

GERALDINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter to Parents 3/12 www.geraldineprimary.school.nz

23rd February 2012

Dear Parents, Kia ora

We had a 2 minute silence yesterday at 12.51 to commemorate the Christchurch Earthquake. The children handled this situation very well.

BOT NEWS

At the Board of Trustees Meeting last Thursday Hamish Kellahan was elected as Chairperson and Chelley Leov was confirmed as Staff Rep.

UNIFORMS

A number of children are not wearing the correct uniform. Can this please be attended to. Note, if children are wearing tights or polyprops underneath their uniform please have them wearing navy blue.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bible in Schools starts Thursday 5th April. This is held between 11.45am and 12.15pm every Thursday until the end of Term 3.

School is officially closed during Religious Instruction time. We have been supplied with a copy of the material that is used during this programme. You are most welcome to view this at the office.

Parents/caregivers who do not want their child/ren to attend, and if there is any change from 2011, please phone the office or write a note with your request, otherwise I will use the information I have. The children who do not attend Religious Education go to the Library and they are supervised there.

MIDDLE SYNDICATE CHILDREN

Parents of Middle Syndicate children will receive 2 questionnaires related to our topic, "Those were the days," early in March. The first one will be about your child's history and the second one will be about your own schooling. We would appreciate your involvement in completing these sheets.

YEAR 6 CAMP

The Year 6's are going to camp at Lindisfarne from Tuesday March 6 until Friday March 9. Please have all forms in by early next week. We must have the permission notice returned.

The cost of the camp is \$40. Thank you to those who have paid this already. It would be great if everyone could pay before camp. If you have any problems with this, please let me know.

Thanks to all parents who have said they will come to Camp and help and to those donating food.

Any enquiries should be directed to Mr Bruce or Mrs Sullivan.

JUBILEE

The 150th Jubilee is taking place on the 6th, 7th and 8th of April. The Opening Ceremony is on the 7th April at 10 o'clock being held in the High School Hall and we will be looking for some children to participate. We will be asking those who are interested to get your permission in the near future, watch out for the permission form if they want to participate.

CARETAKER ASSISTANT

Fixed Term, 4 hours per day for 8 weeks. This position is to assist our Caretaker while he is doing some major grounds work. Work will include normal caretaking duties. Starting date by negotiation. We would prefer 2nd week in March start. C.V.'s to Principal, Geraldine Primary School by 2nd March.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

This year we are trialling an online service for you to book your times for parent interviews which are being held on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March. The school will close early at 12.00 when the buses will run as normal on the 27th. To book your interview. Just go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz then enter our code SJA7D and follow the prompts. If you do not have internet access come to school and book your times using a computer at the office. This site is open for usage now but we would like families with more than 1 student at our school to have first choice until next Monday. Thank you for your help. We are looking once again for a 100% turnout. Reports will be sent home on the Thursday before the interviews.

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS Y4-6 29 February, 12.30 start

These will be held at the Domain Pool on Wednesday 29 February starting at 12.30pm. Postponement Date Friday 2nd March.

This is a participation and championship event with all those able to be involved showing what they can do. The programme of events which children are swimming in will be sent home by the end of the week.

Based on the Championship results some swimmers will be selected for the South Canterbury Primary Schools Swimming Sports.

Classes have been swimming at the Domain Pool, which has helped sort which events children will participate in.

SWIMMING FINISHES NEXT FRIDAY

Next Friday is the last day of our swimming programme. Once again this has been well organised and I would like to thank Louise Robb for the organisation and the 4 Learn to Swim Coaches, Adrienne Ross and Carolyn Sutton (seniors), and Sue Sheed and Fiona Carmichael (Juniors). Thank you to the Home & School for funding the programme.

NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS – 10 year old age group

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Jack Sands who won the following placing's and rankings at the National Swimming Championships recently:

- 3rd 50m freestyle
 - 4th 100m freestyle
 - 10th 100m backstroke
 - 13th 200m Individual Medley
 - 18th 50m backstroke.
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WINCHESTER A & P SHOW

As part of the A & P Show being held at Winchester on Saturday 3rd March, Rooms 6, 7, 8, 9, 1, and 2 are going to be making vegetable creations on the morning of Friday the 2nd March. Could you please send along a variety of vegetables for your child to use. Teachers will be assisting children with cutting and assembling but it would be helpful if you discussed with your child some possible ideas for their vegetable creations. We will be transporting the creations to the Show.

ROTARY DICTIONARIES

Last year Geraldine Temuka Rotary donated an Usborne Illustrated Dictionary to each of our Year 4 children. They are doing it again this year and today this years Year 4 children have received the same Dictionary presented to them at Assembly by Mr Scott. A special Thanks to Rotary for a wonderful personal resource for our children.

BIKE WISE MONTH – FEBRUARY 2012

February is Bike Wise month – look out for some of the events and challenges in the notices section of this newsletter.

HY VZ VESTS are now compulsory for all bus pupils. These can be purchased for \$5.00. You need to fill out a form and pay at the office.

MORNING ROAD CROSSING DUTY VOLUNTEERS

If you are willing to do this, it takes about 20 minutes in the morning between 8.30 and 8.50 am. We need at least 5 volunteers., we have 3 volunteers already. Please contact me.

Lost at Swimming Last Week – Size 12 GPS Green Polo with 3 ink marks near the hem but left behind was a Size 10 GPS Green Polo in good condition. Could you please check to see if you have the wrong green polo at home. Thank you.

HOT TIP FOR PARENTS – Keep Calm and Use your Voice

A parent's voice is a powerful thing that can be used creatively and effectively to encourage or discourage certain behaviours. Instead of letting your volume or pitch rise as you get frustrated, harness that voice and speak slowly, quietly, and with a clear, simple message. It really does help you to breathe deeply, keep to your boundaries, and use consequences calmly rather than as an emotional reaction. Children respond to the natural authority they sense when a parent's voice is under control.

Happy Parenting!

COMING EVENTS

27 February	ICT Management Meeting, 4pm Timaru, Mr Climo & Mrs Leov
28 February	Writing Moderation Staff Meeting
29 February	Senior Swimming Sports, 12.30pm, Domain Pool
2 March	Postponement Date Swimming Sports Winchester Show Ukulele Orchestra visiting and working with some school groups
6-9 March	Y6 camp at Lindisfarne
7 March	ICT Computer Programme training 9am-12noon – Timaru, Mrs Waldron, Mr Climo, Mrs Hayward and Mr Robertson
9 March	Coffee Morning, Robyn Young, Autism NZ, Guest Speaker

Lindsay Robertson
Principal

A SPECIAL EVENT

On Friday 9 March, Robin Young from AUTISM NZ will be attending a Special Coffee Hour.

We are very fortunate to have such a well informed speaker on the subject so please show your support.

Robin is also willing to meet with families/parents individually on Thursday 8 March. If you are interested in this please let me know.

9 March in the Multi-Purpose Room at the back of the Geraldine Primary School Hall from 9 till 10am.

Creche available.

Deana Averill
Student and Family Support Person
Phone 693 8208

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

VISION & HEARING SERVICES IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

School Screening:

5 year old (new entrant) the majority of children now have a B4School check (B4SC) vision and hearing check completed when they are four years of age. If they have passed this screen there is no need to have it repeated (unless there is concern regarding vision or hearing and it has been discussed with the parent).

Year 7 vision screening:

This is completed annually. All Year 7 students have a vision screen with boys only having a colour vision screen.

Request vision & hearing screens:

If a concern has arisen a child can be referred to the vision & hearing technician for a screen. This can either take place at school or alternately there is a clinic at Timaru Public Hospital every second Friday.

DENTAL CLINIC – START OF 1ST TERM 2012

The Geraldine Primary Dental Clinic is closed due to an upgrade of the clinic.

If your child has a dental problem you can contact the call centre on 0800 846983 and say you want an appointment at the Timaru Community Clinic which is Level 1, 18 Woolcombe Street. Or Frances at Temuka Primary on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday Phone 03 615 0005

Jan Jones & Sarah Harvey, Dental Therapists

PLEASE DONATE Second Hand Uniforms! This term's sale went very well. Many families were able to purchase items for their children, including a family new to our community. If you have uniform items that you are finished with, please consider donating them to be sold through Home and School. Be assured that all proceeds go directly to your Home and School. Many thanks to those who did donate items last term – **your generosity is much appreciated!** All donations can be left at the office. See you again next term!

Rebecca Carter.

HOME AND SCHOOL

Thank you to those people who attended our first meeting of the year on Monday. We have set the date for our **AGM** which will be **Monday 19 March, 7.15 School Staff room**. We always welcome new members to join our Home and School Committee, see you there!

Kaboodle Swim Bags

Have you seen these swimming bags? We have samples at school for you to look at. They are colourful fun and really long lasting. Swimming bags are a great way of helping your children, learn to look after their things, particularly during school swimming. You can order these bags by going online to **Kaboodle.co.nz**. When you place your order click in the fundraising section and nominate our school. Our school receives 10 % of all orders. Please contact **Cat Sutton 693 9670** if you have trouble placing your order.

Uniform

Polar fleece jackets, vests and sweatshirts are available through the school. Just fill in an order form at the school office with your payment and Sarah Sands will happily fill your order for you.

School T shirts are available from Postie Plus.

Breakfast BBQ

Note the **23 March, 8-9-15am** on your calendar now. This annual event is a great opportunity to catch up with and meet school families, enjoy a free sausage and cup of tea/coffee and of course support your children as they compete for prizes in games and activities organised by our senior students.

Friday Sausage Sizzle

Sausages, \$1.50 each. Please have your child bring the correct change to the hall veranda, before school where they will get one stamp for each sausage ordered.

Sarah Wilson

FUEL FOR SCHOOLS

Fuel for Schools is a sponsorship programme operated by Southfuels. Southfuel customers are able to nominate a school that then receives 1 cent per 2 litres of bulk fuel that is delivered by Southfuels. To nominate a school you need to go online to www.southfuels.co.nz and click on the Fuel for Schools link.

PGG Wrightson Cash for Communities Any farmer who purchases Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser or selected agri-chemicals or seed on their PGG Wrightson account between 7 February and 31 May 2012 can earn cash for our school. To nominate our school go to www.pggwrightson.co.nz.

NOTICES

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Winchester Show 3rd March – Vegetable entries close on Wednesday 29 February. Talent Quest Junior and Senior at the show – enter at the show. Any enquiries ring Julie Kelly 03 693 9439

Waimataitai School Fair, 3 March 11-12pm, a great family time – entertainment and lots of bargains.

Junior Tennis Coaching for interclub starting this Friday, new players welcome. Ph Nicky for more info 693 7144.

Become a Lifesaver – each donation saves 3 lives! NZ Blood Service will be at the Geraldine Domain Pavilion on Tuesday, 6 March between 1.30pm and 6.30pm. Making an appointment is recommended to avoid extended waiting. Phone 0800 GIVE BLOOD or go to www.nzblood.co.nz to make your appointment.

PlaceMakers Pass2Pub 2012 Mountain Bike Ride for the whole family through the legendary Mackenzie Country. Sunday March 4th enter online at www.pass2pub.co.nz or pick up an entry form at bike shops in Timaru.

Children's Day will be celebrated at Caroline Bay from 10am – 2pm on March 4th. Free sausages and activities for children and their families, the event will be held wet or dry. Enquiries to Michelle Brown – SC Returned Services Association 03 688 4123.

Children's Day in Peel Forest – Sunday 4th March 1-4pm 2012. It is a children's event with a strong focus on families. Free activities and food. To make this event a success we require donations, anything from cash to time to prizes – even bring an activity if you wish. Please contact Tash on 696 3739 or 021 902 501 or cdpeelforest@hotmail.co.nz.

Netball – some Geraldine Senior Netball Players are entering a team in the Timaru competition. We have a core group of players but still need a few more. If you are interested please come to our muster, Wednesday 29 February, 6.30pm at the Domain Courts or call Sonia 693 76971 or 027 404 2284

SC DRAMA LEAGUE presents The Mouse Trap, Playhouse, Church Street, Timaru, Friday 9th – Saturday 17th March 7.30pm, Sunday Matinee 5pm. Opening Gala Supper – Friday 9th. Book now at Newmans Musicworks phone (03) 688 5597.

IRD Taxes Workshops in Geraldine

Thursday 8th March 10am-12noon at Resource Centre – IRD Individual and Family Taxes Workshop suitable for people wanting to know more about: Working For Families Tax Credits, Tax Rebates (eg donations and child care), online Services, Income Tax Refunds, and some info on Child Support. Topics will cover current regulations and changes as from 1 April 2012.

Thursday 15th March 7pm-9pm at Resource Centre – IRD Introduction to Business Taxes Workshop Suitable for people interested in starting a business (but also useful for business owners/managers who are uncertain about business taxes or wanting a refresher). Topics include: Business Structures, Income Tax, GST, PAYE, Kiwisaver, and Business Expenses. Topics will cover current regulations and also changes as from 1 April 2012.

Registrations are free but essential to

Geraldine Community Resource Centre

Phone 693 7001

Or email: geraldinecentre@xtra.co.nz

Or call into 5A Peel Street, Geraldine (next door to Supervalu).

Bike wise month

Sunday 26th February

Kids Can Do It Tryathlon – contact Timaru Triathlon Club
Juliet-gary@xtra.co.nz

WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL UKULELE ORCHESTRA

This orchestra is running an intermediate workshop on the evening of the 1st March prior to their concert on March 2nd in the Geraldine Cinema. This workshop is for those people who can play 6-7 different chords. Duration 90 minutes. Geraldine Primary School Hall. Ideal for those interested in the ukulele and want to learn a bit more.

For more information and registration go on line to

<http://www.undertheradar.co.nz/utr/show/SID/25489/N/Wellington-International-Ukulele-Orchestra---Adult-Ukulele-Workshop.utr>