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Newsletter

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From our Principal....

I trust all GPS families had an enjoyable **long weekend**, which included our Teacher Only Day last Friday. On this day, the staff were working with a Maths facilitator, as well as looking at student competencies in Digital Technology across the year groups.

We are making some progress with **our junior block upgrade**. Key parts of this upgrade were shared in a newsletter on 12 May. The tender period is now closed and we are close to selecting a contractor to work with. Once this has been achieved, we will have a better idea as to when we can expect the project to commence.

We are in the process of installing **widescreen 50" TVs** in classrooms with aging data projectors. The first ones went in late last week and this work will continue over the next week or two. The children won't spend all their days watching TV! They will be used for a range of activities, including the sharing of work, viewing relevant websites, viewing class brainstorm, – essentially what the data projectors were used for.

Now that winter is here and the cold is starting to bite, I refer parents back to our last newsletter (26 May) regarding **emergency closure procedures**. A copy of this newsletter is on our website. Please familiarise yourself with these procedures.

A Board of Trustees and staff sub committee have worked through the feedback that was gathered from our parent and staff surveys about a

future **School Vision**. There were many wonderful ideas and words to describe GPS that resonated with those who took part. Bringing these together to capture our school, both now and in the future was the focus of the sub committee. A draft Vision will be shared with the staff and full Board over the next week, prior to sharing with our community.

Our new **Facebook page** has been going for about a month now. Parallel messages will still be put on our Twitter page, which can be viewed on the school website. Please note that Twitter doesn't reach Vodafone customers, so I encourage Twitter users to forward the tweets onto their friends with Vodafone, if they aren't linked to our Facebook page.

Until next time,

Andrew Leverton
Principal

School Notices

Room 3

Room 3 has been very busy having fun, but don't worry we have been learning things as well.

We have been learning about what makes a good city and why. We are designing our own cities and you will be impressed by our ideas.

Many of our class represented Geraldine Primary at the District Cross Country. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Kiwisport Volleyball classes have been taking place at school and it is amazing. It is soooooooo cooooooollllllllll.

Dig, set, serve, push are just some of the moves we are learning. Marsh and Jonty say they are incredible!!! (no not themselves.... the game of volleyball.)

Constable Chris spoke to us about how to keep safe when riding a bike. This included making sure our helmets were not broken, loose and were safety tested. **Our heads are important!!!!** We need to look after them.

Here are some things we learned

1. A bike is a vehicle and must obey the same road rules as any other vehicle.
2. It is illegal to ride a bike with bad brakes.
3. Bikes can get speeding tickets.
4. If a bike wheel is under 30 cm, then it is classified as a children's toy and only these ones are allowed on the footpath.
5. If a cyclist rides through a STOP sign without stopping, they can get a fine of \$150.

Constable Chris told us that we should treat bike helmets like seatbelts... they should always be worn.

SO PARENTS, PLEASE HELP YOUR KIDS KEEP SAFE BY HELPING THEM OBEY THESE RULES AND MAKING SURE THEIR HEADS ARE PROTECTED.

This community notice has been brought to you by Room 3.

Room 11

Brrr, the weather is getting colder and so is our classroom! To keep warm on these cold mornings we have been enjoying 'Go Noodle' in our room an interactive computer exercise programme involving, dancing, stretching, 'brainercise', breathing exercises and Zumba for kids – the more we do the more we are rewarded.

This half of the term our PB4L value has been 'Achievement', so we have been making a concentrated effort to achieve across all the curriculum areas, and wow we are seeing some fantastic results! Students are starting to fly through their spelling lists, handwriting is becoming neater, children are moving up a reading or maths group, students are increasing their sportsmanship in P.E.

Well done to all the awesome achievers in Room 11, you should all be very proud of your efforts!

New students

A special welcome to our new students: Nathaniel, R15; Sophia, R15; Shantelle, R15; Luke, R1; Elizabeth, R17; Zac, R15; Andie, R7; Caitlyn, R15 and Hadden, R15.

Lost Property

With the cooler days approaching, children will be wearing their polar fleeces to school each day to keep warm.

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.

District Cross Country Results

Year 3 Girls	1 st Tahlea Bradshaw, 2 nd Keira Wynn
Year 3 Boys	1 st Vlad Ruban, 2 nd Joe O'Kane, 3 rd Riley Dudson-Moko
Year 4 Girls	1 st Nicole Schoneveld, 2 nd Emily Geary, 3 rd Ella Chapman
Year 4 Boys	1 st Blake Booth, 3 rd = Jack Eason
Year 5 Girls	1 st Phoebe Wilson, 2 nd Charlotte Orange
Year 5 Boys	1 st Matt O'Connor , 2 nd Jonty Sowden, 3 rd Jack Boorer-Lilley
Year 6 Girls	1 st Kirsten Schoneveld, 3 rd Rebekah Skinner
Year 6 Boys	1 st Finn O'Kane, 2 nd Ben Wyborn

PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who received PB4L Certificates recently:

R1	Thomas Batty	R2	Tilly Davies
R3	Alli Keane	R4	Georgina Rowley
R5	Anna Barrie	R6	Tayla Shadlow
R7	Daisha Robertson	R8	Jade Dudson-Moko
R9	Adele Stack	R10	Nicole Schoneveld
R11	Dougal Grant	R12	Hamish Tilsley
R13	Jock Fisher		Mrs Scott Conner Allen
R17	Joe O'Kane		

Gotchas

Congratulations to the following children who won the Gotcha draw at assembly: Daniel, R12; Quinn, R5; Hannah, R17; Billy, R4; Toia, R12; Lincoln, R13.

Illness

We have been advised by the local Doctor that they are seeing a lot of Strep throat, children presenting with sore throat and or rash, and or strawberry tongue. Children need to see their GP's as soon as possible and stay at home.

If your child has been unwell with vomiting and /or diarrhoea they need to remain at home for 24 hours after symptoms have disappeared.

If your child is not going to be at school, please phone their full name, room number, and the reason for the absence by 9am please.

Chicken Pox We have a small number of confirmed cases of Chicken Pox in the school. We ask parents to please look out for emerging signs of spots on their children.

Headlice

There have been a number of cases of headlice reported. It is parents responsibility to be vigilant and treat if found.

If Headlice are found on your child at school, the office will phone you to come and collect them. Children need to be treated before returning to school.

Visitors

A reminder that unless you are dropping children off at their classroom, **ALL** visitors must report to reception.

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.

Heritage Photos

School photographs will be taken on 1st August.

School Calendar -

Term 2

Week 7

Tuesday 14 June

SC Cross Country (pp 16 June)

Wednesday 15 June

Board of Trustees meeting, 5pm

Week 8

Monday 20 June

Home & School Meeting, 7pm staffroom

Wednesday 22 June

SC Jump Jam

Week 9

Wednesday 29 June

R 2 & 3 Bushcraft activities

Friday 1 July

Mufti Day for Geraldine Childrens Social Worker Trust

Week 10

Thursday 7 July

Senior Syndicate Open Assembly, 1.30pm

Friday 8 July

The Nukes Ukulele concert

Last day of term 2

2016 Term Dates

Term 2

Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July

10 weeks

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

Second Hand Uniform

Please note a change of venue whilst the Junior Block upgrade is underway. The second hand uniform sale will continue to be held every second Friday (the Friday following this newsletter) from 0850 – 0915 and will be held in the corridor of the Office Block until further notice. Donations of clean tidy uniform are always appreciated.

Term 2 Sale Dates:

Friday 10 June

Friday 23 June

Friday 8 July

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 20 June, 7pm, Staff Room. New members most welcome.