



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 2, Term 4
Thursday 26 October 2017

From our Principal....

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

It has been a busy start to Term 4, which is a relatively short term of just under 9 weeks. Next week we have got 2 **WAVE (Wellbeing and Vitality Education) afternoons** coming up on Tuesday 31st October and Thursday 2nd November. These afternoons will see the children actively involved in a variety of events across the 2 days. Congratulations to our WAVE team who are co-ordinating this for the school.

Next Friday, 3rd November we are having a **Muffi Day** with the proceeds going towards the Geraldine Childrens Social Work Trust. The schools and early childhood centres in the Geraldine area are extremely fortunate to have this valuable service to support our families. Please bring a gold coin donation for this.

Later in this newsletter there is a flyer for our **New Entrant Information Afternoon**, which will be held on Wednesday 22nd November at 1.30pm. We encourage any families who have children turning 5 between December 2017 and June 2018, to come along to this afternoon to learn about starting school at Geraldine Primary.

This afternoon at assembly our **Ukulele Group** treated us to a performance, showing their talents and the progress that they have made throughout the year. Many thanks to Hugh and Fi McCafferty who have dedicated so much time to the group. We appreciate the efforts they have gone to and the work that they have done with the group.

Finally we wish everyone involved in Pet Day tomorrow all the very best with their pets – congratulations for all the work you have put into both raising your pet and completing the project. We hope the weather will be fine for this event.

Ngā mihi nui,
Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School notices:

WAVE Challenge Day

Week 3- Tuesday 31st October, Thursday 2nd November

The WAVE team are hosting two afternoons of activities set out for the whole school to participate in to promote healthy well-being. As part of this children are able to bring their wheels (scooters, skateboards, roller blades). All children must have a helmet.

The following classes can bring their wheels in Week 3 on **Tuesday**:

Rooms: 1,2,4,5,6,7,9,13,15

The following classes can bring their wheels in Week 3 on **Thursday**:

Rooms: 3,8,10,11,12,17

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 163 books **overdue** with an average replacement cost of \$15 which means there is \$2,445 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.

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

Scholastic Book Club Orders

Book club orders are due in on Friday 27 October. No exceptions.

Pet Day 2017

Friday 27th October, Woodbury Hall & Domain 10.15am

DAHM Good Coffee available, please bring cash as eftpos in the Domain is variable. This event is only for children in Years 3-6 who have returned their permission form and completed their project.

Wanted

As part of our final topic looking at the technology of communication devices over time the Tongaroa (Senior) Syndicate are wanting for term 4 the following items. We would like them to look at but we would also love some old unwanted ones we could open up and pull apart.

Record Players
Tape Decks
CD Players
Walkmans
Typewriters

If you have any of these please either contact Murray Davidson or Bronwyn Waldron or alternatively drop them into us in Room 4 or Room5.

Many thanks

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:



School Photos

The first lot of photo orders have been returned. We still have another lot to send away so if you have not yet given your order envelope to the office, please do so as soon as possible as our last lot of orders will be sent away for processing very soon.

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 Calendar -

2017 Term Dates

Term 4 16 October–15 December

Term 4

Week 3

Monday 30 October	Pet Day postponement
Tuesday 31 October	WAVE Challenge afternoon
Wednesday 1 November	SC Primary Schools Mountainbiking
Thursday 2 November	WAVE Challenge afternoon
	Pp SC Primary Schools Mountainbiking
Friday 3 November	Muffi Day for Social Work Trust

Week 4

Monday 6 November	Home & School meeting, 7pm, Staffroom
Tuesday 7 November	Y5/6 Top Team
Friday 10 November	Hiwi the Kiwi show, afternoon

Week 5

Tuesday 14 November	Y6 testing at Geraldine High School
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Week 6

Wednesday 22 November	Y4-6 Water Safety New Entrant Information Afternoon, 1.30pm, R9 BOT Meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom
Friday 24 November	District Athletic Sports

Week 7

Monday 27 November	pp District Athletic Sports
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Week 8

Tuesday 5 December	SC Athletic Sports
Wednesday 6 December	NE – Y3 Water Safety
Thursday 7 December	pp SC Athletic Sports School Disco – details to follow
Friday 8 December	Principal's Assembly, 10am

Week 9

Tuesday 12 December	Y6 Pool Party and BBQ – community pool
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Thursday 14 December
Board of Trustees, 5.30pm, Staffroom
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

Term 1	31 January – 13 April	Term 2	30 April – 6 July
Term 3	23 July – 28 September	Term 4	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.

Abacus Art: The Home & School committee will not be running this service in 2017 due to waning interest and the availability of online options.

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.
Next Meeting: Mon 6 Nov, 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.

Geraldine Giant Pumpkin Competition: Join in the fun this summer and grow a giant pumpkin! Seeds can be purchased from Robbies Cafe and Milkbar, Geraldine, for \$2 until end of October or feel free to use your own! Judging will be held in conjunction with Anzac in Action 2018. Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/Geraldine-Giant-Pumpkin-Competition to post updates and pictures of your growing success!



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New Entrant Information Afternoon

Would you like to find out more about our school?

Pre enrolment information for parents of children turning 5 between December 2017 and June 2018, or any other interested parents.



**We are holding an information meeting on
Wednesday 22 November, 1.30 pm in Room 9.**

You are cordially invited to come and find out what Geraldine Primary School has to offer and ask any questions you may have.

DRESS UP AS A SUPERHERO!

TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 5.30-7.30PM

UNDER 12 YRS ST ANDREW'S CHURCH GROUNDS WILSON ST

LIGHT PARTY
A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN

DISCO! **BOUNCY CASTLE!** **FREE!** **OR BY DONATION**
FOOD! GAMES! CRAFTS!
NO TRICKS - LOTS OF TREATS!
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENTS TO SUPERVISE

THIS EVENT IS RUN BY ST ANDREW'S GERALDINE • CHECK WWW.STANDREWSGLD.ORG FOR CANCELLATION IF WET

CONTACT DEBS REARDON 027 688 0994

**Geraldine Athletics
Registrations Open
Wanted; the next Usain Bolt &
Tom Walsh!**



Be a part of your local athletics team, where you will have the opportunity to develop strength, stamina and speed in a fun and social manner.

Coaches will be on hand to support your development and give tips and advice to further your skills.

The Geraldine Athletics Club operates at the Geraldine Oval every Wednesday at 5.45pm from 11 October 2017 to March 2018.

Register online

(<https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/3197/org>)

For more information visit:

W: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldineathletics>

F: <https://www.facebook.com/geraldineathletics>



GERALDINE SWIMMING CLUB

Our season commences in the Geraldine Pool in mid-November. This year we have two levels of registration - competitive swimmer and club swimmer. Swimmers must have completed GASC Learn to Swim Level 5 or similar prior to joining.

Registrations are required by Monday November 6th. For more information and to register please contact the Secretary, Meg Catherwood, secretarygasc@gmail.com, or phone 021 2015227.

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