



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*  
*Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi*

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## Newsletter

Week 4, Term 2

19 May 2023

**From the Acting Principal...**

*Kia ora Whānau*

*Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou - greetings to you all.*

The weeks seem to be flying past and we are now at the end of Week 4. We have had a couple of early morning frosts and would like to remind students that as it gets colder in the mornings we like them to either be wearing a jacket, polar fleece or a blue thermal/polyprop underneath their school top when they are playing outside before school. We are getting much better at keeping the lost property down to a minimum but please remember to label your child's polar fleeces, we currently have five fleeces trying to find their owners.

Teachers are currently completing assessment ready for report writing. If your child has just started at Geraldine this term they will not get a written report but you are welcome to contact your child's teacher to discuss their learning. Reports will be available in the last week of the term.

We are moving towards reports being uploaded to a portal or app. This term you will get a paper copy and also be able to access it digitally. In the next week I will send home some information on how to access the portal. You will use the email address you gave the school to access this, so if you wish to update your email address please contact the office.

Over the last two weeks the Tāwhirimātea syndicate have been to Geraldine High School to use their rope course under the instruction of the Peel Forest

Outdoor Centre. I was very impressed with how the students all had a go at things and I was in awe of those that walked across the high ropes with seemingly no fear. A big thank you to all our adult helpers, without your support these trips would not be possible.



For those of you who did not receive the email sent out last week about our new Principal, I am delighted to let you know that the Board have appointed Mr Stu Wilcox as the new Principal of GPS. I know he is excited about the appointment and is looking forward to starting in July. We will have a pōwhiri for Mr Wilcox in the first week of Term 3, which you will all be invited to attend. More details will follow.

### **Change of address**

If you have changed your address, phone number or email address recently could you please update these at the office. This will ensure we are able to get in touch with you when we need to.

### **Teacher Only Days**

On **Tuesday 16th May** over 80 local teachers and teacher aides worked together in the hall with Structured Literacy providers from Christchurch. What an amazing effort from all these people to ensure we are all on the same path with teaching literacy. The second day of this PLD will be on **Thursday 29th June**. School will be closed for instruction on this day.

### **Trailride**

The trailride was held on the 7th May. I would like to personally thank Tina Pirie (and her husband Hamish) for their amazing organisation leading up to and on this day. Thanks also to all the other helpers on the day, including our great

Home & School who cooked sausages/patties etc. As usual we could not do this without the support of our local farmers, Port Blakely, Geraldine Butchery, Fresh Choice, Barkers and Fonterra. We came away with over \$8,000 profit. An amazing result!



### **Attendance**

A big thank you to all those parents who are letting us know why their child is absent. This makes our reporting to the Ministry much easier. If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school please chat to your child's teacher in the first instance or see Deana or myself if you need any extra support.

*Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui - be strong, be bold, be steadfast.*

Jo Drake  
Acting Principal | Tumuaki

### **Cross Country**

We are changing the venue for our Cross Country! This year we will be going over to Kennedy Park and running a variety of tracks depending on age and ability. Next week the students will be walking over to Kennedy Park with their Syndicates and walking through the tracks. We are hoping to hold the Cross Country in Week 6. We will confirm the time and more details next week.

### **Non-Uniform Day**

On Friday 2nd June we will holding a non-uniform day at GPS. This is to raise funds for the Geraldine Children Social Workers Trust. As Deana is our school family support worker and to make this a little more fun, we are going to hold a Wacky Hair day (think of Deana's orange dreds). So leave your uniform at home, do something wacky with your hair and bring a gold coin donation to support the work Deana does.

### **Pink Shirt Day**

It was fabulous to see the children dressed in pink today to support Pink Shirt Day



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*Ngā mihi nui,*

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### **Student Achievement Outside School**

We regularly hear about the achievements of our students in their out of school activities. We would like to be able to further recognise these achievements in our newsletters and / or on our school Facebook page. If your child or a GPS student you know of has done well in an out of school pursuit, please let us know! A written explanation of their achievement, along with a photo would be appreciated. Please send details to - [principal@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz)



To support our PB4L value of achieving, Mackenzie and Charlie performed a Highland Dance in front of assembly today. They then showed us their trophies and talked about what they had to do to achieve in this field.

Olivia, a Year 6 student at our school has been practising for her first stage show, The Wizard of Oz which the Variety Theatre Ashburton presents on stage 19-27 May 2023 at the Ashburton Event Centre. Olivia attends drama and singing lessons in her spare time.



## School Notices

### Teacher Only Days

On **Tuesday 29 June** Geraldine Primary School staff will be joining with other staff from schools in the district for a Teacher Only Day based around Structured Literacy. While we know the timing of this day is not ideal, it has been based around the facilitators availability. School will be closed for instruction on these day.

### Attendance

You may have seen in the news lately that there is a national push to increase students' attendance in schools. As data is collected by the Ministry of Education on a weekly basis it is important for us to know the 'why' of a student's non attendance. If you are emailing, ringing or leaving a message about why your child is not coming to school on any particular day, please help us out by leaving a reason for their absence.

### Welcome

Welcome to Willow and Japneet, R10; William, R11; Ryleigh and Michael, R9; Henry, R8; Amelia and Anton, R6. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary School

### Te Reo Kupu Te Wiki

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<b>Ka kite</b> See you	<b>Ka kite ā te pō nei.</b> See you tonight	<b>Whuuuuuu!</b> Wow (expression of exclamation)
<b>Mā te wā</b> See you later	<b>Mā te wā te rūma Tahi.</b> See you later te rūma Tahi	<b>Mahi tika ana.</b> Great work. (Praise. Absolutely)
<b>Hei āpōpō</b> See you tomorrow	<b>Hei āpōpō tamariki mā</b> See you tomorrow children	<b>Ka mutu pea!</b> That's great/ Mean!
<b>Hei te....</b> See you ....	<b>Hei te Rāhina/ Rātū</b> See you Monday etc	<b>Ka mau te wehi!</b> That's amazing!

### PB4L Certificates

Well done to the following students who received a PB4L certificate at assembly today:



Week 9

Week 10

Wednesday 28 June	Celebration Assembly run by Junior Syndicate Board Meeting
Thursday 9 June	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Friday 30 June	Term 2 ends
Saturday 1 July	Home and School fundraiser - Ethel & Bethel Comedy Bingo

**Term dates 2023**

**Term 2**

Wednesday 26 April - Friday 30 June

School closed:	Staff Development Day - Tuesday 16 May King's Birthday - Monday 5 June Staff Development Day - Thursday 29 June
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During July term break: Matariki - Friday 14 July

**Term 3**

Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

During September term break:	South Canterbury Anniversary - Monday 25 September
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**Term 4**

Monday 9 October – Thursday 14 December

School closed:	Labour Day - Monday 23 October Staff Development Day - Friday 17 November
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# Before School Care

Geraldine Primary School Hall.  
7am-8.20am Mon-Friday (Term Time)  
\$10 per day.



**Breakfast | Fun & Games | Sports**  
**Walk to class @ 8.20am.**

For more information and bookings please visit our website  
[www.Kidsalive.co.nz](http://www.Kidsalive.co.nz)

# KIDS ALIVE

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE



**Kids  
alive**

Geraldine Family & Youth Trust

AGES  
**5-13yo**

### WHAT WE OFFER:

- OSCAR approved Provider.
- Fun, Games, Crafts and Sports.
- Great range of indoor and outdoor space.
- Help and support with homework.
- Walking bus from GPS.
- Healthy afternoon tea.
- Child focused & well trained staff.
- Inclusive and welcoming of all Children from all local schools.

### WHEN & WHERE:

GERALDINE PAVILION  
MON-FRI 2.45 - 5.30PM.

### PRICE:

FROM \$18 PER CHILD.

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# GERALDINE GYMNASTICS



Classes are run in the winter months, on a Thursday afternoon, at the Geraldine Primary School Community Hall. Our gymnasts are taught core gymnastics skills and work up routines to perform at ribbon day. We are currently taking registrations and looking for more volunteers to join our coaching team and committee.

To register a gymnast please use the following link

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JQGnf7Tb6x0dfYubKVv8X2KhXQOZKasAYol5vp9a\\_uU/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JQGnf7Tb6x0dfYubKVv8X2KhXQOZKasAYol5vp9a_uU/edit)

To enquire about volunteering please email [geraldinegymnastics@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinegymnastics@gmail.com)

## Geraldine Hockey

### Local League Term 3, 2023



Geraldine Hockey league, local and loving it.

Wednesday afternoon, term 3, Geraldine Domain Turf

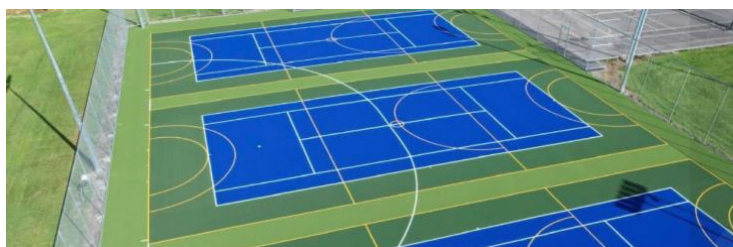
Funsticks for 5 year olds – 3.15-3.45

League games for primary ages from 4pm

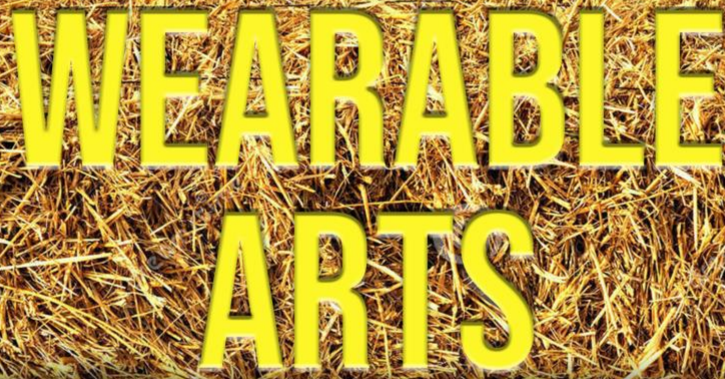
Please register your interest using the following form

<https://forms.gle/8iudBjC9xYykdJ2i9>

Or email enquiries to Hils McCullough at [nofrillshils@gmail.com](mailto:nofrillshils@gmail.com)



**GERALDINE HIGH SCHOOL  
PRESENTS**



**WEARABLE  
ARTS**

**OUR 2023 THEME IS: 'COUNTRY'**

**14 & 15 JUNE**

**GERALDINE HIGH SCHOOL HALL**

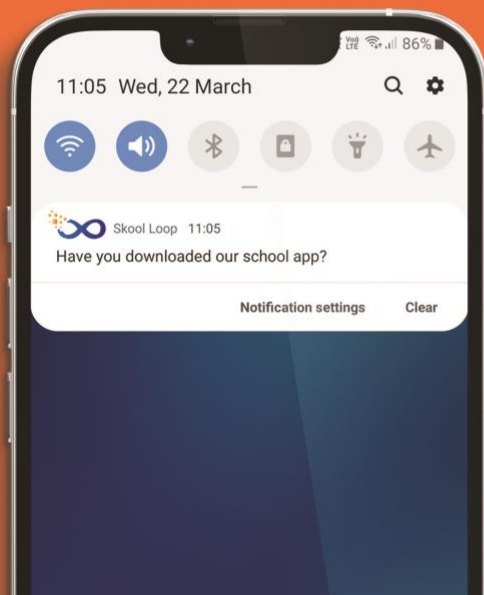
**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: [KIWITICKET.CO.NZ](http://KIWITICKET.CO.NZ)**

**ADULTS \$15**

**CHILDREN (UNDER 12) \$10**

**TABLE (10 SEATS) \$130**

**SUPPER PROVIDED WITH TICKET PURCHASE**



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- Receive instant notifications to your device about school news and notices
- Translation function available
- View newsletters
- Notify us of your child's absence
- Sign permission forms
- Book interviews and more!

## **Simple free download:**

In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.