Greetings,

What a fantastic night our concert turned out to be!

A huge thankyou
to all the people who contributed to making it a success,
and an enormous congratulations
to the students for putting on such a fine performance!

CATASTROPHIC FIRE DAYS

With the Bushfire season upon us and the warm weather we are beginning to encounter, I would like to remind all parents and carers that Geranium Primary School does not close on forecast catastrophic days. However, no buses are able to run on these days. On these days parents will need to make the decision to transport your children to school or to keep them home.

The announcement of these days cannot be made until DECD is notified of the following days forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology after 4pm. The school will make every effort to contact parents once this announcement has been made. Information will also be provided on the DECD Parent Hotline (1800 000 279), ABC Radio 891 and local regional stations, ABC TV and the DECD website www.decd.sa.gov.au

MEMORIAL

A beautiful new book has been published, titled ‘Remembrance’ and Geranium features with 4 pages! The book covers 100 war memorials in Australia, to commemorate the 100 years since World War 1. The school has purchased the book to be placed in our library. One of the stories featured in the book will be shared at our Remembrance Day Ceremony next Tuesday at the Geranium War Memorial. It would be great if you could join us.

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

Monday 10th
Tuesday 11th
Wednesday 12th
Thursday 13th
Thursday 13th
Sunday 16th
Monday 17th
Friday 21st
Monday 24th

School Pride afternoon
School photos
RAN Training 7pm-8pm
RAN Training 2pm-3pm
Hot Lunches
Pool Supervisor Training
Student Free Day
Assembly
Active After School

DECEMBER

Monday 1st
Friday 5th
Monday 8th
Tuesday 9th
Tuesday 9th
Thursday 11th
Friday 12th

Active After School
School Assembly
Active After School
School Pride afternoon
School Pride afternoon
Hot Lunches
Last day of term

Term Dates 2014

Term 4 13th October – 12th December

Term Dates 2015

Term 1 27th January – 10th April
Term 2 27th April – 3rd July
Term 3 20th July – 25th September
Term 4 12th October – 11th December

IMPORTANT SCHOOL PHOTOS NEXT TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 9.30AM PLEASE DRESS IN SCHOOL UNIFORM
SWIMMING POOL
We’ve had great news about the pool being open during this summer, but for it to be opened on weekends, we need pool supervisors. The supervisor training will be run on Sun 16th November. If you think you can attend, that would be fantastic. The more supervisors we have trained, the more weekends the pool can be opened.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION
We are very excited to welcome Claire, CJ, Angus and Lucas to our Junior Primary class next Wednesday, for their first transition visit. They will be visiting us each Wednesday until the end of term, preparing for their transition into Reception next year. Welcome!

ASSEMBLY
We had had an assembly planned for this coming Friday, the 14th November. However, as we have a number of students attending a cricket carnival on that day, we have moved the assembly to the following Friday, the 21st November. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

As we move towards the end of the year, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who belong to the GPS community for your support and encouragement. It has been quite a ride, but a very enjoyable one, and I’m looking forward to the opportunities and challenges of 2015!

Regards,

Ruth

CPSW CORNER

The Three Wise Camels
Andrew McDonough, children’s author will be returning to Geranium Primary School on Thursday 11th December to present a very original take on the Christmas story, The Three Wise Camels. There will be more details in the next newsletter.

MAD DAYS: (Making A Difference)
Following on from the Anti-Poverty day held last month, I was impressed with how the children embraced the concept of giving to others who are more needy. And so we have decided to hold more MAD days at Geranium Primary School, with a different focus on Making A Difference; locally and further afield.

Some of the ideas floating around are; cooking biscuits and giving them to Geranium residents, planting and watering trees, visiting and sharing with older people. You may have some ideas and suggestions of things that the Geranium children could do and I’d love to hear them.

What’s The Buzz?

Social Skills Programme is running again from Mondays to Wednesdays with the whole school for the rest of the year.

This week we learned about EMPATHY and talked about ways we can be more understanding and caring towards others. Next week’s topic is “HANDLING WORRY”. I really enjoy these learning times with your children and look forward to them each week!

Something to think about:
“Worry weighs us down; a cheerful word picks us up.” Proverbs 12:25

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

Margaret Smith
Christian Pastoral Support worker

JUNIOR PRIMARY UPDATE

It’s hard to believe that we are already in Week 4 of the final term of 2014. Some of the exciting things we have already done this term have been our school concert and a visit from the Science Guy.

Science Show – ‘How Astronomy Works’
SCHOOL CONCERT

Amidst all our exciting concert preparations and performance we have also been busy learning lots of new things. This term we have set up a class shop which is helping us focus on Number and Money in Maths and has been benefiting the development of our social skills. As a part of our unit on Money, next week students will begin to make some baked goods and craft items to sell during a ‘Shop Day’. Students will set prices for each item from $2 and under and will take it in shifts to work as shop keepers, selling goods to students within the school.

All money raised will go towards our class purchasing as many items as possible for boys and girls aged 5-8, like us! Students will choose what to buy with the money we raise from catalogues and wrap them up to send away. We are currently looking at donating to the ‘Smith Family Toy Appeal’ and the ‘Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal’ (apart of Salvation Army). A note will come home to all families when all details (date, etc.) of our ‘Shop Day’ in the JP class has been finalised. Stay tuned!

Next week in our class, we are also looking forward to having the Kindy students join us, to begin their Orientation process ready for 2015.

Until next time...

Take care,

Lorelle Barton
R-2 Classroom Teacher

GLEE CLUB

We hope you all enjoyed our first ever Glee Club performance at the concert last week. It was definitely a ROAR! I would like to congratulate all the Glee performers for their outstanding performance and their commitment to rehearsals leading up to the concert.

Glee Club will commence again next week and we are looking forward to learning a new song. All students are welcome to join!

Lorelle Barton

Glee Club members
Jack, Amy, Olivia, Jasmine, Lilly
Kiara, Issy, Jade, Sophie

LOST JEWELLERY

In the process of cleaning out cupboards, a piece of jewellery has been found. If you think it might be yours, please contact either Ruth or Sue Jacob.

LUNCH ITEMS

We have noticed that sometimes students bring tubs of yoghurt or custard to school without a spoon. Students often don’t ask for a spoon and try to tip the contents into their mouths, with some interesting results! Could you please try and ensure that you pack a spoon with the yoghurt or custard, and remind your child that they can ask for a spoon if you have accidentally forgotten it.

‘ASTHMA ASSIST’ REGISTRATION FORMS

Forms are available in the front foyer for those who are interested in applying for Asthma Assist. This will allow you to receive health information in an effort to better manage your child’s asthma.
Remembrance Day

At Geranium Memorial Park.
Tuesday 11th of the 11th at 10.50am, all welcome.
Come and listen to some stories of Geranium’s early settlers.
Told by Geranium students.

PRIMARY CLASS UPDATE

A big thankyou to everyone for coming along to support the school concert last week. A full hall creates a wonderful atmosphere and I am always amazed at how confidently and proficiently the children manage to perform their items despite a few ‘opening-night’ nerves. From the smallest of parts to those who had many, many lines to remember, the actors in our performance of ‘The Jungle Book’ all did a wonderful job, as they did with their singing and dancing items – well done kids! Thankyou also to the many people who helped make the evening happen – too many to mention individually again here but you all know how much we appreciate and rely on your input.

Today it has been a real joy to watch the children becoming so excited and enthused about Science! Lee from ‘Mobile Science Education’ is a wonderful entertainer as well as a self-professed ‘nerd’, and his activities this morning included visualising the actual size of planets and the distances between them, using numbers which the children found quite mind-boggling (ask your child what number a google is!) A real hit was launching their own ‘rockets’ using bi-carb soda and vinegar as the fuel. We are looking forward to observing the wonders of the night sky after lunch inside the ‘Starlab’ mobile planetarium.

Kathryn Roberts
3-6 Classroom Teacher

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 Heather Wait at the school, if you would like to attend. All volunteers need to have undertaken this training.

Remembrance Day

Who? All welcome
Where? Geranium War Memorial Park
When? Tuesday 11th of the 11th 10:50AM
Why? To hear the story of Private Fredrick James Hammond.
Come to the War Memorial on Tuesday to hear about the first settlers of Geranium who served in World War One.
Told by Geranium primary students.
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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**Funding available Billiatt to Sunset**

The Murray Mallee Local Action Planning Association and Greening Australia are running a project with interested landholders to undertake revegetation along with broad-scale fox, rabbit and weed control in the areas surrounding Billiatt Conservation Park.

Funding available for 2014/15:
- Revegetation of local native species
- Rabbit warren ripping
- Fox baiting
- Rabbit baiting

If you are interested in any of these works on your property please contact us for more info.

Mick Durant on 0427 182 779
durant@greeningsa.org.au

Rowena Danks on 0428 312 055
mmlap@internode.on.net

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For Fun, For Health, For Life!

5-13 JANUARY 2015

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Enrol with VACSWIM enrol online

www.facebook.com/vacswimsa

Contact us:
08 8332 8328

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**Australian Government**
Geranium Primary School
End of Year BBQ

Tuesday 9th December 2014
6.30pm
Swimming Pool BBQ Area

All families are asked to bring a salad & sweet to share.
Meat provided for a gold coin donation

Pool will be available depending on the availability of Pool Supervisors

RSVP: Please reply via tear off slip by December 3rd for catering purposes

Return to Front Office by: Wednesday December 3rd

END OF YEAR BBQ

Family Name: ____________________________
Number of adults attending: _______________
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