Greetings,

Tomorrow is our last day of term 2, celebrated with an assembly, circus acts, and the unveiling of the mosaic art project initiated by the P&F, and created by the students and parents. As I reflect on our busy and productive term, I’m reminded of:

- The students’ enthusiastic involvement in Active After Schools with their equally enthusiastic coach Mrs Heather Waite, preparing them for their circus acts
- Involvement and success in SAPSASA events by a number of students
- Confident participation in NAPLAN by years 3 and 5
- Walk safely to school ramble around the town
- The involvement of the Kindy students and teachers in morning fitness and shared learning
- The excitement of hot lunch days, provided by the P&F

- Eager participation in school pride days, with fantastic work happening in the gardens in particular, and the learning of woodwork skills
- Mrs Smith and the ‘What’s the Buzz’ programme
- The pancake breakfast provided by the CPSW ladies

So much of what we do here simply could not happen, or would be much the poorer without the selfless involvement of so many parents and community members – thank you!

SCHOOL PRIDE

Again, we had a great time at School Pride.

Recycled Garden Furniture Update:
We have all finished our first projects, with the help of Mr Small and Mr Martin. Learning how to measure, how to saw and drill has been great fun.

Learning: Jade putting her new skills to the test.

Vegetable Garden Update:
Despite the wet weather, we managed to soldier on and have a successful last session for the term. Students planted two fruit trees; orange and lemon, and managed to pot two planter boxes worth of silverbeet, cabbage, spring onions and carrots.

On the last day of term 2, Friday July 4th, students will be dismissed at 2.30pm. This is in line with the bus from Lameroo.
Hard at work: Luke and Matthew are working hard to get the vegetable garden finished.

Native Garden Rejuvenation Update:

For our last School Pride of the term our group put in a huge effort to plant out nearly fifty more native plants in the front garden area. The rain since has been wonderful and we look forward to watching this garden thrive. Thank you to Sandy Small for assisting us again.

Planting:
Matilda and Sophie are getting their hands dirty at School Pride.

Next term, our school pride days will be on a Monday afternoon. The dates we are planning for are Monday 4th August, Monday 25th August and Monday 15th of September. We would love you to join us.

REPORTS
By now, you will have received your child’s school report. Please remember that although we have these formal reporting opportunities, we encourage you to make contact at any time to discuss your child’s progress. Simply call or send a note to arrange a visit or chat. We value and welcome your input.

VOLUNTEER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
GPS has some wonderful volunteers who freely give of their own time, to make our school a better place. This week the governing council and school community would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge two volunteers in particular. Tony Martin and Mark Dunn quietly and faithfully maintain the pool and oval area, making sure it’s always mown and looking tidy, and looks great all year round. Their commitment and hard work does not go unnoticed, and is greatly appreciated.

Thank you Tony and Mark!

Regards,
Ruth

By the way, do you know what a kuckucksuhr is? Ask your children!

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.

CASUAL DAY
On the last day of term we will be having a Wild West casual day, with a gold coin donation to join in. This donation will be a fundraiser for SCOSA (previously known as Spastic Centres of South Australia). SCOSA need help in funding their buses to take people with disabilities to events and activities. It costs $250.00 to keep 10 of their vans on the road each day. Our fundraising will help towards that cost.

Joe and Tyson
Upper Primary Class Update
As part of our study of Biological Science this term, the students have just completed researching and producing an assignment about an endangered South-East Asian animal. We viewed the video “Tears in the Jungle” which was made by two young Australian boys who visited Borneo see the plight of the orangutans. The children were quite moved by the images of these gentle animals and the widespread destruction of their rainforest habitat to plant palm oil. Their further research discovered that this region has a huge number of animal species that are heading towards extinction and they each chose one animal to find out more about. Their work is currently displayed in the front foyer.

As the term has come to a close the students have been completing a variety of History assignments, and for the last couple of weeks they have enjoyed finding out about their possible convict ancestors. Using a website that has compiled lists of all the convicts who came to Australia, they have researched the crimes and sentences of some who share their surname. They were amazed to find out the number of John Smiths who were amongst them! They have also learnt about the ships they came in and what life was like as a convict. We have completed a steady and very productive term of work and are all looking forward to a break from the routine. I hope you all enjoy some great family time during the holidays.

Kathryn Roberts

CPSW CORNER
Thank you to the parents and community members who ventured out on such a cold June night last Wednesday at the Coffee Night and Clothing Swap. It was great to get together over a coffee and chat with friends.

I wish to thank Gay Glynne, Pam Morgan, Bonnie Pfeiffer, Deb Lock, Bron Barney, who are on the Church support group, for all their hard work and effort. Thank you also to Chloe Wilson for helping decorate the hall. $260.00 was raised on the night, which will go into the CPSW Programme at Geranium Primary School.

In Term 3, Week 1, I will be attending the Annual CPSW Conference in Adelaide but will be at school on the Monday.

As I walk down the path to the front office each time I go to Geranium Primary School, I am noticing things in and around the yard. The children, teachers and community members have been busy with “School Pride” activities; planting shrubs, pruning, tidying the garden, constructing plant boxes, painting and MUCH MORE! It’s great to see the activity on the Tuesday afternoons; the pleasure that the students get in creating something beautiful, the involvement and expertise of caring community helpers, and a sense of real pride. Well done to Miss Clothier, Mrs. Roberts and Miss Barton for driving this project.

Here come the holidays. Make time to play games, share stories, enjoy good food and have fun as families. I keep all staff and families of Geranium Primary School in my prayers.

Margaret Smith
Christian Pastoral Support worker

COME AND JOIN US ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM 2
9.15am - Assembly (circus acts performed by the students)
10.00am - Unveiling of Art Work
10.15am - Morning tea for visitors and students

Junior Primary News
What a fabulous term we have had in the R-2 class. Students have been working extremely
have expressed their favourite things about school this term. Here are the student’s highlights:

- Maths
- Circus
- School Pride
- Literacy Centres
- What’s the Buzz?
- Our Paper Plane and Water Experiment
- Shared Learning with the Kindy
- Personal Projects

I agree with the students! We have been blessed this term to participate in sessions like what’s the buzz, school pride and circus skills in Active after Schools. It has also been wonderful watching students continue to engage with their learning, work together and become more enthusiastic about our daily English and Maths sessions. We hope you enjoy the photos below of us learning and working together throughout this term in Literacy Centres and Maths!

I have a safe and happy holiday.

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.

GERANIUM COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Holiday Opening Times:

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THE AUSTRALIAN CHILDHOOD VISION IMPAIRMENT REGISTER
The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register is hosted by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and is the first national register of children in Australia with vision impairment. The Register has been collecting data since 2009, and this data is providing important information about the types of eye disease and vision disorders children have and the support they need. The data is also used by service providers and researchers. Data is stored securely and no child can be identified in any way when the data is released.

How can families register their child?
Families are invited to register their child (aged 0-18 years) if they have vision impairment in both eyes which has been diagnosed by an eye specialist or ophthalmologist. Registration can be done by contacting Register staff on (02) 9872 0303, or by visiting the VI Family Network website at: www.vifamilynetwork.org.au. This website provides information on eyes and vision; family support; education and related issues; braille and low vision aids; technology supporting vision impairment; newsletters from Australian low vision agencies and support groups, useful websites; and news and events that might interest families across Australia. The website also hosts a parent forum where
families can meet and chat with one another, share their stories and get advice.

**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.

**KIDS CLUB**

There will be no Kids Club this Friday, July 4th. Our next Kids Club will be on Friday August 1st. Notes will be sent home early next term. For more details phone Margaret Smith on 8577 2216.

**You are invited to join us for a**

**COFFEE AFTERNOON**

**Sunday 10th August**

2pm -4pm at the Geranium Uniting Church

**SUBTLE BRICKS THEATRE COMPANY**

will be providing skits and entertainment!

**MALLEE ARTS PRESENTS:**

**PHOTOGRAPHY “101”**

Lameroo – Wednesday 2nd July

For people wanting to extend their digital photography skills and to better understand the functions of their camera (whether it’s a digital SLR or a simple “point & shoot”). This workshop is a repeat of the sold-out class held in Pinnaroo recently.

Daniel Schmidt from ABC Open will be presenting this two-hour session at Lameroo Mallee Life Church on Wednesday 2nd July, at 6pm.

Cost $5.00

Bookings are ESSENTIAL and can be made at either Lameroo or Pinnaroo Council Offices (payment required at time of booking).

Participants should bring along their digital camera and an appetite for knowledge; complimentary tea/coffee will be provided.

*Mallee Arts wishes to thank Southern Mallee District Council for their ongoing support.*
MATHS MENTAL STRATEGY

Numbers ending in 0 are called ‘friendly’ because they are easy to add a single digit number to. It is important that students notice and can explain what happens when a number is added to 10 (i.e. 36 is actually 30 and 6 more).

It is important that children have a good understanding of the number 0, and what happens when we add zero, before moving on to this strategy.

- Play with numbers, exploring what happens when a single digit number is added to a double digit number ending in 0
- Then try it with triple digit numbers ending in 0
- and even try it with triple digit numbers

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: ____________________________
ending in two zeros
MALLEE ARTS PRESENTS:
KID’S CRAFTS in the JULY HOLIDAYS

UPCYCLE – RECYCLE – REPURPOSE
Pinnaroo – Tuesday 8th & Lameroo – Thursday 10th

How to have fun making toys with stuff from around the house.

MY FLUFFY PET 10:30-11:00am; cost $5.00
(Ages 4-6 years; 30 minutes - with parent)
Using a biscuit box, a cork, some cardboard, ice cream sticks, fluffy wool and a couple of lids and some buttons – we will make a fluffy puppy or kitten and a cosy house to live in.

PAPER WORLD 11:15am-12:45pm; cost $8.00
(Ages 7 and up; 1 ½ hours)
Using an old Readers Digest Book we are going to make a small contained paper town with some paper people. This is an awesome craft for kids who like to colour and have imagination.

JUNGLE WORLD 9:00-10:30am; cost $8.00
(Ages 7-10 years; 1 ½ hours)
This is a hands on craft. Using cardboard from old boxes and 6 different decorating ideas we will make a heap of jungle animals and jungle plants and set up a jungle world. And there can’t be a world without people so there will also be a Tarzan and/or a Jane.

JEAN BAG 1:30-3:30pm; cost $12.00
(Ages 9 and up; 2 hours)
Using an old pair of Jeans we will make a large bag you could use for just about anything you want. There will be a lot of options for decorations, with heaps of freedom for you to do your own thing to design and create a bag that is totally you.

Materials for all workshops will be supplied. Children will be provided with a healthy snack; complimentary tea/coffee will be available for parents.

Bookings are ESSENTIAL and can be made at either Lameroo or Pinnaroo Council Offices (payment required at time of booking).

Mallee Arts wishes to thank Mallee Sustainable Farming Systems for funding these children’s craft workshops.