



# GeraldinePrimary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*

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## Newsletter

**Week 1, Term 4**

**Thursday 13 October 2016**

### **From our Principal....**

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

Welcome everyone to the start of Term 4. I trust that you have all had an enjoyable break and the children are refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

In the second to last week of Term 3 we farewelled Deana Averill at the Middle Syndicate **Open Assembly**. Many thanks to everyone who came along to farewell Deana and to the Home and School for providing the afternoon tea, both of which were much appreciated. Congratulations to the Middle Syndicate for the work that they put into the assembly together – well done.

At the end of last term each child will have brought home a pack for the **Fun Run**, which is being co-ordinated by our Home and School group. I encourage families to get behind this fundraiser to support the Home and School. There are more details about this event later in the newsletter. The Fun Run will be held at school on 4 November from 1.30pm and all families are welcome to attend.

Some families who have ordered **Scholastic books** have been experiencing difficulties with an incorrect order turning up or not turning up at all. This has caused a degree of frustration for everyone involved and additional work for school staff as they chase up the orders that haven't arrived, or the

wrong book turning up. As such, we will not be taking part in the book orders this term. Our continued involvement in Scholastic Books will be considered early in 2017. If you have any views either way on this, please feel free to email me – [principal@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz) .

At the end of Term 2 I applied to the Ministry of Education for a **Principal's Sabbatical** for a term in 2017. I recently received notification that this application was successful. A sabbatical means that I will be away from school for a term next year to pursue some research in an area of professional interest. The focus for my research will be how schools sustain their involvement and momentum in PB4L once the first three years in the programme are completed.

It is likely that I will take the sabbatical in Term 2 next year. Murray Davidson will be Acting Principal during this term and will be released from his classroom responsibilities in Room 5. There will be additional staffing arrangements that will need to be made and I will inform you of the relevant details in due course.

This is the final term for our **Year 6's**. They are a wonderful bunch of kids and great role models for the rest of the school. Many of them will have been at GPS throughout their time at primary school, while others have joined us over the years. It is important that both collectively and as individuals they strive to ensure their last term at GPS is a positive one. I challenge them to continue to work hard, live our school values and be the best they can be. Our School Vision - Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve, is something that this group do particularly well and I congratulate them on this.

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

*Ngā mihi nui,*

*Andrew Leverton  
Principal / Tumuaki*

## **School Notices**

### **Sun Hats**

A reminder that navy bucket style or rimmed small Sunhats are a compulsory part of our school uniform from the start of term 4 until the end of term 1. These can be purchased from The Warehouse, or from A Little House Embroidery, Winchester phone 03 615 6004 (cost \$12.50 with the option of 2 embroidered initials for an extra \$4 or 3 initials for \$4.50).

## **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to the following children who won the Gotcha Draw recently: Lincoln, R13; Lucy, R12; Jock, R13; Jonty, R3; Lilly, R2

## **New Students**

A special welcome to our new students Macy, R15 and Cordelia, R11.

## **Dental Clinic**

The Geraldine Primary School Dental Clinic is now open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during term time. To make an appointment at any time please phone 0800 846 983.

## **Reminder for Y6 students**

All Year 6 students who are intending to go to Geraldine High School next year need to have their enrolment forms in to the Geraldine High School office as soon as possible.

## **Wave Dress Up Mufti Day 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

On this day your child is able to dress up as their favourite book or movie character for mufti day. The money raised will go towards the new Jump Jam CD which is a well used resource in the school across all year levels.

## **Wave Disco 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

Juniors; Rooms 15, 16, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, & 13

6 – 7.14pm

Seniors; Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, & 17

7.15 – 8.45pm

This Disco will be supervised by staff and parents need to drop their children off and pick them up again at the end of the sessions. For safety and organisation reasons could all of the junior children please be picked up from the school playground side of the hall. (Not through the main entrance because the seniors will be starting to arrive). Please note this disco is for Geraldine Primary School children only.

Thanks to the Home and School for providing money to purchase food, drink and prizes and decorations. Also thanks to the GPS Wave team for organising activities for this event.

## **WAVE Challenge Days**

Week 4 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, Week 5 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

The WAVE team are hosting two afternoons of activities set out for the whole school to participate in to promote healthy well-being. As part of this children are able to bring their wheels (scooters, skateboards, roller blades). All children must have a helmet.

The following classes can bring their wheels in Week 4:

Rooms: 2, 13, 4, 7, 5, 6, 9, 3, 8

The following classes can bring their wheels in Week 5:

Rooms: 1, 12, 17, 10, 15, 11

## **Pet Day 2016**

This is going to be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October (postponement day Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>) at the Woodbury Hall and Domain. Pet Day is for children in Year's 3 -6. Children are encouraged to rear an animal for this event or bring an animal that they are responsible for at home. They are judged on their knowledge of their pet, leading and handling and care and attention. All children are required to complete a project on their pet that will be on display in the Woodbury hall. This year there is going to be a demonstration from the South Canterbury Dog Training Club. The day runs from 10.15 until approximately 2.00pm.

This year due to family circumstances I am unable to attend but Kay Hammond will be the GPS teacher at Pet Day.

Permission slips have been handed out and must be returned by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**, as entries will be sent to Woodbury School later that day.

Projects must be handed in by **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October**.

It is always lovely to see the children interacting with their animals and I hope everyone has a great day and I'll look forward to seeing some photos!

## **Lost**

2 lost polar fleeces named O'Connor. If found, please return to the Office.

## **Congratulations**

The following children were selected for the South Canterbury Hockey Rep team:

Girls Development – Elsie Talbot, Heidi Bolt & Phoebe Wilson

Boys Development – Ben Wyborn, Quinn Foley-Smith, Bailey Patterson, Scott Robertson, Finn O'Kane, Will Morrison, Jonty Sowden.

Girls Primary A – Rebekah Skinner.

## **School Calendar -**

## **Term 4**

### **Week 2**

Monday 17 October	ASB Financial Literacy Sessions
Wednesday 19 October	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Friday 21 October	Pet Day at Woodbury School

### **Week 3**

Monday 24 October	Labour Day – school closed
Wednesday 26 October	South Canterbury Mountain biking
Friday 28 October	WAVE Book & Movie Character Muffi Day WAVE Disco (evening)

### **Week 4**

Tuesday 1 November	WAVE Challenge Day 1 (afternoon)
Friday 4 November	Y6 testing at GHS (9am-12noon) Fun run Home & School Fundraiser, 1.30pm

### **Week 5**

Monday 7 November	Postponement date H & S Fun run
Tuesday 8 November	WAVE Challenge Day 2 (afternoon)
Friday 11 November	Transition to school visit 9am

### **Week 6**

Monday 14 November	Home & School Meeting, 7pm, Staffroom
Wednesday 16 November	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Friday 18 November	District Athletics – Geraldine Domain

### **Week 7**

Tuesday 22 November	Postponement date District Athletics
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### **Week 9**

Tuesday 6 December	South Canterbury Athletics
Thursday 8 December	Postponement Date SC Athletics
Friday 9 December	Y6 Pool BBQ

### **Week 10**

Tuesday 13 December	Reports home to parents BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Wednesday 14 December	Christmas Carols on the Green Final Assembly Last Day for students Last Day buses running

## **2016 Term Dates**

### **Term 4**

Monday 10 October – Wednesday 14 December      10 weeks  
Includes: - Labour Day – Mon 24 October (school closed)

## 2017 Term Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	30 January – 13 April
<b>Term 2</b>	1 May – 7 July
<b>Term 3</b>	24 July – 29 September
<b>Term 4</b>	16 October – 15 December

## Home & School

We're holding the *adidas School Fun-Run* as a fundraising event this year! The event will be held on **4<sup>th</sup> November!** This is a sponsorship based fundraiser, and we're looking to raise **\$3500**, so all help is appreciated!

The School Fun-Run promotes healthy and active lifestyles to our students in a fun and engaging way! It's all about participation and we're organising a great afternoon for our school community. Look out for more details about the event in the next newsletter. Family support is key to our fundraising success and we encourage all students to get involved.

You will have seen the sponsorship forms that were sent home with you child/ren. Students who raise just \$10 or more will receive a reward for effort. If you have more than one child at school perhaps they could work together for a family reward. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a Samsung Tablet every month!

The *adidas School Fun-Run* is a healthy fundraiser that ensures all schools have a viable alternative to junk food fundraising. The event sends the right message to students about having fun while getting involved and being active.

Thanks for supporting your child's wellbeing and our school in raising money towards **2017 swimming lessons**.

## Sausage Sizzle Volunteers

We would still really love a couple of extra hands to help with the sausage sizzle roster on Fridays. We have a team of volunteers so your input is only required once per term per duty or as available. Duties include either taking the sausage orders in the morning, or barbequing and serving the (precooked) sausages at lunchtime. Duties are carried out in pairs. It is not onerous and is a great way to help out at school, meet other parents and be involved in the school community. Please contact Michelle Howell 027 693-7367 if you are able to assist, even if just as a back-up.

### **Adidas Fun Run**

Plans are well underway for this fun event planned for the afternoon (school time) of **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** at the School (not the Domain as previously stated). See the item elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

### **Abacus Fundraiser**

Please return your Abacus order by Friday 21st October to the school office. There is plenty of extra paper and order forms at the display in the office.

Payment can be made directly to the GPS Home & School account: 01-0841-0034184-02. Please reference Abacus and your name, and note on the order your payment has been made directly online.

### **Second Hand Uniform: Please note changes as below**

The sale of second hand GPS uniform will now be held on the **first Friday of every month** from 0850 – 0915. Any additional sale dates and times will be advertised in this newsletter. If any parents/caregivers are in urgent need of uniform between the advertised sale dates, please text 021 02644-332. The venue during the Junior Block upgrade will be the corridor of the Office Block until further notice. Donations of clean tidy uniform are always appreciated.

Term 4 Sale Dates:

Friday 14 October

Friday 4 November

Friday 2 December

### **Sausages**

Sausages are available every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken for sausages on Friday morning between 0820 – 0850 on the hall verandah. Children need to have the correct change of \$1.50 per sausage or purchase a sausage card from the School Office which costs \$15 for 10 sausages. It is important that the orders are processed in the morning so that the correct amount of sausages and bread may be purchased and cooked in time for the lunchtime rush. So please ensure your child/ren places their order in the morning before the bell rings. Gluten free is also an option, but plans must be discussed prior – please contact Michelle Howell 027 693-7367

**Next Meeting:** 14 November, 7pm, Staff Room. New members most welcome.

## Community Notices

**Annual Crank Up Day**, Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Museum, **Saturday 5th November, 10 - 3 pm, Adults \$10, children FREE**, BBQ lunch for a gold coin donation. Come along and experience operating machinery and vehicles from yesteryear, see rare examples and hear the stories from those who restore and care for the machines. **Enjoy a great day out for the whole family.** For more information ring 027 221 1467.

We have our annual **Light Party** coming up on the 28th October from 5.30-7.30pm.

This is a positive alternative to Halloween, with free food, games, crafts, bouncy castle and lots more fun for all the family! This event is for Under 12's and children must be accompanied by adults. This event will be held at St Andrew's Church Grounds Wilson St entrance.