



GeraldinePrimary

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Newsletter

Week 3, Term 4

Thursday 27 October 2016

From our Principal....

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

A quick glance through this term's calendar indicates that the next seven weeks will be busy ones. Teachers will soon be writing reports and these will come home later in the term. WAVE Challenge Days, District Athletics, High School transition visits and the Home and School Fun Run are just some of the events that will keep us busy.

Towards the end of last term three of our students represented South Canterbury at the Wellington Regional Cross Country event, held just north of Wellington in Waikanae. This event is essentially a Central NZ one and draws runners from a wide area. **Matthew O'Connor, Jonty Sowden and Jack Boorer-Lilley** competed in this event and did extremely well. Matthew was placed 15th, with Jonty 35th and Jack finishing 41st in a very tight and fast-paced race. Congratulations to all three boys for their achievements and commitment as they prepared for this event.

This term the Board of Trustees are reviewing two policies and are seeking parent input into the process. The review is done through our School Docs website and only takes a short time.

School Docs is an online portal that houses all our school policies and procedures.

This term we are due to review our policies on:

- ✓ **Sun Protection**
- ✓ **Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC)**

Go to: gps.schooldocs.co.nz

If you are asked for a user name, enter **gps**

If you are asked for a password, enter **geraldine**

This will take you to our School Docs home page.

In the search bar (top left), type in the name of the policy to be reviewed and click search.

With the policies that now come up, click on the policy you wish to review. There are often additional procedures, which can be read alongside the policy.

Read through the policy and to comment, go to the **Red Policy Review** button (top right)

Click the parent / caregiver option and type in your name if you wish. Click the **Login** button. A new window will appear – you can now review this policy. You will be asked to rate the content and implementation of this policy. You can provide a comment if you wish. Click **Submit** when you're done.

This is how our policies are reviewed by parents / caregivers, staff and Board of Trustees members. Please feel free to look at any other policies. All policies are reviewed over a 3-year cycle.

You can send feedback on any policy at any time to me via email by clicking the **Blue Send Feedback** button at the top right of the policy.

If you have any queries about the two policies for review, or School Docs in general, please feel free to see me.

We are beginning the process of **forming classes for 2017**. If you have a 5 year old New Entrant child who will start with us next year, or know of someone who this applies to, it is important that the office is informed as soon as possible and an enrolment form completed, if this hasn't been done already. This also applies to children in other year groups who will be attending GPS from 2017.

Having an accurate understanding about new enrolments is important as it assists with the composition of classes.

As part of the class formation process, if parents have any factors that they would like senior staff to consider regarding their child(ren), please put these in writing to me, by way of a letter or email – principal@geraldine.school.nz as soon as possible or by Friday 18 November at the latest. Whilst we will take these factors into consideration, we are unable to guarantee each request. Please note that this is not an opportunity to request a particular teacher or being placed with particular friends.

If you know that your child is not going to be attending GPS in 2017 (other than Year 6's), please let me know in writing as soon as possible.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

*Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki*

School Notices

Room 1

We have had a busy start to the term. In the first week we had a Maori Arts interchange with the whole Middle Syndicate. We learnt how to use the poi and rakau sticks, as well as doing some drama to the legend Maui and the Big Fish. We also did some Koru art and singing. We are now learning how to do dot art like the Aborigines, we are going to put this onto rocks for the Arts and Plants festival. Our class is beginning to practise for the athletics and are looking forward to the Wave dress up day on Friday.

Room 7

Last week in Room 7 we had a visit from Amy from ASB to learn about money. We learnt that having a spend jar, a save jar and a share jar is a good idea for looking after our money.

We have also been planting and looking after our Room 7&8 little garden. This was a team effort to plant and we continue to look after these. We would like to plant them in the garden later in the term.

In the Library we are learning about Authors at the moment. So far we have studied Quentin Blake and Julia Donaldson. We read their books, write about them and create art to.

Room 6

We have been having fun reading Julia Donaldson books and looking at rhyming words. We made this great Room on the Broom collage, and took photos of us flying on the witches broom.

Room 5

Last Tuesday the Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Top Team competition at the Domain. Bailey from Sport Canterbury was the instructor.

Samara

There were 12 different activities for us to do and it was a hot afternoon. My favourite activity was run by Mrs Leov. We had to fill a holey bucket with water and run an obstacle course with it. We then had to empty what was left of the water into another bucket at the end. The winning team had the most water at the end.

Quinn

My favourite activity was the giant memory game with Mrs Waldron. We had big cards with pictures on the back. We had to flip them up and if we got two of the same we got to keep them.

Teagan

I liked the water tower game. You had to fill an upright pipe with water to get the ping pong ball to float to the top. The pipe had many holes in it and your team had to cover them while two other team members tried to fill it with water.

Sun Hats

A reminder that navy bucket style or rimmed small 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, or from A Little House Embroidery, Winchester phone 03 615 6004 (cost \$12.50 with the option of 2 embroidered initials for an extra \$4 or 3 initials for \$4.50).

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who won the Gotcha Draw recently: Terrilee, R12; Olivia, R8; Demian, R13; Anna B, R15; James, R6; Cordelia, R11.

PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded PB4L Certificates at Assembly recently:

R1	Iluka Gardziej	R2	Luke Skinner
R3	Alex Lawrence	R4	Lydia Hanrahan
R5	Cameron Anderson	R6	Olivia McLaren
R7	Millah Banks	R8	Olivia Marsden
R9	Lance Brodina	R10	Ebony Pierson
R11	Cayden Howell	R12	Ryan O'Connor
R13	Manaia Sheed	R14	Josie D'Ath
R15	Liam Campbell	R17	Summer Snow

New Student

A special welcome to our new student Ollie who started in R15 recently.

Activity Fees

Thank you to all families that have paid their Activity Fee over Terms 1-3. This is a reminder that the Activity fee is \$80.00 per child each year needs to be paid. If you have any difficulties with this, please let me or the office know.

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.

Reminder for Y6 students

All Year 6 students who are intending to go to Geraldine High School next year need to have their enrolment forms in to the Geraldine High School office as soon as possible.

Southfuels Sponsorship Programme

Thank you to Southfuels who delivered another TV to our School yesterday.

A huge thank you also to the following farmers/families that support our school through this programme:

Belrori Farm Ltd, Fisher Family Partnership, Rawhiti House, Coles Farms, B.R. Hammond, K.R. Christie, H.J.B. & S.J. Sheed, Thompson Precast Ltd, Clay Downs Farming Company, Earthworks Aoraki Ltd, B.C. & T.E. Brown.

Wave Dress Up Mufti Day 28th October 2016

On this day your child is able to dress up as their favourite book or movie character for mufti day. The money raised will go towards the new Jump Jam CD which is a well used resource in the school across all year levels.

Wave Disco 25th November 2016

Juniors; Rooms 15, 16, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, & 13

6 – 7.14pm

Seniors; Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, & 17

7.15 – 8.45pm

This Disco will be supervised by staff and 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 of the junior children please be picked up from the school playground side of the hall. (Not through the main entrance because the seniors will be starting to arrive). Please note this disco is for Geraldine Primary School children only.

Thanks to the Home and School for providing money to purchase food, drink and prizes and decorations. Also thanks to the GPS Wave team for organising activities for this event.

WAVE Challenge Days

Week 4 Tuesday 1st November, Week 5 Tuesday 8th 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 4:
Rooms: 2, 13, 4, 7, 5, 6, 9, 3, 8

The following classes can bring their wheels in Week 5:
Rooms: 1, 12, 17, 10, 15, 11

-Keeping Ourselves Safe 2016

- Most likely to be covered in Weeks 4-7 of Term 4

Each class will be taking part in the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme this term. Keeping Ourselves Safe helps children develop safety skills when interacting with others. Your child may bring home some follow up homework for this programme. A police educator may visit the classroom as part of this topic.

Students in Year 1-3 will cover the following modules:

1. I am unique- Students will learn their name, address, feelings and who they live with.
2. My body is my own- Students will learn body parts and touch that they like, that hurts and that is confusing.
3. Dealing with unwanted behaviour and touch- Students will learn about good and bad secrets and saying no to unwanted touch.
4. Adults who help- Students will learn about adults they can trust and who can help them.

Students in Year 4-6 will cover the following modules:

1. Confident me- Students will develop confidence in their decision-making and feelings.
2. Safe or unsafe- Students will learn to identify safe and unsafe situations.
3. No excuse for abuse- Students will learn about what abuse is and that it is wrong.
4. Why should I tell?- Students will learn to stop inappropriate touch and say no.

The following New Zealand Police website has further information for parents if you are interesting in finding out more.

<http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping-1>

Lost

Lost polar fleece named Kasey Harris. If found, please return to R10.

Lost polar fleece named Stack. If found, please return to R13

School Calendar -

Term 4

Week 3

Friday 28 October WAVE Book & Movie Character Muffi Day

Week 4

Tuesday 1 November WAVE Challenge Day 1 (afternoon)
Friday 4 November Y6 testing at GHS (9am-12noon)
Fun run Home & School Fundraiser, 1.30pm

Week 5

Monday 7 November Postponement date H & S Fun run
Tuesday 8 November WAVE Challenge Day 2 (afternoon)
Friday 11 November Transition to school visit 9am

Week 6

Monday 14 November Home & School Meeting, 7pm, Staffroom
Wednesday 16 November BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Friday 18 November District Athletics – Geraldine Domain

Week 7

Tuesday 22 November Postponement date District Athletics
Friday 25 November Wave Disco

Week 9

Tuesday 6 December South Canterbury Athletics
Thursday 8 December Postponement Date SC Athletics
Friday 9 December Y6 Pool BBQ

Week 10

Tuesday 13 December Reports home to parents
BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Wednesday 14 December Christmas Carols on the Green
Final Assembly
Last Day for students
Last Day buses running

2016 Term Dates

Term 4

Monday 10 October – Wednesday 14 December 10 weeks
Includes: - Labour Day – Mon 24 October (school closed)

2017 Term Dates

Term 1	30 January – 13 April
Term 2	1 May – 7 July
Term 3	24 July – 29 September
Term 4	16 October – 15 December

Home & School

We will be doing Christmas tree fundraiser this year. The trees will be supplied from the school forestry block. Each tree will be \$20 (\$25 for businesses). Order forms will come home in week 5 of term and will close on 25 November. Orders will be managed on a first in first served basis. We believe there will be around 65-70 trees for sale.

We will need help to cut the trees down and stack them on trailers around 8 – 11 December, exact date and time to be advised. Some chainsaws can be supplied or BYO. Distribution and payment at the time of collection will be from school.

Watch this space for more details!

Adidas Fun Run

One week to go until our adidas Fun-Run school event. I hope all your children are set for an exciting afternoon (there will also be opportunity for you to have a go too!). We would love to see all the children dressed in the PB4L colours (blue, red, green, yellow) with spot prizes up for grabs to the wackiest - make sure they wear clothes they don't mind getting wet and dirty!

Money and completed forms are due back now so please make sure they are returned to the class teacher. Even if all your fundraising has been online we still need your forms back so we know which prize to order.

We'd love some volunteers on the day. If you can help please call Helen on 021 114 9897.

We will be starting straight after lunchtime at 1.10pm, so please come down and support the kids after all their hard work! We'd love to see as many parents/families at the event and also encourage you to bring your picnic blanket and afternoon tea to finish the day.

See you all next Friday.

Sausage Sizzle Volunteers

We would still really love a couple of extra hands to help with the sausage sizzle roster on Fridays. We have a team of volunteers so your input is only required once per term per duty or as available. Duties include either taking the sausage orders in the morning, or barbequing and serving the (precooked) sausages at lunchtime. Duties are carried out in pairs. It is not

onerous and is a great way to help out at school, meet other parents and be involved in the school community. Please contact Michelle Howell 027 693-7367 if you are able to assist, even if just as a back-up.

Second Hand Uniform: Please note changes as below

The sale of second hand GPS uniform will now be held on the **first Friday of every month** from 0850 – 0915. Any additional sale dates and times 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 4 Sale Dates:

Friday 14 October

Friday 4 November

Friday 2 December

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: 14 November, 7pm, Staff Room. New members most welcome.