



# GeraldinePrimary

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## Newsletter

**Week 11, Term 1**  
**Thursday 14 April 2016**

### From our Principal....

The past 11 weeks have certainly gone very quickly and it seems hard to believe that the end of term is now upon us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your involvement and support of Geraldine Primary over the past term. There have been a number of class visits and activities that have required parental involvement and the staff and I are very appreciative of the support that parents give to our school.

Many thanks also to the staff for all their efforts across the term and the way that they have worked together for the betterment of our school. They will all be looking forward to a well-earned break over the holidays.

### Activity Fees

As mentioned in earlier newsletters and in the stationery list sent home at the end of last year, the activity fees for the year have been set at \$80 per student. This is reduced to \$70 if they are paid before the end of this term. If you haven't paid, it would be appreciated if you could do this by tomorrow, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April. If there is any difficulty with payment, please feel free to contact me.

### Charter Survey

Many thanks to everyone who has taken part in this survey so far. The survey period ends tomorrow at 3pm. It is an online survey and details can be accessed through

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/RB9C56W>

It takes about 10 – 15 minutes to complete. From the feedback gained we will use the information to develop a Vision for our school and a Graduate Profile for what we would like our Year 6's to be able to achieve by the end of their time at Geraldine Primary. Watch this space for further details.

### **Board of Trustees Elections**

Nominations for the triennial BOT elections will open tomorrow, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April. These can be collected from the School Office. The nomination period closes at noon on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016. If you wish to be nominated or if you would like to nominate someone else, please collect a form. Any queries about being a Board member can be directed to any current Board member or myself. Mrs Yahanna Spijkerbosch is the Returning Officer for the election process.

Finally, a heads up regarding a return visit to Geraldine from **John Parsons, an internet and cyber safety expert**. John spoke here last year and provided some valuable insights into how we can keep our children safe while using digital devices. We ask parents, regardless of the age of your children to keep the evening of Monday 9 May free to attend.

Until next time,

Andrew Leverton,  
Principal / Tumuaki

### **School Notices** **Room 2**

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March we went kayaking with Room 3. When we went kayaking we got to play sponge tag. We laughed so hard when others fell out of their kayak that we nearly fell out of our kayak too. In orienteering we ran madly around trying to find all the clues and get back in time, a couple of teams got lost! The games were really fun! We did an obstacle course, a game called steppingstones hand soccer, a game where we had to turn a tarp with everyone on it and we played a guessing game.

Easter Craft

On Thursday we did Easter craft with our buddy class, Room 13. With our buddies we either did a chicken made out of an egg carton or we made a bunny out of paper towel rolls. We painted the chicken yellow or orange and we got to pick what colour our bunnies were.

By Phoebe, Leah and Riley.

## Room 13

We have had a busy term in Room 13. Our buddy class is Room 2 and a highlight of our term has been working with them. We also loved the triathlon. Last week we had a visit from Finn's pet rabbits here are some photos and stories about them.

Finn's mum came to school and 2 bunnies were Finn's news. They were cute. They are very fluffy. We were passing them around I did not want to hold it because on Ivan the claws were sharp.

Isaac

Yesterday Finn brought his rabbits their names were Fudge and Barley. And one pooped on me.

Lincoln

Today I will be talking about Fudge and Barley. They are fluffy. They have sharp claws. They have small legs, they are cute.

Lenny

## Room 17

Room 17 has been very busy writing about what they have been doing with Flat Stanley and what they are going to do with him using the laptops. Some of the places he has already been are: Geraldine Rugby Club, the skatepark, the Worner's farm, Timaru, Oamaru, Pleasant Valley, The Warehouse and he has been deer hunting. He is going to go to America, Australia, soccer practice, Hawaii, tennis practice and games, boating, Dunedin, Wanaka, Christchurch, fishing, skiing and many other places.

On the 12th April he went with Room 17 to see Sasha from St John's. He tried on the oxygen mask and Sasha listened to his chest with the stethoscope. We learnt about how St John's help people with breathing problems, they take people to hospital if they have hurt an arm or a leg. They also help out at car crashes. They have a stretcher inside that can go right down to the ground to make it easier to get people who are injured onto it. We learnt where you can put a stethoscope, to listen to hearts, lungs or tummy gurgles.

We have had a busy term and are looking forward to the holidays.

By Room 17.

## **First Aid Training**

We would like to acknowledge the generous bequest from the late Jo Nicholson. This bequest has enabled every child in our school (approx. 325) to have some first aid training with Sasha from St Johns.

This has been a very valuable opportunity for our children.

## **Room 14**

Excerpts from the Easter Holiday stories written by the students in Room 14:

I had a go on the BMX track and I fell off 7 times but I was alright. (Lincoln)

I am going camping at Easter. I love eating easter eggs and I really like caramel ones, they taste so good! (Nikia)

I went water skiing but I did not get up on skis because they were too small.

The next day I tried the adult skis and I got up. I thought I was dreaming because I have never done that before. (Caleb)

I went biking in the Club Champs on Saturday and I came first. I got \$50 and I had to go to the clubrooms to get my money. (Daniel)

## **Geraldine Primary Green Team**

Many applications were received to be in the Green Team, and the following children were selected:

R1 Oscar Talbot

R2 Will Morrison

R3 Bailey Fletcher-Young

R4 Lydia Rae, Kristin Schoneveld,  
Elsie Talbot

R5 Hattie Hopa-Parke

R6 Katie Coles

R7 Wilbur Talbot

R8 Ben Morton

R9 Jessica Buck

R10 Ebony Pierson

R11 Rose Fletcher-Young

R12 Ryan O'Connor

R13 Finn O'Brien

R17 Colt D'Ath

Next term, the Green Team will be presented with a Green Team badge at an assembly. The team will be involved with the school vege garden, recycling and switching unnecessary lights off in the classrooms.

## **Lost Property**

With the cooler days approaching, children will be wearing their polar fleeces to school each day to keep warm.

All polar fleeces look the same so please name your child's clothing clearly. If your child now has a former pupil's polar fleece, please change the name on it to avoid confusion at school. The lost property box is situated by the hall for anyone to look through for their lost clothing, and it is regularly displayed after school assemblies for the children and parents to check as well.

## **Advance Notice Middle Syndicate Trip (June 8/9th)**

The Middle Syndicate is planning a trip to the Air Force Museum in Christchurch in Term 2. We will be travelling by bus, due to seatbelt restrictions for this age group. The dates are Wednesday 8th June (Rooms 1,17,13) and Thursday 9th June (Rooms 10,11,12). We will need parent help to support these trips. Sorry – no pre-schoolers will be able to come on the day. There will be more information to come next term.

Thanking you

Middle Syndicate Teachers

## **Cross Country**

Please note date changes for school cross country to Tuesday 17th May and the District cross country to Tuesday 24th May.

These have been updated on iCal and our website calendar.

## **New students**

A special welcome to our new students: Finn Wilcox, Macaulay Cleverley, Adele Stack, Shanae Barnett, and Oliver Barnett who all started in Room 9 recently.

## **Subway orders**

Due to subway relocating early next term there will be **NO subway orders** in Week 1 or Week 2 of next term.

## **Dental Clinic**

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

## **Family Works Counsellor at the Community Resource Centre every Thursday**

Jo Blakemore works with adults, children families and couples and can be contracted by phoning Family Works on 03 688 5029 to self refer or speak to Deana at school who has application forms (for the service) available.

## **SC Cricket Squad**

Scott Robertson and George Powell have been selected in the wider SC Cricket squad. Both were age group recipients of 2 major club awards. Scott Robertson was named most valuable player with a batting average of 38.8 and bowling average (runs per wicket) of 14. George Powell was named junior bowler of the year with 22 wicket with an average of 4.6 runs per wicket.

All of the boys in the B grade team should be proud of their efforts this year. After finishing the first round in first place they went up a grade and finished the season in fourth.

## School Calendar -

### **Week 11**

Friday 15 April

Open Assembly 1.30pm  
Term 1 ends 2.45pm

### **Term 2**

#### **Week 1**

Monday 2 May

Thursday 5 May

Friday 6 May

Term 2 commences, 8.50am  
Sneeze Safe: Year 1 – 4 classes  
Year 5 and 6 Winter Tournament at Pleasant Point.

#### **Week 2**

Monday 9 May

Tuesday 10 May

John Parsons, Internet Safety Advisor, speaking with students (day) and Parents (evening)  
Playhouse Theatre Production

#### **Week 3**

Tuesday 17 May

Wednesday 18 May

Friday 20 May

School Cross Country at Domain  
Postponement Wednesday 18 May  
Board of Trustees meeting 5pm – all welcome  
Pink Shirt Mufti Day

#### **Week 4**

Tuesday 24 May

District Cross Country  
Postponement Thursday 26 May

#### **Week 5**

Friday 3 June

**Teacher Only Day – School Closed**

#### **Week 6**

Monday 6 June

Wednesday 8 June

Thursday 9 June

**Queens Birthday – School Closed**  
Rooms 1, 13 & 17 visit to Airforce Museum, Christchurch  
Rooms 10,11 & 12 visit to Airforce Museum, Christchurch

## **2016 Term Dates**

### **Term 2**

Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July

10 weeks

#### Includes:

Teacher Development Day – Fri 3 June (school closed)

Queen's Birthday – Mon 6 June (school closed)

### **Term 3**

Monday 25 July – Friday 23 September

9 weeks

### **Term 4**

Monday 10 October – Thursday 15 December 10 weeks

Includes: - Labour Day – Mon 24 October (school closed)

## **Home & School**

### **Trail Bike Ride**

This is our next fundraiser and is happening this Sunday 17 April (first Sunday in school holidays). Please refer to [www.myrides.co.nz](http://www.myrides.co.nz) for details.

### **Easter Art**

The figures are tallied and we are delighted to share that over \$2500 has been raised for Geraldine Primary School. This included a very generous donation of the proceeds of a painting by Judy Roycroft which amounted to \$400. Similarly, Bob Hall has also generously purchased and donated a wire rabbit sculpture to the school, which will be most welcome somewhere within the school grounds, safe in the knowledge no vegetables will be harmed. Thank you Judy and Bob.

### **ANZCO**

A huge thank you to all of the farming community who nominated Geraldine Primary School via ANZCO Foods (formerly CMP). The school receives 0.50 cents per bobby calf and \$1.00 per cow. Over the last 12 months, this has amounted to the grand sum of \$7,339.30. A very worthwhile amount which will be of great value to our children.

### **Road Crossing**

You may have noticed a bucket of flags at the school crossing recently. These have been purchased by the Home and School Committee for the students to carry across the road with them to maximise their safety on this busy road. Whilst our own school community knows to take great care at this crossing, there are many unfamiliar drivers using this busy road who may need an extra cue. Home and School are also investigating more visible cones to further enhance safety.

### **School Charter Review**

We encourage all parents and caregivers to participate in the review of the School Charter before the end of term. The survey closes Friday 15 April at 3pm.

### **Sausage Roster**

Additional volunteers are sought to assist with 1-2 duties per term. There is a morning duty to take the orders, and the lunchtime duty to heat and serve

the sausages, always in pairs. If you are able to assist with either of these duties, please contact Michelle Howell 027 693-7367.

Sausages will be available this Friday 15 April.

### **Second Hand Uniform**

Last Sale Date for Term 1: Friday 15 April, 0850 – 0915, Meeting Room

### **Next Meeting**

Monday 16 May, 7pm. New members most welcome.

## **Community Notices**

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME @ KIDS ALIVE:** Come and join in from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April (the second week) for a week of Masterchef, Top Team Games, Wearable Arts and Geocaching. To be held at the Geraldine Primary School. Details and registration can be found on [www.kidsalive.co.nz](http://www.kidsalive.co.nz) or contact Lorraine Morgan on 0274038126

### **School Holiday programme** Mind Lab

Please see the details of our school holiday programme here and forward to your staff and parents, thanks: <http://themindlab.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/1603-SHP-ChCh.pdf>

We are also holding an open day for the community this Saturday, details are here: <http://themindlab.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/1604-Community-Open-Day-Christchurch-Flyer-A5.pdf>

The Mind Lab offers learning experiences that support the development of the next generation of makers, doers, inventors and creators who will shape the future with new ways of working, thinking and living. From electronics, robotics and animation to programming, film technology and science, The Mind Lab recognises that the world we live in is increasingly influenced by new knowledge and technical advances. The careers our children will enter in the future are very different from the careers we know today.

Equipped with the latest high-tech tools (including 3D printing and robotics equipment) and a team of talented science and technology specialists, The Mind Lab offers a large creative environment where discovery, experimentation and learning by doing is actively encouraged. Students will develop technical skills and key competencies as they learn through collaborative and creative challenges that encompass Science, Technology, Mathematics and Arts. If you have any questions about The Mind Lab please ring 03 6660088 or email [christchurch@themindlab.com](mailto:christchurch@themindlab.com)

### Timaru Roller-skating School Holiday Sessions

Tuesday and Thursdays

2pm to 4pm

Cost – Entry Fee - \$2.50, Skate Hire \$3.50

Bring helmet and socks

Every Sunday

Public Session – 2pm to 4pm

Learn to Skate Lessons – 2pm to 3pm

Cost – Entry Fee - \$2.50, Skate Hire \$3.50

Bring helmet and socks

### **Hilarious, Spontaneous, Outrageous Fun**

Improvisation & Theatre sports training sharpens the brain to respond quickly and innovatively, it boosts performer's confidence to speak boldly and work positively with others: creating problems and solving them. It's wonderful stuff!

Students with little or no theatre or drama experience are welcome. Skills build incrementally.

Fridays @ Academy of Performance and Arts, Talbot St, Geraldine

3.15 – 4.15pm: Ages 9 to 12 \$80 for 8 week term 4.15 – 5.15pm: Ages 12 and over \$96 for 8 week term

Email: [inspired@mail.com](mailto:inspired@mail.com) or ph 03 693 9986 to register Classes commence: May 27th: Term 2

Tutor: Kay Paterson *LSB, PhD, Dip Tching*

**ANZAC IN ACTION 2016** 23 & 24 April 9am to 4pm each day Adults \$10, children under 15 free. 1 Brodie Road, Rangitata Island. Live WW1 battle re-enactments, vintage weapons and machinery, guns in action and pyrotechnic simulated explosions, free family rides in vintage cars, music from bygone days, steam engines and much more. Bring , bring something to sit on, a picnic or sample some delicious fare at one of our many themed refreshment stalls.