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# Newsletter

**Week 4 Term 4**

**3 November 2023**

**From the Principal...**

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

I am sure many of you woke up on Sunday morning to watch the Rugby World Cup Final between the All Blacks and South Africa. The result was not what everyone wanted. However, the game displayed something beyond rugby and that was resilience and the ability to work harder when you are faced with adversity. These personal core values are fundamental not only for our development but for the development of the world. Resilience builds confidence which will allow you to overcome setbacks and achieve the things that are most important to you. This value is something we constantly talk to our students about.

In last week's newsletter I sadly wrote that Nerissa Murphy will be leaving us at the end of this year to follow her travelling dreams. In the meantime we have been busy recruiting to find a suitable teacher that could fill Miss Murphy's wonderful shoes in the Junior School. We are really fortunate to have Jodi Gardner joining our great staff team next year. Currently she is a young teacher in her first year at St Joseph's in Temuka. Please read her blurb below.

*'Kia ora my name is Jodi and I live on a lifestyle block in Hilton with my partner. I am super excited to be joining Geraldine Primary School. You will usually find me outside with my many animals! I have a huge passion as an educator especially in literacy. I love building relationships with students and their whānau. I can't wait to meet you all over the coming months and really look forward to being a part of your school community in 2024.'*

On Monday 30th October seven passionate and talented students represented Geraldine Primary at the South Canterbury Primary School's Tennis Tournament in Timaru.

Kohei Wada won the year 6 & under boys competition. Whilst Tamatea Sheed played off for 3/4. Abigail Marsden won the year 6 & under girls competition and Ashlee Bolt was the runner up. Henry Marsden had a tough match against Kohei in the first round but went on to win the rest of his games. Felicity Marsden won the year 6 & under girls consolation plate final. Alex Coleman had a great day with some good wins.

Kohei, Abigail and Ashlee will now represent Geraldine Primary and South Canterbury at the Southern Regional Primary Schools tournament in Dunedin on Friday 10th November.



I would like to take this moment to acknowledge the team and those three students who will represent South Canterbury in Dunedin. We are all super proud of all their efforts and incredible achievements.

Congratulations to Levi, Flynn, Tate, Oakley, Noah and Logan, an awesome group of Year 5 boys who recently competed in the South Canterbury Mountain Biking competition held at the Scenic Reserve in Timaru on Wednesday 25th November. The boys all said it was a tough course with lots of hills but they gave it their all and really enjoyed the race! Levi, Flynn and Oakley finished in the top 30 for their age group!





On Friday 3rd November Year 5 and 6 took part in the Top Team Challenge. These team events tested our students ability to collaborate, listen and work together. Some involved water, whilst others dexterity and a lot of perseverance. It was an awesome spectacle.

*'I loved working together - really well organised - activities were lots of fun and I would definitely do it again'*  
Aliza Year 6 - Room 2

*'It was real good - activities were a range of difficulty and needed team work. Liked the games they chose and had one for everyone - Yes I would definitely do it again'* James Year 6 Room 2





A huge thanks to Mrs Hanrahan for organising these great opportunities and for our parents for transporting, supporting and managing. We certainly could not do these things without you!



Mr Cambell was very lucky this week to get extra help from 5 Year 10 girls from Geraldine High School. Geraldine High School always has a service day, where they give back to our local community. A huge thank you to Alecia Doller, Abbie Price, Shaquila Maguire, Kendra Patmore, Phoebe Gibson for giving up their time.

Please take some time to read the athletics sports programme. This will help you to navigate the day and see all the different events.

Please also remember that Geraldine Primary has a TOD on Friday 11th November, this is also on Canterbury Anniversary day. Thank you very much in advance for your support.

Lastly, thank you to those parents who have been in contact to help us construct our classes for 2024. Next week we will start this long and rewarding process.

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

Stu Wilcox  
Tumuaki

### **Breakfast Barbecue - Friday 1st December 2023**

Please put this great event in your diary. Our fabulous Year 6 students will be putting on the annual Breakfast Barbecue for our Sponsored Child - Mohosina - in Bangladesh as well as raising money for other projects.

The Lions will have their Sausage Sizzle trailer and Casey from O'H coffee will be there. We would love some offers of baking for our very popular bake sale as this is a great fundraiser for this worthy cause.

More details to follow but please, SAVE THE DATE!

### **School Disco**

Friday 24th November

Years 0-3 6.00 – 7.15pm

Years 4 -6 7.15 – 8.45pm

More information to follow.

### **Scholastic Booklet**

The Scholastic booklet orders close on Tuesday 24 October.

### **School Photo orders**

The school photo orders are due in by Friday 27 October.

### **Te Reo Kupu Te Wiki**

We have finished our learning about positional kupu in te reo Māori. We have now started learning the popular phrase, "Kei te pēhea koe?" - how are you?

An easy way to reply is, "Kei te pai ahau." - I am fine.

We are also learning other ways to respond.

This is the new kupu and phrases from the last two weeks. Have a go!

<b>raro</b> under	<b>Kei raro ngā pene i te whāriki</b> The pens are under the mat.	<b>Tuhia ki te rae.</b> Never ever forget it.
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<p>runga on/above</p>	<p>Kei runga te pukapuka i te tēpu The book is on the table.</p>	<p>Hōea tō waka. Go for it.</p>
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<p>pēhea how</p>	<p>Kei te pēhea koe? How are you?</p>	<p>Whakanuia! Round of applause!</p>
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<p>pai to be good</p>	<p>Kei te pai ahau. I am good/fine.</p>	<p>Tapatapahi ana! What a flash guy! Choice!</p>
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### PB4L Certificates

Well done to the following students who received a PB4L or a Desire to Learn/Aspire to Achieve certificate at assembly today:

CLASS	DESIRE/ASPIRE	PB4L VALUES
1	Sofie Hoebergen	Caitlin Bock
2	Archer Smyth	Holliey

3	Flynn Foster	Taig Milne
6	Anton McKenzie	Eesha Singh
7	Austin McSweeney	Paddy Brennan
8	Carlos	Ryan W
9	Theo Vega -Cortes	Ayla Cooper
10	Syla Midgley	Millie Newton
11	Ruby Coombs	Flynn Cummings
13	Levi Coombs	Lydia Baker-Roberts
15	Harper Copland	Joy Fili

### **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to the following children who won a prize in the Gotcha draw:  
 Jess, R3; Thatcher, R6; Taig, 3; Ayla, R15; Lewis, R13; Nikau, R13.

### **GPS Uniforms**

GPS uniforms can be purchased from the Warehouse, Timaru, or locally from High Street Stitch and Print, in Geraldine. Please click on the link below for more information:

<http://gps.hssp.co.nz/>

The green polo shirts can only be purchased from The Warehouse, Timaru.

Second hand uniforms can be purchased from the school office for a donation which will go to the Home and School. We have no Size 6 polo shirts in our cupboard. If you have some of the green GPS polo tops at home that you no longer require, we would appreciate them. Please drop them into the school office next term.

### **Term dates 2023**

#### **Term 4**

Monday 9 October – Thursday 14 December

School closed:

Labour Day - Monday 23 October

Staff Development Day - Friday 17 November

## **Calendar**

### Week 5

Monday 13 November Home and School Meeting, 7pm

### Week 6

Friday 17 November Teacher Only Day - school closed

### Week 7

Friday 24 November School Disco

### Week 8

Wednesday 29 November Year 6 children GHS Transition day for those children moving to GHS next year

Friday 1 December Breakfast BBQ 7.30-8.30am

### Week 9

Wednesday 6 December Board Meeting, 6pm GPS

### Week 10

Thursday 14 December End of Year Prize Giving 9.15-10.15  
Carols in the Park 11.30-12pm

## **Notices**

**Geraldine Riding for the Disabled are looking for new volunteers!**

**Our local Riding for the Disabled organisation is on the search for some new volunteers to help out with their weekly riding sessions for students from our local schools. You don't need to be skilled with horses but being confident around them is important. Let's**



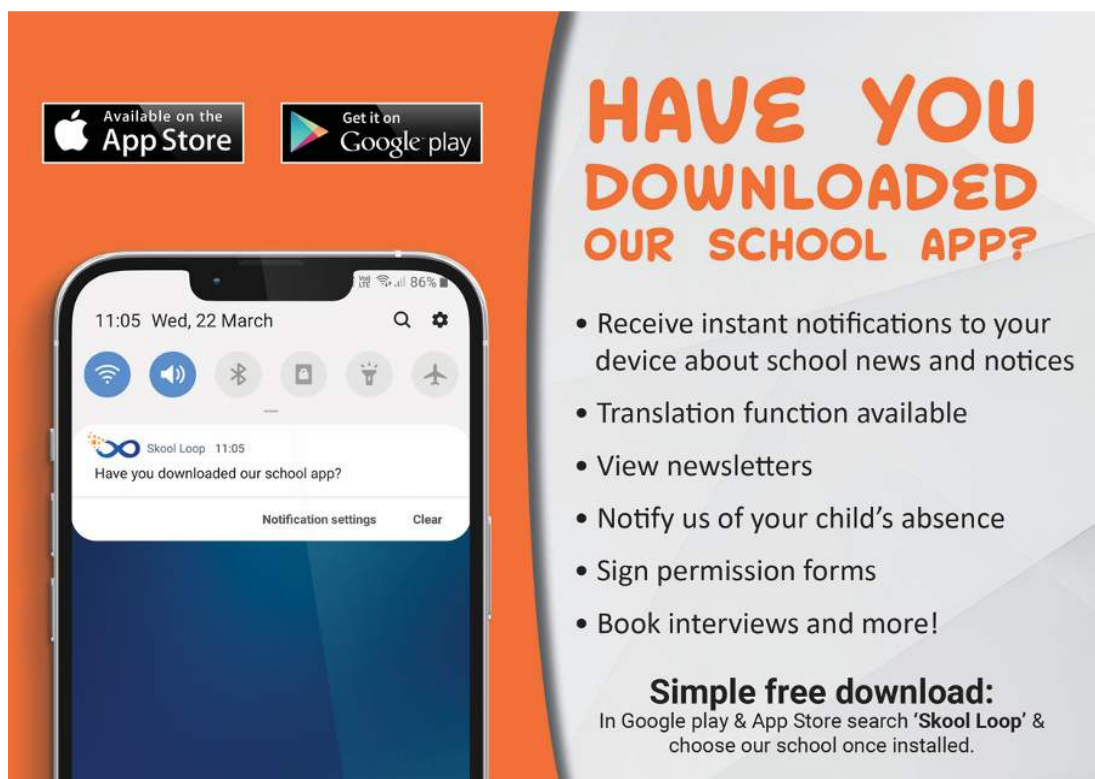
ensure this wonderful asset in the Geraldine community is sustained for the future.

**When:** Tuesdays in Terms 1 & 4, from 10am-12.15pm.

**Where:** McKenzie Street, Geraldine (opposite Geraldine High School)

**Tasks:** Leading horses or being a 'side walker' (support students walking beside the horse)

Please contact Jenny Perano on 027 437 5048 or via the 'Geraldine Group Riding for Disabled' Facebook page if you would like more information or to be involved. Volunteers are Police vetted which is taken care of by the RDA group.



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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.

**The Fresh Choice  
Geraldine Christmas Parade 2023  
From 6.30 - 8.00pm  
Friday 1 December**



*We are once again delighted to be hosting the Geraldine Christmas Parade on Friday 1st December. The theme this year is Nursery Rhymes and we hope you will join us. Please find all the information you need and the registration form here.*

[\*\*INFORMATION SHEET\*\*](#)

*You can also pick up the information and registration form and posters from the Geraldine Community Resource Centre on Peel Street.*

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# Geraldine Primary

## Geraldine Primary School Athletics 2023

Monday 13th November

Geraldine Domain: commencing at 9.30 am

Parents and whānau are most welcome to come along and watch.

Event stations may require help. If you are able to assist please let the teacher know.

**Postponement day will be Thursday 16th November**

If postponement is necessary, check Skool Loop and our Facebook page

**All children will participate in Athletics Day.**

**There will be Junior (Yr 0-2) and Senior (Yr 3-6) sections.**

**Junior children are grouped according to their current age**

**As the events for the Seniors are “standards” based, the children are grouped according to their age as at 1st January**

**The Junior section is morning only.**

**Junior students will return to school after lunch -**

**If parents wish to take them home at lunch time, YOU MUST INFORM THEIR TEACHER.**

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- ★ Children to come to school at the usual time
- ★ They need a drink, named sunhat, packed lunch and sunscreen applied
- ★ They need to wear suitable footwear (not jandals/sandals)
- ★ *Students are to wear their whānau group coloured t-shirt to school in the morning*
- ★ If it is cold, they will need their school jersey and a jacket
- ★ You are most welcome to have lunch with your children at the domain

### **Sausage Sizzle**

Our wonderful Home & School will have water available to purchase from 11:30am-1pm at our Athletics day. **Sausages are only available to order through the myKindo App and will be ready at lunch time.** Christmas Cookies will also be available to order.

Thank you in advance for your support.

**COFFEE - Casey will be there with her O'H Yes Coffee car from 9am selling delicious coffee and a small selection of treats.**

## ***The day's programme is below:***

### **Junior (Year 0-2) Athletic Sports Timetable:**

	10am	10:20	10.40	11am	11:20	11.45	12pm
Throwing for Accuracy & Distance	7 yr Boys	5 yr Boys & Girls	<b>Morning Tea</b>	6 & 7 yr Girls	6 yr Boys	<b>Running Races</b> 5yr boys 5yr girls 6yr boys 6yr girls 7yr boys 7yr girls	<b>Lunch</b>
Jumping for Height	6 yr Boys	7 yr Boys		5 yr Boys & Girls	6 & 7 yr Girls		
Hurdles & Obstacle	6 & 7 yr Girls	6 yr Boys		7 yr Boys	5 yr Boys & Girls		
Fun Relays	5 yr Boys & Girls	6 & 7 yr Girls		6 yr Boys	7 yr Boys		

### **Senior (Year 3-6) Athletic Sports Timetable:**

	Event:	9:35 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:25	10:25 - 10:50	10:50 - 11:05	11:05 - 11:35	11:35 - 12:00	12pm - 12:20	12:30 - 12:55	12:55 - 1:20	1:20 - 1:45
1	<b>High Jump</b>	<b>U9G</b>	<b>U10B</b>	<b>U10G</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>U11B</b>	<b>U11G</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>U8B</b>	<b>U8G</b>	<b>U9B</b>
2	<b>Sprints</b>	<b>U9B</b>	<b>U9G</b>	<b>U10B</b>		<b>U10G</b>	<b>U11B</b>		<b>U11G</b>	<b>U8B</b>	<b>U8G</b>
3	<b>Discus</b>	<b>U8G</b>	<b>U9B</b>	<b>U9G</b>		<b>U10B</b>	<b>U10G</b>		<b>U11B</b>	<b>U11G</b>	<b>U8B</b>
4	<b>Hurdles</b>	<b>U8B</b>	<b>U8G</b>	<b>U9B</b>		<b>U9G</b>	<b>U10B</b>		<b>U10G</b>	<b>U11B</b>	<b>U11G</b>
5	<b>Throw</b>	<b>U11G</b>	<b>U8B</b>	<b>U8G</b>		<b>U9B</b>	<b>U9G</b>		<b>U10B</b>	<b>U10G</b>	<b>U11B</b>
6	<b>Shot Put</b>	<b>U11B</b>	<b>U11G</b>	<b>U8B</b>		<b>U8G</b>	<b>U9B</b>		<b>U9G</b>	<b>U10B</b>	<b>U10G</b>
7	<b>Long Jump</b>	<b>U10G</b>	<b>U11B</b>	<b>U11G</b>		<b>U8B</b>	<b>U8G</b>		<b>U9B</b>	<b>U9G</b>	<b>U10B</b>
8	<b>Fun Relays</b>	<b>U10B</b>	<b>U10G</b>	<b>U11B</b>		<b>U11G</b>	<b>U8B</b>		<b>U8G</b>	<b>U9B</b>	<b>U9G</b>

12.20 - Lunch finishes with an air horn.

12.30 - Start activity with a new group.

2 pm - Whānau group relay, 4x 100m sprint

2:20pm - Farewell

