



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 6, Term 3
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From our Principal....

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

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of joining Tangaroa syndicate (Year 5 and 6) at Mt Hutt for a day of **skiing and snowboarding**. It was obvious that everyone involved had lots of fun on the mountain. Congratulations to the staff for a well-organised trip and thank you to all the parents that attended to support the students. Visits into the outdoors do require significant planning from the staff to ensure they run smoothly and would not be able to occur without parental support. Well done to everyone involved.

Two Fridays ago our **kapa haka group** performed at the annual Flava Festival. This was another group of students that has benefitted from significant support from whanau. A big congratulations to the group for an amazing performance on stage and also to their tutors Whaea Bianca, Whaea Jordyn and Whaea Ange for the hours they have put in over the past one and a half terms to prepare the group for the festival. I know the rest of the school will have enjoyed seeing them perform the day before Flava.

I ask that parents discuss **safe walking to and from school** with their children. I have received recent reports from concerned members of the community regarding our students taking risks when crossing the road. While Cox Street is particularly busy, we have made it somewhat safer by improvements to the pedestrian crossing. This is the best place to cross if the other side of Cox Street needs to be accessed. If other roads need to be crossed to and from school, students are reminded to take care while doing so.

Tomorrow (Friday) the junior syndicate are having a **transition to school morning** from 9.15 – 10.40 am for students who will be starting at GPS either this term or in term 4. If you have a child who is turning five in the next four months, or know of someone who this applies to, you / they are most welcome to attend this morning with your child.

Finally, **tickets for the Music Festival** are selling reasonably quickly. There are only so many tickets that can be sold for any performance. Once these are all sold, no further

tickets will be made available and no additional people will be allowed in for the performances. Our advice is to purchase early to avoid missing out.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Andrew Leverton

Principal / Tumuaki

School notices:

This term we are **reviewing the Students with Special Needs / Learning Support policy**. Parents are encouraged to have input into the review process. Instructions for how to do this are through the School Info section on our website www.geraldine.school.nz.

Reviewing a policy only takes about 5 – 10 minutes. There are also a range of associated procedures that sit alongside the Students with Special Needs / Learning Support policy, as well as other policies.

Congratulations to Emily Stack from Room 2 who recently won her category in the NZ Book Awards for Children completion. Emily had to write in 50 words why her schools should receive some books and she did a brilliant job! Emily presented these books to the school at assembly today. The titles of the books are: The Impossible Boy – Leonie Agnew; Bastion Point – 507 Days on Taka parawha – Tania Roxborough; The Discombobulated Life of Summer Rain – Julie Lamb; Sunken Forest – Des Hunt; Helper and Helper – Joy Cowley / Gavin Bishop.

Well done Emily – a fantastic effort and prize for our school.

Festival of the Arts Tickets

Tickets for the Festival of the Arts are now available from the school office. Tickets cost \$5 each for the evening performances. For the Matinee children are free but they still need to get a ticket. Adult tickets are \$5 for the Matinee. We encourage those who are able to attend the Matinee to do so.

There is a total of 360 tickets to each show. This is determined due to council safety restrictions. Each participating school has a set number of tickets based on school roll. We are only able to sell tickets for the evening performances to our school families.

Daffodil Day Mufti Day - Friday 25 August

Thank you to everyone who supported or Mufti Day. We raised \$562.40 for the Cancer Society.

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.

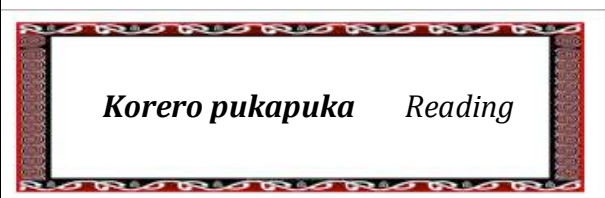
Mauri ora whānau,

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:



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who have won Gotcha draws recently:
Jack, R4; Reuben, R10; James, R15; Xavier, R15; Illuka, R2; Isaac, R10

Congratulations also to the following children who received a postcard for achieving 60 Gotchas at assembly recently:

Riley Spijkerbosch, Dan Renfree, Rose Fletcher-Young, Ryan O'Connor, Royden Barnett, Matilda Mallinson, Isla Fisher, Phoebe Wilson, Georgia Coles, Matthew O'Connor, Marshall Gordon, Ella Waldron.

PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who received a PB4L certificate at assembly on 17 August.

R1	Mia Pearson	R2	Ethan Taylor
R3	Henry Oliver	R4	Ella Waldron
R5	Bailey Fletcher-Young	R6	Tyla Patterson
R7	Finn Wilcox	R8	Charlie Nichol
R9	Jade Patrick	R10	Max Roger

R11 Sam Ochsner
R13 Wilbur Talbot
R15 Pepper-Mae Ellis

R12 Seven Felizardo
R14 Blake Booth
R17 Evie Grant

Dental Clinic

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

Logo Embroidery

The new contact phone number to get the school logo put onto uniform merino jerseys or sunhats is: The Little House Embroidery is 021 064 8717 and is based in Geraldine.

School Calendar -

2017 Term Dates

Term 3 24 July–29 September **Term 4** 16 October–15 December

Term 3

Week 7

Friday 1 September New Entrant Transition to School morning, 9.15am

Week 9

Monday 18 September -

Thursday 21 September St Johns First Aid Training – whole school

Week 8

Tuesday 12 September Festival of the Arts Matinee, 10.30am

Tuesday 12 September Festival of the Arts Evening Performance, 7pm

Thursday 14 September Festival of the Arts Evening Performance, 7pm

Week 10

Monday 25 September SC Anniversary Day – School closed

Wednesday 27 September BOT Meeting, Staffroom, 5.30pm

Friday 29 September Open Assembly, time to be confirmed
Last Day for Term 3

Home & School

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

Lily Bulbs

These popular bulbs (lilies and freesias) are again available to provide colour in the garden through the summer. A colour poster of the available bulbs can be found on the wall under the TV in the School Office – the order form will be coming home shortly. A bag of 4 lily bulbs costs \$10, and 20 freesia bulbs cost \$5.00. Proceeds go to the Home & School Committee.

Please contact Susan in the School Office if you have any questions.

Geraldine Primary Community Stock Scheme 2017

While we are all trying to keep dry and warm this winter, spring is not far away and once again we are asking our local farming community to support our school by rearing

calves and lambs for our annual stock scheme. This fundraiser is one of the main cash earners for our school where 100% of the earnings are donated back to our school.

For those families new to the scheme, a heifer or bull calf, either dairy or beef, is selected early in the calving season, tagged with a tag provided by the Home and School, reared on farm alongside other stock and then collected early December for auction at the Temuka Sale Yards. All calves are weighed individually before sale. Lambs can be similarly donated for sale at weaning with all proceeds going to GPS.

Thank you to the families who have donated in the past. Your generosity is very much appreciated. The funds raised have been used to further our teaching resources available to our children, eg: upgrading the playground; purchasing robotic kits and computers for class use; upgrading the library furniture and improving the junior block to mention just a few.

If you have any questions please contact Robyn Skinner on 02777 51290. Thank you.

Sausage Sizzle: Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken on Friday mornings on the school 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.

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 18th September, 7pm, Staff Room

Next Meeting:

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 Cricket Club Registrations

Registrations will be held Friday 15th September 2017 3.00-4.00pm outside the Geraldine Primary School Hall.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jolene Sowden on 03 6922899.

Players need to be 7 or older. No gear required. Season starts labour weekend and runs to mid March (with no cricket over school holidays).

Geraldine Ladies

'Spring Fling'

First Day of Spring

*Friday 1st September * 7pm-10pm*

*Geraldine High School Hall * \$10 per ticket *
Spot Prizes, Spring Raffle, Continuous Supper &
Refreshments

A ladies' night out with amazing
local stalls & entertainment

All profits go towards a local not-for-profit organisation
2017 Charity is Geraldine Riding for the Disabled

2017 brings...
Entertainment
Longer Shopping Hours
New Stall Holders

Tickets available from, Debbie Oliver
027 215 3698 & The Running Duck...



Hilton Geraldine Junior Tennis

Registration Day!

Tuesday September 5th 2017

3:15- 5:00 pm

Geraldine Tennis Courts

20 Wright Street

Please come and sign up for the 2017-2018 Junior
Tennis Season.

**Lots of fun and a great team
spirit!**



Enquiries to:-

Rose Acland- rosemaryacland@mountpeel.co.nz
Michelle Howell - howell.family@outlook.com

Includes:

- Hotshots from 5+ years
- A,B,C grade partake in Saturday Interclub
- Weekly Coaching



Hope Walk Timaru

10th September 2017

Entry Fee

Gold coin donation

(proceeds going to National Suicide Helpline)

Start Time:

10.00am

HOPEWALK is a community event to mark National Suicide Day, by coming together for a Public Walk of Hope and Memory.

HopeWalk Timaru 2017 is approx. a 3.2km walk starting at Church Street entrance of Centennial Park and ending on the grass area in front of the Sound Shell on Caroline Bay

If you can please show your support by wearing a Yellow shirt..

A huge thank you to Timaru District Council, Fulton Hogan Road Safety Traffic Management and STEPS South Canterbury (Suicide Trauma Empowering Peer Support) for their support.

Coffee available

Free sausage sizzle

Bring a candle for remembrance of loved ones lost

Cancellation details will be via Port FM by 9.30 on the day