Greetings:

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are in the process of reviewing our 2016 year, in preparation for planning 2017. I am very pleased to be able to announce that both Lorelle Barton and Kathryn Roberts will be remaining with us next year. We have begun looking at possible class structures, and hopefully will be able to let you know what they will be very soon. As part of that process, it’s really important that we gauge our student enrolments as accurately as possible. If you know of any changes to enrolments or of any families moving into the area, please contact the school.

In addition, we will be holding a parent workshop in the next few weeks where we will look at student achievement data and the responses to surveys to also help guide us in writing our 2017 site improvement plan. It would be great if you could join us for that as well.

We had an amazing afternoon on Tuesday with Simon Hutchinson from The Climbing Tree. He worked with all of our students, including the Kindy children, encouraging them to use all sorts of loose materials to be creative, collaborate, negotiate, problem solve and have fun. It has given us as teachers inspiration for more things that we could do next year!

Regards,
Ruth
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**BUNNINGS GARDEN VISIT**

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**changed date of Year 7 farewell and BBQ to Tuesday 13th, starting at 5.30pm**

Play is the highest form of research

*Albert Einstein*
On Tuesday Simon from the climbing tree come and brought materials for us to play and make with. He wanted us to use our imagination and creativity, and contact with nature.

First we got into small groups, and he told us all of the rules. He only had one rule – RESPECT. After he explained what we had to do, we took off and found a spot to build. We gathered materials to build shelters to protect us from crocodiles and piranhas. We built cubbies that our whole group could fit into and our cubbies looked exceptional.

After lunch we had to make something that has never been seen before. It was challenging to think of ideas and imagining what it could look like. Our last task was to build something we could play on. We got to tryout other peoples creations and had lots of fun.

It was a fantastic afternoon, and we felt like our imaginations had stretched around the universe!

By the 5,6,7 Class
READING TOGETHER
I wonder if there is another school in the Mallee, no- in South Australia, no- in Australia, NO- in the WORLD, that has a lunch time club of “I believe in Unicorns”...

Last Wednesday, the “I believe in Unicorns” club started off with 2/3 of our school joining in!!

I love lots of things about the “I believe in Unicorns” club.

* I loved the imagination and creativity that three young girls have and their drive to get the club happening.
* I love the way our Principal and staff didn’t squash this imaginative idea and enthusiasm of the girls and allowed them to be creative and “Go for it” (with some boundaries.. e.g. no riding unicorns in the corridor..)

* I loved seeing the leadership and organisational skills in action with these three young girls
* I loved seeing the inclusiveness. Anyone can join the “I believe in Unicorns” club.
* I loved the openness and willingness of the other students to join in
* and I loved seeing them having fun!

Being a small school sometimes has challenges and difficulties but it can also have BIG POSITIVES! The children here are so creative and imaginative! Maybe it’s no coincidence that the up-coming school concert in Week 4 is titled: “Imaginitis”!

A big Thank you to Ruth for submitting the application for National Schools Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) funding. We were successful! This means that Geranium Primary School will be funded for 2017-2018.

My hours at GPS have been topped up to 12.5 per week this term by Schools Ministry Group (my employer.) This means that I can have more ‘presence’ at school, supporting children, staff and families.

My PCW days are Tuesdays: all day & Wednesdays (recess- after lunch)

* some extra hours thrown in on random days, where needed.

Coffee Night~ Tuesday 25th Oct

Last Tuesday night we held a Coffee Night at the Geranium Uniting Church, hosted by the Geranium PCW Support Group. The idea behind it, is to provide an opportunity for people in the community (men and women) to CONNECT over a cuppa. It was a great evening with chatter and laughs bouncing off the walls!

Here’s a thought to ponder.. “Give us being and feeling over having any day..” Mireillo Guiliano

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

Margaret Smith -Pastoral Care Worker (PCW)
JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING AT PEAKE
Will be available for 5 - 13yo, on Sundays for 5 weeks with Hayley Davids from Quick Step tennis in Murray Bridge.

Dates are Sunday -
October 30th
November 6th, 13th and 20th and December 4th.

Starting at 10am -10.45 for 5-7yo, and 10.45-11.30 for 8yo and up.
Cost is $50 per child payable up front at the first session please.
Rackets are available for loan on the day if required.
For more info contact Tanja Morgan 0429 395918

INVITATION
You are invited to join us at the
StandBy SA Country South
Community & Training Workshop
Understanding and supporting those bereaved through suicide

Morning Session: 9.30am to 10.45 am - Room 1
Afternoon Session: 10.45am to 12.00 pm - Room 2

“Pathways to Care”

Purpose:
- To establish an effective coordinated community response to provide early intervention and ongoing support to families, friends and others bereaved through suicide by enhancing participation in the StandBy Mental Pathways Program
- To showcase the StandBy Response Service and provide understanding of the StandBy model
- To increase understanding about suicide bereavement through the contribution of local responders
- To increase individual and community capacity for the care and well-being of those bereaved by suicide

Lunch: 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm
Afternoon Session: 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

“Crossing the River”

Purpose:
- To equip service providers and community caregivers with basic suicide bereavement intervention skills
- To enhance and further develop the capacity of the Murraylands communities to respond to suicide, trauma and grief issues

Topics Covered:
Preparation: suicide bereavement experiences and differential trauma, completion of grief crisis intervention approach, role review & farm minimisation, self-care

Target Group: Communities implementing the StandBy Response Service including community workers, volunteers, health care providers, human resource managers, health, welfare & education professionals, youth services providers, clergy, people responding to family, friends and associates bereaved by suicide and concerned local individuals

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON
The Lameroo Branch of Friends of the WCH will be holding their annual fundraiser, the Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

November 1st, 12 midday, at the Lameroo Community Hotel.

Admission is $20, ($15 for Concession)
Children under 5 free

Entry price includes a delicious smorgasbord of cold meats, salads and a dessert, sweep entry and entertainment by LRCS primary students performing songs from their recent “Aladdin Trouble” production. There will be a Fashions on the Field competition with a Junior Fashions on the Field category for the kids. Tickets are available at the door, or to prebook a table, please call Jill Hand on 85763488 or 0428267667
Coonalpyn Primary School
With support from SA Ambulance Service of Coonalpyn & Coomandook
Invite you to a
“QUIZ NIGHT”
Friday 28th October,
6.45pm for 7pm start!
Coonalpyn Football Clubrooms
$5-00 per player
{Under 10 years old free}
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Bookings of 8 – 10 per table
to Coonalpyn Primary School
phone: 8571 1019

BYO Soft Drinks and Nibbles
This is an Alcohol Free Event
(Tea & Coffee available)
*All proceeds to Coonalpyn Primary School
to keep ICT equipment up to date.

We are still looking for quality items for our auction.
If you are able to donate please deliver items to the school.