



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*

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## Newsletter

**Week 8, Term 3**

**Thursday 14 September 2017**

**From our Principal....**

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

This week has been **Festival of the Arts** week and it has certainly been a busy one around school. The final performance will take place tonight and this will be the culmination of a term's practices. Events such as these highlight the talent that our children have and it is great to see them on stage performing in their syndicate groups and also in the junior and senior massed choirs. A significant effort goes into productions such as this festival and I congratulate the staff and students for the effort they have put into this event over a number of weeks. Thank you also to parents and whanau who attended the performances to support the schools involved. All proceeds go towards the Geraldine Children Social Work Trust, which does wonderful work in our community.

This week is also **Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori** (Maori Language Week). While Te Reo is an ongoing focus and part of our curriculum at GPS, it is good to have a special week to recognise the Maori language. Well done to everyone who has made an effort to speak a bit more Te Reo this week!

When **entering and exiting school from / onto Wilson Street**, we ask that the gate by the office is used for bus students only. Non-bus students should use the gate by the swimming pool.

Our 2016 **student achievement data** for reading, writing and maths was submitted to the Ministry of Education earlier in the year. I shared overall achievement with the school community in a newsletter in late March. It has now been published on the [www.educationcounts.govt.nz](http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz) website. Click on the 'Find a School' followed by 'National Standards' tabs to take you to this information.

I will be away from school to attend the **NZ Principals' Federation Conference** from Tuesday to Friday next week. Murray Davidson will be Acting Principal during this time.

The teaching staff will be involved in a day of professional development (**Teacher Only Day**) on Tuesday 24 October, which is the day after Labour Day. School will be closed on this day and buses to GPS will not be running. School will reopen after the long weekend on Wednesday 25 October.

Finally, this term's **Celebration (open) Assembly** will be hosted by Tangaroa (senior) Syndicate on Friday 29 September from 1.30pm. All parents and whanau are welcome to attend this assembly.

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

*Ngā mihi nui,*  
Andrew Leverton  
Principal / Tumuaiki

### **School notices:**

This term we are **reviewing the Students with Special Needs / Learning Support policy**. Parents are encouraged to have input into the review process. Instructions for how to do this are through the School Info section on our website [www.geraldine.school.nz](http://www.geraldine.school.nz).

Reviewing a policy only takes about 5 – 10 minutes. There are also a range of associated procedures that sit alongside the Students with Special Needs / Learning Support policy, as well as other policies.

### **Old School Desks and Chairs for Sale**

We have some old school desks and chairs to sell - \$3 for a student desk, \$2 for a chair. Please see Malcolm Campbell – Property Manager.

### **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 e.g. Activity Fee, Camp etc.

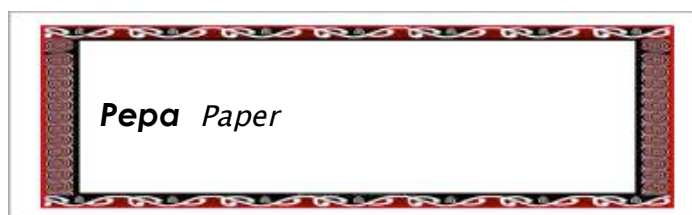
Mauri ora whānau,

## 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!

Our latest Māori words are:



## Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who have won Gotcha draws recently: Iluka, R2; Xavier, R15; James, R15; Reuben, R10; Jack, R4; Isaac, R10.

## PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who received a PB4L certificate at assembly on 17 August.

R1	Mia Pierson	R2	Clint Gordon
R3	Lily Christensen	R4	Daniel Baird
R5	Charlotte McArthur	R6	Ivy Gurr
R7	Eve Upton	R8	Tayla Shadlow
R9	Cruze Cox	R10	Briar Cunningham
R11	Ava Weily	R12	Lucy Patrick
R13	Adam Rae	R14	Kitty Bell
R15	Lucy Squires	R17	Terrilee Guilford

Bin Classification – R8

Power Saving Certificate – R2

## Rotary Vegetable Garden Competition

Entry forms for the Rotary Vegetable Garden competition need to be at the school office by Friday 15 September (tomorrow). Vegetable seeds will be handed out before the end of this term.

## School Photos

Proofs of school photos have gone home with children this week. A copy of the class photo should be available in each classroom to view.

Photo orders need to be returned to the school office by 18<sup>th</sup> October.

## Dental Clinic

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

## School Calendar -

### 2017 Term Dates

**Term 3** 24 July–29 September **Term 4** 16 October–15 December

### Term 3

#### Week 9

Monday 18 September -	
Thursday 21 September	St Johns First Aid Training – whole school
Wednesday 20 September	R1 & 12 trip to Waihi School performance
Thursday 21 September	R10, 11 & 17 trip to Waihi School performance

#### Week 10

Sunday 24 September	Daylight Savings starts 2am
Monday 25 September	<b>South Canty Anniversary Day – School closed</b>
Tuesday 26 September	Mohio group trip to Christchurch
Wednesday 27 September	Board of Trustees Meeting, Staffroom, 5.30pm
Friday 29 September	Open Assembly, 1.30pm Last Day for Term 3

### Term 4

#### Week 1

Monday 16 October	Term 4 commences 8.50am
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#### Week 2

Monday 23 October	<b>Labour Day – School closed</b>
Tuesday 24 October	<b>Teacher Only Day – School closed</b>
Wednesday 25 October	Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

#### Week 3

Wednesday 1 November	SC Primary Schools Mountainbiking
Friday 3 November	Muffi Day for Social Work Trust

#### Week 4

Tuesday 7 November	Y5/6 Top Team
Friday 10 November	Hiwi the Kiwi show, afternoon

### Home & School

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

#### **Lily Bulbs**

These popular bulbs (lilies and freesias) are again available to provide colour in the garden through the summer. A colour poster of the available bulbs can be found on the wall under the TV in the School Office . A bag of 4 lily bulbs costs \$10, and 20 freesia bulbs cost \$5.00. Proceeds go to the Home & School Committee. Please have your orders into the School Office by Monday 18 September.

Please contact Susan in the School Office if you have any questions.

**Sausage Sizzle:** Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken on Friday mornings on the hall veranda 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:** As stated previously, this is now available from Rosie's second hand clothing on Peel Street. Rosie's is open Tuesday to Thursday 10.30am to 3.30pm. We request that donations of uniform continue to be dropped off at the School Office.  
Next Meeting: Mon 18 Sept, 7pm, Staff Room

### Community Notices

PGG Wrightson – purchase Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser between 1 September and 30 November 2017 and nominate GPS. For each tonne purchased \$1 will be given to us.

**Children's Learn to Sail:** Timaru Yacht and Powerboat Club are hosting an information evening for parents whose children are interested in learning to sail on **Thursday 14th September, 7 pm** at the Club House in Timaru. For more information please contact Rob Berger at [juniors@timaruyybc.co.nz](mailto:juniors@timaruyybc.co.nz) or see the website <http://www.timaruyybc.co.nz/>

Temuka Softball Club now has registrations open for the Tball & Softball Season. Games are played on a Friday evening at Morrison Park in washdyke. Grades are Under 7 & Under 9 T-Ball and under 11 and under 13 Softball. We welcome all new and returning players. You can register online at [www.sporty.co.nz/tkasoftball](http://www.sporty.co.nz/tkasoftball) or follow our facebook page for upcoming registration days.

**Survivor” @ Kids Alive Holiday Programme** – Can you survive Kids Alive Survivor. We are having a week of Survivor at the holiday programme from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. It will be a week of building shelters, making damper, building boats and finding messages in a bottle. To register go to [www.kidsalive.co.nz](http://www.kidsalive.co.nz) . For more information phone Lorraine 0274038126.

**Alzheimers South Canterbury Spring Glory Extravaganza** in the Botanic Gardens, Queen Street, Timaru Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

## VOTING IN THE 2017 GENERAL ELECTION - *Waitaki*

You'll be able to vote at the following locations in your community. For a full list of voting places, check your EasyVote pack, visit [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz) or call 0800 36 76 56.

OPTION	WHERE/HOW TO VOTE	DATES & TIMES
Advance Voting	Where : <b>Geraldine Library Centre 78 Talbot St Geraldine</b>	When: <b>Thursday 14th Sept 11-2pm Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 10-2pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 10-2pm</b>

**Request a  
Postal/Takeaway  
Vote**

Before election day you can:

- go to an advance voting place and you will be given a declaration form to complete and your voting paper or telephone **Waitaki Returning Officer 03 440 2180**. Mon to Fri, 9.00am to 4.00pm or FAX to **03 448 8470**

**Postal and Takeaway votes can be requested at any time from now.**

Votes will be posted from Wednesday 6 September.

Please note:

- Postal votes must be post marked on or before Friday 22 September and received in the Electoral Headquarters PO Box 178 in **Alexandra** no later than 12pm on Wednesday 27 September.

- Takeaway votes must be received in the Electoral Headquarters in **Alexandra** no later than 7.00pm on Election Day, Saturday 23 September.

You must allow time for postal services.

**Election Day**

As shown in your EasyVote pack, or online at elections.org.nz or Freephone 0800 36 76 56

Sat 23 September: 9.00am to 7.00pm



**9-13 October 2017**

**New 8.30am start time**

**The Southern Trust Events Centre,  
Morgans Road, Timaru**

**Need entertainment for your children over the  
October school holiday break?**

Active Kids is a fun, safe and affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years. Full day (8.30-5) and half day (8.30-12) options available.

**REGISTER TODAY**



Full details and to register on line go to

[www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz)

or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751

Limited Spaces available ...

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**