Greetings,

Welcome to our Week 3 newsletter. We had a wonderful time yesterday at the shared swimming carnival, and I was so proud of our students! If you were at our acquaintance night on Tuesday evening, you would have heard me speak briefly about our Learning Toolbox – five different learning skills that we believe make us powerful learners. As I watched our students compete, cheer their teammates on and socialize, I could see every one of those learning tools in action. I saw students being Gutsy as they competed in events that were a bit scary for them. I saw people being Creative in the ways they cheered their team-mates on. There were students using their Get Along learning tool everywhere, chatting to students from other schools, and they were also being Curious, asking questions and wanting to know about others. And of course, every student was using their Go For It tool – persevering and completing every event they competed in. I’d like to say a huge thankyou to all of the parents and family members who came and supported the students and helped out in so many ways. Without your support our swimming carnival would not be the success that it is. I’d also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of Coonalpyn Primary School, who did the bulk of the organising, and in particular, Cass Lutze and Emily Schulz, who did an amazing job of ensuring every child felt safe and confident. And of course, a massive thankyou to our staff and students! (NB: swimming carnival photos will be included in newsletter 3)

ACQUANTANCE NIGHT

Tuesday evening was a great time of catching up, and learning a little more about the routines and expectations in our classes. Thankyou to all those who were able to attend. We are blessed here at GPS to have such a great group of families so deeply interested in their children’s education. Please remember that if you have any queries, please contact us – we value your input.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Elections for Governing Council will occur on Wednesday the 18th February, at 7pm in the library. Please consider being involved in our Governing Council - it’s a great way to contribute to the school. We will have 7 parent positions open, so please give it some thought!

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Our new Governing Council will have its first general meeting on the same night, following on from the AGM.

READING CUP AND PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

We will be continuing with both reading challenges this year, and once the staff have finalised the processes, we will let you know. Please keep recording your child/ren’s reading each night in their diaries, and we will complete our records retrospectively.

A school is a building that has four walls with tomorrow inside
SCHOOL CABINET
And finally, I am very pleased to announce that Ben Rolfe and Olivia Howard have been elected as our school captains for 2015, and Jasmine Knight as our Minister of Activities. I am looking forward to working with the three of them this year, and know they will be great role models for our younger students.

Congratulations!
Olivia, Jasmine and Ben

And one last minute announcement!

We are very excited to announce that yesterday at the swimming carnival, Olivia Howard broke the existing record set in 2003, when she came second in the Year 5 Girls Freestyle. Olivia’s time was 21.59 and the existing record was 22.23.

Well done Olivia!

Ruth
Ruth Clothier
Principal

TWILIGHT LAP SWIMMING
The pool will be open between 5 and 6 pm for lap swimming, every Thursday evening until the pool closes.

Pool supervisors will be Ruth Clothier and Lorelle Barton.

Geranium Store Price List

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Fruit

Banana, Apple, Pear $1.00

STUDENT FRIDGE AND MICROWAVE

The P&F provide a fridge for the students to store their lunches in to make sure they stay nice and cold. Please remind your child/ren to put their lunch boxes in the fridge if they don’t have an ice-block. The P&F have also just replaced our student microwave, so students are now able to warm up their lunches!

School Banking Reminder

School Banking is available every Tuesday. Parents can send Bank Book and money with students. Funds will be banked with Bank SA and books returned with student that night.
POSITION VACANT
CLEANER

PEAKE AND DISTRICT SPORTING CLUB
REQUIRE A CLEANER FOR CLUBROOMS
AND CHANGEROOMS

For Job Specification or further information
PHONE: Sharon Heym 85743048.
Position will be filled by tender process.
Applications must be in writing, include hourly rate required and two references.
No tender necessarily accepted.

Please forward applications to
Nat Slade, Secretary, P & DSC,
C/- Post Office, GERANIUM S.A. 5301.
Closing date 27th February 2015.

MILO in2CRICKET Program

MILO in2CRICKET is the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, with the aim of introducing kids aged 5-8 to the great Australian game. It provides children with an opportunity to develop their motor skills and meet new friends in a fun, safe and interactive environment. Your nearest Centre/s will be run at Wanderers CC, Showgrounds Oval, Murray Bridge, starting Tuesday 10th February at 5:30pm.

Cricket this term will be a very popular sport with the ICC Cricket World Cup starting on the 14th of February. By registering and paying for the Program not only will you enjoy some great cricket fun this term but every registered child receives an in2CRICKET Participant Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, drink bottle and other goodies! They will look just like their Aussie Cricket heroes!

To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for this season, log on to www.in2cricket.com.au and type in your post code.

MILO T20 Blast Program

MILO T20 Blast is the next step in the pathway for girls and boys looking to start playing cricket! Aimed at ages 7 and up. T20 Blast runs one night a week for 8 weeks throughout Term 1, and is the perfect introduction to playing matches and continuing to learn skills.

All Centres start with a FREE Come & Try Session with appearances from Adelaide Strikers players, giveaways and the Strikers mascot, SMASH!

All T20 Blast Programs are professionally run by qualified SACA staff and coaches.

Free T20 Blast Come & Try Days in your area:

Mt Barker MILO T20 Blast – Free Come & Try Day, Mt Barker Oval, Tuesday 10th February 5:30-7:00pm

Pancake Breakfast
Tuesday February 17th
PCW, Margaret Smith and Support Group will be serving hot, fresh pancakes as the children arrive at school on Tuesday. Pancakes are free!

Choices of strawberries, bananas, lemon & sugar and Maple Syrup
Fruit Juice also available
More details from Marg Smith
Pastoral Care Worker
Hello! It’s great to be back at Geranium Primary School and I consider it a privilege to be in the role of Pastoral Care Worker here.

Welcome to EJ, Lucas and Claire; our new Reception students! I hope that each of you feel welcome and that your days here are happy ones!

I thoroughly enjoyed the Swimming Carnival at Coonalpyn on Thursday, cheering on your children and chatting with parents.

**My days and times at school are:**
- Tuesdays: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
- Wednesdays: 10:00am - 2:30 pm

Please feel free to come and chat with me if you have any concerns or just need someone to “unload” to. My role is to be a support to students, teachers, staff, parents and anyone connected with this school.

**Pancake Morning: Shrove Tuesday 17th Feb:** The PCW Support Group and I will be providing hot, fresh pancakes on Tues 17th. More details in this newsletter.

**Up-coming happenings:**
- Cup-cake cooking (when swimming is finished)
- Relaxation Class at lunchtimes
- “What’s The Buzz” social skills program will resume in Week 5

**Something to think about..**
"It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare, it is because we do not dare that things are difficult" - Seneca Indian

**Using our school’s “Tool box” language~**
Let’s Go for it and be Gutsy!
I keep all families and staff of Geranium Primary School in my prayers.

Margaret Smith, Pastoral Care Worker
Junior Primary Update

Welcome back to another school year! At Geranium we are absolutely blessed with wonderful learning opportunities, beautiful grounds and buildings, a strong working relationship between students, staff and families, and a lovely school and local community. So, it is with great pleasure that I take on the role of the Junior Primary teacher again this year at Geranium and have the opportunity to continue working amongst these fabulous things. We have had an extremely busy start to 2015 in the Junior Primary Room. We were very excited to welcome our new reception students: Claire, Lucas and C.J. to the JP class and enjoyed watching them comfortably settle in to our routines. We have also been excited about our new learning topics for the term and have begun venturing into them. Here is a snapshot of some work we have been doing...

**Maths:** In Maths we have begun our investigations into Patterns and Number. We have begun a unit on The Very Hungry Caterpillar to engage us in these topics. Last week students made their very own hungry caterpillars and explored different ways of making counting more efficient. Students skip counted in various ways, by 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's. Here are some of our hungry caterpillars:

![Hungry Caterpillars](image1)

**English:** This term we have begun our Accelerated Literacy program, focussing on the text ‘Dear Zoo’. Students have loved reading and transforming this text and are looking forward to working on writing our own letters. Students will be writing letters to others, asking for things like the text does, and we are also extremely excited about writing to our new “pen pals” - students from the R-2 class at the Amata Anangu School.

![All About Me Bodies](image2)

Science: This term our class theme is The Zoo! We have had a lot of fun exploring what a habitat is and discussing our own habitats. Here are some photos of us engaging in our Science topic:

![Science Activities](image3)

Over the last few weeks we have been heavily involved in swimming lessons and students have been making great improvements in their confidence in the water and their swimming technique. Well done! I would also like to commend all the Junior Primary students for their fantastic attitude at yesterday’s swimming carnival. It was lovely to see all students give each event their best shot, listening to all instructions and seeing them cheering on their respective teams.

Take Care,

Miss. Lorelle Barton
Pinnaroo Run/Walk-a-thon!
This term our school has opted to participate in the school event for the Pinnaroo Run/Walk-a-thon. This event is being held to show support and raise much needed funds for Pinnaroo community members, Elise Summerton and her fiancé Luke, who were in a serious accident in 2013, where both of them sustained serious life-long injuries. We will be participating in this event on Wednesday the 25th of March, Week 9. Each student will complete as many laps as possible in their year levels allocated time frame.

Information for the event is as follows:
Date: Wednesday the 25th of March
Location: Pinnaroo Football Oval
Time: 9.30am-2pm
Food: Students need to bring along their own recess for a picnic before the event. As other schools will be in attendance we are advised that there are strictly **NO NUT OR EGG PRODUCTS** allowed at this event. A free sausage sizzle lunch will be provided by the Pinnaroo Lions club for all students.
Attire: All students are asked to please wear blue (Elise and Luke’s favourite colour) – there will be a number of prizes for best dressed.
Travel: Students will be travelling by school buses to and from this event. Our school will be covering the registration fee for each student; however, students have the choice of collecting sponsorship from family members or friends, before the event takes place. All the sponsorship money raised will go directly to helping Elise and Luke. A sponsorship form is attached to this newsletter if you wish to raise money for this great cause. **Sponsorship money and forms are due back at school on Monday the 23rd of March.** More details and a reminder will be sent out closer to the event.

Miss. Lorelle Barton

Glee Club
This year Glee Club will be held on Wednesday at lunch time. Students have been invited to sign up again if they are interested in being a member of this singing and dancing club. So far numbers are looking very strong and we are looking forward to continuing to learn the song Hall of Fame over the next few weeks. Stay tuned for our Glee updates!

Miss. Lorelle Barton

Kids Club
starts on Friday March 13th. Detailed information and Consent forms have been sent home. Could parents and caregivers please return forms to Marg Smith at the school. Thank you.

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Miss. Lorelle Barton
The first three weeks of the term seem to have flown past very quickly in our class, with a range of great activities and learning taking place. I have been amazed by the improvement the students have shown in their swimming skills in such a short time, and it is apparent that the daily swimming of laps has helped to improve their stroke techniques, fitness and general confidence in the water no end. It was wonderful to see them all having a go in the various events at the swimming carnival yesterday, even those who lacked some confidence in their ability to swim a whole lap of the ‘big’ pool at Coonalpyn! The day was equally as successful in a social sense, with the children quickly reacquainting themselves with their friends from Coonalpyn and Raukkan and joining together magnificently to support their teams.

Happenings in our class during the first week included several activities designed to help the students consider and appreciate their own individuality as well as their ability to come together and work cooperatively as a group. We discussed the fact that we are all scared of something at some time in our lives and the children enjoyed creating some great artworks using both drawing and painting skills to represent some very frightened faces!

In Maths we have been focussing on revising and consolidating some basic number work, particularly looking at place value. Activities have included a very popular place value bingo game and making ‘number expanders’ to represent three and four digit numbers. In Science our work on forces has seen us investigate the way that gears work and their role in creating movement in many machines. We have also looked at the force of friction and ways in which it can sometimes be useful and sometimes not so.

The students have been very enthusiastic so far about completing and handing-up their homework. If the amount or difficulty of homework becomes too much for your child, or they are unable to complete it occasionally due to a busy week, please just let me know with a diary note or phone call. I don’t want homework to become a burden to already busy families and take the children away from other activities! It is certainly wonderful if you can encourage them to read for a short period each evening though, and I know many don’t need too much encouraging to do that!

Kathryn Roberts
You are invited to a free informative and interactive Sustainable Ag Forum with a focus on Herbicide resistance

Two well renowned WA speakers coming to Karoonda

Peter Newman and Bill Crabtree

Peter Newman (Australian Herbicide Resistance Institute, WA) will speak on herbicide resistance and diverse weed management using herbicide and non-herbicide tools

Bill Crabtree (Crabtree Agricultural Consulting) will speak on “no-till – 15 years on, what have we learnt” and integrating herbicide resistance strategies into a no-till system.

at

Karoonda Football Clubrooms

On

Friday 20 February 2015

9am

Free BBQ lunch at 1pm following the forum

RSVP by 13 February for catering purposes to Helane Norman

Phone: 8578 1493 or Email: helane.norman@sa.gov.au

or Karoonda Ag Bureau

Phone: 0418 781 838 or Email: mandastu@bigpond.com
GERANUM PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL  
NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM

I…………………………………………………………………….(full name)  
of………………………………………………………………………..(address)

Nominate  
……………………………………………………………………………..(full name)  
of……………………………………………………………………………..(Address)

To be elected as a member of Geranium Primary School Governing Council.

I…………………………………………………………………….(full name)  
of………………………………………………………………………..(Address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

- I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed my membership of Geranium Primary School Governing / School Council will cease.

Signed………………………………………………………………………..Date…………………………