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STOPS PRESS:

I called the Bureau of Meteorology this morning and due to the unfortunate weather forecast for tomorrow, we will postpone the Swimming Carnival. We will have a normal school day.

Our suggestion is that we have the carnival in Term 4, after the next series of 5 or 6 formal lessons and possibly the afternoon that we traditionally hold the community barbecue. Next week there are two swimming carnivals and then we begin our formal After School activities and we will be doing Circus Skills with a qualified instructor, Leanne Sweatman.

Principal’s Report

We have experienced a very smooth start to the year and I have seen some excellent effort and cooperation from our wonderful students.

We had an unannounced Fire Drill on the first Friday and everybody left the building quickly and sensibly.

Later that day, when we were very short staffed, our senior students displayed phenomenal care of the younger ones and the whole school responded calmly and sensibly, looking after each other.

Governing Council – 7th February

This was the last meeting for Margaret Smith and Eric Przibilla, as their youngest children have moved on to secondary school. I wish to thank them for their valuable contributions over many years, both as Governing Council members and as parents. In my short time here, both of these people have volunteered for a variety of extra tasks to help the staff and students.

Discussions concerning requested bus route change, a working bee to organise the new garden beds and organising new soft-fall for the playground were held. These discussions ended with deferment, as it was felt by the members that it was more appropriate for the new council to deal with them.

Council approved our Student Free Days as being March the 18th, June 10th and the School Closure Day on September the 2nd for the Adelaide Show Day. These dates have been approved by the Assistant District Director.

AGM and Acquaintance Night

Although our numbers were low at the AGM and Acquaintance Night on Monday, those present, elected 3 new members to Governing Council. Denise Stephenson and Philip Smith were re-elected and we also welcome Richard Howard.

After the next Governing Council meeting, which is to be held on Tuesday 22nd February, I will publish a list of the Office holders and the committee members for your information.
Thank you to Lauren Gabrieel and Andrew Sweatman for their informative talks which included information about themselves and their teaching philosophies as well as their expectations and goals for their classes. Thank you to all, for your interest and enthusiasm in our school and its projects. Thank you to the people who cleaned up after the barbecue. Thanks to Heather and Adrian Wait and to Matt Harvey for their preparation and cooking of the barbecue. Special thanks must go to Helen Jarvis and Courtney Wait who managed our crèche for the children, so that all parents could attend the meeting and information sessions.

Student Leaders
Congratulations to the two elected School Captains for 2011, Abbey and Luke. Congratulations also to the team leaders for the Reading Cup competition. For Green elected were Luke and Kyle. Jack and Abbey were elected for Gold.

Student Leadership Day
On Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} March our Year 6 & Year 7 students will be going to a Leadership Training Day at Morphetville with the Year 6 class from Pinnaroo Primary School. This day will give students leadership training and help them fulfil the student leadership roles at Geranium more positively. It is also a good opportunity to meet with students from other schools and create closer bonds with Pinnaroo. Because we need to be at the venue (Allan Scott Park Morphetville Racecourse) by 9.00am we are intending to hold a sleepover at school on the Thursday evening. Mr Daniel Botten and I will supervise the students. We will have a BBQ tea at the pool followed by other evening activities and plan to leave very early the next morning. A sleepover also eliminates the need for parents to drive their students in to Geranium by 6.45am on the Thursday morning. Information and Consent forms were sent out last week. Please return these asap.

Catastrophic Fire Days
A reminder that if a day is designated a Catastrophic Fire Day, our school will be open, but the buses will not run. Parents also need to be aware that if an area is deemed catastrophic later in the day, the buses could run in the morning and not run in the afternoon. This did occur on the West coast last term!

School Camp
A letter detailing the itinerary, costs and requirements accompany this newsletter. If you have any concerns about the camp, please discuss them with your child’s teacher.

Chewing Gum
Chewing Gum is not allowed on school sites. Please do not allow your child to bring it to school.

Donation
We acknowledge the generous donation of Smedley Tyre Service of 4 new tubes for our swimming carnival. Please support this business which has supported us.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Georgia Wilson for being selected in the Murray Mallee District SAPSASA Softball team which will participate in the Carnival in Adelaide from Monday 28\textsuperscript{th} March to Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} April. We trust she enjoys the week mixing with students from across the district.

Regards
Margret Elvey

Pool Subs
$65 per non supervising family
$55 per supervising family
$45 per non supervisor single
$35 per single supervisor
$2.50 per casual swim

Bob the Carpet Cleaner
Will be in the area on 22\textsuperscript{nd} of February.
Ring Sandy for appointment on 85772228

Geranium Kid’s Club
Starting soon in early March!!!
Keep watch for the invitations
**Kids Camp Out**  
In the Barossa – 26\textsuperscript{th} to 27\textsuperscript{th} March  
If any 8-12 year olds are interested in going to the Lameroo Uniting Church Kids Zone Kids, find out more details from:  
Deb 85762058  
Marg S 85772216

**Community Newsletters**  
Cost of newsletters for community member is $11 – payable at the front office.

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**Silverleaf Nightshade Management Workshop**  
**Coomandook**  
**Thursday the 10\textsuperscript{th} of March**  
8.30am—1pm. Lunch will be supplied.

A FREE workshop will be held targeting farmers, agronomists, resellers, government staff, community groups and members of the public.

The workshop will cover the latest research on herbicide control, use of crop and pasture competition, allelopathy, and the genetic diversity of Australian Silverleaf Nightshade populations. An interactive forum will also discuss innovative control tactics as part of best management practices.

The workshop will be presented by researchers from the Graham Centre (a collaborative alliance between Charles Sturt University and Industry & Investment NSW), Wagga Wagga. Enquiries can be directed to either Dr Rex Stanton (P: 02 6938 1618) or Dr Hanwen Wu (P: 02 6938 1602) or by email at wagan.weeds@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided to registered attendees.

Location: Coomandook Uniting Church Hall.  
R.S.V.P. By Friday the 4\textsuperscript{th} of March 2011 to Tracey Struggell, Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan on mobile: 0427 750050.

This day is hosted by the Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan, and the Mallee Coorong Natural Resources Management Group.

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**Helen's Craft – School Uniforms**  
Any item in any colour can be ordered. If you want to purchase anything, I will be placing an order on 11/2/11. Ring me on 85772203.  
I have 3 skorts – size 10 – for sale as the wrong size had previously been ordered. Price is per catalogue which is available for your perusal at the front office.  
Orders less than $100 will incur a small postage fee, so I combine orders where I can.  
Denise Stephenson

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**Peake Youth Group**  
**Pool Party - Saturday February 26\textsuperscript{th}**  
7.30pm to 10.30pm  
at the Geranium School Pool.  
$2.50 per swim (unless pool subs are paid)  
$2 for sponsor child  
Bring nibbles! Cans of drink for sale  
For more information please ring:  
David Smith 85772216

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**PEAKE AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL CLUB**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - PART 2**  
To be held  
**MONDAY, 21\textsuperscript{st} February 2011**  
At 8.00 P.M.  
At the CLUBROOMS  
Agenda includes:-  
Present  
Apologies  
Previous Minutes - Part 1 - 25\textsuperscript{th} October 2010  
Business Arising  
Correspondence  
Election of Officers  
General Business  
EVERYONE WELCOME!  
Any apologies or additional agenda items please contact Leonie Kielow, Secretary, phone: 85736519