Greetings:

Last week I mentioned some research done by Carol Dweck, a Professor of Psychology at Stanford University. In a study done recently, she found that the most powerful determiner of how a child feels about their ability to learn is the community’s view of failure. She talks about a positive failure mindset – a mindset that sees failure as enhancing and productive, rather than negative and debilitating. If those adults around the child react to failure positively, seeing it as a way of learning new things, then the child is more likely to also see themselves as able to use failure to learn. This made me think about those often very subtle and unconscious messages we send by saying things like ‘never mind, it was pretty hard’, rather than ‘well done, I saw you really struggling to work that out.’ It’s in the struggle that we become strong thinkers.

Regards,

Ruth

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Diary Dates

**Term 2**
- **Wed 8th Jun**...Nude Food Day
- **Thu 9th Jun** SAPSASA Cross Country Championships
- **Fri 10th Jun** Pupil Free day
- **Mon 13th Jun** Queen’s Birthday
- **Thu 16th Jun** Hot Lunch
- **Fri 17th Jun** Assembly
- **Mon 20th & Wed 22nd Jun** Camp at Warradale
- **Wed 29th Jun** SAPSASA Football/Netball Tryouts @ Peake
- **Fri 8th Jul** Assembly

**Term 3**
- **Thu 11th Aug** Hot Lunch
- **Fri 2nd Sep** Athletics Selection Day
- **Wed 14th Sep** Tennis & Cricket Selection
- **Thu 15th Sep** Hot Lunch
- **Mon 26th Sep** Athletics Country Champs

**Term 4**
- **Thu 3rd Nov** Hot Lunch
- **21st-25th Nov** Cricket & Tennis State Carnivals in Adelaide
- **Thu 1st Dec** Hot Lunch

**TERM DATES 2016**
- Term 2 2nd May - 8th Jul 2016
- Term 3 25th Jul - 30th Sep 2016
- Term 4 17th Oct - 16th Dec 2016

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Point to Ponder

It’s not the failure itself, it’s the way we react to the failure that makes the difference.

Martin Westwell
Term 2 has continued to whizz along very quickly with lots of learning and associated activities happening in our class. Last week the Year 5, 6 and 7 students really enjoyed a trip to Karoonda Area School which gave them a chance to meet and socialise with a new and larger group of students of their own age. We participated in a Science lesson with Mr Rankine and the Year 5/6 class where the students, working in small groups, were able to teach each other about some of the learning they have done in Biology about animal adaptations. They then enjoyed having lunch together and by the end of lunch time had made some great new friendships and were reluctant to leave! This was in contrast to the slightly nervous group of students who made their way to Karoonda, expressing their concern about ‘not knowing anyone’, and highlights the benefits of these opportunities for our students to visit other schools.

This was followed by the visit on Thursday of West Adelaide player Jason Porplyzia and staff members Andrew Marks and David Bradley. The students all participated enthusiastically in the coaching offered and enjoyed showing off their skills as well as learning new ones.

Congratulations to Emelia who attended the SAPSASA cross country running trials at Meningie last Friday. She completed the very undulating 3 kilometre course at Meningie Golf Club in a most respectable time and now knows what is needed if she’d like to try and qualify for the championships next year.

This week we all enjoyed a morning of measurement fun and games during our whole school Maths Fun Day. It was wonderful to see the students of all ages working and learning together and particularly the older students helping the little ones. Well done all!

Kind regards,
Kathryn Roberts and the MUP Class.

TIQBIZ NOTES
If you have registered on Tiqbiz but are not receiving messages can you please advise Sue. Unless you specifically request a hard copy, School Newsletters will now be sent via Tiqbiz. Thank you for your assistance.
During the last fortnight we have participated in an SANFL visit, Whole School Maths Investigation morning on measurement and A LOT of fairytale painting, crafts and writing to successfully turn our classroom into something out of the ‘Magic Faraway Tree’. Our Reception students even had their first What’s the Buzz? session this week too.

We have been focusing on using our learning tool ‘Be Creative’ this week across all of our learning areas. Specifically, we have really enjoyed getting creative with activities based on our term three ‘Stories’ and around our class novel ‘The Magic Faraway Tree’. Students have designed and illustrated their own Faraway Trees and we even created one as a class. We have been discussing Superheroes and Villains and done lots of writing and crafty activities on various Superheroes and Villains. We would love for you to come visit our classroom and check out our awesome work!

In Maths this week we have been focusing on area. Students investigated what area and surface is in our first session by exploring how many students could fit inside chalk shapes outside. They experimented lying down, sitting down and standing in various shapes of various sizes. I loved hearing the discussions amongst students as they counted, reasoned and continued experimenting to see how much space they could cover.

In one of our other area activities this week, students made Giant Superheroes by tracing around the perimeter of a partner’s body and decorating them with superhero flare. They then had to use materials to calculate the area of the body. We have been getting prepared for our unit on Time that begins next week by practicing our skip counting by 5s and 10s. If you haven’t heard it already – why not ask your child to teach you the skip counting rap!

Teddy Bear’s Picnic
(Next Wednesday… 8/6/16)
Next Wednesday I would love it if all students in the JP class could bring along their favourite Teddy Bear for a Teddy Bear’s Picnic. We will be reading different Nursery Rhymes and songs next week and to go alongside our Healthy Foods topic and Nude Food Day we are going to take our Teddy Bears for a picnic at Recess. Please remember to pack a Nude Food recess and lunch. 😊

Miss. Lorelle Barton
Hello there!

“What’s the Buzz?” Social Skills Programme has begun at Geranium. I will deliver the programme to Receptions and Year 5-7’s in Term 2 and to Year 1-4’s in Term 3.

This week we looked at “Greeting People and saying Good bye” and “Being Friendly”. It would be a good thing for parents to ask their children what we talked about and to “practise” some of the things they are learning. I have “Follow-up Thoughts and Ideas” on the week’s sessions and can pass these on if you would like. Just leave a note in your child’s diary or give me a call at school.😊

My hours at Geranium Primary School are 8.5 per week. The good news is that the PCW Support Group has decided to fund an additional 1.5 hours per week for Term 2 to assist in “What’s the Buzz?” preparation. This funding comes from donations from local churches and fundraising, like the Farm Fair. So, THANK YOU! And I’m sure the students will benefit from this.

As you would be aware, I am no longer teaching at Geranium. This was a difficult and sad decision for me as I LOVE teaching and especially like this group of students! They are an engaged and enthusiastic bunch😊

However, in my role as Pastoral Care Worker, it’s all about having time to stop and just listen to children, parents and staff. (It’s more difficult to do this in a teaching role) In fact, I believe that listening, really listening, is one of the most important things I can do here at Geranium (far more important than running fancy programmes!)

Australian psychologist and social researcher, Hugh Mackay says:

“To listen to someone means devoting time to the process, putting your own concerns on hold, remaining silent even when you’re dying to say something. Patient listening also involves a willingness to postpone judgement about what is being said. Mostly we want to rush in to agree, to disagree, to object, to correct, but listening demands the patience to let all that wait until the other person has finished saying to us what they want to say to us.”

Hugh Mackay, “The Good Life”

Mackay also says that the greatest compliment that you can pay a person is to listen to them! Imagine how our homes and schools would look if we tried “complimenting” each other (Hugh Mackay style – listening).

Here’s to a “complimentary” week and term!

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

Margaret Smith PCW
Parents and Friends have many bags of both the heavenly balls and popcorn left after the Karoonda Farm Fair. We would like to offer them to our school community for just $1 for the heavenly balls, and $2 for the popcorn. If you would like to place an order, please complete the below order form and return to the school by no later than Tuesday the 14th of June. Money must be included with your order.

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