Greetings,

Welcome back to Term 3. We have a very full programme planned for this term, which I’m sure will also be very productive! We discovered a box of old school trophies last term, and finally we’ve been able to display them in our new cabinet in the office, ably put together by the Year 6 students. Feel free to call in and have a look – I’m sure I saw Bill Small’s name on one of them!

NATIONAL SSO RECOGNITION WEEK

Next week is National Recognition Week for School Services Officers. At our school we are very fortunate to have a terrific team of support staff helping to care for and educate your children, and run our school. Sue Jacob does a fantastic job of keeping the wheels of the machine running smoothly, always ready with a friendly answer to all sorts of questions! Hannah Lucas works with students, helping them to grow in their skills and confidence, and provides much needed admin support to the teachers. Greg Turner does an outstanding job in keeping the grounds and buildings maintained and looking great. Sue Evans, a volunteer, also provides much valued time with students, and support in the admin area.

Please join us in thanking these staff during National Recognition Week – we’d be lost without them!

SCHOOL PRIDE

School Pride is on again! We will be working on the same projects as last term, because they’re not quite finished yet. Miss Barton will be working with a group in the vegie garden, Mrs Roberts will be working in the native garden, and I will be continuing to make fantastic projects using old pallets. If you are able to come along and help us, we would love it.

ATTENDANCE

Last term’s attendance was 95%, which was a great result considering the amount of illness that went around the community. Well done.

BOOK WEEK

We have been invited to join with Coonalpyn Primary School and Raukken Primary School to celebrate Book Week together, at Coonalpyn. We will spend the day there on Wednesday 20th August exploring the various books that have received children’s book awards this year. As usual, there will be a fancy dress parade, with students invited to dress-up as their favourite book character. We will be leaving the school at 9am, and returning in time for the buses. A more detailed note will be sent home closer to the date. There will be the opportunity for students to order their lunch at the Coonalpyn Bakery, and we have attached an order form to the back of this newsletter. If your child/ren would like to order lunch, please fill out the form, and send it back in to school with the correct money.
SCHOOL CAMP
Our students have the opportunity this year to take part in a joint school camp, joining with Coonalpyn Primary School and Raukken Primary School, at the El Shaddai campsite in Wellington. This will be a fantastic chance to build on connections made at the swimming carnival and book week celebrations. More information is provided later in the newsletter.

Finally, this week I’ve been discussing with the Year 6 students a quote by Albert Einstein: “If someone feels that he has never made a mistake in his life, it only means that he has never tried anything new in his life.” It is so important for our students to overcome the fear of making mistakes, and come to understand that we learn when we take risks. It’s not comfortable, but it is necessary.

Regards,

Ruth

OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

We would really like to get some outdoor fitness equipment for our playground. This equipment would be great for our older students to use, and also community members who come and use the gym. Below are some ways that you might like to help us.

1. Spare change tin at the front office and at the shop – feel free to fill the tin with your spare change: you could even collect all of your 5c coins and send them in – they’re going to become obsolete soon.
2. Collecting refundable cans and cartons to get the refunds.
3. Donating funds – your name will go on a plaque on the piece of equipment you have helped sponsor

From the Year 6’s

Pedal Prix Update:
Last Sunday Trent, Beau and Joe did Pedal Prix at Adelaide. It started at 10.00 and finished at 4.00. The big bike called Flo-rider went from 6th to 16th and back to 6th when the race finished because it got 2 flat tyres. Beau moved up into Nightmare. Joe and Trent did 12 laps and Beau did 13 laps. There is one more race coming up in September and it’s a 24 hour.

A Hockey Report from Tyson:
Hockey is close to finishing, but my team the Kings have been winning a lot. The Kings are hoping we can get into the finals. This week the Kings and I play at Edenhope, Victoria which is a long way to travel. At Edenhope we get to play on sand based turf but it will be a long day because there’s only one field to play on with either 35 or 25 minutes a half for two halves, with 8 games to play. Next week is the semi-finals or just finals.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY - TOMORROW
Students can wear their favourite jeans, for a gold coin donation. They wear their school shirt as normal, or if they choose not to wear jeans, their whole school uniform as normal.

GOVERNING COUNCIL
A reminder that our first Governing Council meeting is on next Monday, the 4th August, at 7.30pm in the school library.

OUTDOOR PLAY MATERIALS
Our students love playing in the bush area of our playground, but some extra materials would be really useful. If you have any of the following that are surplus to your needs, we would love to put them to good use!

Large net curtains that can be used as tents
Old cooking tools ie saucepans, kettles, frypans, beaters, mixing spoons. Old plastic plates, cups, bowls, place mats etc. NB: metal or plastic are the best materials – we are unable to use glass or china items.

Upper Primary Class Update
In a note home to parents this week I outlined the many extra activities we have to fit in this term and it was really quite frightening! It will certainly be a busy time and with the first two weeks having already flown by, the pace does
not look set to slow down before the end of term.

In English the Year 3 to 5 students have started learning about poetry and have been having some fun writing limericks. We have also started some Book Week activities and have constructed a tree in our classroom to which the students are adding leaves as they complete books they enjoy and would like to recommend to their classmates.

This week we commenced a Design and Technology unit which is new to the Australian Curriculum, examining the technology behind food and fibre production on Australian farms. The unit will particularly focus on sustainable resource management and give the students the chance to design their own plans to help achieve this. The children really enjoyed contributing to a discussion about what we produce on our farms locally and further afield and the importance of farmers.

We have started planning our production for the end-of-year concert and the children are keen to start auditioning for the parts they would like to play. We are hoping to use many of the costumes at school and keep things as simple as possible, but some assistance with costumes may be needed once requirements are sorted.

I hope the children are all settling back into the routine of completing their homework without too much stress, as I know you all have busy lives out of school hours as well. Please contact me via a diary note or phone call if this is ever a problem in your household!

Kathryn Roberts

CPSW CORNER

After being in Adelaide last week for the annual Schools Ministry Conference it was great to be back at home at Geranium Primary School and amongst the children! This week we made the half-way mark with “What’s the Buzz?” social skills program. We are continuing to learn more about our feelings and this week’s focus was about Thinking Positively.

“*The positive manner in which an individual responds to a setback has long been described as emotional resilience, human durability, emotional toughness or personal flexibility.*”

“Positive thinkers are more inclined to plan, persist, take healthy risks, arrive at better decisions and find greater success in all kinds of ways”

“Positive thinking is a resilient attitude, and it permits each of us to re-examine and regroup our resources and bounce back despite encountering an interruption or problem.”

Mark Le Messurier, *What’s the Buzz?*

Make sure you ask your child to tell you about the “half empty, half full glass”. It could be interesting to hear their take on it!
I continue to keep all families and staff of Geranium Primary School in my prayers.

Margaret Smith
Christian Pastoral Support worker

Junior Primary News

It has only been just over a week back at school and we have already enjoyed our Responsible Pet Education Visit, Shared Learning, German, Active After Schools, our Growing Dinosaurs and meeting our new class friend Deano.

This term our theme is TRAVEL and so far we have ventured off in exploration of different places around us and have discussed places where we have been before. We have particularly enjoyed discussing the Commonwealth Games and finding out where Glasgow, Scotland is on our World Globe and Map. Students have been extremely excited to meet Deano our new travelling friend. Deano has begun his first week of visits this week and is looking forward to many more to come. We are also currently enjoying…

- Learning about Water and watching our toy Dinosaurs grow for Science
- Reading James and the Giant Peach
- Learning about Procedural Texts and following a procedure to make our AFL or SANFL supporter headbands
- Investigating our number problems, especially making our skip counting animals and passenger trains

Meet Deano! He is excited to be back in our class to tell us all the adventures he had with Sophie Temby this week!

Lorelle Barton
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.

LIBRARY BAGS FOR SALE
Parents and Friends are making drawstring library bag. The bags are being sold for $5.00 per bag, and are made out of green and white fabric to match the school colours. The bags are kindly being made by Sonia Broadbent. There is an example of the bag at the front office for you to have a look at. If you would like to make an order please complete the tear off slip in this week’s newsletter.

KIDSFLIX – MT BARKER
The Arthritis Foundation of South Australia is hosting a Kidsflix event on Saturday 6th September, 2014 at Wallis Cinemas, Mount Barker. Kidsflix is a free event for children and young people living with chronic illness, disability or in disadvantaged situations and their family. The morning consists of an hour of children’s entertainment from 9am-10am including face painting, air-bruch tattoos, Star Wars characters and craft followed by the movie Rio 2 or Postman Pat: The Movie, with each person attending provided with a drink and popcorn to complete movie experience. The incited child’s immediate family (ie siblings, parents, carers) are also part of the experience at no cost. The child who is the beneficiary of the incitation must be 16 years or under and be living with chronic illness, disability or in disadvantaged situation. All applications for movie tickets need to be returned by August 22nd via email, fax or mail.

 LIBRARY BAGS
To purchase a Geranium Primary School library bag made by the Parents and Friends Committee complete the form below. The cost for one library bag is $5.00. Please return to the front office.

Family Name: _____________________________________________
Number of library bags: __________________________
Total Cost: $ ____________

MALLEE MARKET
Sherlock Community Centre
Saturday, September 27th
8am – 1pm
Egg and bacon rolls, pancakes and various stalls
For more details contact: Marie on 0448 664 233

SUBTLE BRICKS THEATRE COMPANY
Sunday August 10th
Geranium Uniting Church at 11am
Subtle Bricks is taking part in the service
BBQ lunch to follow
RSVP to Marg Smith if attending lunch

Coffee Afternoon – 2pm until 4pm
Subtle Bricks providing entertainment and laughs
Local musical talent
Gold Coin Donation

ALL WELCOME
School Camp
In the last week of this term, from Monday 22nd September to Wednesday 24th September, our whole school will be going on camp! We will be combining with Coonalpyn and Raukken Primary Schools, and heading to El Shaddai campsite in Wellington.

What will we be doing?
Rock climbing, kite making, archery, treasure quest, earth-ball, parachute, canoeing, giant swing, team sports, and much more! The Junior Primary class will be going Monday, staying Monday night, and then returning to school Tuesday afternoon in time for the buses. Mrs Roberts’ class will be going Monday to Wednesday, returning to school Wednesday afternoon in time for the buses. Any students involved in the SAPSASA tennis and cricket selections on Wed 24th will return to school with Miss Barton’s class on Tuesday afternoon.

How and What?
We will travel by travel by CAP bus and a couple of cars, and all students will need to arrive with lunch for the first day. Students will need to bring clothing, toiletries, sleeping bags, and provide their own pillow. We will send home a more comprehensive list as the date gets closer.

Costs?
Those staying one night (Miss Barton’s class, SAPSASA participants) $50.00
Those staying two nights (Mrs Roberts’ class) $100.00
These costs include accommodation, meals and instructors for the various activities the students will be involved in. In no way do we want these costs to prevent any student attending the camp, so please contact either Sue or Ruth if you have questions about the costs.

How can families help?
Transport: we will need two cars to help transport students and adults to the campsite. Any car used must have comprehensive insurance.
Parent helpers: it would be great to have 1 male and 1 female parent helper – the male staying for the duration of the camp. Any parent helper must have a current DECD approved police check.
Please contact Sue or Ruth if you are able to help out in either of these areas.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?
Experience another culture, make new friends and improve your language studies at home
Hosting – An Experience for Life
Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home
www.studentexchange.org.au
1300 135 331 (cost of local call)

KIDS CLUB
Friday, August 1 2014
Food, games, singing, crafts and bible story!
COST: $2.50 TIME: 3.45pm-5pm
For more details contact Marg Smith on 8577 2216

ALL WELCOME
October 11th – 12th is the proposed camp out date. Could you please let Marg know if this date is suitable.

REMEMBER:
Premier’s Reading Challenges End on September 4th. Don’t forget to get your forms in by this date.

ATTENTION GRASSIERS
Please consider donating a ewe or hogget fleece to the Room with a View, Lameroo Hospital building project to enclose the verandah surrounding Charles Wing. Just drop your fleece into Ian Baker, Aussie Wool – Railway Tce Sth, Lameroo.
For more information contact Heather Needs on 8576 3463 or Brenton Maynard on 8576 5229.

Have your say on how to strengthen and support governance in schools and preschools
Effective and inclusive local governance is an essential for any successful school. An independent review is currently being undertaken on the governance arrangements in our public schools and preschools and we are seeking your input, as community members and as parents.

Education is a shared experience and there is an considerable evidence that the active engagement of parents and community members enhances the quality of teaching and learning of children and young people.

This is a great way to get involved in how our school’s governance is shaped for the future. To have your say visit www.saplan.org.au/your-say/shaping-our-schools-and-preschools. Consultation closes August 1 2014.
Kidsflix Mount Barker

Saturday 6 September
Wallis Cinema
17 Adelaide Street
MOUNT BARKER

Entertainment begins at 9.00am
Movie begins at 10.00am

Name of organisation that you received this invitation from?

I would like if available: .......................................................... Adult tickets, .......................................................... Child/ren tickets
(Babies in arms do not require a ticket)

Of these I require ........... wheelchair space/s. Name of person in wheelchair .......................................................... child/adult (please circle)
Able to transfer to a theatre chair? YES/NO (please circle)

I would like to see:    Rio 2    Postman Pat: The Movie

Name of parent/carer attending with children (tickets will be posted to this person):

Address: .......................................................... .......................................................... Postcode: .......................................................... Phone: ..........................................................

Suburb: .......................................................... Email address: ..........................................................

I give permission for my family to be photographed at Kidsflix Mount Barker 2014. I understand my family may be on the Arthritis SA website, newspaper, magazine, flyer, television, Arthritis SA big screen to promote Kidsflix.

Yes I give permission    No I don't give permission    Signature
## Coonalpyn Primary Lunch Order Price List

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### Add Salads & Extras

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**Please return the form to the front office, named, with the items you wish to order ticked, and the correct money.**