



# GeraldinePrimary

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## Newsletter

**Week 6, Term 3**

**Thursday 1 September 2016**

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

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

Each year, the Geraldine community host third year students from the **Otago University School of Medicine** for one week. The students visit a range of medical and non-medical organisations to discuss health-related issues in the community. Deana Averill and myself spent some time with four of these trainee doctors, one of whom was ex GPS student Jethro Palmer. As well as Deana and myself answering their questions, our Year 6 students also met with the trainee doctors to ask them about their training, what subjects they studied at secondary school and the ins and outs of learning to be a doctor.

I was impressed by the way the Otago students presented themselves as role models and answering the many questions that were put to them. I was also very impressed by the way our Year 6's interacted and asked relevant and interesting questions – well done!

We welcome **Kim Dynes** to GPS. Kim is a second-year teacher trainee from the University of Canterbury College of Education and will be based in Room 9. She is with us until the end of term and we wish her well for her teaching placement.

Today has been a busy day at school with our **Maths Open Morning** and this afternoon's **concert**. Many thanks to everyone who attended and for all the work that was put into both events, by staff, tutors and students.

There has been some promising progress made with the **Cox Street crossing**. The NZ Transit Agency has put a proposal forward that would lower the speed limit along most of the roads that surround the school before the start and end of the school day. There is also a proposal for a school patrol on the crossing. These proposals can be viewed on a map posted on the notice board by the big tree. NZTA now need to consult with local residents, the Police, AA and Timaru District Council.

As mentioned in the Week 4 newsletter, there will be **stopwork meetings** organised by the primary and secondary unions on **Friday 9 September**. There will be a series of meetings across the country to discuss proposed changes to Ministry of Education funding models for schools.

Staff will be either attending a meeting in the morning or afternoon. School will be open as usual, but there will be reduced levels of staffing to ensure that staff can attend one of the meetings. As such, you may wish to keep your child(ren) at home on this day.

Buses will operate at either end of the day, but in the afternoon will be arriving at home stops approximately ten minutes earlier as no high school students will be on the buses. Parents will need to be at the bus stop earlier to meet their children.

Finally, **Deana Averill**, our family and student support worker has tendered her resignation, effective as of the end of this term. Deana has been at GPS for around ten years and in the social work field for a total of 35. Over her time at GPS, Deana has worked with countless students and families and has been a listening ear to many of us. We have all appreciated her warmth, humour and professionalism.

There will be a farewell for Deana at our Term 3 Open Assembly on Thursday 15 September at 1.30pm and community members are most welcome to attend this. Further details will follow shortly.

We will commence the process to secure another family and student support worker for our community. It is likely that there will be a period of time between when Deana finishes and an appointment is made. During this time you are welcome to discuss any matter in confidence with either myself or your child's teacher.

We wish Deana all the very best for her last few weeks at GPS and for her future endeavours.

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

*Ngā mihi nui,*

*Andrew Leverton  
Principal / Tumuaki*

## **Class News**

### **Room 3**

Room 3 has been enjoying Tennis coaching and dressing up for Daffodil Day. We have also been looking at narrative writing. One of the activities was to start a story with the same opening sentence and see what happens.

Here are a few examples of the children's work.

**Where did everybody go??? I screamed but no one was there to answer....** I yelled it again in the blackened out space. Just a couple of minutes ago we were trying to avoid the Nazis searching the city, but Felix gave us away. "I guess it's just a thing 1 year olds do when they're scared" I said to my sister Eden. So the Nazis tied us up and put sacks on our heads. Ten or so minutes later I could make out the trees and a little camp. Oh no! where we were going is a concentration camp. I tried to untie my hands so I could pull the sack of my head, but I knew I could not. I was scared out of my socks. I did not know where my mum was. I just wanted to smell her yummy perfume and feel her safe hugs.

By Nevaeh

**Where did everybody go??? I screamed but no one was there to answer....**

I was terrified everyone had vanished completely and I didn't know what to do.

There are three problems

1. Everyone is gone.
2. It's one week before Christmas and they probably won't get back in time. And 3. I'm all alone in America.

OK don't panic. Maybe it's just a dream. Just pinch yourself and you'll wake up. So I pinched myself and nothing happened.....

By Lily

**Where did everybody go??? I screamed but no one was there to answer....**

I had forgotten I was daydreaming at school. I was daydreaming about riding a unicorn on Pluto with aliens and a gigantic giraffe. Suddenly I heard a roar of laughter hahahahahahaha. I opened my eyes to see everybody laughing at me. In a flash my cheeks turned as red as a tomato

**By Maelle**

**Where did everybody go??? I screamed but no one was there to answer....**

I shouted again but still no answer where did everybody go where could they be I thought to myself. I was sitting at my desk by the window watching The Empty Streets below. I was locked in a addick with dust and sheets covering old dusty furniture the only thing that wasn't covered in dust was the lovely desk that I sit at now. I tried to swing the door open but it just won't move

By Adriana

**Where did everybody go??? I screamed but no one was there to answer....**

There I was... just outside a Portapotty. Well since no-one had answered and it was my birthday I thought that they were gonna jump out and yell surprise. A few steps later SURPRISE!! (said no-one ever) So instincts kicked in and I dropped to the floor and yelled "I WANT MY MUMMY!!!"

By Dan

**Where did everybody go??? I screamed but no one was there to answer....**

I yelled again Like my life depended on it but nobody answered I was really freaked out, maybe I could go home and ask Mum. I thought to myself but then I realised I'm stranded in the middle of Blenhigh Lake floating on a gigantic banana tree leaf!!!!

By Georgia

**Where did everybody go??? I screamed but no one was there to answer....**

"He-he-hello anybody here?????" I spluttered, but still nobody replied, Then that splutter turned into a "HELLLOOOOOO" but still nobody answered. It was like a wave of worry came splashing over me. I started pacing up and down the hallway saying to myself my family's being abducted by aliens, my family's been abducted by aliens! Noooooo!! I had an enormous imagination, for that was my first reaction. At that point I was freaking out. I could not find anyone. There was no Mum, no Dad, no Mackenzie and no Jamie.....

By Ella

## **Room 9**

Room 9 had so much fun last week. We got to dress up twice! On Olympics day we dressed up in the colours of our country and got to play lots of fun games. We waved our flags and marched to our national anthem and some teams won medals.

"I did the water pistols at the Olympics. I was Jamaica and I wore a yellow t shirt" said Sam.

"On Thursday we had Olympics. I liked the basketball. I got a medal" said Jessica.

"I liked the throwing sticks and I liked throwing the bean bags" said Mason

On Friday we dressed up for daffodil day.

We having been watching the builders and they are very busy getting our new class ready, we can't wait to move back in!

We are lucky to have a student teacher in our class, her name is Mrs Dynes and she is going to be with us for four weeks.

## **Room 11**

How exciting were the Olympics? In Room 11 we have enjoyed studying a country that was competing at Rio 2016 Olympics. We also enjoyed

choosing an athlete from New Zealand to study. We all agreed New Zealand did very well at the Olympics.

We have been reading an interesting and exciting book called *The Magic Faraway Tree*, by Enid Blyton and we have enjoyed drawing and using our imaginations to create pictures to do with the story.

This week the middle syndicate swapped classes for Maths. It has been fun learning in other classrooms and working with new friends from other classes.

We have also enjoyed reading with our buddies from Room 15. It's been great listening to them read and getting to know them!

### **Maths Week – Week 6 29<sup>th</sup> August to 2 September**

All of our students are this week having lots of fun doing interesting activities associated with Maths. The purpose for this week is to celebrate maths and to show that maths is fun and we use maths in many different ways.

Each day the whole school has an activity called "The Daily Estimate" where each student has to guess the answer to a question. The winner in each class gets a small prize.

On Monday we had to guess how long the line would be if we lined all the students up shoulder to shoulder. As you can see from the photo it looks pretty impressive. The answer was 112 metres.

Other activities have been, "How many skips can Miss McCone and Miss Ulrich do in 2 minutes?" and "How many steps will Mr Campbell do on Wednesday?"

We are running another activity called Guess my number with a new clue being given each day.

The students are also having lots of fun running around the school looking for objects that are included in a shape treasure hunt.

## **School Notices**

### **Sun Hats**

A reminder that navy bucket style or rimmed 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.

### **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to the following children who won the Gotcha Draw recently:

Conner, R5; Josh, R13; Myra M, R15; Milly, R12; Danny, R17.

### **PB4L Certificates**

Congratulations to the following children who recently received PB4L Certificates:

R1	Zac Allen	R2	Rebecca Shrestha
R3	Jacob Muff	R4	Angus Flannery
R5	Aidan Christie	R6	Regan Nicholls
R7	Gemma Price	R8	Ben Morton
R9	Jessica Buck	R10	Katherine Bell
R11	Anna Quigley	R12	Rachel Roberts
R13	Lincoln Banks	R14	Tilly Davies
R15	Nathaniel Henry	R17	Tahlea Bradshaw

### **New Students**

A special welcome to our new students Max, Room 11; Tyla, Frankie, Liam, Aliyah and Kip 15; Luke, Room 7, Ava R17 and Terrilee R12.

### **Kapa Haka Fathers Day Performance**

The Kapa Haka group have been asked to perform at the Kennedy Park Fathers Day celebration. If you are available could you please be there at 12 pm. We are very sorry for the late notice. The children do not need to be in uniform.

Thanks

Bianca Sheed, Miss Murray & Jordyn

### **Dental Clinic**

The Geraldine Primary School Dental Clinic is now closed until Tuesday 13 September. To make an appointment at any time please phone 0800 846 983.

### **Friday Sausages**

There will be **no sausages on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

### **Bus Reminder**

Just a reminder for bus students, This **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** the buses will be arriving at home approximately 10 minutes early due to the Geraldine High School Workday no High School students will be on the buses.

On **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September** the buses will be arriving home approximately 10 minutes early due to the High School closing at lunchtime for paid union meetings.

## Reminder for Y6 students

Enrolments at Geraldine High School for 2017 are now due.  
Please ensure your child has been enrolled.

## Daffodil Day Mufti Day

Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support of our mufti day last week. We raised \$698.70 for the Cancer Society.

## Family Ski Day

On Sunday 21st August over 80 of us took to the slopes to enjoy another Geraldine Primary Family ski day at Roundhill Ski Field in Tekapo. The conditions were amazing and everyone got into the spirit of the day. Children (and some adults, too) were fantastic in their lessons and everyone had fun either skiing/snowboarding, sledging or sitting in the sun. In fact the children pretty much dominated the learners slope and many parents were heard to shout, 'you have one more run!' many times over before bundling their offspring into cars to head home. Our thanks are extended to Roundhill for offering us these wonderful and affordable deals so families can have a great experience together in a safe and fun environment. We will be booking again for next year!

## Lost

Polar Fleece named Caylin Brook. If found, please return to Room 11 or Office.

## School Calendar -

### Week 6

Friday 2 September                      Transition to School visit, 9am

### Week 7

Wednesday 7 September Senior Syndicate Tekapo trip

### Week 8

Monday 12 September                      Home & School Meeting, 7pm, Staff Room

Wed 14 September                              Y5 & 6 Ski Trip

BOT Meeting

Thursday 15 September                      Open Assembly 1.30pm

Friday 16 September                              Mufti Day for Geraldine Children's Social  
Work Trust

### Week 9

Friday 22 September

Term 3 ends

## **2016 Term Dates**

### **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**

Please note: There will be **no lunchtime sausages on Friday 9 September.**

### **Abacus Fundraising**

Now is the best time to get your art underway or to capture incredible memories with Abacus Fundraising. Before the school holidays, students will be given art paper and order forms to bring home. Calendars, greeting cards, diaries, notepads and mouse mats can all be created by either using art or photos. Examples, additional art paper and order forms will be available in the School Office. Please have orders in to the Office by Friday 21st October, especially if you wish to use them as Christmas presents for family abroad.

### **Second Hand Uniform**

The sale of second hand GPS uniform will be held on the first Friday of every month from 0850 - 0915. Any additional sale dates 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 3 Sale Dates:

Friday 2 September

### **Sausages**

Sausages are available every Friday lunchtime (with the exception of Friday 9 September). 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**

Monday 12 September, 7pm, Staff Room. New members most welcome.

## **Community Notices**

**Piano for Sale**, Kemble, in very good order, bright tone, nice touch. Recently examined and valued by a professional tuner/restorer. The case is dark rosewood in near perfect condition, a lovely piece of furniture \$850. Ph 021 1790 355

**Hilton/Geraldine Junior Tennis Registration Day.** Anyone interested in playing Saturday interclub or Hotshots come along to the domain courts on Thursday 15 September between 3.15 - 4.30pm. Any queries contact Michelle Howell on 6939137 or 0276937367

### **Geraldine Junior Cricket Registration**

If your child would like to play cricket this season, please come to our registration on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September outside Geraldine Primary School Hall 3-4pm.

Boys and girls welcome. Subs \$55.00

**The Geraldine Toy Library** has teamed up with Christine Horne to offer you a Basic First Aid Evening on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the Geraldine Kindergarten, \$15 per person

This is an invaluable and informative evening for any Parent, Caregiver, Grandparent or Babysitter, focusing on First Aid specifically for children. As the medic from Geraldine's Australasian winning Road Crash Rescue Team, and representative from our local St Johns, Christine will share her wealth of knowledge and lifesaving skills with us.

Tickets can be purchased from the Geraldine Toy Library (Tuesdays 10:30am-11:30am & Saturdays 9:30am-11:30am) or from the Toy Library Secretary, Alicia Pridham ([geraldinetoylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinetoylibrary@gmail.com) ph: 0226383700)

Please note there is no official qualification or certificate given for this evening, but it will provide lifesaving skills.

**Fathers Day in the Park:** Bring the whole family along to Kennedy Park on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 10 - 3 pm**, to enjoy a **FREE** day out with entertainment, activities, rides face painting and much more. Bring a picnic and share the moment! For information phone Lorraine on 693 9447.

**At GirlGuiding NZ** we offer girls a chance to grow and be part of amazing experiences but due to lack of Volunteers being able to provide this programme to girls is becoming hard. We are looking for Volunteers who

can keep providing these opportunities for the girls as we would hate for the girls to miss out.

**Science Alive** Introductory Robotics (Ages 8 - 13 years) - \$11 per child

Cultural Constellations (Age 5 -13 years - children must be accompanied by an adult) - \$5 per child and adult

For more details and for booking tickets, simply hop over to <http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/user/sciencealivenz>

### **Geraldine Ladies Spring Fling**

**Friday 16 September 7-9pm** - Geraldine Rugby Club Rooms

\$10 per ticket (includes glass of bubbles & spot prize entry)

available from The Running Duck & Parkside Dairy

All profits go to Geraldine Childrens Social Work Trust.