



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

**Week 4, Term 3
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From our Principal....

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

Those who managed to secure tickets to the **Dancing with the Stars** on Saturday night were treated to a fantastic evening of high quality entertainment. Special thanks and congratulations must go to our Home and School team who put together a wonderful event that was enjoyed by all. Thank you and well done also to our dance couples. It can't be an easy task going outside one's comfort zone and dancing in front of friends and members of the local community, but they all did a brilliant job and are certainly stars!

I'd like to acknowledge the dance coaches, judges, MCs, videographer, and AV techs. These people all combined to create a very special evening. Gala events such as these require considerable organisation and effort and we are grateful to the time and energy that was put in by so many.

On Wednesday we farewelled **Yahanna Spijkerbosch**, who has worked in our office for the past four years. While some of her work has been public-facing, such as answering the phone and greeting visitors to the school, much of it is behind the scenes involving school finances and student enrolments. These are two crucial areas for any school and I congratulate Yahanna for the way she has gone about her role in a professional manner. We wish her all the very best for the next chapter in her career.

Next Tuesday **Jane Paton**, our new **Office and Financial Administrator** will start at GPS. Jane brings a wide range of administration experience across the primary school, private business and rural sectors. She will work Monday – Wednesday in the office.

Our new **Family Support Worker, Lorraine Smith** will commence her duties next Monday. While Lorraine is based at GPS, she will also be working with the Woodbury, Geraldine Pre School and Kindergarten communities throughout each week. If parents wish to meet with Lorraine, they should contact her by phoning the school office and be transferred through to her. We look forward to welcoming both Jane and Lorraine to the staff.

Preparations for our biennial **music festival** are well underway. This event is held in our hall and involves students from GPS, Woodbury, Carew Peel Forest and Geraldine High School. All of the GPS students will be involved. Please note the correct dates – matinee, 10.30am Tuesday 12 September and evening performances, 7pm Tuesday 12 and Thursday 14 September.

We had a high proportion of children and parents attend our **3 Way Conferences** last Friday. The 3WC occur twice a year and are a time when parents and children meet with teachers to discuss the learning and future goals for the child. There are strong benefits to involving children in conversations about their learning, alongside their parent(s) and teacher. Parents are also welcome to meet with the classroom teacher at other times of the year, outside of the 3WC. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to do this.

Last week we took delivery of some **new furniture for Rooms 1, 2, 10 and 17**. The students (and teachers!) in these rooms are certainly enjoying the bright colours and various heights of the tables and chairs. This order was funded by the Board of Trustees, with orders earlier in the year generously funded by the Home and School and Southern Trust.

This term we are reviewing the **Students with Special Needs / Learning Support policy**. Parents are encouraged to have input into the review process. Instructions for how to do this are through the School Info section on our website – www.geraldine.school.nz. Reviewing a policy only takes about 5 – 10 minutes. There are also a range of associated procedures that sit alongside the Students with Special Needs / Learning Support policy.

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

Ngā mihi nui,
Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School notices:

Festival of the Arts Tickets

Tickets for the Festival of the Arts will go on sale on Monday the 21st August and will be sold from the school office. Tickets cost \$5 each for the evening performances. For the Matinee children are free but they still need to get a ticket. Adult tickets are \$5 for the Matinee. We encourage those who are able to attend the Matinee to do so.

There is a total of 360 tickets to each show. This is determined due to council safety restrictions. Each participating school has a set number of tickets based on school roll. We are only able to sell tickets for the evening performances to our school families.

Daffodil Day Mufti Day - Friday 25 August

Wear mufti or yellow if you wish and bring a coin donation to place on our daffodil. Proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Society. This is one of the causes we as a school support by helping with a fundraising activity.

This is one of the ways we show support for our Sun Smart Accreditation programme as that is about trying to prevent cancer in future years.

Southfuels

We recently received a new TV, from Southfuels Fuel for Schools programme. Many thanks to our supporting families:

Belrori Farm Ltd

Fisher Family Partnership

Rawhiti House

Coles Farms

B R Hammond

K R Christie

HJB & SJ Sheed

Thompson Precast Ltd

Clay Downs Farming Company

Earthworks Aoraki Ltd

BC & TE Brown

SR & LM Geary

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 e.g. Activity Fee, Camp etc.

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:



Tuhituhi Writing



Pangarau Maths

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who have won Gotcha draws recently:
Addy, R8; Sequoia, R15; Holly, R10; Chase, R8; Pepper-Mae, R15; Dylan, R13.

Congratulations also to the following children who received a postcard for achieving 60 Gotchas at assembly recently:

Riley Spijkerbosch, Dan Renfree, Rose Fletcher-Young, Ryan O'Connor, Royden Barnett, Matilda Mallinson, Isla Fisher, Phoebe Wilson, Georgia Coles, Matthew O'Connor, Marshall Gordon, Ella Waldron.

PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who received a PB4L certificate at assembly on 3 August.

R1	Kingsley Wells	R2	Poppy Wheeler
R3	Joshua Morton	R4	Tilly Davies
R5	Jessica Cradock	R6	Annie Burnside
R7	Neena Marsden	R8	Addison Campbell
R9	Lachie Hyde	R10	Harry Fitzsimons
R12	Milly Chapman	R13	Te Rangi Manunui-Boyd
R14	Luke Bennett	R15	William Johansen-Smith
R17	Lenny Simpson		

Bin Classification Award – Room 1

Power Saving Award – Room 3

Heritage Photos - Monday 21 August 2017

School photographs will be taken on 21st August. Please let the office know if you wish to have a family photo of all your children taken. We are anticipating that these will be taken from 11.15am, after the class photos have been completed.

Dental Clinic

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

Geraldine Primary Family Ski Day

One benefit of this very cold weather is that the ski fields are LOVING IT! The ski season has started with a bang and you can be part of that by coming on the next Geraldine Primary School Family Ski Day at Roundhill. We have worked with Roundhill to make this an affordable day for your family to experience a day on the slopes.

When: Sunday 27th August (postponement date: Sunday 3rd September)

Where: Roundhill Ski Field in Tekapo (approx 90 mins from Geraldine)

Approximate cost: Considerably less than a standard day pass. Full details of cost are available on the letter available from Fe Wilcox or the School Office but full rental, lift pass and lesson is \$42 per child and \$95 per adult. Prices vary depending on what you want to do.

A letter with more detail is available from the office. Please come and get one if interested. Call Fe Wilcox on 0276436719 with any questions.

Logo Embroidery

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.

School Calendar -

2017 Term Dates

Term 3 24 July–29 September **Term 4** 16 October–15 December

Term 3

Week 4

Friday 18 August FLAVA Festival

Week 5

Monday 21 August School Photos
Wednesday 23 August Senior Skate trip to Tekapo
Friday 25 August Daffodil Day – mufti day

Week 6

Sunday 27 August GPS Family Ski Day at Round Hill
Tuesday 29 August Senior Ski trip

Week 7

Friday 1 September New Entrant Transition to School morning

Week 9

Monday 18 September -
Thursday 21 September St Johns First Aid Training – whole school

Week 8

Tuesday 12 September Festival of the Arts Matinee, 10.30am
Tuesday 12 September Festival of the Arts Evening Performance, 7pm
Thursday 14 September Festival of the Arts Evening Performance, 7pm

Week 10

Monday 25 September SC Anniversary Day – School closed
Wednesday 27 September BOT Meeting, Staffroom, 5.30pm
Friday 29 September Open Assembly, time to be confirmed
Last Day for Term 3

Home & School

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

Dancing with the Stars: A massive well done to everyone involved in Dancing with the Stars on Saturday night. A huge thank you to our 6 couples for their brave and well tuned performances – a great night out. We have many people and businesses to thank so keep an eye out for our Post- Dancing with the Stars flyer to be emailed out within the next few weeks, including our grand total of funds raised.

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 on the hall veranda 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 previously, this is now available from Rosie's second hand clothing on Peel Street. 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 21 Aug, 7pm, Staff Room

Community Notices

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.

Geraldine Ladies

'Spring Fling'

First Day of Spring

Friday 1st September * 7pm-10pm

***Geraldine High School Hall * \$10 per ticket *
Spot Prizes, Spring Raffle, Continuous Supper &
Refreshments**

*A ladies' night out with amazing
local stalls & entertainment*

All profits go towards a local not-for-profit organisation
2017 Charity is Geraldine Riding for the Disabled

2017 brings...

- *Entertainment**
- *Longer Shopping Hours**
- *New Stall Holders**

Tickets available from, Debbie Oliver
027 215 3698 & The Running Duck...





Hope Walk Timaru

10th September 2017

Entry Fee

Gold coin donation

(proceeds going to National Suicide Helpline)

Start Time:

10.00am

HOPEWALK is a community event to mark National Suicide Day, by coming together for a Public Walk of Hope and Memory.

HopeWalk Timaru 2017 is approx. a 3.2km walk starting at Church Street entrance of Centennial Park and ending on the grass area in front of the Sound Shell on Caroline Bay

If you can please show your support by wearing a Yellow shirt..

A huge thank you to Timaru District Council, Fulton Hogan Road Safety Traffic Management and STEPS South Canterbury (Suicide Trauma Empowering Peer Support) for their support.

Coffee available

Free sausage sizzle

Bring a candle for remembrance of loved ones lost

Cancellation details will be via Port FM by 9.30 on the day