



GERANIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning For All, Learning For Life

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Term 3

August

- Fri 7th Assembly 9am
School Pride
- Mon 10th Governing Council School Library 8.00 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
Book Week Parade
- Thu 27th JP Focus Day hosted by LRCS

September

- Sat 26th 50 Year Celebration

2015 Term Dates

Term 3 20th July - 25th Sept – 10 weeks

Term 4 12th Oct-11th Dec – 9 weeks

Greetings

Welcome to Term 3! We have an exciting term ahead of us, with a number of great events planned. Our **Athletics Carnival** is happening on Thursday 13th August, and planning is well underway. As Geranium is organising this day, we would really appreciate help on the day with running the various athletic events. If you are able to help out, PLEASE let us know!

On the 25th August we are hosting the Pinnaroo and Lameroo Middle and Upper Primary students for a **Highway 12 Focus Day**, the focus being Book Week. The Junior Primary students will also be heading to Lameroo on 27th for their own **Early Years Focus Day**. All students will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character on the 25th August.

Of course, we end out term with our **50 year Celebration** on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September.

Every day our students are learning and growing with lots of exciting learning activities that are happening all the time!

We have recently received information regarding a newly formed **Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner**. The Office leads online safety education for the Australian Government and protects Australian children when they experience cyberbullying by administering a complaints scheme. It also deals with complaints about prohibited online content.

Cyberbullying is the use of technology to bully an individual or a group with the intent to cause harm. The intended harm may be social, psychological and, in extreme cases, physical. It can occur in a number of ways, including:

- abusive texts and emails
- hurtful messages, images or videos
- imitating others online
- excluding others online
- nasty online gossip and chat.

As our students are engaging more with the online environment, cyberbullying and its negative impact is becoming more widespread. Cyberbullying material can spread quickly, be difficult to delete and be created by anonymous users. It can have a serious impact on children's lives, and is often hard to detect.

I would encourage all parents to take a look at the website, and to talk with your child/ren about how to keep them safe online.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au>

As you are aware, we have been working with our students on using tools that help them learn – being gutsy, curious and creative, going for it and getting along. Recently I asked a student what they do when they get stuck, and his response

was "I calm down, and then have another try". That's being gutsy and going for it! The ability to persist and keep trying is vital to learning, and I'm excited each time I see a student push past their frustration and take risks.

As we head into this term I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and involvement – let's make it a great experience for everyone!

*Regards,
Ruth*

A Point to Ponder

"It is not that I'm so smart. But I stay with the questions much longer."

Albert Einstein

Governing Council meeting will be on Monday 10th August, at 8.00 (not 7.30), in the school library



Early in the year we sent home a record sheet for each child to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. This challenge ends in September, so it's important that we ensure all students have had their reading recorded. If you have lost your record sheet, please put a note in your child's diary and we will send one home. If you have forgotten to record books they are reading, just begin now, or if you can remember some titles they have read, add them in. We will be asking for all forms to be returned to us by the middle of this term. Please let us know if you have any questions.

MIDDLE AND UPPER PRIMARY CLASS REPORT

We had a very busy and productive start to the term in our first week back, with the children being eager to catch up with friends, share their holiday experiences and start some new areas of learning. Unfortunately this week our class has suffered badly with a number of people being away due to sickness. However those of us who have soldiered on have completed some interesting learning activities!

In our PE lessons and Sporting Schools time with Mrs Wait athletics practice for the upcoming sports day has been in full swing. The students have already shown a marked improvement in their techniques and performances in all the athletics events we have been practicing and they are looking forward to sports day with enthusiasm.

This term we are continuing our cross-curriculum learning activity of hand-making paper for Design and Technology and Arts. This activity also fits well with our science learning area of chemical sciences for this term where we are currently investigating natural and man-made materials. Our small class of six had a productive time yesterday shredding old paper and pulping it with the help of Mrs Smith, so we have a good stockpile of pulp ready to start making more paper next week.

Planning for our contribution to the school's 50th anniversary celebration at the end of this term is also well underway. Our class will be showcasing some of the iconic music from the 1960's and 70's and I will send home information about what costumes the children will require as soon as this is finalised. We would also appreciate if any parents or grandparents, aunts or uncles or other members of the community who were past students of Geranium could think of any funny little stories from their school days here that they would be willing to share. If you could either relate them to one of the children or write them down and send them into school we would like to use these as entertainment between our performances.

We are hoping that all our classmates who are still on the sick list make a full recovery soon and are back to join in the fun and learning as we miss you!

Kathryn Roberts



Having some fun with shapes during Maths on Thursday

Junior Primary Class Update

Welcome back to Term 3! In the Junior Primary Class we have been getting back in to the swing of things the last two weeks and we have all been thinking of the students who have been absent due to the cold and flu and we look forward to having you back soon!

Our overall focus this term will be on 'Australia'. This week we have been fortunate enough to have students bring in items for their Daily News that relate to Australia. We have had some interesting conversations and enjoyed working out where these different Australian Landmarks or objects are or come from, on our Australian map. If you have any Australian themed/based photos or objects at home, we would love to see them and continue our inquisitive discussions and learning.

In English we have been studying the text 'Where the Wild Things Are'. In class we have had some interesting discussions about the vocabulary of the text and students have even begun using the words 'mischief' and 'rumpus' to explain their actions. Another focus of this study has been on the role that illustrations play in picture books. A lot of our book studies have focused on the role of the author so this time we have changed our focus. Students have been busy illustrating their own wild things and have spent time considering the features and characteristics of them, in the coming weeks they are looking forward to illustrating their own mini picture books.

In Maths we have been finalizing our learning on 'Shapes'. Students have been engaged in many hands-on activities that have extended their learning on 2D and 3D shapes. Next week we begin our journey on 'Measurement'!

This week we finished off our Sporting Schools sessions with a focus on 4 different types of Athletic skills. On Tuesday we were fortunate enough to have the Kindy students join us to learn some new skills in Hurdles, Long Jump and Relay Races. These sessions have been fantastic for our lead up to Sports Day and students are making wonderful improvements. Thank you to Heather for teaching us and showing us some new Frisbee skills too!

I hope you all have a chance to re-energize over the weekend and keep healthy! ☺

Take care,

Miss. Lorelle Barton



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)

PCW Corner

It's great to be back at school after an amazing time in Italy and London.

In Italy, our whole family were together to celebrate the wedding of Yolanda (our daughter) and Flavio. A beautiful day and memorable times! Then in London, we cheered on Maddy (our daughter) who represented Australia in the World Games, playing Ultimate Frisbee. The Australian U23 Mixed team that Maddy played in came home with silver medals! (USA: Gold and Canada: Bronze)



There must be some nasty bugs lurking around as there are many students away this week. (Hope those who are sick, feel better soon.) I'm looking forward to fun times with the children at Geranium in Term 3!

Remember that parents, staff and anyone connected to the school can come and catch up with me in "The Haven" next to the Library. I do pastoral Care Work on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Keeping students, families and staff of Geranium Primary School in my prayers,
Margaret Smith (Pastoral Care Worker)

The 71st Coonalpyn Show is on

Saturday October 17th 2015
An excellent family friendly day.
Anyone can enter and it's free!
JUNIOR Section includes:

- cooking
- art
- craft
- and
- photography

Further enquiries to Rachel Neumann
rjbal@internode.on.net



New date: Friday 21st August

**KIDS
CAMP**

At Berling's Carriage

Sat 19th Sep to Sun 20th Sep 2015

**Notes will be sent home to families with more details for Kids Club and camp soon!
Any enquiries to: Margaret Smith**

PERSONALIZED PAVER

Your last chance to make this order !!!

Just a reminder that if you wish to place an order for a personalized paver, the fundraiser has been extended for a further week, with orders now due in by Monday 3rd August.

If you would like further copies of the order form or further information, please email grenise@bigpond.com for a copy to be sent to you.

Please let family and friends know – what a great way for them to leave a permanent legacy within the Geranium Community!

Thanks,

Denise Stephenson and Penny Temby



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Teachers Registration Board of South Australia

The Minister for Education and Child Development in South Australia, the Hon Susan Close, is calling for Expressions of Interest from a parent of a school student to be nominated by the Minister for membership on the Teachers Registration Board of South Australia to represent the community interest.

The Teachers Registration Board is established under the Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004 (the Act). The object of the Act is to, in the public interest, establish and maintain a teacher registration system and professional standards to ensure members are competent and fit and proper persons to have the care of children. The Board regulates the teaching profession within Government and non-Government sectors. In undertaking its functions, the Board has the welfare and best interests of children as its primary consideration.

Expressions of Interest, including a current CV, (marked Private and Confidential) should be forwarded to: Dr Peter Lind, Registrar, Teachers Registration Board, PO Box 3649, RUNDLE MALL SA 5000 by 5:00pm, 26 August 2015.

Further information is available from the Board Secretariat. Please contact: Ms Linda Eckert (tel: (08) 8463 7897, email: Linda.Eckert@trb.sa.edu.au)

Kidsflix Mount Barker



Location

Wallis Cinemas Mount Barker
17 Adelaide Road,
Mount Barker SA 5251

Date

29 August 2015

Time

Entertainment commences 9.00am
Movie commences 10.00am

Book online at: www.kidsflix-mtbarker.eventbrite.com.au

For More Information Contact

Kidsflix Coordinator at
Arthritis SA on 08 8379 5711.

Domestic Violence

Awareness Days in the Murraylands on the 31st July and 1st August 2015.

Domestic Violence is....

A form of violence that can occur within any relationship.

Violent, abusive or intimidating behaviour carried out by a partner, carer or family member to control, dominate or instil fear.

HELPLINES & RESOURCES

EMERGENCY 000

Provides access to emergency organizations

POLICE ASSISTANCE 131 444

For victims of crime, other than life threatening or time critical emergency situations.

KIDS HELPLINE 1800 55 1800

Telephone and online counselling support service for young people between 5 & 25 years.

1800RESPECT 1800 732 732

To provide professional telephone and online counselling service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

CHILD ABUSE REPORT LINE 13 14 78

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

LIFELINE 131 114

Provides all Australians with access to crisis support and suicide prevention services.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS SERVICE

1300 782 200

To assist anyone affected by violence or family abuse.

VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICE 1800 182 368

Provides counselling and information for those who have been victims of crime.

MEN'S LINE AUSTRALIA 1300 78 99 78

Supports men and boys who are dealing with family and relationship difficulties

WEBSITES:

<http://www.whiteribbon.org.au>

www.kidshelp.com.au

<http://au.reachout.com/what-is-domestic-violence>

www.headspace.org.au (phone: 8531 2122)

50 YEAR CELEBRATION



Saturday the 26th and Sunday the 27th September

Our next planning meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 25th August**, 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.

Tea at the Bowling Club



If you would like to attend the tea at the Bowling Club on the Saturday night of the celebration, **PLEASE RSVP** to the school, either by phone: 85772277, or email: dl.0145.info@schools.sa.edu.au so that we can gather numbers for catering.

If you are able to help out with the catering for the Bowling Club tea with hot pots/casseroles etc, please get in touch with Rosemary Howard: 8577 2258

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Name:

I can help with being a timer scorer marshal

I am available from to