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Newsletter

**Week 2, Term 3
Thursday 3 August 2016**

From our Principal....

Term 3 has started positively, and it is good to see all the children back at school after their break. I trust that this time has been an enjoyable one for GPS families and you are all looking forward to the term that lies ahead.

With snow falls possibly on the way in the next 24 hours, it is timely to remind our families about the procedures we will follow should we need to enact an **emergency closure once the school day has started**. Closure could be due to natural events such as snow, high winds or flooding. There are a number of steps that we will work through to ensure children and staff are able to get home safely.

Our initial focus will be to contact the parents of all bus children to advise that the buses will be coming home early and for these parents to confirm their child's travel arrangements with school staff. Bus children will not be sent home on the bus if parents cannot be contacted on the primary cell phone or landline number provided to the school office. We ask that parents refrain from phoning the school so that phone lines can be kept clear for these outgoing calls.

If emergency closure is enacted, bus children will meet and be checked off in the hall, while non bus children will be supervised in various classes:

Non bus children from:**Once bus chn off site, non bus chn:**

Rm 1	stay in	Rm 1	stay in Rm 1
Rm 2	stay in	Rm 2	stay in Rm 2
Rm 3	go to	Rm 2	stay in Rm 2
Rm 4	stay in	Rm 4	stay in Rm 4
Rm 5	go to	Rm 4	stay in Rm 4
Rm 6	stay in	Rm 6 (Rm 15 / 16)	go to library
Rm 7	stay in	Rm 7 (library)	stay in Rm 7 (library)
Rm 8	stay in	Rm 8 (library)	stay in Rm 8 (library)
Rm 9	stay in	Rm 9 (Rm 15 / 16)	go library
Rm 10	go to	Rm 1	stay in Rm 1
Rm 11	go to	Rm 12	stay in Rm 12
Rm 13	stay in	Rm 13	stay in Rm 13
Rm 15	stay in	Rm 15 (meeting room)	go to library
Rm 17	go to	Rm 13	stay in Rm 13

Please note that rooms in brackets are used as the junior block rebuild is occurring. Bus children who have alternative travel arrangements made for them can either be collected by a parent or caregiver from the hall (before buses depart) or from the office (once buses have departed).

Once parents of bus children have been contacted, we will post updates on our school Facebook page and on our website via Twitter. Children who are not on buses can be collected from the above classes before the end of the school day.

If the school is closed before the start of the school day, the system is more straight-forward. Once the decision is made not to open, or to delay opening, information will be posted on Facebook, the school website and on Port FM and Hokonui Mid Canterbury. We work in with Geraldine High School, whom we share buses with as well as many family connections. It is important that we have up to date contact details for each family. If yours have changed, please contact the school office.

Ngā mihi nui,

*Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki*

School Notices

3 Way Conferences

Monday 22 August 8.15am – 5.45pm

Bookings can be made online now for 3 Way Conferences. The website address is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Use the event code **w8kc4** to access our school portal. If you need assistance with this, please contact the school office and they will book an interview for you.

Please note that teachers will be involved in 3WCs all day and normal classes won't be taking place. Children will come to school for their 3WC only. There will be no school buses running on this day.

Activity Fees

A kind reminder to pay Activity Fees if these have not been done already - \$80 per year per child, or \$20 per term for those starting at GPS during the year. Broken down further, this amounts to \$2 a week or 40 cents a day! We ask that these are paid over the holidays to our school bank account 01-0841-0024832-10. A regular payment option can also be established. Please note that Activity Fees are a cost recovery for expenses related to your child's learning across the school year. We do not charge a voluntary School Donation.

Parking on yellow lines

Drivers will be aware that it is illegal to park on yellow lines. There have been reports of drivers doing this either side of the crossing, particularly at the end of the school day. This creates a safety hazard for those using the crossing, not to mention the illegality of the act itself. We ask that all drivers do not park on the yellow lines at any stage.

Class News

Room 1

In Room One we have been very busy over the past term. We have even been to the Airforce Museum in Christchurch. We made aerofoils with Mrs Wilson and tested them out with a fan.

Room One was fascinated when we watched the paper go up and down the string.

Room One has been doing lots of art and we are now running out of space to put it up!

We have been learning how to write factual recounts and we have done a tonne of poems.

With maths, we have been learning more about fractions.

Now, Room One has Olympic stuff in their homework and we are starting to do poems about it. We can't wait for the opening ceremony. By Mackenzie

Over the past term Room 1 has been very busy. We have been to the Airforce Museum and talked about flight.

We have been doing lots of art and poems. We have done tonnes of reading, writing and maths. We are learning about the Olympics and are looking forward to the opening ceremony this week. We are definitely going to have another busy eight weeks! By Thomas

Winter Days By Jody

White icy frost shivering on the grass

Dark breezy clouds floating in the sky

Frozen crystalline snow shimmering on the ground

Hard clattering hail smashing from the clouds

Warm steaming hot chocolate melting fluffy marshmallows

Wet smashing rain rattling on the roof

Slippery frosty ground splashed by cold icy water.

Jack Frost

Jack Frost is light blue

He is snowy winter

Jack Frost is a slippery icy lake

He is a windy snowstorm

Jack Frost is a sharp pointed knife

He is a snuggly jumper

Jack Frost is an ice cream

He is angry

By Isabelle

Room 15

At the beginning of Term 3 we welcomed Liam, Frankie and Tyla. It is wonderful to have so many lovely five year olds who are enthusiastic about writing, reading and counting.

We really loved the Elgregoe show last week and have shared some of the stories we wrote.

"I liked the pizza trick and the flying man." Sophia C

"I liked the flying man and the pizza trick." Charlotte T

"I liked the rabbit and the flying man." Myra M

"I liked the scarf trick." Annie B

Room 5

Don't be a BULLY!

The words come in fast,

Time never seems to pass,

Fear, Anger, Sadness!

Don't be a bully and waste your time,
Don't be a bully and do the crime,
Fear, Anger, Sadness!

Bullies makes you want to run,
Bullying, it's just so dumb,
Fear, Anger, Sadness!

Bullying on the phone,
Can make you feel so alone,
Fear, Anger, Sadness!

Kids should never have this fear,
A fear that makes you want to disappear,
Fear, Anger, Sadness!

Those moments when you feel so alone,
Moments when people talk in a horrible tone,
Fear, Anger, Sadness!

Bullies should not exist,
No one needs to raise a fist,
Fear, Anger, Sadness!

Our school was so lucky to have a visit from a magician last week. Not only was he super talented at pulling birds and rabbits out of his hat he had a very powerful message for us all. He spoke about bullying in and around our schools. We decided we would write a class poem about bullying to share with you all at home.

Lost Property

Polar-fleeces tend to be the main item in the Lost Property Box. All polar fleeces look the same so please name your child's clothing clearly. If your child now has a former pupil's polar fleece, please change the name on it to avoid confusion at school. The lost property box is situated by the hall for anyone to look through for their lost clothing, and it is regularly displayed after school assemblies for the children and parents to check as well.

Gotchas

Congratulations to the following children who won the Gotcha draw at assembly:

Brae, R17; Siobhan, R13; Caleb, R5; Jackson, R5; Sam, R9; Rachel, R12.

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.

Y6 Students intending to attend Geraldine High School in 2017

All Year 6 students who are intending to go to Geraldine High School next year need to have their enrolment forms into the Geraldine High School office by the end of August.

School Calendar -

Term 3

Week 2

Friday 5 August Life Education commences

Week 4

Wednesday 17 August BOT Meeting 5.30pm
Thursday 18 August Kapa Haka dress rehearsal, 1.20pm
Friday 19 August Kapa Haka at Flava Festival, Timaru
Friday 20 August Daffodil Day

Week 5

Sunday 21 August GPS Family Ski Day at Roundhill
Monday 22 August 3 Way Conferences, No Classes
Tuesday 23 August Jump Jam Workshop

Week 6

Friday 2 September Transition to School visit, 9am

Week 7

Wednesday 7 September Senior Syndicate Tekapo trip

Week 8

Monday 12 September Home & School Meeting, 7pm, Staff Room
Wed 14 September Y5 & 6 Ski Trip
 BOT Meeting
Thursday 15 September Open Assembly (time to be confirmed)
Friday 16 September Mufti Day for GCSW Trust
 WAVE Disco (times to be confirmed)

Week 9

Friday 22 September Term 3 ends

2016 Term Dates

Term 3

Monday 25 July – Friday 23 September 9 weeks

Term 4

Monday 10 October – Thursday 15 December 10 weeks

Includes: - Labour Day – Mon 24 October (school closed)

Home & School

Stock Scheme

Stock Scheme Form enclosed with this newsletter

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 commencing Term 3. 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 021026 44332. 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 3 Sale Dates:

Friday 5 August

Friday 2 September

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

Monday 12 September, 7pm, Staff Room. New members most welcome.

GPS Family Ski Day - 21 August 2016

This years GPS Family Ski Day has been arranged for our school community on Sunday 21 August at Round Hill Ski Field.

Thanks to the support of Round Hill lift tickets, gear hire and lessons and offered at great rates.

Transport is up to individual families to arrange.

To take part in this family ski day, please collect an information/booking form from the school office, and return with payment by Friday 12 August.

This offer is only open to GPS school pupils, and their families/care givers.

Any enquires please phone
Fiona Wilcox
0276436719

Community Notices

Beginners Karate class, upstairs Geraldine Bowling Club, Thursdays 5-6pm \$2.
Great family fitness and fun. Enquiries Liz Glazier 027 232 1316

Monster Car Rally Sunday 28 August. \$20 entry per car. Everyone welcome.
Fundraiser for SC Hospice and The Cancer Society