- Best Under 15 Group

**\$350**  
total  
prize money



When: 3rd and 4th April 2020  
Where: Karoonda Farm Fair  
for more information contact Janine Dutschke 0407781263



# Geranium Primary School Term 1 2020

Week 1 Jan	Week 2 Feb	Week 3 Feb	Week 4 Feb	Week 5
27 <sup>th</sup> Aust Day Holiday	3	10 Swimming Lessons	17	24 SAPSASA Swimming tryouts
28 FIRST DAY BACK	4	11	18	25
29	5 Welcome to 2020 BBQ @ 5pm	12	19 Gov Council AGM @8pm in Library	26
30	6 SAPSASA Cricket	13	20	27
31	7 Swimming Carnival @ Lameroo	14	21	28