



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*  
*Whaia e koe te iti Kahurangi*

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## Newsletter

Week 6, Term 4  
Thursday 22 November 2017

### From our Principal....

We are now into the last month of the school year and again it is a very busy time in our calendar. Teachers are writing **end of year reports**, which will be sent home on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. There have been comments in the media about the pending removal of National Standards from the Primary Education system as a result of a change in Government policy. While this will eventually happen, we have not yet received official notification from the Ministry of Education about the removal of National Standards. As such, all schools will be reporting against the standards for the time being.

We have been making ongoing modifications to how we **recognise positive behaviour** from our students. Initially this took the form of Gotcha tokens and this year we have introduced the postcards for students who have received 20, 40, 60 or 80 Gotchas. Some time ago we realised that some of our students will have accumulated 100 Gotchas this year and that we needed to recognise this milestone in a slightly different way. Today we awarded our first lot of students who have received 100 Gotchas special wrist bands. Congratulations to:  
Ella, Dan, Georgia, Matthew, and Phoebe from Room 4 and Riley from Room 5. A wonderful achievement.

The Board of Trustees has recently reviewed **Activity Fees** for 2018 and there is a slight change in how this will be structured. An issue that many schools face is the difference between the running costs of the school and what we receive in funding from the Ministry of Education. We are therefore asking for a donation of \$15 per term / \$60 for the year per child. This donation will be used to purchase curriculum resources. Part of this amount can be claimed back through tax returns.

Alongside the donation we will be charging a \$5 Activity Fee per child per term / \$20 per year. This will pay for visiting performers that we book throughout the year. All other activities that incur a charge, e.g. Y6 camp, ice skating, skiing, syndicate visits, will be invoiced prior to the activity.

A group of staff and myself have been working towards the introduction of **House Groups** in 2018. This will see children placed in one of four houses, with siblings being placed together. All staff will also be allocated a house group. The house groups are: Whero (red), Kowhai (yellow), Kakariki (green), and Kahurangi (blue). House groups will be involved in different types of activities and it will enable children of different ages to come together for a common purpose. There will also be leadership opportunities for senior students within each house. Many parents will remember being part of a house group when they were at school and the types of activities that this involved. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to see me at school or email [principal@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz)

Our **school pool** will be open and ready for use from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Classes will be swimming every day. Students will require named togs and towel. Please ensure that all other clothing is also named. Pool keys will be available for hire from the school office from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at a cost of \$60. All keys need to be returned at the end of the swimming season.

Our **Athletic Sports** are on at the Domain tomorrow. I wish all students the very best for their events. Parents and families are welcome to join us for the day. The programme for the Athletics was included with last week's flyer.

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

*Ngā mihi nui,*  
Andrew Leverton  
Principal / Tumuaki

## **School notices**

### **Lost Library books**

Thank you to everyone who has paid to replace lost books from the Library.

If you still have overdue books, please keep looking for them so they can be returned. At present there are 222 books **overdue** with an average replacement cost of \$15 which means there is \$3,330 worth of books that haven't been returned by their due date for a variety of reasons.

There has been a big increase in severely damaged and lost books this year which impacts on what is available for your children to borrow. We have also noticed that some books are being returned in poor condition with food stains on them. We ask that children take special care of both Library books and classroom readers.

Please help your children be responsible for caring and returning library books so that everyone can enjoy them.

### **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to the following children who were lucky enough to win a Gotcha Draw recently: Evie, R17; Kyle, R11; Ryan, R17; Logan, R6; Alex, R4; Baxter, R12;

## **PB4L Certificates**

Congratulations to the following students who received a PB4L Certificate at assembly on the 9<sup>th</sup> November:

R1	Summer Snow	R2	Lindsay McKay
R3	Jonny Simpson	R4	Tilly Davies
R5	Kyro Brook	R6	Aliyah Turpin
R7	Jake Davies-Traynor	R8	Cameron Jackson
R9	Leo Savory	R10	Hamish Tilsley
R11	James Worner	R12	Cormack Auld
R13	Wilbur Talbot	R14	Daniel Baird
R15	Ivor Lees	R17	Harry Cradock

Bin Classification Award – Room 11

Power Saving Award – Room 14

## **School Disco**

Thursday 7th December 2017

Years 0-3 6 - 7.15pm

Years 4-6 7.15 - 8.45 pm

The disco will be supervised by staff. 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 children please be picked up from the school playground side of the hall.

Please note this disco is for Geraldine Primary School children only.

Thanks to the Home and School for providing money to purchase food, drink, prizes and decorations. The children do not need to bring any money to the disco.

## **Year 5 & 6 Mixed Cricket Team**

Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 cricket team who went to Timaru yesterday to represent Geraldine Primary in the South Canterbury Primary Cricket Tournament!!

Leilani, Jonty, Matthew O'C, Isabelle E, Bailey F-Y, Royden, Jack E, Poppy W

They played three games during the day and won all 3 of them! 59-35, 55-39, 55-30

They did our school very proud!

Special thanks to Tim Sowden and Stacey Clifford for coaching and managing the team for the day, they did a superb job!

## **Congratulations**

Well done to Shilah May Bradshaw, Tahlea Bradshaw and Will Morrison who recently travelled to Dunedin to represent South Canterbury in a regional Tennis Tournament.

## **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.

## **Online Payments**

For those who wish to pay online, our account number is

ANZ 01-0841-0024832-10

Please use your child's name as a reference and what the payment is for e.g. Activity Fee, Camp etc.

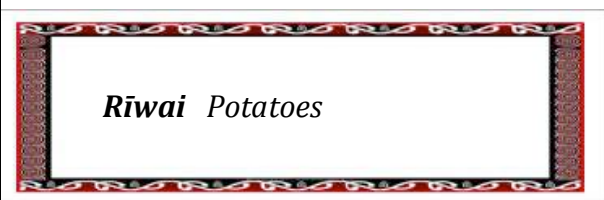
**Mauri ora whānau,**

## **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:



### **Dogs at School**

We remind everyone that dogs are not permitted on school grounds and respectfully request that dogs be tied to the school fence on Cox Street beyond Room 13 or beyond the junior playground.

### **Dental Clinic**

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

### **School Accounts**

Accounts have recently been sent out. It would be great if these could be paid as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

### **School Calendar -**

#### **2017 Term Dates**

**Term 4** 16 October–15 December

#### **Term 4**

##### **Week 6**

Friday 24 November

District Athletic Sports

##### **Week 7**

Monday 27 November

pp District Athletic Sports

Tuesday 28 November

Swimming starts in the school pool – all classes

Friday 1 December

New Entrant transition visit 9.15am

##### **Week 8**

Monday 4 December

Tawhirimatea syndicate (Y3 & 4) trip to Timaru

Home & School Meeting, Staffroom, 7pm

Tuesday 5 December

SC Athletic Sports

Wednesday 6 December NE – Y3 Water Safety  
Thursday 7 December pp SC Athletic Sports  
School Disco  
Friday 8 December Principal's Assembly, 10am

### **Week 9**

Tuesday 12 December Y6 Pool Party and BBQ – Community Pool  
Board of Trustees, 5.30pm, Staffroom  
Thursday 14 December Buses in morning only  
Carols on the Village Green 11.15  
Family Picnic at school  
Final Assembly 1pm  
School year ends  
No buses running in the afternoon

### **2018 Term Dates**

<b>Term 1</b>	31 January – 13 April	<b>Term 2</b>	30 April – 6 July
<b>Term 3</b>	23 July – 28 September	<b>Term 4</b>	15 October – 18 December

### **Home & School**

Geraldine Primary Home & School Form: have you returned this to the office yet? We would welcome involvement at any level. Thank you to those who have done so already, we will be in contact soon.....

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

**Athletics:** This year the Geraldine Primary School Home and School will be selling sausages and drinks from 11.30am – 1.00 pm at the District Athletics this Friday at the Domain. Due to an anticipated high demand, we encourage parents to purchase sausages (\$2 each) and drinks for their families (athletes included) **before** the children stop for lunch at 12 pm, in the hope of lessening the queue at 12! Thank you in advance for your support. If Athletics is postponed, sausages will be available as usual at school.

**Sausage Sizzle:** Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken on Friday mornings 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.

### **Community Notices**

**Geraldine Gun Club:** Invites new members, young and old, to visit and find out all that we have to offer. We offer excellent facilities and equipment for the experienced as well as those completely new to target shooting. This is a great parent/child activity to do together and we provide training and support for all with a friendly and knowledgeable

team in hand to help. Training is held on Wednesday evenings and there are plenty of competition events as well. For more information please contact Tim on 0274 923 296.

**Go Geraldine Christmas Parade: Friday 1st December, from 6.30 pm.** Leaving from the corner of Hislop St, travelling along Talbot St to Peel St. Entertainment, float prizes and santa sack draw in **Domain from 7.15 pm.** Bring a picnic or purchase from the food stalls. For float entry forms contact Janene on 027 555 6524.

**Geraldine.nz 2018 calendar now on sale:** Lovely images of Geraldine district. **\$18.** Makes a great gift for friends and family and easy to post. Purchase online at <http://geraldine.nz/product/geraldine-2018-calendar/> or from Fresh Choice Geraldine, Just One Wish, Cafe Mes Amis, Kiwi Country, Geraldine Books and Post. For more info contact Janene 027 555 6524.

**December/January Holiday Programme:** The December holiday programme will run from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> at Geraldine Primary School. The week will include water sports, elf hunt and on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> a trip to CBay and Caroline Bay. Make sure you book on [kidsalive.aimyplus.com](http://kidsalive.aimyplus.com). Numbers are limited for Friday so early bookings are essential. January Programme will run from the Geraldine Domain Pavilion from 8<sup>th</sup> January to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. For more information see our website [www.kidsalive.co.nz](http://www.kidsalive.co.nz) or ring Lorraine on 0274038126.

### Splash for Cash

Temuka Pool, November 25<sup>th</sup> (after the Temuka Christmas Parade).

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- \*Absentee
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