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Newsletter

Week 8, Term 2
Thursday 23 June 2016

From our Principal....

The shortest day has passed and while we are only part way through winter, longer days will gradually be upon us. With the colder days, it is ironic that our **lost property box** is overflowing with polar fleeces! Most of these will be unnamed or have the name of the previous owner. At the end of the term, these will be cleared out, so if your child has misplaced one, please have a look through the lost property box.

We have some good news on the horizon with our **school crossing**. The NZ Transport Agency has agreed to install a school crossing patrol and a variable 40km/hr speed limit on Cox Street. The school patrol includes larger, fixed signs, which are controlled by senior students who are trained by the Police and supervised by a staff member or parent. The lowered speed will operate at either end of the school day, between defined times. These combined improvements will go some way to ensure Cox Street and our crossing area is safer for its users, particularly at peak times.

We are now in a position to share our new **School Vision** with you all, having had this adopted by our Board of Trustees last week. The new Vision for Geraldine Primary School is:

Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve

This captures our ongoing focus on learning and achievement and for us all to improve what we do. Many thanks to the parents and staff who contributed to our Vision survey earlier in the term. We will now ensure that this Vision appears on our webpage, on school stationery and on future

enrolment packs. The Board and staff will also consider how we can best promote this Vision beyond these areas.

We have noticed a number of **dogs** being tied up directly outside the Cox Street gate, before and after school. It will be appreciated if they could be tied up further along the road outside the school to the north of Room 13 and to the south of the junior playground. This is to avoid congestion outside the gate and to remove potential risk whilst children are entering and exiting school. I thank all dog owners in advance for their co-operation in this matter. A reminder also that dogs are not permitted in the school grounds.

All parents who are new to GPS this year, or who have had children start as New Entrants should have received an invite earlier this week for the next **coffee morning**, which is on Friday 1 July at 9am. This will be a chance to meet other parents. Please note that it is open to all GPS parents.

Reports will be coming home for some children on the last Thursday of term. If your child is in Year 4-6 they will bring home an interim report. Year 1-3 children who have had a birthday this term will bring home an anniversary report. If your child is in Year 1-3 and it has been 6 months since their last anniversary report, they will also bring an interim report home.

Yesterday we had four teams competing in the **South Canterbury Jump Jam competition**. They all performed brilliantly and did themselves and our school proud. It was a wonderful experience for all involved and a fitting tribute to all the hard work put in by the teams and their coaches. Each grade that they performed in was very competitive and the standard was extremely high. Results wise the Go Girls came second in the Junior Open section and the Jaffas also came second in the Year 4-6 Novice section. The Choccas and Rockers also performed their routines with a lot of finesse and commitment. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Until next time,

Andrew Leverton
Principal

School Notices

Room 2

Miss Ulrich came to school one Monday and told us about a secret structure that her dad and brother had made for the class on the weekend. We have been learning about movement and Miss Ulrich's dad bought in a massive catapult! We got to play around with it one afternoon and learnt about

forces, gravity and tension. We got to fire a golf ball at a target and then we each got a water bomb to fire! We then made popsicle stick catapults and had a class competition to see who could fire a rubber into the rubbish bin! **10 points if you get it in the yellow bin and 15 for the red!!!**

We have been very busy with students representing Geraldine Primary at the South Canterbury cross country, learning how to play volleyball and other Kiwisport activities!

It seems crazy that we are almost at the end of the term. We have lots to look forward to, especially Bush Craft in week 9 and our Matariki celebrations in week 10.

The term has flown by!

Room 12

Room 12 have been focusing on Flight this term. We have learnt LOTS about flight and loved our trip to the Air Force Museum in Christchurch a few weeks ago.

For writing we have been focusing on poetry. Here are some of our acrostic poems on flight:

Flight is fun.
Lift off makes my ears blocked.
I like to fly.
Goggles for pilots.
Hot air balloons are cool.
Take off is exciting.
By Sepia

Flying up high in the sky.
Like a bird.
In a Lancaster.
Gliding high up in the air.
Hawkes around me.
Taking off.
By Josh

Fluffy clouds in the sky.
Lady bugs flying in the sky.
Insects fly way up high.
Gliding in the sky way up high.
Hot air balloon flying in the sky.
Taking off to fly.

By Rachel

New students

A special welcome to our new students: Nikau, R17; Sophia, R12; Annie, Myra and Ivy who all started in R15 recently.

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.

PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who received PB4L Certificates recently:

R1	Oscar Talbot	R2	Phoebe Cooper
R3	Klyde Baniqued	R4	Nicole Rayner
R5	Caleb Harris	R6	Charlie Nichol
R7	Dylan Schwalger	R8	Sienna Lees
R9	Ryan Higgins	R13	Zoe Slater
R14	Daniel Baird	R15	Chantelle Parker
R17	Hannah Boorer-Lilley		

Gotchas

Congratulations to the following children who won the Gotcha draw at assembly: Will, R2; Josh M, R10; Hayley, R11; Zac, R1; Caleb, R4; Meg, R5.

Reminder - Activity Fees

Thank you to those families that have paid their school Activity Fees. We still have a number of families who have forgotten to pay. The fee is \$80 per child per year or \$20 per term. If you wish to pay this by instalments, our bank number is 01-0841-0024832-10. Please use your child's name as a reference. Please see Mr Leverton if you will have difficulty paying this.

Coffee Hour

The next **COFFEE HOUR** is a big **WELCOME** to new families to our school. Whether you are old or new you are all welcome to join us on,

1st July @ 9am in the school staffroom.

Coffee, tea, cold drinks and biscuits provided.
Creche available for your littlies.

Look forward to seeing you there,

Deana.

Headlice

There have been a number of cases of headlice reported. It is parents responsibility to be vigilant and treat if found.

If headlice are found on your child at school, the office will phone you to come and collect them. Children need to be treated before returning to school.

Visitors

A reminder that unless you are dropping children off at their classroom, **ALL** visitors must report to reception.

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.

Mufti Day - 1st July

Mufti Day for the Geraldine Children Social Worker Trust. Gold coin donation please. This is community funded service and the continued work of Deana Averill and Anne Rawson relies on the generosity of our local community and community grants.

Heritage Photos

School photographs will be taken on 1st August.

Family Ski Day - Sunday 21st August

More information will follow closer to the time.

Lost

2 GPS Polar Fleeces, Size 5 named Macaulay Cleverley and Size 8 named Brae Cleverley. If found, please return to school office.

Size 5 GPS Polar Fleece named Sophia McDonald. If found, please drop into the office.

School Calendar -

Term 2

Week 9

Wednesday 29 June	R3 Bushcraft activities
Thursday 30 June	R2 Bushcraft activities
Friday 1 July	Mufti Day for Geraldine Children's Social Worker Trust
	New Parent Coffee Morning 9-10am

Week 10

Wednesday 6 July	Senior Syndicate Matariki Day
Thursday 7 July	Open Assembly hosted by Senior Syndicate, 1.30pm – all welcome
	Reports go home
Friday 8 July	The Nukes Ukulele concert
	Last day of term 2

Term 3

Week 1

Monday 25 July	Term 3 commences 8.50am
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Week 2

Monday 1 August	Class Photos
Thursday 4 August	Senior Syndicate Ski Trip (Mt Hutt)

Week 3

Monday 8 August	Life Education commences
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Week 4

Wednesday 17 August	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
Friday 19 August	Kapa Haka at Flava Festival, Timaru

2016 Term Dates

Term 2

Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July	10 weeks
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Term 3

Monday 25 July – Friday 23 September	9 weeks
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Term 4

Monday 10 October – Thursday 15 December	10 weeks
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Includes: - Labour Day – Mon 24 October (school closed)

Home & School

Watch this Space!

Exciting new fundraising plans underway.....keep an eye out for more details in Term 3.

Second Hand Uniform

Please note a change of venue whilst the Junior Block upgrade is underway. The second hand uniform sale will continue to be held every second Friday (the Friday following this newsletter) from 0850 – 0915 and will be held in the corridor of the Office Block until further notice. Donations of clean tidy uniform are always appreciated.

Term 2 Sale Dates:

Friday 24 June

Friday 8 July

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

Monday 1 August, 7pm, Staff Room. New members most welcome.

Community Notices

Holidays @ Kids Alive: The July Holiday Programme will run from Monday 11th July through to Friday 15th July. Kids Alive's Got Talent on the Tuesday, Mid Winter Christmas Dinner Wednesday, Visiting the Rest Homes Thursday and lots of other exciting happenings the other days. Start rehearsing for the Talent Show and we look forward to seeing you there. Registration is available online or email kidsalive@xtra.co.nz For more information phone Lorraine on 0224155407

GYMNASTICS!

If you have previously expressed interest in joining Geraldine Gymnastics and have not received your registration form via email by Monday 27th of June could you please contact Trudie Banks on 021 026 44332 or email geraldinegymnastics@gmail.com so you don't miss important information. Thanks

International Programme Geraldine High School Home Stay Families Needed

We are looking for home stay families for international students from various countries coming to Geraldine High School for Terms 3 and 4.

Students pay \$210.00 per week towards accommodation and living cost.

If you are interested in different cultures and in hosting a student, please contact:

g.folkerts@geraldinehhs.school.nz

or phone Kerri Doy on 693 0017 ext. 7206

Geraldine Kindergarten "Light the Night Trail" is back Friday 8th July – 5pm

Meet at Geraldine Kindergarten 25 Wilson St 5pm.

Hot beef rolls, soup and sausage sizzle are available to purchase at Kindergarten before groups head off on a guided tour admiring the decorated window displays after dark and enjoying entertainment along the way. Bring your own lantern or purchase a glowstick to add to the atmosphere. All welcome to this free community event.

For more info contact Jo Hewson 6938918.

Girls Rugby Have a Go Holiday Programme Friday 22 July Alpine Energy Stadium.
Cost \$5.00 Phone Tristram 0274411735 for more information.