



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

**Week 10, Term 2
Thursday 5 July 2017**

From our Principal....

Kia ora Whanau. Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou - greetings to you all.

As we draw to the end of a term it is always nice to reflect on what has been achieved. Road Patrol, EOTC visit to the fire station, Ara polytech Kayaking, rock climbing and Peel Forest, Pink Shirt Day, cross country, earthquake drill, Social Worker mufti day, Kiwisport, Jump Jam, EPro8 Challenge, South Canterbury cross country, Natalie Rooney visit, Rippa Rugby, girls rugby, Puss in Boots, Strike Percussion, and on our last day we have the show of Cap'n Long John and The Natural Magic Pirates, and our open assembly.

As well as all of these there is all of the meetings, planning and implementation of running a school and delivering quality education to our children.

To make all of this happen there is a multitude of people involved. Teachers, management, caretaker, office staff, teacher aides, cleaners, Board of Trustees, Home and School, and parent volunteers. To all of those people I thank you for your contribution.

As a school over the year we employ around 40 people. Schools are busy places.

Please take some time to ensure the school office does have your updated contacts, including emergency contacts. When giving us an emergency contact, consider that they might have to collect your child.

Children keep learning throughout the holidays by socialising, playing and having experiences with their families. Enjoy the upcoming holidays and enjoy the valuable time you have with your children.

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui – be strong, be bold, be steadfast

Ngā mihi nui,

Murray Davidson

Acting Principal / Tumuaki

School notices:

3 Way Conferences

Friday 11th August 8.30am – 5.15pm

Bookings can be made online now for 3 Way Conferences. The website address is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Use the event code **g4cty** to access our school portal. If you need assistance with this, please contact the school office and they will book an interview for you.

Please note that teachers will be involved in 3WCs all day and normal classes won't be taking place. Children will come to school for their 3WC only. There will be no school buses running on this day.

Office Payments

In line with our new accounting system, we have now installed a locked blue dropbox in the office entry. While our preferred method of payment is by direct banking, parents who wish to pay cash or cheque can use this box to deposit payments.

Payments must be in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name, room number and the purpose of the payment. Cash must be the correct amount as no change is able to be given. The dropbox will be cleared daily, and payments will be recorded in our online system. Receipts will be issued on request.

Reading folders and bus vests will still be sold from the school office and payment for this needs to be given direct to the office ladies. Please be aware that we do not have eftpos facilities and the correct payment amount would be much appreciated as the office does not carry change.

For those who wish to pay online, our account number is
ANZ 01-0841-0024832-010

Please use your child's name as a reference and what the payment is for eg: Activity Fee, Camp etc.

Fidget Spinners

We request that children do not bring Fidget Spinners to school.

There have been instances where these toys have accidentally caused damage. There have also been problems on the school bus with Fidget Spinners flying around and entering the drivers cab. It is only a matter of time before someone is hurt, so to avoid this we are banning them from school.

Mufti Day 9th June

Geraldine Children Social Worker Trust

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent mufti day. We raised \$537.40 for the Geraldine Children Social Worker Trust. This Trust raises money to pay for our Social Workers wages.

Mauri ora whānau,

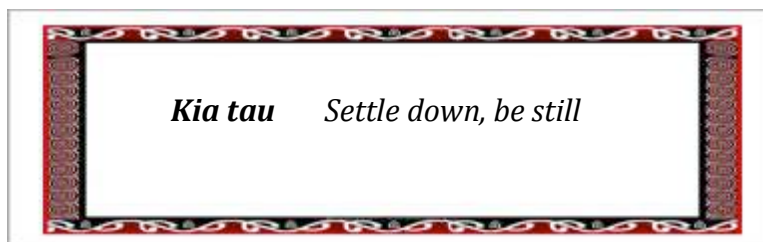
Te kupu o te wiki, the word of the week

We are excited to introduce to you Te kupu o te wiki, the word of the week

To encourage our children and their families to learn new Māori words, we will have a word of the week that appears in the newsletter and in their classrooms. Give it a go and drop it into conversation when you can! Your kids will love to hear you using Te Reo Māori and so will Whaea Ange!

Mauria te pono – Believe in yourself!

Our latest Māori words are:



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who have won Gotcha draws recently: Ryan, R17; Bailey, R5; Alana, R4; Ethan, R2; Riley, R5; Henry O, R3. Xavier, R9; Potia, R12; Dan, R4; Aliyah, R6; Briar, R10; Leo, R15

PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who received a PB4L Certificate at Assembly recently:

R1	Emma Campbell	R2	Ebony Pierson
R3	Kyra Marett	R4	Rune France
R5	Maele Rossignol	R6	Charlotte Taylor
R7	Jessica Buck	R8	Maddie Berry
R9	Molly Patrick	R10	Rose Fletcher-Young
R11	Angelo Wharehinga-O'Keefe	R12	Portia McRae
R13	Andie Wilson	R14	Cormack Auld
R15	Thomas Fitzsimons	R17	Luke Moore

Rubbish Classification award	Room 10
Power Savings Class award	Room 1

R1	Jessica Skinner	R2	Bailey Nicholls
R3	Chloe Farmer	R4	Max Claridge
R5	Tara O'Brien	R7	Logan Batty
R7	Adele Stack	R8	Archie Gollan
R9	Alexandra Coleman		
R10	Matilda Mallinson	R11	Rachel Roberts
R12	Sienna Lees	R13	Talia Duckmanton
R14	Matteo Kimura	R15	James Bell
R17	Ashley Lawson		

Rubbish Classification award	Room 4
Power Savings Class Award	Room 15

EPro8 Challenge

Congratulations to the GPS Rockets who came third in the Christchurch EPro8 Challenge finals. Well done to GPS Magic who also performed well.

Junior Syndicate Museum Visit

A big thank you to all the volunteers at the Geraldine Museum. The Junior Syndicate had a fabulous visit. They saw lots of household goods and school equipment from the Topic they are studying "Then and Now". The old Geraldine Telephone Exchange was put to good use also.



Cross Country





Note your diary - School Photo Day Monday 21 August 2017

Merino Jerseys

The new contact phone number to get the school logo put onto uniform merino jerseys or sunhats is: The Little House Embroidery is 021 064 8717 and is based in Geraldine.

Dental Clinic

To make an appointment at any time please phone 0800 846 983.

School Calendar -

2017 Term Dates

Term 1	30 January–13 April	Term 2	1 May–7 July
Term 3	24 July–29 September	Term 4	16 October–15 December

Term 2

Week 10

Friday 7 July	Open Assembly Last Day Term 2
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Term 3

Week 2

Tuesday 1 August	Life Education
Thursday 4 August	Girls Rugby

Week 3

Tuesday 8 August

Maori Myths & Tribal Legend show

Friday 11 August

3 Way Conferences – Classes will not run on this day but children are expected to attend the 3WC with their parents.

Week 4

Friday 18 August

FLAVA Festival

Week 5

Monday 21 August

School Photos

Wednesday 23 August

Senior Skate trip

Week 6

Tuesday 29 August

Senior Ski trip

Home & School

Geraldine Primary Home & School Facebook Page: have you liked us yet?

Dancing with the Stars: Our plucky contestants are hard at work with rehearsals, perfecting their dance moves to wow us on the 12 August. As well as the dancing, there will be a cash bar, auction and raffles and some surprise performances (audience participation not required!). Look out for details of this event on our Facebook page and we will present profiles of our participating couples early in Term 3.

Tickets will go on sale on Friday 28 July, the Friday of the first week back in Term 3, and can be purchased in the GPS Hall from 0830 – 0930 and again from 2.30 – 3.30 pm (cash only please).

We are currently seeking products or services for our auction and raffles, smaller offerings also appreciated. If any businesses or individuals wish to contribute, please contact Helen England 021 114-9897

Burgers: Burgers will be available with the Friday sausage sizzle as a one-off offer on the last Friday of this term, Friday 7 July (sausages will still be available). The cost of the burgers will be \$2 and must be paid for in cash. They can be ordered as per the sausage ordering process.

Geraldine Primary Community Stock Scheme 2017

While we are all trying to keep dry and warm this winter, spring is not far away and once again we are asking our local farming community to support our school by rearing calves and lambs for our annual stock scheme. This fundraiser is one of the main cash earners for our school where 100% of the earnings are donated back to our school.

For those families new to the scheme, a heifer or bull calf, either dairy or beef, is selected early in the calving season, tagged with a tag provided by the Home and School, reared on farm alongside other stock and then collected early December for auction at the Temuka Sale Yards. All calves are weighed individually before sale. Lambs can be similarly donated for sale at weaning with all proceeds going to GPS.

Thank you to the families who have donated in the past. Your generosity is very much appreciated. The funds raised have been used to further our teaching resources available to our children, eg: upgrading the playground; purchasing robotic kits and computers for class use; upgrading the library furniture and improving the junior block to mention just a few.

For all families, new and old, please look out for the flyer which will accompany the first newsletter next term for registrations. If you have any questions please contact Robyn Skinner on 02777 51290. Thank you.

Sausage Sizzle: Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken at the Hall veranda on Friday mornings prior to school starting 0820 – 0850. Sausages cost \$1.50 each. Payment is by cash (correct amount please) or by purchasing a card for 10 sausages (\$15.00) from the Office. Gluten free sausages are available for purchase for \$1.50. Please assist your children to ask for a gluten free sausage when they place their order, **and** when they collect their cooked sausage. Gluten free sausages will be served in a serviette.

Second Hand Uniform: As stated in the previous newsletter, this is now available from Rosie's second hand clothing on Peel Street. This transition, which allows improved access to second hand uniform at low cost, has already proved popular with families/whanau. Rosie's is open Tuesday to Thursday 10.30am to 3.30pm. We request that donations of uniform continue to be dropped off at the School Office.

Next Meeting: Mon 7 Aug, 7pm, Staff Room

Community Notices

International Programme

There will be a real international feel to Geraldine in term 3 as three short term groups from Japan, China and Korea arrive to stay for a few weeks.

If you are interested in different cultures and would like to host one of these students, please contact

Gislinda Folkerts on: g.folkerts@geraldinehs.school.nz

or phone Kerri Doy on: 693 0017 ext. 7206

Warehouse Stationery offers a rebate scheme to Geraldine Primary, just mention our school whenever you shop at Warehouse Stationery and 5% of your purchases will come to our GPS.

The Active Kids Holiday Programme team have another programme all geared up for your schools families to consider in July.

Parents will find detailed information and can register on our website www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

4 bedroom house to rent in Geraldine phone / text Joe on 021360518

Holiday Programme: Holidays @ Kids Alive are running their holiday programme in the first week of the holidays – Monday 10th July to Friday 14th July. We will be having various activities during the week from Arcade Games, Movie Day, Paint a Plate and lots of crafts and games. Everyone must register at kidsalive.aimyplus.com (do not put www. In first otherwise it will not work), or you can register through our website – www.kidsalive.co.nz. For more information phone Lorraine on 0274038126.

It's a School Holiday



Held at

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**Geraldine High School Gym
17- 21st July 2017**

Time 9am – 3pm Age – 7 -13yrs

Cost - \$20 per child per day for 1st and 2nd Child

\$15 per child per day for 3rd or more

Monday – Dodgeball, Basketball and Cricket

Tuesday – Netball , Tball and Big Ball Football

**Wednesday – Hockey, Bench Ball and
Gymnastics**

Thursday – Ultimate Frisbee, Football and Touch

Friday – Mix of Mini Games and Fitness Session

**Bookings Essential – Contact us NOW Payment
is required before bookings can be confirmed.**

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**Run By Geraldine High Schools Sports
Coordinator and Senior Students**

**LET
THE
GAMES
BEGIN**

