



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 4, Term 2

Thursday 25 May 2017

From our Principal....

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

Winter sports are now in full swing. From time to time sports practises are cancelled due to the weather. Please talk to you children about what they are to do if there is a cancellation. Our school office is often a busy place and can struggle when parents ask for messages to be passed onto their children. However, if it is an emergency please do not hesitate to contact us.

Last week as a school we had an **earthquake** drill. These are important practises for us, as we all know in New Zealand, it's not if we have an earthquake, it's when. The children and staff practised taking cover and then evacuating the buildings. We would like your support in this by having discussions at home about what your child should do when an earthquake happens.

This week we had an **emergency bus procedure practise**. This entails us gathering all of the bus children to the hall, marking them off the bus lists and preparing to phone each child's parent before we can send them home. In a real emergency we would need to contact each child's parent before we could put them onto a bus to ensure that there is someone there to look after them. Please ensure if your child travels on a bus, that they know which bus it is and its extension, i.e. Hinds bus and Orari extension. If you have changed your phone number recently, please inform our school office immediately.

This Friday at 1pm we are holding our **cross country** at the domain. It's always great to see so much support from families for our children at such events. The coffee cart will be there.

Last term we had a parent survey about our **PB4L** (positive behaviour for learning). We are very pleased with the results and these are available for you to see on the wall of the school office foyer. In general it is seen as a positive and success programme at our school. One thing that we do want to work on is the parent knowledge and understanding of our classroom 3 step behaviour management system. We will take steps to do this later in this term.

We held our annual **Pink Shirt Day** Today. This is a fun dress up event that we encourage in order to say "no" to bullying.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Murray Davidson

Acting Principal / Tumuaiki

School notices:

Geraldine Primary School Cross Country

Friday 26th May

The children have been practising for our school cross country during school time. They will get to go around the course so they know where to run on the day. Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear during this time.

Our cross country will be held at the Domain, starting at 1pm. If postponed then Monday 29th May, this will be on our phone messages, twitter, and on Facebook.

All children take part in this activity unless they have a medical reason for not participating, in which case a letter needs to be written to the Principal or Deputy Principal. We see this activity as being the same as Reading or Maths and that all children should try to do their best.

The race programme will start with the juniors and go through to the senior classes.

Junior Syndicate classes are run by age group. Middle and Senior Syndicates are run by year group.

Children may leave after their race if their parent is there to take them. Please let the teacher know.

Bible in School

Bible in School has started 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.

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.

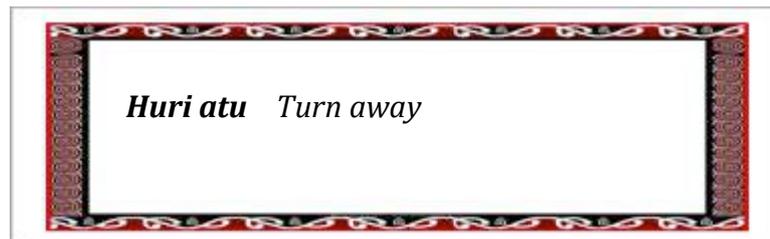
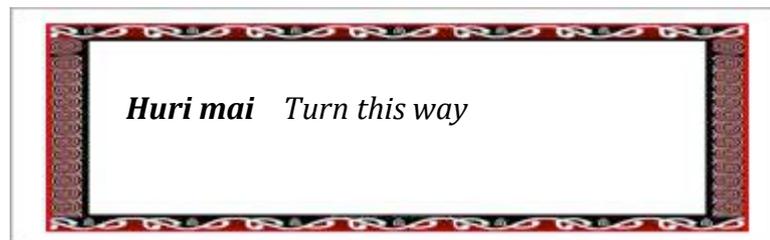
Mauri ora whānau,

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!

Maori words are:



GPS Website

We are pleased to announce that our website is now bilingual. Click on the links to check this out.

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who have won Gotcha draws recently: Jock, R11; Cayden, R1; Joe, R1; Kyle, R11; Deja, R5; Regan, R8.

PB4L Certificates - 12/5/17

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

R1	JJ Wada	R2	Luke Bennett
R3	Leilani Short	R4	Tily Allpress

R5 Grace Davies-Parnham
R7 Sam O'Connor
R9 Sam Yeadon
R11 Sepia Allpress
R13 Ethan Wilson
Rubbish Classification Award
Power Saving Award

R6 Liam Campbell
R8 Jacob Cunningham
R10 Kendra Patmore
R12 Sophia Rusbridge
R17 Demian Pincol Gonzalez
Room 6
Room 7

Puss in Boots

We were lucky enough to be entertained by a performance of Puss in Boots recently. This was a great show with lots of interaction and laughter.



Visiting Performance - Strike Percussion

Last week we were lucky enough to have the "Strike Percussion team" visit us. This performance was enjoyed by everyone, particularly the teachers solos.

The cost of the visiting performances has been met from the Activity fees.



Congratulations to our Ripa Rugby Team for making the Semi Finals

WARNING over Blue Whale Challenge App

New Zealand Police and the Mental Health Foundation are advising parents, guardians, teachers and counsellors to be aware of the danger the Blue Whale Challenge app poses to vulnerable young people.

Reports suggest it starts with minor self-harm challenges and then escalates in severity. There have been unconfirmed reports of suicides being linked to the game overseas and there was recent mention of the app in New Zealand media including the Herald and Newshub

This is one example of people using the internet to take advantage of those who are most vulnerable. The internet offers many positive experiences for young people but it's important that schools and families are mindful of what students are doing online.

Under the Harmful Digital Communication Act it is now a criminal offence in New Zealand to incite another individual to commit suicide, regardless of whether they attempt to do so.

If you see or hear about the online 'Blue Whale suicide challenge', you can take the following steps to minimise any potential harm it might cause:

- Immediately report it to the social media site or website that it's on.
- If somebody is directly targeting young people to play the game, or attempting to incite suicide in any other way, contact the Police for help.
- Contact Netsafe. This includes instances of online bullying, abuse or harassment. Netsafe's helpline is free, confidential and open seven days a week: 0508 NETSAFE or email queries@netsafe.org.nz

For advice on parenting and mental health, or suicide, please refer to the Mental Health Foundation - they have also published a useful media advisory on how to respond to the 'challenge'.

John Parsons Evening

John Parsons will again be visiting Geraldine High School next week. He will be giving a community presentation on Monday 29th May at the Geraldine High School Hall from 7-8.30pm. John is a fantastic speaker, his topic is Internet safety and cyber crime. This evening is relevant for all community members, parents, grandparents, and caregivers alike. A great opportunity not to be missed.

SUBWAY brand is relaunching Subway School Lunches nationally.

Subway Geraldine must move to the new Subway National offering. (no whole apples, no cookies or cheese advertised)

Updated Menu:

Subway has nationally standardized the menu.
Lettuce, cucumber, and tomato are offered veggies
6 inch, footlong,

SUBWAY GERALDINE WILL OFFER

\$5 DEAL

CHOOSE from Ham, Roast Beef, Turkey & Free Fruit Crush up For \$5 total price.

\$8.00 Deal Footlong Ham, Roast Beef, or Turkey & free fruit crush up

Add a cookie for \$1 (if wanting cookie- write in comments and put money in envelope)

The new menu starts on Wednesday 31 May. New Subway order bags will be in the office entry from today Thursday 25th May.

Dental Clinic

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

Lost

Full zip Polar Fleece named Frankie Balman. If found, please return to R6. Thank you.

Found HTC Cellphone on school playground.

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 4

Friday 26 May GPS Cross Country

Week 5

Monday 29 May pp GPS Cross Country
Wednesday 31 May R4 Rock Climbing
Thursday 1 June R5 Rock Climbing

Week 6

Monday 5 June Queens Birthday – School Closed
Friday 9 June Muffi Day for Social Workers Trust

Week 7

Wednesday 15 June SC Cross Country
Friday 16 June pp SC Cross Country

Week 9

Wednesday 28 June Jump Jam Competition

Week 10

Thursday 6 July Open Assembly, 1.30 – all welcome
Friday 7 July Visiting Performer – Dress up as a Pirate Day
Last day of Term 2

Pea Straw

The Board of Trustees have some medium square bales of peastraw for sale for \$50. Please phone Frances 03 6156642.

Home & School

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

Save the Date: The hugely popular biennial entertainment evening is back for 2017! Book Saturday 12 August into your diary. There will be glitter, there will be sequins, there will be classic moves and unique moves, don't miss it!

Burgers: this was a success last Friday and we will look to repeat this next month, date to be advised.

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 (\$15.00) 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: From next week all second hand uniform will be available from Rosie's second hand clothing store on Peel Street, opposite the Resource Centre.

Next Meeting: Mon 12 June, 7pm, Staff Room

Community Notices

Funsticks Hockey.

Beginners hockey for 4-6 year olds.

Geraldine High School turf, Friday 3.30-4 pm

For more information please email Hilary on nofrillshils@gmail.com

Young Writers Poetry Competition - open to all South Canterbrians, 18 years and younger. No Entry Fees, Great prizes. Upload entry form from

www.facebook.com/southcanterburypoetrycompetition

Entries close 5pm Sunday 9 July 2017.

John Parsons – Cybersafety Evening

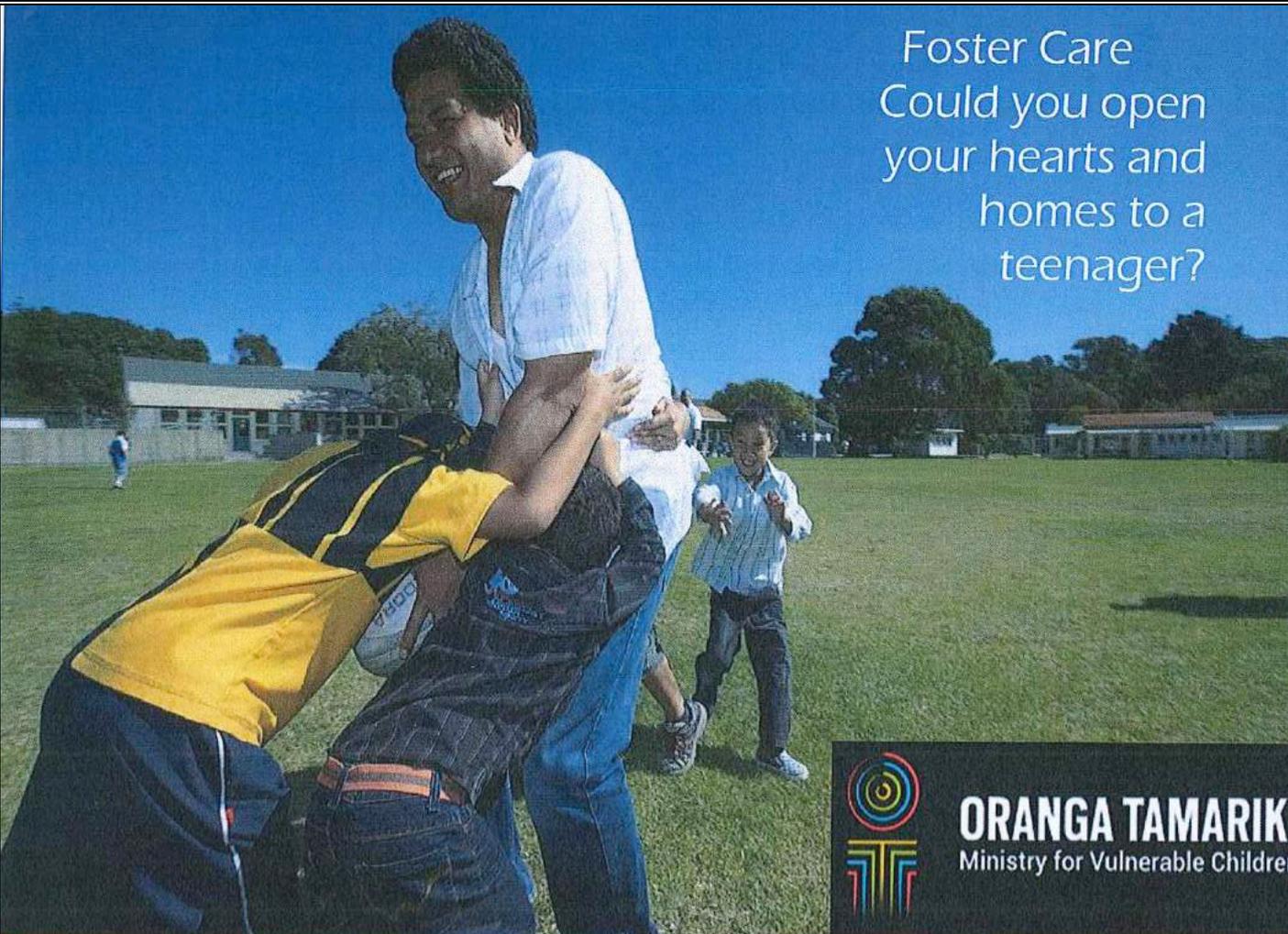
Monday 29 May 7-8.30, Geraldine High School Hall. All Welcome.

GOOD *in the* **HOOD**

Visit Geraldine
in May and
vote for

**Geraldine Children
Social Work Trust**



A photograph of a man in a white short-sleeved shirt lifting a child in a yellow and black shirt. They are on a large green grassy field. In the background, there are trees and a building under a clear blue sky. Another child is visible in the distance.

Foster Care
Could you open
your hearts and
homes to a
teenager?



ORANGA TAMARIKI
Ministry for Vulnerable Children

If you want to know more
about becoming a Foster
Carer for a teenager, then
come along and talk to us

1st June Geraldine Resource Centre 7PM