



Geranium Primary School K-7

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GERANIUM SA 5301

learning for all, learning for life



Newsletter 4

Term 1

29th March 2019

Be Gutsy – Get Along – Be Curious – Be Creative – Go for it

Diary Dates

ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 2nd April @ 2.30pm

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 9th April

WORKING BEE

Thursday 11th April 9am

LAST DAY TERM 1

Friday 12th April Early
Dismissal @ 2.20pm

FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

29th April

A warm greeting to you all!

Over the last two weeks we have sent lots of communication home and trust that it has been making its way safely to you. In this week's greetings I would like to touch base on some of the items that have been sent home and remind you of upcoming events in the final two weeks of term.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Last week more communication came home regarding our upcoming Parent and Teacher Interviews. Teachers will be available to meet with you to discuss your child's/children's progress on Tuesday the 9th of April. Students are invited to be part of these interviews and will share their Term 1 Student Portfolio during this time. We recommend all parents and carers take this opportunity to meet with the teachers as open communication vital in developing and maintaining strong partnerships between home and school. Please have the Parent-Teacher Interview booking sheet returned to the front office by Monday the 1st of April so a schedule of times can be collated and sent home as soon as possible.

Assembly and Working Bee

A reminder to all, that our last Assembly will be held on the 2nd of April at 2.30pm in the Assembly Room. We look forward to seeing lots of faces there so we can share some learning that has been happening in our classrooms. A note and save the date reminder for an upcoming Working Bee was also sent out this week. Governing Council will be holding a Working Bee on the 11th of April, the last Thursday of Term 1. The Working Bee will start at 9am and will involve general maintenance and some playground areas needing attention. If return slips could be sent back to school at your earliest convenience it would be appreciated. We look forward to seeing you around on the day even if you can only help for a small part of the time, as many hands make less work.

NAPLAN Online

Next Thursday the 4th of April at around 11am, our years 3,5 and 7 students will participate in the National Coordinated Practice Test (NCPT). The NCPT provides an opportunity for students to become familiar with the types of questions and the online platform they will encounter in NAPLAN Online. Student performance will not be assessed during this practice. NAPLAN testing will occur early next term, in the week for all students in Years 3, 5 and 7.

Thank you for your continued support!

Kindest regards,

Lorelle Barton

Happy Birthday to you!

Lucas 18th

William 25th

Jack O 28th

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. ☺

MYTERN NEWS

This week we had Jane the creator of MYTERN visit us and she worked with the students on sessions around their development in the MYTERN language. Student sessions were varied due to the focus need for our class groups and it was great to see all engage in important discussions.

One focus was around changing the way we respond to and communicate our actions or feelings. Students engaged in discussion about the way we all need to change the way we communicate and interpret a situation and how the way we react has consequences to ourselves and others. There was also discussion about using our PETs to get back in control and to ensure we put our feelings in to perspective.

We will be focussing here at school on changing the way we as adults and children communicate and it would be great to see you consider ways at home to look at how conversations and problems can be dealt with more effectively by changing the approach we take.



MYTERN™

Take Emotional Responsibility Now

FIRST 4 WAYS TO CHANGE WHAT WE ARE SAYING!



Building your child's emotional resilience: Using MYTERN in everyday situations

Your child comes home from school and complains that someone has made them sad or angry. Explain to your child that although the other child probably shouldn't have said or done that, they still didn't have the ability to take control of their steering wheel. Help them understand that it was their decision to drive down the angry or sad road. The other person didn't MAKE them do it. It's ok to drive down a red road as this builds resilience, but they are not to stay on that road for too long.

Ask them what road they are now on. If they are on a red Buska road, discuss what type of PETS could help them drive on to a better road. Try not to focus on the reasons WHY your child is on a red Buska road. Focus on the PETS that can help them to regain control of their steering wheel getting them off the red Buska road and onto a green Reapo road.

Your child needs to begin to understand that even though they may not be able to control circumstances or other people, they ALWAYS have the option to control how they feel and which road they drive down. It is the feeling of control that we are trying to convey.

Family Activity: Discuss how easy it is to blame others and circumstances for how we feel. Have each member of the family give an example of when they have blamed others and how they could have taken control of their steering wheel in that situation.

Friday Fun Fact...

"Rhythm" is the longest English word without a vowel.

End of week pondering...

Think of something that you would like done for you, and do it for someone else.

Giving to others without expectation often helps you and the recipient drive in a more positive direction.

- MYTERN – Switch Positive Post by Jane Foster

Geranium Community Library

Opening times are:

Tuesdays 10am – 1pm
Wednesday 12.30 – 3.30pm

Public Internet available



CANTEEN

EVERY TUESDAY!



Please send in orders written on a brown lunch bag, with the money inside, so we can then use that same bag to put their order in. Large packs of these bags are available for purchase cheap at grocery stores. We will have emergency back-up bags here too. ☺

Pies/pasties	\$3.00
Sausage roll	\$2.50
Pizza	\$3.20
Sauce	.20c



YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL

Recently, the government has confirmed that year 7 public school students will be taught in high school from Term 1, 2022.

The move will align South Australia's public schools with the national curriculum taught in high schools making it easier to deliver subjects and improve outcomes for students.

Access to dedicated facilities and resources and exposure to different teaching styles will also give each year 7 student opportunities for deeper learning, greater peer interactions, and greater independence and responsibility.

For more information visit
www.education.sa.gov.au/7tohs

ABSENCES AND BUS CHANGES



It is extremely important that all absences from school are followed up with either a diary 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!



Parent Interviews Reminder

– a note was sent home during week 8 to indicate an interview time option if wanted for Tuesday the 9th of April. Please have return slips sent back by Monday the 1st so a schedule can be put together and sent out with enough notice.

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

Our students are about to commence the Premier's Reading Challenge and our aim is to have every child complete the Challenge by 6th September. The Challenge is to read 12 books in total; students choose 8 books from the Reading Challenge booklist and 4 of their own choice. More information and a list of the Challenge booklists can be found at www.prc.sa.edu.au. Please join us in encouraging our young people to read every day, become stronger readers, gain enjoyment from reading and be rewarded by completing the Premier's Reading Challenge in 2019. This challenge is a wonderful opportunity for students to take control of their own learning. Teachers will not be actively monitoring the completion of the challenge, it will be up to the students to complete their Reading Record by the due date (6th September 2019). A Premier's Reading Challenge Record sheet has been included in your child's diary, to make it easier to record books as they read them.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA STATE SCHOOL

All school terms – break up 1 hour early on last day of term for school holidays

TERM DATES for 2019

Term 1 29th Jan – 12th April

Term 2 29th April – 5th July

Term 3 22nd July – 27th September

Term 4 14th Oct – 13th December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Mon 28 th Jan	Australia day
Mon 11 th March	Pubic Holiday
Mon 10 th June	Queen's Birthday

Reminders...

Please remember to label ALL items your child/ren bring to school ie. Hats, jumpers, jackets, drink bottles and containers.



Next time you're in, could you please check out the lost property box (located in the sick room) for items of clothing that may belong to your child/ren. If clothing items remain unclaimed, they will be placed in the second-hand cupboard for sale throughout the year!!

Thanks! 😊

ASSEMBLY
WEEK 10 Tuesday
2nd April @ 2.30pm

Tune in to ABC Radio on Tuesdays at 4.45pm to hear some questions from curious kids.

Some questions from students at Geranium Primary School will be featured on the SA regional drive program with Narelle Graham.

Questions about all sorts of things will be answered by experts from across the country.

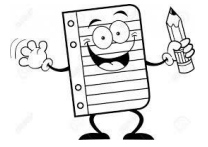
You can listen on the ABC Listen App by selecting "ABC North and WEST" or "ABC Riverland" or tune into to 639AM or 1062AM.



DON'T FORGET TO TUNE IN 😊

Petria Ladgrove

WRITER'S CORNER



Site Improvement Plan Goal 1: Improve student achievement in writing, with a focus on vocabulary.

It is our hope that a 'Writer's Corner' in our school newsletters will be a great way to share and celebrate our students work on writing and also communicate to you one of our site improvement goals. Each newsletter we will aim to share at least one sample of writing with you that a student has been working on at school.

For our second instalment, we have four samples of Cinquain Poems written by Yr 7 and Yr 5 students.

Noodles

Squirmy, yellow

Twirling, curly, wriggly

Play in my stomach

Lunch

Tonisha

School

Exciting, excellent

Fun, active, learning

Friends, playing, mathematics, spelling

Home

Jack H

Fish

Fast, slimy

Fun to catch

Scaly, swimming, hungry, yummy

Fishing!

Charlie

School

Learn, read

Good, interesting, frustrating

Challenging, confusing, play, computers

Cool

Matilda



We've been successful with our application for a Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant for our project; herb/bush tucker garden!

Geranium Primary School is one of 538 primary schools and early learning centres throughout Australia receiving a Woolworths Junior Landcare grant to help grow our next generation of environmental champions.

The grants are being funded with money made from the sale of the Woolworths recyclable Bag for good™ which was launched in 2018 when the supermarket stopped using single-use plastic bags.

The children and teachers are looking forward to working and learning from this project and we'll keep you updated on the results.

Congratulations -

to our students who were selected and or competed in the Upper South East Athletics day at Keith on Tuesday. Thank you to Lameroo staff and our families for overseeing our group on the day. Here are their comments about their day 😊



It was a fun day. Me, Henry, Charlie and Harry (from Lameroo) came 2nd in the 100m relay. I also went in Shot Put, Long Jump and I was meant to do Triple Jump but I missed it!

Lucas

GUTSY



My favourite part of the day was High Jump because I like jumping! I also like the Long Jump and went in Shot Put, Discus, 100m, 200m & 100m relay. I got a ribbon for the relay.

Henry

I was in Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus, 200m, 400m, 100m & 100m relay. I did well in all my running events – I got a ribbon for all races. I enjoyed the day.

Charlie

I did OK in the events I was in. The thing I found the hardest was the relay. I was in the 100m relay, Javelin, 200m, 100m, 400m and High Jump.

Libby

When I did my triple jump it was fun. When I ran my 400m race I got to run in the 5th lane which was up near the front – it was a close ending. I came 4th in Shot Put.

Tom

I was in 3 events – I came 3rd to last in Shot Put, and was competing with 9 others including year 8 kids, I came 2nd in Discus (with yr 8's too) and 3rd in the 200m.

Oscar

GOING FOR IT

I did the 100m relay, 200m, High Jump & Discus. My favourite part of the day was probably when I did discus – I came 4th.

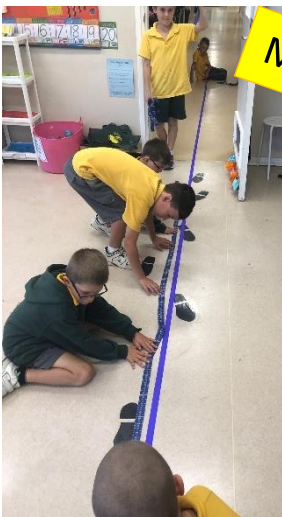
Matilda

UPDATE Henry's grassy head – sure is growing, well done on continuing to take care of it Henry 😊



*Music with Mrs Smith
Ukelele*

It's all happening at G.P.S.



MATHS -Measuring



Computing and other learning

Parent Engagement Feedback Survey

<https://www.surveymoz.com/s/PEFrameworkConsult/>

Have your say on the Parent Engagement framework

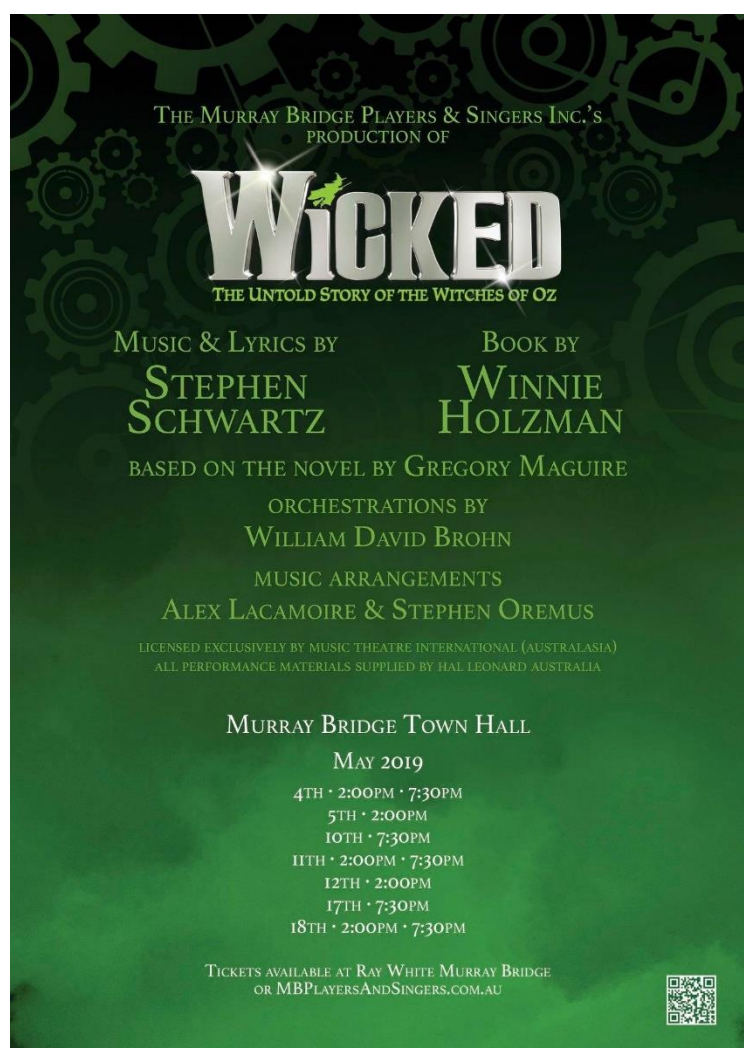
The [Parent Engagement framework](#) seeks to deliver the department's vision of parent engagement in education.

The framework recognises:

- the key role parents play in their child's education
- that it is important for our education system to build strong partnerships with parents and engage them in their children's education
- that parent engagement is key component of effective teaching.

Comments on the draft [Parent Engagement framework](#) are welcome via a [short survey](#), which will close on 12 April 2019.

Your comments will inform the final framework.



We need you

Peake & District Sporting Club need a

BAR MANAGER

for the 2019 season

Remuneration is available for this position.

For more information please contact
Haydn Weckert 0428 733 223

BIG BREAKFAST SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2019 @ 9.00 AM

GERANIUM UNITING CHURCH

Everyone welcome

Contact David Smith: 85772216 for further info



KIDS CLUB

Friday 12th April – LAST DAY OF TERM

Easter Focus

Meet after school at the school playground.
All Primary School aged children are welcome!
Cost \$2.50 – preferably to be paid when you collect your child.

Food **Craft** **Games** **Bible story**

EARLY DISMISSAL MEANS EARLY FINISH FOR KIDS CLUB

Parents to collect children at the Geranium Uniting Church at **4:15pm**

PLEASE NOTE: If your child is attending please put a note in their diary or on Flexibuzz

Details from

Marg Smith: Ph 8577 2216 Or Deb Lock: Ph 8576 2058



Week 1 JAN/FEB	Week 2 PW FEB	Week 3 FEB	Week 4 PW FEB	Week 5 FEB/MARCH	Week 6 PW MARCH	Week 7 MARCH	Week 8 PW MARCH	Week 9 MARCH	Week 10 PW APRIL	Week 11 PW APRIL
29 Public Holiday	4	11 Swimming Lessons	18 SAPSASA Softball Try- outs	25	4	11 Public Holiday	18	25	1	8
29 Term 1 Starts	5	12	19	26	5 Assembly @2.30pm	12 STUDENT FREE DAY	19	26 MYTERN Visit	2 Assembly @2.30pm	9 Parent Teacher Interviews Date
30	6	13	20 Acquaintance Night/AGM/ Gen. Meeting?	27	6	13	20 Governing Council Meeting @ 7.30pm	27	3	10
31	7	14	21 Interscholar Swimming Carnival – selected participants	28 P & F meeting	7 Athletics Carnival with LRCS	14	21 VEL Class Cricket Sessions - SACA	28	4 NAPLAN Trial	11 WORKING BEE
1	8 SWIMMING CARNIVAL	15 Newsletter	22	1 Newsletter	8	15 Newsletter	22	29 Newsletter	5	12 Newsletter Last Day of Term 1 Early Dismissal @ 2.20pm

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