Greetings:

Two events have occurred over the past two weeks that have made me immensely proud (again) of our students. Firstly, our school concert. The confidence and joy that was displayed by all children as they sang and danced affirmed for me the work we have been doing over the past few years on our learning toolbox. Again, a huge thankyou to Lorelle Barton and the entire staff and volunteer team.

And secondly, the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday. Our students displayed a deep respect and interest in our national defense history, and the roles that ordinary people from our families and community have played. Thankyou to Brian Willoughby for sharing his experiences, and to Milton Hender for playing the bugle.

These were not surprises. Our school has worked hard at developing a culture that celebrates thinking, learning and respect, and we saw this on public display. We’re not perfect, obviously, but I think we can pause, appreciate and celebrate our amazing children.

Four weeks to go until the 2016 school year is finished! A few important events reminders:

- This coming Monday (21st), a one hour parent workshop on our 2017 site improvement plan – please come and share your thoughts!
- Wednesday (23rd) Kindy renovations opening party, 2pm – all welcome
- Friday (25th) is a pupil free day – the teachers will be working on our 2017 plans
- Junior Primary Shop day Wednesday 7th December, raising money for a charity
- Tuesday 13th December, our end of year BBQ and Year 7 Graduation – please come and help us celebrate!

Regards,
Ruth
I can remember back to the days when I was at Primary School and there would be all sorts of crazes that came and went. Do you remember the Yo-Yo craze and “walking the dog?” And then there was the “Elastics” craze, doing all sorts of unusual steps and movements with a large piece of elastic. (Maybe I’m too old and people don’t know that one!) Well this week at Geranium Primary School, the Chess craze has begun! There are a couple of small sets and a large wooden one that the students have been using out on the paved area. It’s been fun watching the children think, make strategic moves and progress. What a GREAT school concert last week! Congratulations to Lorelle Barton for Producing such a fine performance and to the staff team who worked supportively beside her. And CONGRATULATIONS to every student for putting on such an energetic and happy show! 😊 I also thought that it was great to see the instrumental students up on stage as well. Thanks to Ruth Clothier for the work and energy put into bringing back instrumental music lessons at GPS!

In weeks 8 & 9 I will be running a “Moving on” program for the students moving on to High School next year. We will be looking at change, general well-being and developing skills for resilience. On Monday 12th December (Week 9) the PCW Support Group and I, will be running Christmas Electives. The students will get to nominate their preferences and do two elective, via the PCW Notice Board. I’ll conclude the day with a very short Christmas story.

Point to Ponder
It’s not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings.
Ann Landers

Remembrance Day 2016
While I was getting ready for school this morning, the radio was on in the background and the Presenter was interviewing Archie Roach. The interview was good and Archie finished off with a song from his new album, “It's not too late”. A message of hope. I know that sometimes I feel like “it’s too late.” I've slipped up and it’s too hard changing. Sometimes I'm too proud. But it's never too late to say “I'm sorry” or to 'make that phone call' or to have a go at "learning to play the piano accordion (or whatever it is you wished you’d learnt.)

It's not too late!

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

Margaret Smith - Pastoral Care Worker (PCW)
On Thursday 10th November we did our school concert. I was the Cat in the Hat. I really enjoyed the concert. My character got to have lots of fun showing Percy (Olivia) around, showing her how fun life can be. That was an awesome concert. My favourite.

LILLY

You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax and enjoy a good book or perhaps catch a fish on the end of a large hook. You know, you have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.

My favourite thing was when Lilly and I got to dance with the JPs to “Horton Hears a Who”

Olivia
In the play I was Geraldine (the mum). I had to be very sensible and not agree with fun and colour. I really enjoyed doing the concert.

*Jasmine*

I liked dancing in one of the songs “Just Like Fire”

*Jessica*
I sang “When I grow Up” I was Wise & Wacky.1. Hayden

The concert was fun. I got to tell a joke. I loved singing Jack

I was Creature Girl with Jade, Montanna, Libby, Shianne and Tonisha. Sophie

Photos courtesy of Sonia Broadbent
A very BIG THANK YOU to Sonia Broadbent for brilliantly taking on the role of Concert Photographer.

Give Families a HELPING hand THIS Christmas

Through the Geranium Uniting Church Kids Club, each year the children have brought gifts for disadvantaged children. They are distributed through Uniting Care Wesley. We would like to extend our love to these families through a food bank collection of non-perishables. The demand is great all year around.

If you are able to assist collection boxes will be at the Geranium Post Office and the Geranium Primary School Library.

Any queries ring:
Marg Smith 8577 2216
Pam Morgan 8577 2254

PARRAKIE CHRISTMAS TREE.

It’s that time of year again. Christmas is fast approaching and we are looking at doing a community Christmas tree but we need your help. If you are interested or know any others who are then please contact me.

Look forward to hearing from you
Pam Candy
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PEACH™ LIFESTYLE

Would you like your kids to eat well and be active? Would you like to improve your family’s lifestyle?

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PEACH™ Lifestyle provides parents with skills to:
- Improve child diet,
- Increase child activity time,
- Reduce child screen time, and
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Who is it for?

PEACH™ Lifestyle is a FREE program for families with a primary school-aged child.

What does it involve?

- Four to six months you will:
  - Complete one short, online session
  - Watch one 30 minute ‘Video Chat’ sessions with one PEACH™ facilitator
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CounterPunch is an integrated coaching program for young people using boxing training to teach them the skills and strategies to respond to life’s challenges and opportunities.

Young people will improve the ability to control their own behaviour, gain more respect for others and to take responsibility for setting personal goals and decision making.

The physical activity is a powerful means of developing an awareness of self. By identifying what’s happening in the body as a result of physical activity participants begin to understand the connection between the physical body, thoughts and emotions.

This connection is then related to life’s challenges and a toolbox for effective communication and performance is established.

Come and Try Kayaking

During Term 4 come on down to Sturt Reserve and join our ‘Come and Try Kayaking’ sessions. This program is for 13 – 18 year olds, sessions will be 1 hour long starting at 3pm and 4pm.

Join Andy Asser and fellow instructors from the Sturt Shadwell canoes for an afternoon of fun on the river in small groups. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills, meet new people, work as a team and enjoy the beautiful Murray River.

• Meet new people
• Increase Fitness
• Learn a new sport
• Qualified Instructors
• Encouraging Environment
• Team Building
• All equipment provided

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