



GeraldinePrimary

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Newsletter

Week 8, Term 1

Thursday 15 March 2017

From our Principal....

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

On Tuesday our Year 6 students departed school with much excitement for their **annual camp at Lindisfarne**. School activities such as camps require significant planning from staff prior to the actual week in order to make the experience as rewarding as possible for all involved. We are also fortunate to have so many willing parents who provide transport, stay overnight and support staff across the week. This also applies to syndicate trips like the one that was planned for Year 3 -4 students to the Otipua Wetlands, which was affected by rain earlier in the week.

It was encouraging to see so many of our junior students achieve recognition for their creations at the **A and P Show** recently. Our Agrikids teams also did well in their competition, with "The Best Farmers" (Thomas Batty, Matthew O'Connor and Olly Adams) coming first and the "G Town Farmers" (Charlotte Orange, Phoebe Wilson and Isla Fisher) placing second. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Bookings can now be made online for **3 Way Conferences**, which will take place on **Friday 24 March**. The website to book your child's 3WC is **www.schoolinterviews.co.nz**. Use the **event code htt62** to access our school portal. If you need assistance with this, please contact the school office and we will book an interview for you. Please note that bookings will close on Wednesday 22nd March and it is important that bookings are made by this day. Teachers will be involved in 3WCs all day on Friday 24 March 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.

Each term the Board of Trustees review **policies** as part of a three year cycle. This term we are asking parents / whanau to assist us in this process by reviewing the Recognition of Cultural Diversity policy. To access instructions for this and for any other policy, please visit our school website, click on the School Info tab at the top of the page and then the School Policies tab in the side bar.

Our school social worker, Donna Roger, along with myself will be hosting a **coffee morning on Wednesday 22 March** from 9 –10am in the staffroom. This will be a chance to meet new and familiar faces, learn a bit about each other and our school. If you have pre-schoolers, they are welcome to come along as well.

Finally, our annual **Breakfast BBQ** will be held before school on Friday 7 April. It serves as a fundraiser for our sponsored child Htet Wai Yan Oo who lives in Myanmar. Our senior students always have a great time preparing for this event and it's a good way for our school community to come together, catch up and support a wide variety of stalls. More details will follow shortly.

The GPS Office accounting package is now being upgraded. Online payments are preferred but remember to include your child's name and reason for payment as the reference. All money coming into the school office will soon need to be placed in an envelope giving details of the amount, child's name and reason for payment. No change will be given. This will then be posted into a locked box in the office foyer. These payments will be

cleared daily and entered online. Receipts will then be able to be printed and sent home with children.

We will let you know when the locked box has been installed.

Reading Folders will still be for sale from the Office and payment for these will not need to be placed in the locked box.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Andrew Leverton

Principal / Tumukaki

School notices:

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!

The word for the week 20 – 24 March is:



The word for the week 27 – 31 March is:



Bible in School will restart in Term 2 and will run until the end of Term 3. It will take place at lunchtimes on Thursdays from 12.15 – 12.45 in the library. It is again optional and parents should discuss attendance with their children if they wish them to go.

A further reminder that from Term 2 we are aiming to **share the newsletter with our school community via email**, as well as on the school website. In order to be able to have the fortnightly newsletter emailed, please provide your email address to the office: office@geraldine.school.nz . We appreciate this contact being through email in order to get accurate email details. We will continue to inform parents and members of our school community when the newsletter is posted on our website via Twitter and Facebook.

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who have won Gotcha draws recently: Bryn, R1; Ryan, R7; Ben, R7; Josh B, R12; Jackson, R8; Grace, R13; Josie, R6; Ebony, R2; Shantelle, R7; Brae, R1; Josh, R17; Bailey, R5; Joe, R1; Charlotte O, R5; Cayden, R11; Lance, R17; Amelia, R9; Siobhan, R17.

PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded PB4L Certificates at Assembly:

9/2/17

R1 Brae Cleverley	R2 Poppy Wheeler
R3 Lily Grant	R4 Ella Waldron
R5 Isla Fisher	R6 Myra Martin
R7 Kherra Wilton-Hubbard	R8 Ruby Ellis
R9 James Gorrie	R10 Harry Fitzsimons
R11 Bailey Nichols	R12 Aria de Bonth

R13 Olivia Marsden

R17 Ryan O'Connor

23/2/17

R1 Keira Wynn

R2 Thomas Batty

R3 Hunter Outhwaite

R4 Matthew O'Connor

R5 Lily Daniell

R6 Ollie Christensen

R7 Shanae Barnett

R8 Harry Sowden

R9 Paris McRae

R10 Matilda Mallinson

R11 Jorja Macale

R12 Harvey Watkins

R13 Grace Worner

R17 Bodean Flannery

9/3/17

R1 Lewis Pace

R2 Royden Barnett

R3 Emily Goldsbury

R4 Marshall Gordon

R5 Harrison Taylor

R6 Josie Herbert

R7 Ollie Barnett

R8 Kathy Kwang

R9 Lucas MacKintosh

R10 Rose Fletcher-Young

R11 Hannah Boorer-Lilley

R12 Gian Ramos

R13 Dylan Schwalter

R14 Bianca Horne

R17 Lincoln Banks

Navy Blue Merino Jerseys

Should you wish to order a navy blue merino jersey you will need to have it embroidered with our school logo as part of the uniform. Please visit www.merinowoolforschool.co.nz to order your jersey and contact The Little House Embroidery at Winchester, phone 03 615 6004, to have our school logo stitched on in the correct thread prior to being worn at school. The school office has a variety of sizes that can be tried on before or after school, prior to purchase.

Sun Hats

Please ensure that your child has the correct sunhat for term 1. A reminder that navy bucket style or rimmed small sunhats are a compulsory part of our school uniform from the start of term 4 until the end of term 1. These can be purchased from The Warehouse, or from A Little House Embroidery, Winchester phone 03 615 6004 (cost \$12.50 with the option of 2 embroidered initials for an extra \$4 or 3 initials for \$4.50).

New Students

A special welcome to our new student Sam who started in R11 recently.

Dental Clinic

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

Lost

Lost Polar Fleece named Samuel O'Connor. If found please return to R7

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 1

Week 8

Wednesday 22 March	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm – staffroom
Thursday 23 March	SC Triathlon
Friday 24 March	3 way conferences

Week 9

Friday 31 March	SC Swimming Sports
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Week 10

Friday 7 April	Breakfast BBQ
Wednesday 12 April	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm – staffroom
Thursday 13 April	Open Assembly, 1.30pm – all welcome Last day of Term 1

Home & School

Annual General Meeting 2017

Our AGM was held on Monday night. Thank you to those who attended. We have a great year planned with events and

fundraisers. The following committee members are continuing in their roles for 2017:

Helen England - President

Paula Campbell - Treasurer

Jane Harmon - Secretary

We welcome Marissa Grant as our newly elected Vice-president. We would like to thank Aaron Sheed for his energy and input into the Vice-president role over the last few years.

Funding

We hope the Middle Syndicate children in rooms 11, 12 & 13 are enjoying their new furniture funded by Home & School.

Motorbike trail ride

Our next fundraiser will be the trail bike ride to be held on Sunday 30 April. The route is currently being finalised with the generous cooperation of local farmers. See www.myrides.co.nz for more details.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

A reminder that we will hold a sale during the Breakfast BBQ on Friday 7 April. Any donations of clean approved uniform in tidy condition would be appreciated - please leave at the office. The school will also organise a stall for the following items: baking/confectionery, toys, books and jigsaws (in case of any de-cluttering or bulk baking activity over the long rainy weekend).

Sausage Sizzle

Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken 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) from the Office. Gluten free sausages are also 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.

Next Meeting: Monday 8 May

