**Diary Dates Term 2**
Fri 3rd Jul Last day of Term 2 Early departure 2.20 pm

**Term 3**

**July**
Mon 20th Term 3 starts
Tue 21st 50th Celebration Planning Meeting 7.30pm
Mon 27th Sporting Schools

**August**
Fri 7th Assembly 9am
   School Pride
Mon 10th Governing Council 7.30 pm
Thu 13th Athletics Carnival
Fri 14th Student Free Day
Mon 17th Toolbox Parenting Workshop 7 pm
Fri 21st Assembly, Tony Pasin
Tue 25th MUP Focus Day hosted by GPS
Thu 27th JP Focus Day hosted by LRCS

**September**
Sat 26th 50 Year Celebration

**2015 Term Dates**

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

- the PALS programme for our year 5/6’s
- a pancake breakfast
- the YEL programme with Harry
- having Kelsey Day here on work experience
  No wonder everyone is feeling a little bit weary!
  Thank you to the staff, the students, the volunteers and all of the families who have worked as a team to make all of these great things possible.

**NEW POLICIES**
A lot of what goes on in our school is ‘behind the scenes’ – like our School Development Committee who regularly get together and review our school policies to ensure they are relevant and up to date. This term they have reviewed two policies, attendance and volunteers, which are included for your information. Thank you to Sonia Broadbent and Denise Stephenson for their hard work in this area.

**REPORTS**
By now, you will have received your child’s school report. Please remember that although we have these formal reporting opportunities, we encourage you to make contact at any time to discuss your child’s progress. Simply call or send a note to arrange a visit or chat. We value and welcome your input.

As you head into the holiday break, please take care and keep safe. Enjoy time with your family, and we look forward to seeing you all rested and ready for term 2 in a couple of weeks!

**Greetings**
We have had an incredibly busy term, but ‘good busy’! Some of our highlights have been:
- The opening of our fitness equipment
- the MUP Focus Day at Pinnaroo
- School Pride
- the Cinema in Lameroo
- our School Camp
- Animals Anonymous

**Regards,**

Ruth
A Point to Ponder
From our front office art display by the MUP Class
Creativity is intelligence having fun!
Albert Einstein
CREATIVITY TAKES COURAGE

50 YEAR CELEBRATION
The confirmed date for our 50 year celebration is Saturday, the 26th September. Please put this in your diaries!
Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21st July, at 7.30 in the library – we’d love to see you!
There are flyers now 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 have a growing list of names of past staff at the front desk! If you have any addresses for past staff, please let us know because we would like to send them a personal invitation.
We will also have personal invitations available at the front desk if you would like to send them on to people you know.

PRIMARY CLASS REPORT 3rd JULY 2015
The ten weeks of Term 2 have flown by incredibly quickly and here we are at the end of term and looking forward to unwinding for a couple of weeks.
This term has been packed full with a variety of learning and extra-curricular activities for the Upper and Middle Primary Class, with our three day camp being one of the highlights. We have also attended a MUP Focus Day at Lameroo RCS, an International Children’s Film Festival and our Young Environment Leaders’ excursion to the One Tree Hill Soak. Our Year 5 and 6 students have made several visits to Lameroo and Coonalpyn to participate in classes with their students, we enjoyed a visit by Animals Anonymous and a variety of furry, feathered and slithery creatures (courtesy of Coorong District Council) and commenced athletics training through the Sporting Schools program in preparation for next term’s sports day.

In amongst this feverish activity we have also managed to have a highly productive term in the classroom. In our Number strand of Maths we have finished the term with investigating fractions and, for the Year 4, 5 and 6 students, decimals. In Measurement the focus for the latter part of the term has been on time. In a discussion on this topic today I pointed out to those students who still lack confidence in telling the time that the only way to improve is to keep practicing! So in the holidays if you hear that question “Mum/Dad, what’s the time?” suggest they look at the clock and see if they can work it out themselves. You can also come up with some ‘time’ questions during just about any activity, such as looking at the start and finish times for a movie and working out the duration of the movie.

We recently had a great experience on our excursion to the One Tree Hill Soak with the children learning a lot about local history and the environment. We were very fortunate that Harry Beauchamp organised Steve Vigar from Lameroo to join us to share his extensive knowledge about The Soak. He very quickly had the children mesmerised by walking around, eyes glued to the ground, searching for things that we wouldn’t have even known were there if we’d gone alone. These included small stones which had been fashioned into cutting tools by Aboriginal inhabitants hundreds of years ago – Steve was even able to identify the types of stones used, including some from the lower South-East and Flinders Ranges, which the Aboriginal people would have traded for other goods on their travels! We also discovered signs of early European settlement of the area including remnants of broken china ware and the site of the old well.

In Science we have continued our Biological Sciences topic with investigations into some of the animals and plants that make up our local Mallee habitat. This learning was also supported by the visit from Animals Anonymous who brought some local creatures including a very friendly tawny frogmouth.

This is just a snippet of the exciting things we have been engaging with this term. Discussing with your children what they have been learning about at school is a great way to consolidate their learning and for you to share your perspectives and experiences with them. So if they tend to answer ‘Nothing’, when you ask what they’ve been doing at school, try digging a little deeper!

Enjoy the holidays with your families – I’m sure we will all be hoping for some rain!

Kathryn Roberts
It’s hard to believe we have reached the end of Term 2 already. We have had an absolutely fantastic term jam-packed with great learning and wonderful opportunities. In week 6, camp was a hit and I was impressed with the way all JP students conducted themselves, showing our tools being “gutsy” and “getting along”. Since camp, we have been fortunate enough to participate in activities such as: Animals Anonymous, Sporting Schools, School Pride and German. Amongst all of this, we have also been busy finalising our learning areas for the term.
In Science, our focus has been on Materials this term and we have investigated the properties and changes in a variety of materials. In the last few weeks, students have been busy creating car ramps and working on their Science projects. As we have investigated materials and their properties, students were challenged to create a car ramp with 3 race lanes. Each lane had to have a different material for the surface. We looked at how to write procedures and investigated car ramps. We also made predictions on how the materials would affect the speed and movement of the toy cars.

To finalise our unit, Year 1 and 2 students were asked to complete a project on a material of their choice. They could either present it as a PowerPoint or poster and to include specific information on their material. Reception students began to look at waterproof materials and investigated materials that change or do not change due to water. They then made waterproof models and tested whether their model could withstand rain (water being poured on them).

Here are a few pictures of our creative car ramps and Material projects:

This week in news, students have been reflecting on their term and have had to discuss positives of the term and things they would like to improve.

Here is a snippet of the JP student reflections of Term 2:

I liked going to Bounce! – C.J.
I liked the camp and going to the movies! - Claire
What I liked about school this term was the car ramps - Lucas
I loved the beds on camp! – Sophie R
I liked Science this term! - Matilda
I liked Science because we got to do making of car ramps and I liked the Zoo. - Charlie
I liked Maths this term because it’s fun and we have our new Math Packs. - Kiara
I liked Bounce and the Zoo. At the Zoo we saw two white Meerkats. - Shianne
I liked EVERYTHING about this term! It was all fun! – Tom
I loved camp and seeing all the animals and the pandas! - Hayden
I liked Science because I liked doing my project and a poster. – Libby
I enjoyed learning about Fairytales this term and going on the camp to Bounce. - Sophie T

And I concur! This term has been full of fantastic and fun learning opportunities. I am looking forward to what Term 3 will bring but wish you all a safe and relaxing break as we all re-energise!

Take care,

Miss. Lorelle Barton
**Vegetable Garden Update**

This term we have had two School Pride sessions and we have seen lots of change in the Vegetable Garden. We have finished paving the entrance, created a sign, created and added decorations, weeded and we planted and maintained some produce. I would like to thank Ashley Litchfield and Fiona Woolfitt for their assistance and hard work in helping out at our sessions. An extra thank you to Ashley for doing lots of behind the scenes work too! The Veggie Gardeners are looking for some old Tonka trucks or similar to use. We would like to plant some succulents in the back of a toy dump truck to add some creative flair to our garden. If you have an old toy dump truck lying about, we would be able to make great use of it!

Kind regards,

Lorelle Barton

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**PCW CORNER**

“Arrividerci”
(Goodbye in Italian)
From Mrs Smith

Have safe and happy holidays

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**Kids Club**

Friday 7th August
No Kids Club in July due to school Holidays.

Kids Club Camp at Berling’s Carriage
Note change of date
Sat 19th Sep to Sun 20th Sep
More details coming soon!
Any enquiries to:
Margaret Smith

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**Glee Club Update**

Glee has continued throughout Term 2, with some interruptions with excursions and camp making it hard to fit in a session every week. However, students have been busy working on their dance number to ‘Live Louder’ and each student in the club has added a fantastic 4 beat dance move to our dance. We have also begun working on a special item for the 50 year celebration. Well done on another gleeful term, Glee Clubbers!

Lorelle Barton

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**Toolbox Parenting Workshop**

At Geranium Primary School
Week 5 to Week 10 Monday Nights
7pm – 9pm

There is still room for more parents to attend. Please contact me at school if you would like to attend this valuable workshop.

Margaret Smith (Pastoral Care Worker)
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworth’s.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at the front office or at your local Woolworths.

If you would like to know more about this promotion visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

A QUIZ AFTERNOON has been organised for

**SUNDAY 26th JULY,**

**Start: 12 noon**

2 sets of questions before a light lunch questions to resume after lunch.

**Tables of 8**

**Cost $15.00 per adult**

**$7.50 school children**

To book a table contact any of the committee. If you can’t get a table of 8, come along and we will make up tables of 8. We would love to see all members, partners and community members.

Bar facilities available

Ashley Litchfield has a **black, Epson 200XL printer cartridge** that is surplus to her needs. If you could use this cartridge, please contact **Ashley** on **85773527**

Year 5/6 Students being trained in the PALS PROGRAMME

PALS stands for ‘Play At Lunchtimes’. This programme trains year 5-7 students in how to run lunchtime play activities for younger students. It encourages practise of social skills in younger students, and develops the leadership and decision making skills of our older students. Well done to Ben, Jasmine and Olivia!