Greetings:

As a further extension on our work with the learning toolbox, the staff have been discussing the concept of limiting and enabling assumptions. These are statements that we make to ourselves and to our children, often unintentionally, that can have a marked impact on how children view themselves as learners.

In our classrooms we have been recording some limiting or blocking statements that students make, and then working out an enabling or growing statement that could be used instead – here are some we’ve worked on:

- **I DON’T KNOW WHAT TO WRITE**
- I’ll read it again for inspiration, I’ll talk to someone

- **IM NOT REALLY GOOD AT DIVISION**
- can I find a different way? it’s hard, but I’ll keep pushing

- **MINE’S GOING TO BE AN F**
- I’ll keep trying my hardest and I will improve

- **IM NOT REALLY GOOD AT IT**
- I’m not sure but I’ll keep practising

I would encourage you to have a look at the following youtube clip as just another reminder of the often very subtle ways we may be inadvertently placing limits on our children: Always #LikeAGirl - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJQ8jWyDTs

It’s been a very busy term, and I think we are all ready for some R&R! Hopefully you can enjoy some quiet time, and some time just enjoying being together as a family. Have a great holiday!

Regards,

Ruth

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**Diary Dates**

**Term 2**
- Fri 8\(^{th}\) Jul - Assembly
- Art Exhibition
- Loud Shirt Day

**Term 3**
- Fri 29\(^{th}\) Jul - Athletics Carnival (Lam)
- Wed 3\(^{rd}\) – Fri 5\(^{th}\) Aug - Year 6/7 Camp (Lam)
- Mon 8\(^{th}\) Aug - Governing Council
- Thu 11\(^{th}\) Aug - Hot Lunch
- Fri 12\(^{th}\) Aug - Pupil Free Day
- Fri 2\(^{nd}\) Sep - SAPSASA Athletics Selection Day
- Mon 5\(^{th}\) Sep - School Closure Day
- Mon 12\(^{th}\) Sep - Governing Council
- Wed 14\(^{th}\) Sep - SAPSASA Tennis & Cricket Selection
- Thu 15\(^{th}\) Sep - Hot Lunch
- Mon 26\(^{th}\) Sep - Athletics Country Champs

**Term 4**
- Thu 3\(^{rd}\) Nov - Hot Lunch
- 21\(^{st}\)-25\(^{th}\) Nov - Cricket & Tennis State Carnivals in Adelaide
- Thu 1\(^{st}\) Dec - Hot Lunch

**TERM DATES 2016**

- Term 2 - 2\(^{nd}\) May - 8\(^{th}\) Jul 2016
- Term 3 - 25\(^{th}\) Jul - 30\(^{th}\) Sep 2016
- Term 4 - 17\(^{th}\) Oct - 16\(^{th}\) Dec 2016
**Point to Ponder**

“Listen earnestly to anything your children want to tell you, no matter what. If you don’t listen eagerly to the little stuff when they are little, they won’t tell you the big stuff when they are big, because to them all of it has always been big stuff.”

**RECENT RESEARCH**

In a recent article in the Adelaide Advertiser (June 14th), new guidelines from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine show that sleep is linked to improved attention, behaviour, mental health, physical health and learning at every age. The recommended guidelines are nightly sleep durations of 9-12 hours for children aged 6-12, and 10-13 hours including naps for children aged 2-5 years. For most of our students, that means a bedtime of 7.30pm – food for thought!

**Firewood For Sale**

**At the School**

Sunday July 31st

6x4 trailer loads

$100 picked up on the day

$120 delivered around town

Please contact Sue to go on the list – first in, first served!

**Camp Quotes**

“My grandma is 65, and she’s not dead yet!”

(said with a tone of complete amazement)

Questions for Russel Ebert;

“did you ever play football?” Reply.

“yeah, a bit!”

“if players don’t play well, do they get paid less?”

**EARLY DISMISSAL**

FRIDAY 8TH JULY, 2.20 PM
Junior Primary Class Update

We have had a fantastic and BUSY term in the Junior Primary room. These are some of the things we have been learning about lately:

*Time, How Light Sources Work - The Sun and Fireworks, Solving Number Problems, The BFG, The Magic Faraway Tree, Rhyming, Healthy Communities, Narrative Writing and Athletics!*

Enjoy some snapshots of us in action over the last few weeks:

Wishing you all a very safe and happy holiday! I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for Term 3!

Kind regards,

Lorelle Barton
MUP Class Update

Term 2 has finished off in a real blur of activity since our successful camp to Adelaide in Week 8. During Week 9 Luke, Olivia and Jasmine attended the tryouts for our district SAPSASA football and netball teams – well done to all of them for having a go and congratulations to Olivia and Luke for being selected onto their respective teams.

In History lessons with Mrs Patterson the class completed some activities to extend their learning from our visits to Parliament House and the Migration Museum as well as writing thankyou letters to the people who hosted some of our camp visits. This week they participated in some fun “olden days” activities which included writing with ink pens, playing skittles and cooking delicious Cornish pasties (thanks to Mrs Bond for her expertise in the kitchen).

Over the last two weeks we have also enjoyed the presentation of some of our students’ Passion Projects which they completed for homework this term. It has been very impressive to see the range of projects they have undertaken, the new skills they have learnt and the creative ways they have presented their projects. This term’s Passion Projects have included a short story collection, vegetable garden, orphan lamb raising, cooking, with delicious samples for the class to taste, sewing, research on famous landmarks and Olympic athletes and creative dance videos. I can’t wait to see the rest of them over the next couple of days, including Emelia’s art exhibition on Friday.

It has certainly been a term packed full of learning, sharing and fun and I think we are all well and truly looking forward to a bit of a change of pace over the holidays. I would like to thank you all for your continued support to provide the best education we possibly can for the children of GPS and hope you are all able to enjoy a safe and fun holiday period with your families.

Kind regards,

Kathryn Roberts and the MUP Class.
Last Monday night, I attended a very helpful Workshop for Wellbeing at Geranium Primary School: “My Travels with Shadow”. The event was an initiative of Centacare Drought Assistance and Uniting Communities, with Cliff Sweetman presenting a journey of understanding depression to raise awareness and promote recovery. Cliff gave us strategies and a “toolbox” to help us as a community to look out for each other.

If you would like to have a Handout from this presentation or would like to chat, don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

This week’s “What’s the Buzz?” Social Skills Sessions, were on “Worry” and “Strategies for positive thinking” (resilience). I had some really “gritty” conversations with your children around resilience and bouncing back. We agreed that falling and failing isn’t always a bad thing - it’s how we learn and grow as people.

In this ever-changing world, it’s so important that our children have resilience and inner strength to bounce back when life dishes out stuff that is hard. I know that, as parents we want to rush in and rescue our children, but to “grow” resilient children, we have to give them space to fail so that they can get back up, keep trying and become stronger.

The kids came up with all sorts of quotes and bits from movies and books about “bouncing back” and “trying again”. It was a REALLY GOOD conversation!

Enjoy the holiday break, whether you go away to explore new scenery or maybe rediscover great places in the Mallee!

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

Margaret Smith (Pastoral Care Worker)
Southern Mallee Scouts Group
Official Opening Night!

Date: Tuesday 26 July 2016
Time: 6pm - 8pm

Venue: Parilla Memorial Hall, Mallee Highway, Parilla

For girls and boys aged between 6 and 15 years

Parents/Carers are encouraged to participate and enjoy the evening.

Supper provided after activities

Spread the word and bring a friend

Enquiries, please call David Scarlett, 0427 828 119

Homemade Pasta Class with Yolanda Margilio

Yolanda Margilio (daughter of David & Margaret Smith) will be holding a class for anyone wishing to learn how to make fresh pasta at home, authentic Italian Style.

The class will consist of 3-4 hours of pasta making: tagliatelle, spaghetti, tortellini, gnocchi, & ravioli with various sauces, followed by a shared meal together (antipasto, pasta and dessert.)

The venue will be the Geranium Primary School Home Economics Room.

There are two time slots available:

- 9 am Saturday 6th August (lunch included)
- 3 pm Sunday 7th August (dinner included)

The cost of the class is $40.00 (all ingredients, equipment and drinks supplied)

For more information or to register your interest, please call:

Margaret Smith 8577 2216