



GeraldinePrimary

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Newsletter

Week 9, Term 1

Thursday 29 March 2017

From our Principal....

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

Last Friday we held our **3 Way Conferences**. We had a turnout of around 85%, with some families scheduled for catch ups after the actual day. Many thanks to everyone who attended the 3WCs and for having input into discussions about their child's learning and goal setting. Goal setting sheets are due to come home soon, so you will be able to continue to assist your child at home with their goals.

Throughout the term we have mentioned the transition to **sharing our newsletters via email**. This will commence in Term 2. We were able to confirm a lot of emails at the 3WCs. If we haven't got your email at this stage, please email the office – office@geraldine.school.nz so that we get accurate details. Some paper copies of the newsletter will still be available from the office and also digitally on the school website.

Our PB4L team is conducting a short **survey to get parent's views on PB4L** within the school. It is available through the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X9FGCFR>

The link can be written into your web browser, copied from the website version of this newsletter, or from a post on 29 March through our Facebook page. Paper copies are also available from the office. The survey period runs until 6pm Sunday 9 April.

Last week a flyer was sent home about **staffing appointments and movements**, both currently and for Term 2. This affects six classes to varying degrees. Exact details of these changes can be found in the 23 March newsletter on our website.

In early March schools are required to submit **student achievement data** from the previous year to the Ministry of Education (MOE). Our 2016 data is currently with the MOE and will be publically available on the www.educationcounts.govt.nz website in May.

In both Reading and Writing, 77% of our students achieved at or above the national standard for their year group in 2016. In Maths, 75% of our students achieved the national standard. We are always looking to build on our results from the previous year. We also recognise that children achieve in many different ways and we value what they can do in all areas of learning.

Finally, our annual Breakfast BBQ will be held next Friday, **from 8 – 9 am**. This is run by our Year 5 and 6 students and helps to raise money for our sponsored child from Myanmar. There will be a variety of stalls to support and games to be involved in. Parents are most welcome to attend this event.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumūaki

School notices:

Mauri ora whānau,

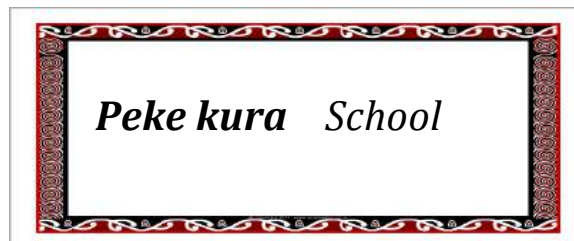
Te kupu o te wiki, the word of the week

We are excited to introduce to you Te kupu o te wiki, the word of the week

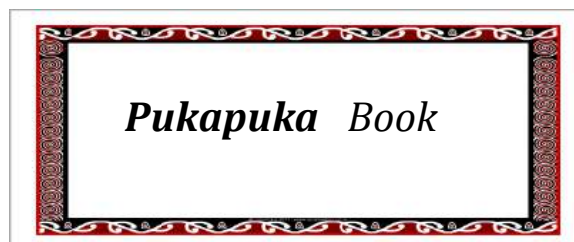
To encourage our children and their families to learn new Māori words, we will have a word of the week that appears in the newsletter and in their classrooms. Give it a go and drop it into conversation when you can! Your kids will love to hear you using Te Reo Māori and so will Whaea Ange!

Mauria te pono – Believe in yourself!

The word for the week 3 April – 7 April is:



The word for the week 10 – 14 April is:



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who have won Gotcha draws recently: Drew, R12; Sophia, R12; Rachel, R11; Ashley, R17; Phoebe W, R4; Joshua, R3

PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received PB4L certificates at assembly on 23/3/17:

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| R1 | Dougal Grant | R2 | Jody Quiambao |
| R3 | Zac Allen | R4 | Tor Ashton |
| R5 | Kyro Brook | R6 | Macy Oliver |
| R7 | Kaitlyn Richards | R8 | Katie Coles |
| R9 | Will Pirie | R10 | Asher Harmon-Barnes |
| R11 | Kyle Jackson | R12 | Drew Johnson |
| R13 | Smuel Welford | R14 | Jack Eason |
| R17 | Caleb Clarke | | |

Breakfast BBQ

The Breakfast BBQ is being held on Friday 7th April from 8.00 – 9.00am

Our Year 6 students will have various stalls to raise money for our sponsored child Htet Wai Yan Oo who lives in Myanmar. Games at the stalls will cost 50c, \$1 or \$2, so bring plenty of change.

Activity Fee

The school Activity fee is \$80 per child for the year. If this is paid before the beginning of Term 2 it is reduced to \$70.

Y6 Camp

What a fantastic week we had with our group of Year 6 students. We begun our experience by visiting “Big Rock” farm to view the awesome Maori Rock Drawings. They were well worth the climb up the hill to view. Many thanks to Ellie Ulrich for leading us up the hill and telling us about them..

The weather played the game and we climbed Gutbuster on Tuesday in near perfect conditions. We got slightly damp on the walk to the dam so couldn't swim. Wednesday weather was great for the “Technology Challenge” where the students had to design a catapult and retrieval device. In the afternoon we held an inaugural Lindisfarne Amazing Race and of course that night we had the infamous “Night Hike” with the sound effects. Thursday was activities day with the museum assisting us. We welcomed the parents and families on Thursday night for the concert and a BBQ. We had such a fantastic time. Look out for the photo and writing displays around our classrooms.

Our camp would not happen if we didn't have support of our parent community. We would like to thank our parents who donated baking, food and prepared meals. This certainly helps keep our costs reasonable. We are also appreciative of the support of Sandy Dale from Parkside Dairy for the sourcing of food to help keep our costs reasonable and also to Aaron Sheed from Fresh Choice in Geraldine for assisting us.

We were also lucky to have received support from McCains and Talleys who provided us with frozen vegetables, pizzas, fries and ice cream

We would also like to thank the following

Sarah Wilson for her coordination of the catering for the camp. Feeding 80 people each meal and coordinating the food for the extra visitors on Thursday is no easy task. We have appreciated your support and guidance.

Corrie Adams for the provision of the meat and the spit roaster for the Thursday night BBQ.

We could not hold a camp without a fantastic team of Mums and Dads who head out to camp with us and support us in many ways: helping us get to and back from camp, dishes duty, cleaning duty, playing games with the students, encouraging students, providing entertainment on the night hike, assisting with the catering, helping us feed the hungry group. Many thanks to the following for their awesome support:

Aaron Coles, Cathie Orange, Chris Fisher, Connie Quigley, Dale Lilley, Dan Davies, Dave Keane, Dean Lawrence, James Craddock, James McArthur, Jenni Ashton, Jolene Sowden, Kris Orange, Marty O'Connor, Meg Catherwood, Neil Claridge, Quintin McDonald, Susan D'Ath, Tash Rankin and Wayne Gordon.

We also like to thank the following parents who assisted us with transport: Rebecca Taylor, Tina Adams, Frances Coles, Lisa Exley and Soren France.

Finally we would like to thank the awesome group of students who made our week fantastic and were such fun to take away.

Te amorangi ki mua, te hapai o ki muri.

Murray Davidson, Ange Dudson Moko and Bronwyn Waldron



Green Team 2017

The following students from the Middle and Senior Syndicate were selected to represent their class in the Green Team this year:

Green Team Leader: Will Morrison

Room 1 Hayley Pidgeon

Room 2 Thomas Batty

Room 3 Jonny Simpson

Room 4 Ryan Billett

Room 5 Riley Spijkerbosch

Room 10 Hamish Tilsey

Room 11 Cayden Halsey
Room 12 Milly Chapman
Room 17 Siobhan Stack

These students will be involved in various tasks throughout the year including looking after the school's edible gardens, recycling and reducing our waste and power consumption.

Thank you to all those students who applied to be in the Green Team.

Bible in School will restart in Term 2 and will run until the end of Term 3. It will take place at lunchtimes on Thursdays from 12.15 – 12.45 in the library. It is again optional and parents should discuss attendance with their children if they wish them to attend.

Navy Blue Merino Jerseys

Should you wish to order a navy blue merino jersey and have it embroidered with our school logo as part of the uniform. Please visit www.merinowoolforschool.co.nz to order your jersey and contact The Little House Embroidery at Winchester, phone 03 615 6004, to have our school logo stitched on in the correct thread prior to being worn at school. The school office has a variety of sizes that can be tried on before or after school, prior to purchase.

New Students

A special welcome to our new students Kaydance, Abigail, Zac and Molly who all started in Room 9 recently.

Dental Clinic

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

Lost

Lost Polar Fleece. Named Barnett. If found please return to R7

School Calendar -

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

Term 1

Week 9

Friday 31 March SC Swimming Sports

Week 10

Wednesday 5 April BOT Meeting, 5.30pm – staffroom
(note change of date)

Friday 7 April Breakfast BBQ

Week 11

Thursday 13 April Open Assembly hosted by the Middle
School, 1.30pm – all welcome
Last day of Term 1

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 1 May Classes commence 8.50am

Week 2

Tuesday 9 May Playhouse Theatre visit

Wednesday 10 May R2 & 3 Kayaking

Thursday 11 May R4 & 5 Kayaking

Friday 12 May School Cross Country

Week 3

Thursday 18 May pp School Cross Country

Friday 19 May Strike Percussion visit

Week 4

Tuesday 23 May R3 Outdoor Education Peel Forest

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Friday 26 May District Cross Country, Waihi Gorge

Week 5

Monday 29 May pp District Cross Country

Wednesday 31 May R4 Rock Climbing

Thursday 1 June R5 Rock Climbing

Home & School

Motorbike trail ride

Our next fundraiser will be the trail bike ride to be held on Sunday 30 April. The route is currently being finalised with the generous cooperation of local farmers. See www.myrides.co.nz for more details.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

A reminder that we will hold a sale during the Breakfast BBQ on Friday 7 April. Any donations of clean approved uniform in tidy condition would be appreciated - please leave at the office. The school also organise a stall for the following items: baking/confectionery, toys, books and jigsaws.

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) from the Office. Gluten free sausages are also 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.

Next Meeting: Monday 8 May

Community Notices

Yogi Kids – Geraldine. Classes during term time Mondays 3.15pm – 3/45pm & 4.00pm – 4.30pm. Waihi Lodge Function Room, 15 Shaw Street, Geraldine. Please bring mat if you have one, otherwise spares are provided. Pay what you want for class. No need to sign up. Suitable for ages 3+.



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2017 Geraldine Rogaine Autumn Muster

Looking for a fun, team building activity that's a little bit "outside the box" and guaranteed to get everyone off the couch?

What? Rogaining is a cross-country map reading sport

Who? Everybody ranging from juniors up to super veterans with three time events to choose from; 1hr, 3hr or 6hr events

When? Sunday 2nd April 2017 (registrations close Sunday 26th March)

Where? In the foothills of South Canterbury near Woodbury

To register and to find out more information visit:

<http://gram.org.nz/>

GRAM is a Geraldine High School PTA Fundraiser



**GERALDINE
NETBALL**
CENTRE INC, PO BOX 97, GERALDINE

ANZ FutureFerns NNZ Year 1-2 Program

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NNZ Year 1-2 Program

Starting Wednesday 3rd May
3.15pm – 3.45pm
Just turn up on the day
\$10 per child

Netball Courts, Geraldine Domain

Leander Patterson
Home – 03 693 9625 Cell – 027 465 6240

Any volunteers that are available to help at the courts on a Wednesday Afternoon are most welcome

Follow us on





**Sport Canterbury
Active Kids Holiday Programme
18-21 April 2017**

Need entertainment for your children over the school holidays?

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

REGISTER TODAY



- Half Day & Full Day Options
- OSCAR approved programme
- Fully trained coaching staff



Register on line www.sportcanterbury.org.nz
or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 10th April 2017



Its DISCO time!

Friday 7th April

5 – 6pm

3 – 6 year olds

Gold coin per child

Geraldine Primary Community Hall



Supper provided, thanks to Geraldine Freshchoice

Glow sticks available



A community event brought to you by
The Geraldine Home & Kindergarten Committee.

METHVEN SCARECROW TRAIL



APRIL 16 - APRIL 29

AWESOME SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

Find and identify the scarecrows around Methven
and go in the draw to win a prize!



Maps from Methven i-SITE
\$9.00 per entry (cash only)



Thanks to our wonderful sponsors!

ALL PROCEEDS TO METHVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL