Greetings,

Welcome to term 2! The students and staff have returned from their holidays refreshed and keen to begin a new term of learning together. As I walk down the corridor, I can see students working hard and enjoying their learning. We are looking forward to new learning, new opportunities, and new fun!

SCHOOL PRIDE

Our first School Pride afternoon went fantastically. There were students pulling weeds, stacking pavers, planning planting, bashing apart pallets, pulling out nails and enthusiastically sharing their ideas and suggestions for how they can contribute to their particular project. The next afternoon is timetabled for Tuesday, 27th May from 2.00pm till 3.20pm. We would love some community members to give us a hand if they are able to. In particular, I would like at least two people who can supervise a small group as they start to assemble their project made out of wooden pallets. Mrs Roberts’ group will be planting some new native plants at the front of the school, so some extra hands there would be greatly appreciated. Miss Barton would really appreciate some help in the vegie garden as they construct and plant up new beds. If you think you can help in any way, please let us know – we would love to have you!

LOST CLOTHING

The cold weather has certainly arrived, and with it the number of jumpers that seem to have no owners! If your child is missing a jumper or jumpers, please check the lost property. It would be great if everyone could also ensure that their child’s name is recorded on their clothing in some way – it makes it so much easier for the teachers to find the right owners.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN tests will be occurring for students in Year 3 and 5, next week, Tuesday to Thursday. They will be supervised by myself, and I am sure the students will all do their very best.

VACSWIM

Vacswim will occur again in the summer break this year, provided by the Royal Life Saving Society. The official VACSWIM dates are Jan 5th (Mon) to Jan 13th (Tues), however we do have the option to apply for permission to run the classes on an alternative date. To ensure we decide on dates that are suitable to most participants, could you please let us know your preferences? If you are intending your children to attend the VACSWIM lessons, please fill out the tear off slip at the back of this newsletter, numbering the dates in order of your preferences.

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Diary Dates

MAY

Friday 9th  SAPSASA XCountry Qualifying Day at Meningie
Sunday 11th Mother’s Day
May 13 -15th  P&F Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea (Geranium shop) International Day of Families
Thursday 15th  School Assembly Parents and Friends Meeting
Friday 16th  National Simultaneous Storytime
Wednesday 21st  Walk Safely to School Day
Tuesday 27th National Reconciliation Week
May 27th - June 3rd  National Reconciliation Week

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preference. This slip needs to be returned to school by Friday, May 16th to ensure we can apply for alternative dates if need be.

EXTREME READING
We have some great photos on our extreme reading board in the foyer – come and have a look. There is plenty of room for more, so have a think about an interesting place that you can read in, and take a photo!

SAPSASA (South Australian Primary School Amateur Sports Association)
SAPSASA - Primary School Sport is part of the Department for Education and Child Development's School Sport Unit. It is available to our upper primary students, and various activities happen throughout the year for which our students can try out. Our students' involvement so far this year has been:
Swimming: Beau Judd, Tom Barrett TRIED OUT
Football: Joe Howard, Trent Stephenson TRIED OUT, Joe Howard SELECTED
Tyson Stewart has also tried out for the State Hockey Championships, U13's.
Congratulations to these students who participate with enthusiasm. Our students' involvement relies on their parents’ involvement as well, so well done to everyone!

ASSEMBLY
Year 6 will be hosting assembly next Friday morning, at 9am. Come along and join us as we share the work we’ve been doing so far this term.

We have many visitors here at the school, and a common comment made is how lovely the school is, in regard to both the grounds and facilities, and the students themselves. We are extremely fortunate to have the buildings and learning spaces that we have, but even more so, to have the beautiful children, committed families and supportive community members that make up the community of Geranium Primary School.

GPS is a special place, because of the hard work put in by so many – thankyou!

Regards,

Ruth

LOST PROPERTY
A black vest was left behind in the drinks stall at the Karoonda Farm Fair. Please contact the school if it belongs to you. Thank you.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA
The Geranium and surrounding communities invite you to attend Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea.

When: Thursday, May 15th
Where: Geranium Community Store (in front of the store)
Time: 9.30am – 1pm

Morning tea will be provided. Hot drinks are available for purchase, prices listed below. Take your time and browse through the trading table while you enjoy a hot drink.

Tea $2, Coffee $3, Milo $2

STUDENTS: If you would like to take part in Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea and purchase a Milo for recess ($2) please return the cut off slip located at the back of this week’s newsletter by Wednesday, May 14th.

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING
Parents and Friends are holding their meeting on Friday, May 16 after the school assembly in the library. All parents are welcome to attend.
SANFL SEASON TICKETS
Geranium Primary School has been lucky enough to receive two SANFL season tickets for 2014. The tickets give you entry to SANFL Minor Round League Matches at all suburban ovals including Adelaide Oval. If you would like to borrow the tickets for a weekend please contact the school. The tickets must be returned after each match.

MATHS MENTAL STRATEGY
Rainbow facts are those number combinations that equal 10. These are number facts that we need to know automatically, to help us solve larger number problems.
Ways that we can develop these facts are:
1. Use ten items, and throw them onto the ground where you have drawn a circle. Some will land in, and some out of the circle. As quickly as you can, say the two numbers that add up to 10
2. Roll a dice, and then say the number that adds with the dice number to 10
3. Using ten items, hide a random number, and say how many are revealed, and how many are hidden
4. Use fingers to practise the different number combinations
5. Use two different coloured texts, and experiment with how many different combinations can be made when drawing 10 dots.

GERANIUM COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Opening Times:
- Tuesday 13th May: 1.00pm - 5.00pm
- Wednesday 14th May: 1.00pm - 5.00pm
- Thursday 15th May: 1.00pm - 5.00pm
- Tuesday 20th May: 1.00pm - 5.00pm
- Wednesday 21st May: 1.00pm - 5.00pm
- Thursday 22nd May: 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Geranium Sporting Club Mother’s Day Lunch on May 11th 2014 has been cancelled.
Thank you Alyson Judd

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA
To take part in Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea and purchase a Milo for recess on Thursday, May 15 complete the form below. The cost for 1 Milo is $2.00. Please return this form with money to the Front Office by Wednesday, May 14th.

Student Name/s: _______________________________________________________________
Number of Milos: ______________________________ Total cost: $______________

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