



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*

*Whaia e koe te iti Kahurangi*

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## Newsletter

**Week 10, Term 3**

**Thursday 28 September 2017**

**From our Principal....**

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

We are at the end of another busy term at Geraldine Primary. Congratulations to all staff, students and whanau for your efforts over the past term. I know everyone will be looking forward to the term break and a change of pace over the next two weeks.

In the last newsletter I mentioned a Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, which is the day after Labour Day. School will be closed on this day and the GPS buses will not be running. We will open again after Labour weekend on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

We have been reviewing how we acknowledge children for showing positive behaviour in line with our school values – caring, achieving, respectful, responsible.

We believe there is a need to recognise certain milestones that a child may reach within the PB4L reward structure. Earlier in the year we introduced the PB4L postcards that children receive when they obtain 20, 40, 60, 80, or 100 Gotchas.

We have expanded on this with the revised structure as follows:

20 Gotchas - postcard presented in class

40 Gotchas – postcard presented at syndicate assembly, 15 minutes of extra play

60 Gotchas – postcard presented at a school assembly, 15 minutes of extra play

80 Gotchas – postcard presented at a school assembly and a prize from the fortnightly Gotcha Draw

100 Gotchas – postcard presented at a school assembly, a prize from the fortnightly Gotcha Draw and a wrist band.

It is wonderful to see an increasing number of children striving to obtain these milestones – well done.

We recently posted on our school Facebook page information about our new school app which can be downloaded to your mobile phone or device. This app contains information about events, notices, and newsletters. Please refer to the brochure later in

this newsletter about how to install this app. We look forward to using it and continuing to keep our school community informed. We will continue to use Facebook and Twitter as ways to share news and information about our school.

Over the last couple of terms our Maori and Whanau Committee have been reviewing Maori within the GPS Curriculum. We acknowledge the support that our Maori Whanau provide to our school. We believe we have made some good gains in this area and a survey of our Whanau, Kaiako (staff) and tamariki (children) showed a positive response of how Maori is carried out in the school. The survey also provided ideas for how we can develop further. As a school we integrate Te Ao Maori into the school curriculum and this has become more apparent over the last 3 years. We now have Maori names for each syndicate; Tane Mahuta, (Junior), Tawhirimatea (Middle), Tangaroa (Senior), which everyone is using well. We have further developed our school website so it is more bilingual with headings now translated into Te Reo. Our school vision – Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve has now been translated: Whaia e koe te iti Kahurangi. We also include Te Reo word of the week in our school newsletters for families to use at home.

Next term I look forward to sharing the results of our Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) review.

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

*Ngā mihi nui,*

Andrew Leverton

Principal / Tumuaiki

## **School notices:**

### **Pet Day 2017**

This is going to be held on **Friday 27th October** (postponement day Monday 30<sup>th</sup>) at the Woodbury Hall and Domain. Pet Day is for children in Years 3 -6. Children are encouraged to rear an animal for this event or bring an animal that they are responsible for at home. They are judged on their knowledge of their pet, leading and handling and care and attention. All children are required to complete a project on their pet that will be on display in the Woodbury hall. The day runs from 10.15 until approximately 2.00pm. Further information and permission slips will be handed out this week to those children who are interested and must be returned by **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**.

Projects must be handed in by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October**.

Any questions please feel free to contact Andrea Bathgate

### **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:



**Papama** Whiteboard



**Whakarapa** Glue Stick

## **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to the following children who have won Gotcha draws recently:  
Chase, R8; Finn, R7; Tyla, R6; Gian, R12; Harvey, R12; Dougal, R1.

## **PB4L Certificates**

Congratulations to the following children who received a PB4L certificate at assembly on 15 September.

R1	Bryn Hanrahan	R2	Jack Eason
R3	Gracie-May Waters	R4	Jack Boorer-Lilley
R5	Couper McKay	R6	Frankie Balman
R7	Shantelle Parker	R8	Sophie Wells
R9	Flynn Slater	R10	Alex Royce-Bainbridge
R11	Sam Ochsner	R12	Josh Billett
R13	Ben Morton	R14	Jacob Cunningham
R15	Beau Milne	R17	Alex Sherriff

Congratulations also to the following students who were presented a certificate for achieving 60 Gotchas:

Room 1: Lewis, Dougal, Summer, Brun, Zoe

Room 3: Joshua, Poppy, Leilani

## **School Photos**

Proofs of school photos have gone home with children this week. A copy of the class photo should be available in each classroom to view.

Photo orders need to be returned to the school office by 18<sup>th</sup> October.

## **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 3**

Friday 29 September

Open Assembly, 1.30pm  
Last Day for Term 3

### **Term 4**

#### **Week 1**

Monday 16 October

Term 4 commences 8.50am

## **Week 2**

Monday 23 October

Tuesday 24 October

Wednesday 25 October

**Labour Day – School closed**

**Teacher Only Day – School closed**

Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

## **Week 3**

Wednesday 1 November

Friday 3 November

SC Primary Schools Mountainbiking

Muffi Day for Social Work Trust

## **Week 4**

Tuesday 7 November

Friday 10 November

Y5/6 Top Team

Hiwi the Kiwi show, afternoon

## **2018 Term Dates**

**Term 1** 31 January – 13 April

**Term 3** 23 July – 28 September

**Term 2** 30 April – 6 July

**Term 4** 15 October – 18 December

## **Home & School**

We wish the school community an enjoyable and safe holiday break.

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

## **Lily Bulbs**

These orders have now all been collected with the exception of 1 order with no name so if you have made an order and have not received it yet, please see Susan in the school office.

## **Dancing with the Stars**

Please see our separate newsletter regarding this very successful evening.

## **Abacus Art**

The Home & School Committee will not be running this service in 2017 due to waning interest and the increasing availability of online e options.

## **Sausage Sizzle**

Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken on Friday mornings on the hall veranda 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.

## **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.

**Survivor” @ Kids Alive Holiday Programme** – Can you survive Kids Alive Survivor. We are having a week of Survivor at the holiday programme from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. It will be a week of building shelters, making damper, building boats and finding messages in a bottle. To register go to [www.kidsalive.co.nz](http://www.kidsalive.co.nz) . For more information phone Lorraine 0274038126.

**LOST** school bag taken from outside Parkside Dairy after school yesterday. Inside is a red jacket named clint. If found, please return to the school office.

**Alzheimers South Canterbury Spring Glory Extravaganza** in the Botanic Gardens, Queen Street, Timaru Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.



# Mixed Fast 5 Netball



**Fast 5 Netball starts October 2017 at the Geraldine Netball Centre Courts, Geraldine Domain**

**For more information or to register a team please contact Justine Hancox**

**Home – 03 693 9368**

**Cell - 027 631 9338**



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**Geraldine Netball Centre**

**Only three men allowed on the court at one time**

*It's a School Holiday*



# Sport- Acular



Held at Geraldine High School Gym  
9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017

Time 9am – 3pm Age – 7 -13yrs  
Cost - \$20 per child per day for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Child  
\$15 per child per day for 3<sup>rd</sup> or more

Monday –Volleyball, Basketball and Badminton  
Tuesday – Dodgeball , Tball and Big Ball Football  
Wednesday – Hockey, Bench Ball and Tennis  
Thursday – Ultimate Frisbee, Football and Cricket  
Friday – Mix of Mini Games, Touch and Gymnastics

Bookings Essential – Contact us NOW  
Payment is required before bookings can be confirmed.

[k.andrews@geraldinehs.school.nz](mailto:k.andrews@geraldinehs.school.nz)

03 693 0017 Ext 7215

Fun By Geraldine High Schools Sports Coordinator  
and Senior Students

LET  
THE  
GAMES  
BEGIN





**9-13 October 2017**

**New 8.30am start time**

**The Southern Trust Events Centre,  
Morgans Road, Timaru**

**Need entertainment for your children over the  
October school holiday break?**

Active Kids is a fun, safe and affordable holiday option  
that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills  
& offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years.  
Full day (8.30-5) and half day (8.30-12) options available.

**REGISTER TODAY**



Full details and to register on line go to

[www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz)

or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751

Limited Spaces available ...

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**



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