



GeraldinePrimary

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Newsletter

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From our Principal....

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

The first term of the year is over and as you read this, your children will no doubt be looking forward to the two-week break that lies ahead. While this term has been slightly longer than most, it has certainly flown by with a number of various events taking place.

Many thanks to the staff and parents who have planned, assisted and attended activities such as class trips, camps, sport events, swimming and fundraisers. There have been many people within our school community who have worked together to ensure that the children at GPS receive a varied and interesting education. A big thank you!

Our **Breakfast BBQ** last Friday was again successful, with **\$1,774.20** being raised. Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students for the running of their stalls and the combined efforts of all involved. Thank you to our Home and School for their assistance with tea and coffee and uniform stalls, Fresh Choice for the supply of sausages and bread and the Geraldine Lions for the provision of a BBQ trailer and cooking of the sausages. We would also like to acknowledge the generosity of Wendy

Patrick for supplying a significant number of toffee apples and toffees.

Many thanks to those who took the time to complete our recent **PB4L survey**. We had 44 replies, which is about 20% of our families. We have received lots of valuable feedback, which we will share with you in early Term 2.

The first day of next term will see the start of our **Road Patrol**. This will involve Year 6 students, under the guidance of a parent or teacher, managing the pedestrian crossing on Cox Street. The Road Patrol team received training from Chris Wiltshire, our Police Education Officer on Monday and some of them did a trial run this week.

I ask that students and parents show due patience and consideration for the Road Patrol team, especially when they are learning the ropes in the first part of Term 2. Having the patrol will signify a change in the way the crossing is managed at either end of the school day.

As outlined in an earlier newsletter this term, some staff will be on leave or departing GPS today. I wish **Sarah McCone** (Room 12) all the best for her travels overseas in Term 2. We all look forward to her return in Term 3. **Rosie Ulrich** (Room 2) is moving up to the Bay of Plenty and we wish her well for the exciting times that lie ahead in her new school. I thank Rosie for her professionalism and being the role model that she has been for our students, particularly those in Room 2.

Room 15, our second New Entrant class, will commence in week 5 of Term 2. **Glynis Sullivan and Ruth Gardiner** will be teaching in this class. Glynis will teach Monday – Wednesday, with Ruth teaching Thursday and Friday.

I will also be away in Term 2, on a Ministry of Education sabbatical. As mentioned previously, Murray Davidson will be Acting Principal next term. I wish him and the rest of the staff well for the term ahead and prior to this, a well-earned break. I look forward to seeing you all again at the start of Term 3.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaiki

School notices:

District Cross Country

After discussion with other local schools, this event involving GPS, Woodbury and Carew Peel Forest won't be continuing in 2017. As the schools' rolls have increased over time, this event has become more complex to organize and as such, GPS runners won't be attending as it is now a Woodbury and Carew cross country. We will still have our own event, from which runners will qualify for selection to the South Canterbury Cross Country. Dates for our own event have been confirmed for Term 2 and are listed in the Calendar section of this newsletter.

Bus access

If families move house and they have been able to access bus transport prior to their move, ongoing access to the bus service may not necessarily continue, depending on where they have moved to. All schools have a Transport Entitlement Zone (TEZ), which allows students living within the TEZ to access buses, if they live a certain distance from school. If a move takes them outside the TEZ, they will need to get to the TEZ boundary or pick up point and meet the bus there. Bronwyn Hawkins the school bus controller will need to be contacted to discuss any changes and a possible new pick up point. Her contact details are: phone 021 026 78000, or email: b.hawkins@geraldinehs.school.nz . Please do not presume that bus access and pick up for your child will continue as it did before a move.

Activity Fees

Invoices have recently been sent out and we appreciate the subsequent payments received. The Activity Fee for 2017 has been

set at \$80 per student. If the Activity Fee has been paid before the end of the holidays, or if an automatic payment is established that enables it to be paid in full before the end of the school year, this fee is reduced to \$70. From term 2, the Activity Fee reverts to \$80, or \$20 per term enrolled for those starting at GPS during the year.

Home Alone Law

As we head into the April holidays, it is timely to remind parents about this legislation and that they consider the provision of care for their children under the age of 14 years at all times.

Staying Safe Online

It is important that parents are aware about what their children are viewing and having access to in an online environment. This involves ensuring that children are safe when on digital devices. Netsafe - www.netsafe.org.nz provides some valuable information for parents in this regard.

Bible in School

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.

Mauri ora whānau,

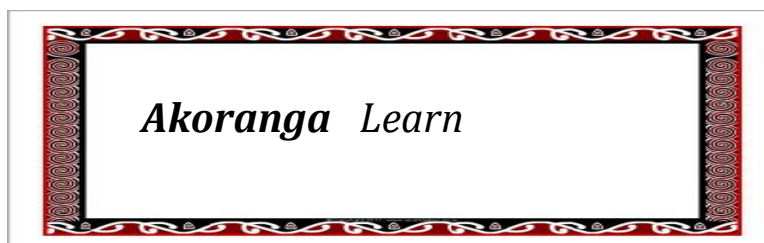
Te kupu o te wiki, the word of the week

We are excited to introduce to you Te kupu o te wiki, the word of the week

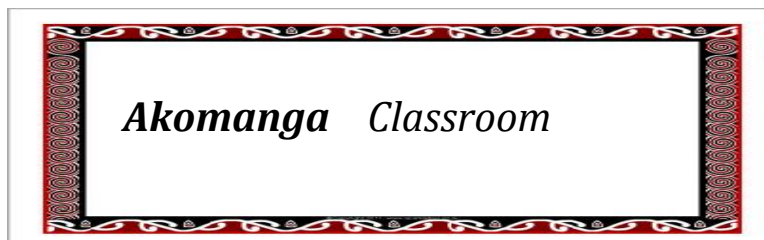
To encourage our children and their families to learn new Māori words, we will have a word of the week that appears in the newsletter and in their classrooms. Give it a go and drop it into conversation when you can! Your kids will love to hear you using Te Reo Māori and so will Whaea Ange!

Mauria te pono – Believe in yourself!

The word for the week 1 – 5 May is:



The word for the week 8-12 May is:



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who have won Gotcha draws recently: Reuben, R10; Matilda, R10; Sophie, R2; Lily C, R3; Anna, R1.

PB4L Certificates

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

R1	Hayley Pidgeon	R2	Ebony Pierson
R3	Poppy Slater	R4	Nevaeh Warehinga O'Keefe
R5	Adriana Savage	R6	Sophia Cisneros

R7 Finn Wilcox

R8 Olivia McLaren

R9 Kaydynce Hewitt

R10 Kendra Patmore

R11 Thomas Anderson

R12 Isaac Boorer-Lilley

R13 Eli Reardon

R14 Luke Bennett

R17 Toia Sheed

Breakfast BBQ Prizes

Congratulations to:

Taylah Stevenson who won the Easter Raffle.

Kay Hammond & Emma who won the baby clothing, and

Lyn Fattorini who won the Homemade Preserves.

Guess the number of Strawberry Hearts –

Jar 1 (82) Paris McRae

Jar 2 (77) Daisha

Navy Blue Merino Jerseys

Should you wish to order a navy blue merino jersey and 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.

New Students

A special welcome to our new students Kaydynce, Abigail, Zac and Molly who all who started in R9 recently.

Dental Clinic

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

Lost

Polar Fleece named Caylin Brook. If found please return to R1.

School Calendar -

We held our prize giving on 29th March 2017. Congratulations to the following Athletes:

Club Championship Trophies:

7 year old Girls = Zoe Slater	7 year old Boys = Max Roger
8 year old Girls = Zoe Keane	8 year old Boys = Dougal Grant
9 year old Girls = Ella Waldron	9 year old Boys = Bill Quigley
10 year old Girls = Tilly Allpress	

Most Personal Bests for the Season 9 & Under Male = Bill Quigley

Most Improved 9 & Under = Max Roger

Jayden Patterson Memorial Trophy (for effort, attitude and attendance) = Addison Campbell & James Fitzsimons

Club Records Broken for the Season:

Discus 7 year old Boys = 15.42m beaten by Max Roger on 8.2.17 with a throw of 16.4m then on the 22.2.17 he broke the new standing record of 16.4m with a throw of 19.15m. This is now the new record for a 7 year old boy.

Athletes selected to represent Canterbury:

Triangular event in Dunedin 25th & 26th March 2017

- Evie Grant – 7 year old girls
- Max Roger – 7 year old boys
- Dougal Grant – 8 year boys

Evie and Dougal were able to attend and achieved some fantastic placings. Refer our Facebook page for these results.

To follow us like us on
facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Geraldine-Athletic-Club-1483190358592103/>

Looking forward to next season.

If you would like to get in touch to know more details about our Athletics please feel free to contact either Connie Quigley 0223095262 or myself – Amanda Taylor 0275339608

Community Notices

Holiday Programme: Holidays @ Kids Alive are holding their holiday programme from the 18th-21st of April at the Geraldine Primary School. “The Block” is coming to Kids Alive – each day there will be

different challenges as each team will be responsible in renovating a “House” for the week. Register under the holiday programme @ www.kidsalive.co.nz.