



Newsletter 6

Term 2

May 9th 2019

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

Diary Dates

PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 10th May

SAPSASA Athletics

Monday 20th May

GENIUS FAIR & ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 4th June

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 10th June

GOVERNING COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 12th June
(to be confirmed)

SAPSASA FOOTBALL & NETBALL

Mon 17th – Fri 21st June

LAST DAY TERM 2

Friday 5th July Early Dismissal @
2.20pm

Happy Birthday to you!

MAY

Miss Barton 10th

Ashleigh 17th

Tonisha 20th

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. ☺

To the Parents and Students of Geranium Primary School

Welcome to my first official newsletter.

Again I would like to emphasise my pleasure at seeing your children using basic common courtesies in terms of using their manners, asking for permission to do things and just their general care for their school, each other and their environment. I continue to be impressed by the students' friendliness and cooperation.

I would also like to commend both Lorelle and Kathryn for the work they do with their students in class in providing a structured, yet engaging and stimulating learning environment.

Also a big thankyou to our SSOs / PCW Sue, Michelle, Margaret and Joy for the work and care they provide for our children.

Thanks also to our grounds people in Leonie and Phil who keep the place looking tidy.

During my time here I am continuing to work in the R to 3 class on Wednesdays and the 4 to 7 class on Thursdays.

Please be aware that this **Friday 10th May (tomorrow)** is a Student Free Day as teachers and SSOs will be travelling to Keith to take part in a regional Literacy Summit.

As part of our Partnership priority and commitment to Numeracy both Kathryn (Monday) and Lorelle (Friday) will take part in Numeracy PLTs (Professional Learning Teams) next week with other teachers from sites within the Partnership.

On Monday 13th students will be having their first German language session for the term.

From Tuesday students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be taking part in NAPLAN testing. In all cases bar Year 3 writing, this will be done online for the first time. The schedule is as follows

Tuesday 14th Writing for all year levels

Wednesday 15th Reading for Year 3

Thursday 16th reading for Year 5 and 7

Friday 17th language of all year levels

Tuesday 21st Numeracy for all year levels

Catch up tests for students absent will occur in week 5

Yours sincerely

John Sutton

Acting Principal Geranium Primary School

Pancake Breakfast



TUESDAY 14th May
Kindly provided by PCW group
Thank You



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

Reminders...

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



CANTEEN



WILL CONTINUE 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



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.. THE CONTAINER IS FULL AT PRESENT! If clothing items remain unclaimed, they will be placed in the second-hand cupboard for sale throughout the year!!

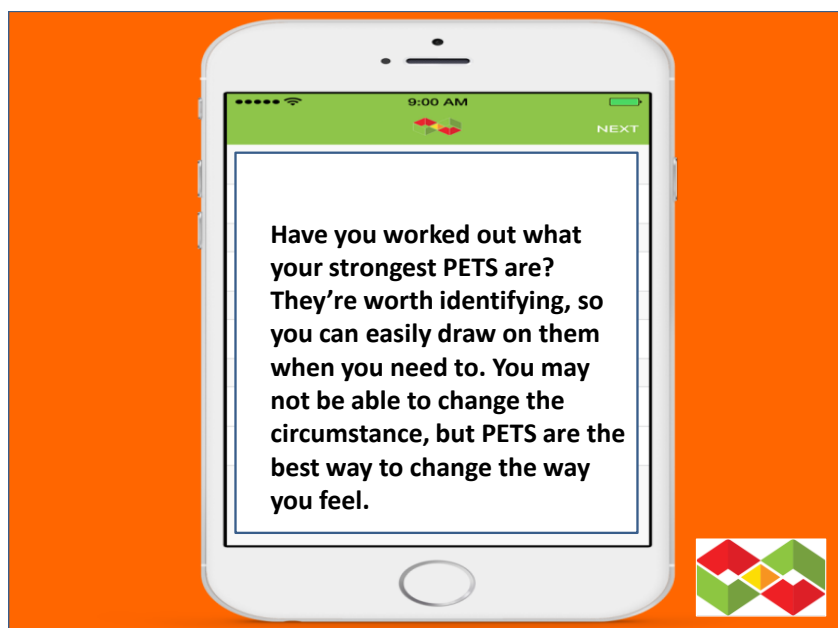
Thanks! ☺



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.

Unpacking the daily MYTERN Message: Working out your strongest PETS



When your children are on a red road it's easy to say, find a PET that will help to make you feel better, but often they don't know what PET to use.

Pocket PETS: can be created for the younger children to have in their pocket so that they can access them at any time – a small toy; a laminated picture of their favourite toy/friend/dog/holiday; an inspirational photo; a special rock or crystal

Invisible PETS: are the ones that you keep in your head. It could be a song, a memory, a joke – anything that is strong enough to make you feel better.

Friendship PETS: could be a hug from your teddy bear or your favourite toy; a talk with a family member or friend; playing with your dog/pet

Giving PETS: being able to make someone else feel better

Exercise PETS: having a skipping rope or ball in your bag can be a good idea for those who need to move to feel better. Exercise PETS are often better done on your own.

Family Activity: It's important to discuss with your children the different PETS that they can access when their road feels really rough, especially when they are not at home. Here are some ideas to start a discussion. Add as many new ones as you can, as the more there are, the better!

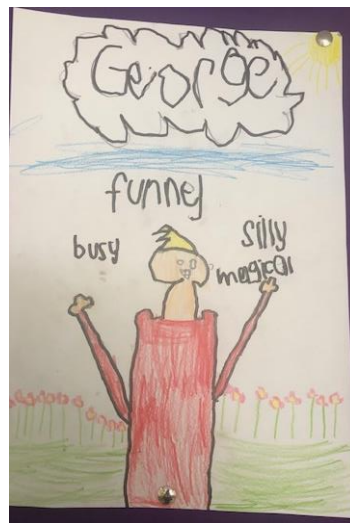
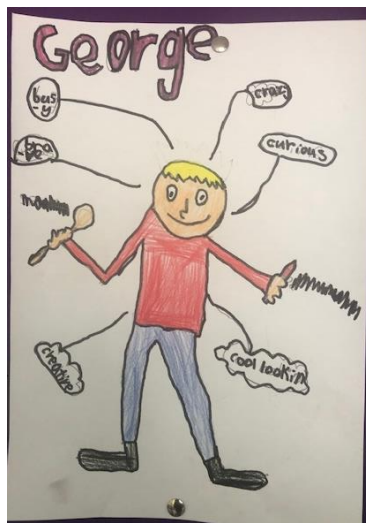


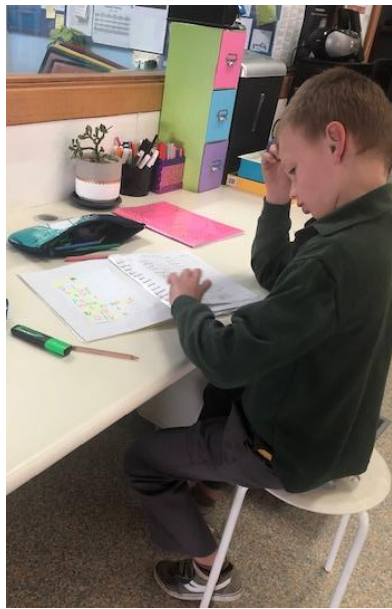
Junior Primary Class Report K-3

We have had an amazing first two weeks of Term 2 in our new classroom environment of 'The Hive'! We have settled back into routine seamlessly and I have been proud of the way students have delved wholeheartedly into their learning already this term.

So far we have been busy across all year levels in many areas such as working on Persuasive texts, beginning our novel study on George's Marvellous Medicine, starting our investigations around the question – Are we there yet?, working on number recognition or place value and times tables, beginning our new topic in Arts focussing on Visual Arts and just enjoying time together learning and playing as a class.

We hope you enjoy lots of photos in this newsletter of our first couple weeks in 'The Hive'.





Middle and Upper Primary Class News

We have welcomed Bianca Kahl to our class this term. Bianca is studying for her Masters of Teaching with Swinburne University and will be completing a four week practicum with us. She has already begun to teach some lessons in the class and will increase her teaching load over the next two weeks. We have taken advantage of Bianca's skill and knowledge in the area of netball and the students are really enjoying their PE lessons with her, particularly striving to improve their performance in the class "challenge". We hope you enjoy and benefit from the rest of your time with our class Bianca!

Kathryn Roberts





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 this week's instalment for Writer's Corner, enjoy the plans and draft copies for some Year 3 students work on persuasive texts.

In my opinion, reading is much better than watching TV and I will tell you why I think that.

Firstly, people say watching TV makes your eyes go square so that is not good for you but also reading makes you smarter so it is better.

Secondly, reading is better than TV because it helps you imagine things to help you to be creative and be curious.

Finally, reading might inspire you to become an author and write books.

In conclusion, this is why I definitely think that reading is better than watching TV.

- Henry

I agree that animals should be in cages and this is why I believe it.

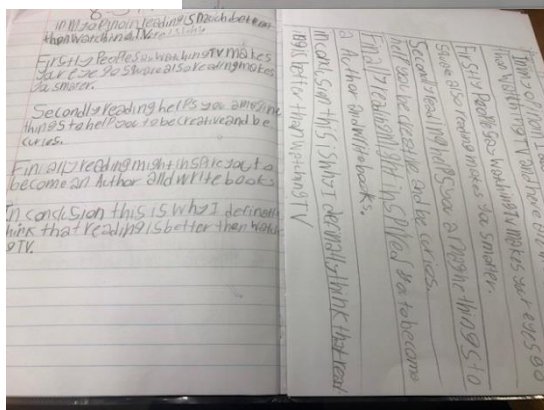
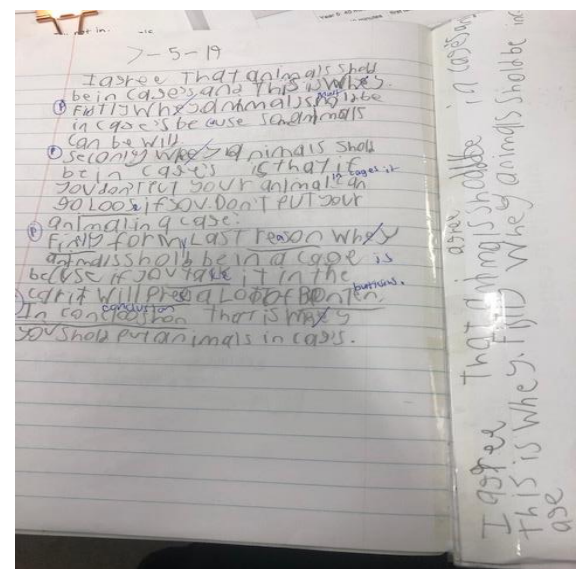
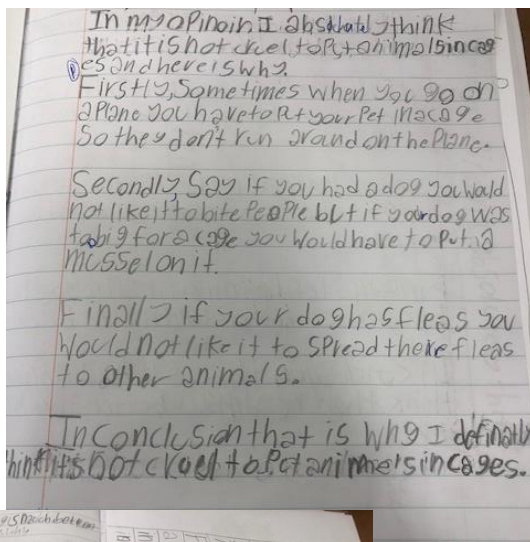
Firstly, why animals must be in cages is because some animals could be wild and they can't be running around free if they are dangerous.

Secondly, why animals should be in cages is that if you don't put your animals in cages when going somewhere they can go loose and get lost.

Finally, for my last reason why animals should be in a cage is because if you take your animal in the car and it is not in a cage it could run about and press lots of buttons.

In conclusion, they are why I agree that you should be able to put animals in cages sometimes.

- Nate



PCW CORNER

Hello!

There are some sounds that are music to my ears; rain on a tin roof, and the gentle interested chatter of children's voices in the library- reading and sharing books together. Yesterday was a wonderful day- hearing the sound of long awaited-for rain and hopefully there is more on the way.

I'd like to welcome John Sutton here to Geranium Primary School as Acting Principal. I hope your days here at Geranium are happy! We're all grateful that you are able to be here as Team Leader until Tim Dunning begins.

Next Tuesday morning, May 14th, there will be a **Pancake Breakfast** for all students and staff as they arrive at school. Thank you to the PCW Support Group for providing us with this great thing!

Andrew McDonough, author and Illustrator of the popular *Lost Sheep* children's books, will be visiting Geranium Primary School for the day on Friday, May 24th.

Parents will be able to come to the "Finale" at 2 pm to see what the students and Andrew create!



Yoga Pretzels will begin next Tuesdays at lunchtimes in the Assembly room. This is an initiative of the students and they have helped in selecting the "pretzel cards" that we will use. Bonnie Pfeiffer has kindly offered to help steer us in the right direction in Yoga time as she is experienced in Yoga! Bonnie is doing this, as a part of the PCW Support Group- supporting me in the activities I run.

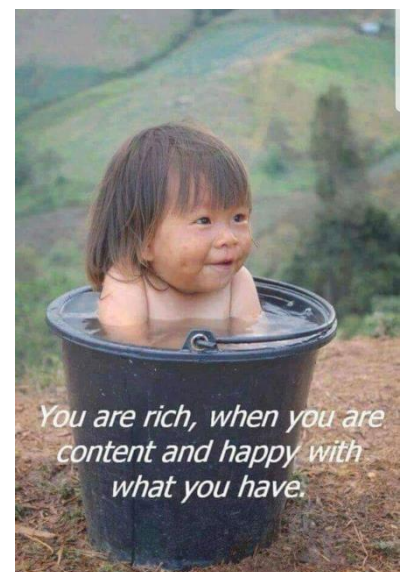
On alternate Tuesday lunch times, I will be running **Ukulele Club** for students who'd like to have a go at that! Fun times ahead, I reckon 😊

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

Margaret Smith
Pastoral Care Worker (PCW)

P.S.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you need to chat, sometimes unloading a burden can make a huge difference





We have registered for Earn and Learn but we haven't been sent a collection box to put in store as yet.

So please send all your stickers into school



Lost Sheep

THE ANDREW McDONOUGH SCHOOL VISIT

'STORY TELLING EXTRAVAGANZA'

Coming to Geranium Primary School
on Friday 24th May

Andrew McDonough is the author and illustrator of the popular Lost Sheep children's books. These stories are used by schools and churches around the world. 400 000 books have been sold in Australia. Andrew grew up in country South Australia where the school teachers were tough. When kids mucked around they weren't made to write fifty words or a hundred lines, but were forced to write stories - pages and pages of stories! But Andrew didn't care, he liked writing stories and he hasn't stopped since. He is currently working on book number thirty three.



Parents and Community members are welcome to come for the Finale at 2pm! ☺

Free parenting seminar

The secrets of raising beautifully behaved children



Are you the parent of a 5-12 year old?
Want to encourage positive behaviour in your home?
Come and join us or watch our live webcast.

Hear psychologist, parenting author and commentator, Jodie Benveniste talk about:

- understanding children's behaviour so you can guide them to be their best
- responding to misbehaviour in positive and helpful ways
- reducing battles and encouraging more cooperation in your home.

Wednesday 22 May

When: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Where: City Rooms
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace, Adelaide

Register to attend in person or view the live webcast at:

Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au>

Phone: 8303 1660

Email: health.parentingsa@sa.gov.au

Presented by Parenting SA.
For more information about raising children visit
www.parenting.sa.gov.au or
www.cyh.com

This seminar is designed for an adult audience.

Coffee Night

Wednesday 22nd May

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

at the Geranium Uniting Church

Connecting over a cuppa with "locals"

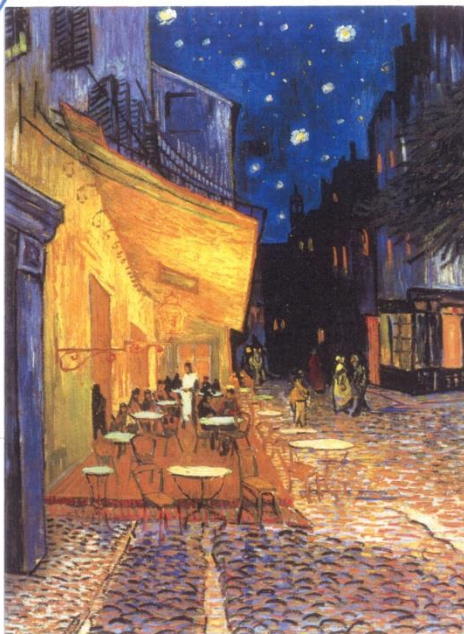
Live, acoustic music!

ALL WELCOME- Guys & Girls!

Gold coin donation

This Event is organised by
the Geranium Uniting Church

Details from: Marg Smith-0427877534



KIDS CLUB

Friday 17th May

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**

Parents to collect children at the Geranium Uniting Church at **5:15pm**

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

Geranium Primary School Term 2 2019

Week 1 APRIL/MAY	Week 2 PW MAY	Week 3 MAY	Week 4 PW MAY	Week 5 MAY	Week 6 PW JUNE	Week 7 JUNE	Week 8 PW JUNE	Week 9 JUNE	Week 10 PW JULY
29 TERM 2 BEGINS Mr Sutton Starts	6	13 NAPLAN will be scheduled in throughout the next couple weeks	20 SAPSASA Athletics	27	3 Mr Dunning Starts	10 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	17 SAPSASA Footy & Netty	24	1
30	7	14 Pancake breakfast	21	28	4 Assembly & Genius Fair Proposed change to include meeting Mr Dunning	11	18	25	2 Assembly
1	8	15	22	29	5	12 Governing Council? Proposed change to include Mr Dunning	19	26	3 Governing Council ? Proposed
2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4
3	10 STUDENT FREE DAY @ KEITH	17	24 Andrew Mc. Author Visit	31	7	14	21	28	5