Greetings,

The excitement is building. It’s only 6 more sleeps until the concert. Everyone has been working hard to prepare a night to remember. Please make sure you’ve got Thursday 30th October, 7.30pm in your diaries. Further details about next week’s concert rehearsals are included later in the newsletter. Please make sure you familiarise yourself with these, as we have asked that on a couple of the days, the students bring packed lunches that they can take to the hall – we will not be able to have lunch orders on those days. Also, on the Wednesday of next week we will be having a full dress rehearsal, at which we will need all of the staff, so the school office will be closed that day. If you need to contact us urgently, please call my mobile number: 0408 082 400.

As we have been busily preparing for the concert, and it is a shorter term anyway, some of our usual programmes have had to be adjusted to make it all fit. We will continue to have Active After Schools, with Mrs Heather Wait as our instructor, but they will not commence until after the concert, and will be on Monday afternoons. Our first session will be on Monday 3rd November. School Pride will also continue, but this term we will only have two sessions. The first will be on Monday 10th November, after lunch, and the second will be on Tuesday 9th December, after lunch. We realise that harvest will take up much of people’s time in this last term, but if you may be able to help on those two days, it would be greatly appreciated.

As some of you may have been aware, our swimming pool had suffered some damage towards the end of the last summer, and we have been waiting on a consultant’s report to tell us what repairs needed to be done. We have at last received word that the pool will be fixed, probably at the end of this summer. The exciting part of the news is that in the meantime the pool will be safe to use, so we will be able to open it over the summer. Pool Supervisor training has been organised for Sunday 16th November at 9 am. Please give some thought as to whether you would be able to be a pool supervisor this summer, because without enough people willing to do the training, the pool cannot be opened as often as we would like it. If you are at all interested, in being a pool supervisor or have any questions please contact Sue Jacob, 85772277 as soon as possible.

We are indeed fortunate here at GPS to have such a committed school community: staff, students, families and community members. Without it, our concert would not be able to happen. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in bringing the concert to fruition. Your dedication
and time are greatly appreciated. I’m sure all of your efforts will result in an amazing night!

Regards,

Ruth

LOST PROPERTY
With our cool mornings and hot days, we are finding a lot of jumpers and hats being left around the school and in lockers, and often we can’t identify who they belong to. Please remember to label all of your child’s clothing clearly, so we can quickly identify who they belong to.

SAPSASA
We have two students who will be participating in the SAPSASA Cricket and Tennis carnival in a few weeks time: Joe Howard has been chosen for the cricket team, and Tyson Stewart has been selected for tennis. Well done!

MALLEE MARKET
A huge thankyou goes out to all those who helped out with the Mallee Market stall in the holidays. The Year 6 boys raised $278.00 – a fantastic outcome! These funds will go towards the fitness equipment that we have now ordered, and hopefully will be installed before the end of the year.

SCHOOL CONCERT
Next week is the beginning of many dress rehearsals and practices at the Parrakie Hall. A remainder of the rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Monday (27/10) – First rehearsal at the hall. Please bring a packed recess and lunch for the day along with a full water bottle.

Wednesday (29/10) – Dull dress rehearsal at the hall. Please bring a packed recess and lunch for the day along with a full water bottle.

Thursday (30/10) – During the day: Sound check at the hall after lunch. Thursday night: School concert at 7.30pm.

On Monday and Wednesday students will need to have a packed lunch from home as we may not be back in time for lunch orders. Students will be travelling by bus to the rehearsals on the days above. Please complete the permission slip attached in this week’s newsletter. The slip needs to be returned on Monday morning.

Students will need to arrive at the Parrakie Hall by 6.45pm on the night of the concert for a 7.30pm start. I would like to thank you all for your help so far with the loan of props, supply of costumes items and general support.

Look forward to seeing you all next week at the concert.

Lorelle Barton
R-2 Classroom Teacher

CPSW CORNER
I’m a Believer! I believe that the Geranium Primary School and Kindy is a truly great learning site. This morning I went over to the Kindy for a concert practice and everywhere I looked, children were playing creatively and happily. As I walked back to the “other side”, I came across children practicing words on the blackboard in the lunch shed and groups of children in the JP Room – happy and engaged. Further down the corridor I spotted a group working, heads down and tails up with Mrs Roberts. Across the corridor, Miss Lucas was working with a student, one-on-one. Then further down in the UP Room, Miss Clothier and the Year 6 boys were deep in conversation about their class novel: Rowan of Rin. As I walked into the library, there was Sandy Small encouraging and listening to a young reader. And finally, out to the front foyer, Sue Jacob - smiling, friendly and always helpful. This is just a “snap shot” of a couple of moments at Geranium but the impression I got was of happy and engaged children and committed and caring staff.

On Wednesday, we had an opportunity for the children to think about poverty and some of the issues faced by families living in poverty. Bowls of rice were dished out to the children - a reminder that many people in the world have very little to eat. Thank you for sending in a gold coin donation and “pre-loved toys”, which will go to charity and Australian Red Cross. A total of $46.50 was raised by the students of Geranium Primary School. This money will be sent to Australian Red Cross to fight the Ebola Epidemic in West Africa. If anyone else would like to make a donation to Red Cross Ebola Epidemic, money can be sent to school and I will finalise the donation next week – Friday October 31st. Thank you for the very kind donation of toys!

Maybe it’s more than just a coincidence that the lesson in WHAT’S THE BUZZ? (in Week 4) is Empathy & Responding to Others. I will be encouraging the children to really care for others and to “put themselves into another’s shoes.”

In closing,

“You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being “care-full”, you find yourselves cared for”

Matthew 5:6 The Message
Keeping all staff and families of Geranium Primary School in my prayers,

Margaret Smith
Christian Pastoral Support worker

MURRAY BRIDGE SWIMMING CLUB
The club’s season begins on Tuesday the 28th October at 5pm for new families. We will hold a meeting at the Clubroom which is located at the back of the Murray Bridge Olympic Pool and we would like to invite anyone who is interested in swimming to come along and find out more information about swimming classes and the swim club for 2014/2015 season. Park in the pool car park and enter via the BACK gate. Bring your swimmer with bathers, goggles, towel and water bottle. Classes are held Monday to Thursday from 5.20pm. Each swimmer pays for the 5 month season and then can attend as many or as few sessions per week as they are able. Younger squads train Mon-Wed. At the start of the season we offer free come and try sessions before you commit to the season. The Murray Bridge Swimming Club encourages, teaches and coaches kids from ages 5 and up to swim well. For fitness, fun, competition, or the learning experience we provide able and enthusiastic coaches to help your child, or yourself, achieve.

For more information look at our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/murraybridgecods or email Rachel Neumann at rjbal@internode.on.net.

RAN TRAINING WORKSHOP
Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care Training

AT GERANIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL
Wednesday 12th November 7-8pm
OR
Thursday 13th November 2-3pm

Please contact Hannah Lucas at the school, if you would like to attend. All volunteers need to have undertaken this training.

MEETING
The Geranium Community Committee is holding a meeting to consider priorities for council funding that is being offered for this financial year ending 30/6/15 in the Geranium area. Our meeting is to be held in the Geranium Library at 8pm on Tuesday, 4th November to prepare submissions. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to put your club/organisation funding needs forward. For more details contact John Williams on 8577 2235.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON
On the 4th of November, the Lameroo Branch of the W&CH Auxiliary will once again host their annual Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Lameroo Community Hotel, from 11:30am.

Entry is $20, $13 for seniors and includes a smorgasbord lunch and entertainment.

Tickets are available at the door, or to pre-book a table, please call Jill Hand on 8576 3488.
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**GERANIUM COMMUNITY GYM**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2014**

**GERANIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM ROOM 2**

**7.30PM**

APOLOGIES TO TANJA MORGAN 85771651/ 0429 395 918 OR HEATHER WAIT 85771653 / 0438772287

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**GRAZIERS**

The Room with a view, Lameroo Hospital Building Project is looking for donations of a ewe or hogget fleece. All money raised will go towards enclosing the veranda surrounding Charles Wing to give our elderly residents a more private and quiet area to relax and host visitors. Please drop your fleece into Ian Baker at Aussie Wool, Railway Terrace, Lameroo.

For more information phone:
Heather Needs: 8576 3463
Brenton Maynard 8576 5229

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**KIDS CLUB**

For all primary aged children

**Friday, 7th November**

Meet at playground after school, to be walked to the Uniting Church by a responsible adult.

Yummy food, games, singing, Bible stories and craft

Bibles will be presented to the 8 year olds
Cost - $2.50 Concludes at 5.15pm

For more details phone Marg Smith on 8577 2216

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CONSENT FOR EXCURSION

As a parent/guardian of: ..........................................

I: ..................................................

Give consent for my child/Children to participate in:…. Concert Practice at Parrakie Hall

At/on: ........................................

by: ........................................

Signed: ........................................

(Students’ Name/s)

(Your Name)

PARRAKIE

27th, 29th, 30th October 2014

School Bus

Date: …….……/……/……..