Greetings:

As you know doubt have heard from your children, we had a fantastic school camp! I was so proud of our students as they participated with enthusiasm, showing curiosity, getting along, being gutsy and going for it. I was particularly proud of their respectful behaviour as we moved around the city and took part in all of our activities. It is a delight to be out in public with Geranium Primary School students!

I’d like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Peter Bullen and Amanda Schmidt as our parent helpers – they were fantastic! Also a massive thank you to our staff: Kathryn Roberts, Lorelle Barton, Anne Bond, Nick Wurfel and Annie Patterson – our camp would not have gone so well without everyone’s willingness to give so much. And finally to our students – thank you for making our camp such a success!

On a less happy note, unfortunately we were informed earlier this week that the pool repairs will need to be postponed until Spring, as there is concern about the movement of the ground while the pool is empty. This is disappointing, but I am assured that the work will be done before swimming season.

I would like to thank Greg Turner our groundsman for his work, and Ian Jarvis, who worked most of Sunday to empty the pool, and Tony Martin who worked most of Thursday to refill it!

Some interesting research undertaken by DECD over the past four years: ‘Eating breakfast every day,
academic self-concept (believing in yourself as a learner) and perseverance are the three wellbeing factors most strongly related to young people’s achievement on year 7 NAPLAN reading tests, according to new analysis undertaken by the department.

Since 2012, the department has been measuring the social-emotional skills, school experiences and social supports for middle years students. The key findings identified wellbeing factors including eating breakfast every day, academic self-concept and perseverance can strongly affect young people’s academic achievement.

Perseverance levels, academic self-concept and breakfast habits influenced reading achievement and were associated with better academic progression between year 5 and year 7, over and above the influence of student demographic factors, such that:
• Students with high perseverance scored approximately 17 points higher than children with low perseverance
• Students with high academic self-concept scored approximately 18 points higher than children with low/medium academic self-concept
• The effect of eating breakfast regularly differed for male and female students — eating breakfast 5 or more times a week is associated with a 16 point score increase for males, but only a 5 point increase for females.

These results are preliminary and further work will be undertaken on a wider array of longitudinal data. However, the above results provide an indication of the potential benefits for students of successfully building perseverance and academic self-concept, and addressing the risks associated with not eating breakfast.”

Our learning toolbox and values both target academic self concept and perseverance, so it looks like we’re on the right track!

Regards,
Ruth

In “What’s the Buzz?” we are up to our fourth session and this week’s topics are “being friendly” and “feelings”. Try to have a conversation with your children about what they’re learning and feel free to have a chat with me if there’s anything you would like to talk about around these topics.

Thank you to our wonderful staff for organising such a great camp. We’re blessed to have this group of dedicated staff who GIVE of themselves so fully.

The PCW Support Group acknowledged the great work of our staff by giving flowers and chocolates to them this week to say “On Ya”.

I think that the “Giving Therapy” is a good one! CS Lewis (author of The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe) said “Give up yourself and you will find your real self” I came across a verse “You’re far happier giving than getting.” Acts 20v35 The Message.

May you find happiness in giving!

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

Margaret Smith  PCW

Point to Ponder
If you want to touch the past, touch a rock.
If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life.

WORKING BEE

Sunday 3rd July at 10 am
Laying Memorial Pavers
For further info contact:
Richard Howard: 0419 830 004
Grounds Committee
A huge **THANK YOU** from Parents and Friends to all those who helped set up, attended and/or donated food and/or money to the Biggest Morning Tea which was held at the school on Friday. A special thank you goes to John and Lyn Ewings for their generous donation of all the delicious homemade delights, you both did an amazing job.

Thanks to everyone’s generosity, we raised nearly $400 to go to the Cancer Council.
2016 School Camp at Warradale

JP & MUP Photo Gallery

I loved bouncing on the trampolines and jumped really, really high.

_Ruby_

I liked the bike riding thing because I learnt to be safe.

_CLaire_

I liked the bike safety centre because you learnt how to be safe on roads. I also liked seeing all the big buildings in the city.

_Matilda_

I liked playing on the trampolines with Ruby at Latitude.

_Henry P_

My favourite part was pretending to milk cows at the water play and the flying fox at the playground.

_Brayden_

I liked going to Latitude and using the trampolines.

_Delan_

I liked the Mouse Wheel at the nature playground.

_Sophie_
I enjoyed the foam pit at Latitude and jumping in it, and lying in it. **Bonnie**

I liked doing the Sky Walk at Latitude and the Anzac Wall next to Parliament House. **Tom**

I enjoyed seeing Adelaide Oval Place and the Bike Safety Place at Latitude. **Lucas**

My favourite things were Melba’s Chocolate Factory and Latitude. **Tom**
We went down to the beach and built sandcastles.
Jasmine

We went to Parliament House.
Mr Pederick showed us two rooms, the green room was called the House of Assembly and the red room was called the Legislative Council.
Ben

We went to Port Adelaide and I think Port will win this year.
Hayden

We went to Melba’s Chocolate Factory and got to taste lots of chocolate.
Olivia

We had a tour of Alberton Oval and our tour guide was a Port Magpies great player, Russell Ebert.
Luke