



# Geraldine Primary

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## Newsletter

Week 4, Term 4

Thursday 9 November 2017

### From our Principal....

We are about to survey parents regarding **Health Education** programmes for 2018-2019. This was last done in 2015 and the Ministry of Education requires schools to consult parents every two years about Health Education. Later in this newsletter we have included details of the draft school statement and an outline of the proposed programme. The two documents should be read prior to completing the survey.

Over the past two terms we have been **reviewing our Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC), programmes, policies and procedures**. Part of the review process included surveying a sample of parents, staff, and Year 4 - 6 students. Thank you very much for your responses and feedback. Overall, the responses were positive and affirming. This has identified what EOTC experiences are offered at GPS, what we do well and what we can improve on. We have made some refinements to our documentation and expectations following on from this review.

EOTC is curriculum-based teaching and learning that goes beyond the walls of the classroom. Experiences outside the classroom reinforce learning and add value to children's education. Examples of this are varied and include: visits to the local domain, fire station, museum, camp, ski trip, Kwisport coaching and music festival. We will continue to refine and look for EOTC opportunities that are relevant to our school and syndicate programmes to benefit student learning.

We are in the process of designing some **bilingual signage**, which will be seen in key areas around the school. While we know where and what the swimming pool is, did you know that the translation into Te Reo is *Wahi Kaukau*? Or that school office translates to *Te Tari Kura*?

We are also considering displaying our school mihi at the Wilson Street entrance. Your child may be able to recite their mihi and for many of them, this in part, will be the same as the school one:

*Tēna Kōutou Katoa  
Kō Tarahāoa te mauka  
Kō Waihi te awa  
Kō Arai-te-uru te waka  
Kō Arowhenua te marae  
Kō te kura tuatahi o Raukapuka*

We hope that signs such as these will appear around the school in the not-too-distant future – look out for them!

Later in this newsletter there is a flyer for our **New Entrant Information Afternoon**, which will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 1.30pm. We encourage any families who have children turning 5 between December 2017 and June 2018, to come along to this afternoon to learn about starting school at Geraldine Primary.

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

*Ngā mihi nui,*  
Andrew Leverton  
*Principal / Tumuaki*

## **School notices**

### **Health Consultation 2017**

We are beginning our Health consultation for 2017. We wish to gain your views about the proposed Health programmes at Geraldine Primary School for the next two years.

Included in this newsletter are the following documents:

- Draft Statement for the delivery of Health Programmes
- Long term Programme Overview
- A link for an online survey about Health Education

It will be greatly appreciated if you can read these documents and complete the survey form online by **Friday 17 November**. If you prefer to do the survey on paper please collect one from the school office.

If you have any questions about this consultation or health programmes at GPS, please feel free to see us at school.

The link for the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RB7PM5L> Please copy this link into your web browser.

Kind regards,

Sarah McCone  
*Teacher in Charge of Health Education*

Andrew Leverton  
*Principal*

## Health Education Programme Draft Overview 2018 / 2019

		<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Term 4</b>
<b>Even year (2018)</b>	<b>Juniors</b>	Cyber Safety - NZ Police (ongoing)  Setting up a Successful Class Environment - NZ Police	Sneeze Safe (Yr 1-4) Road Safety (walk)  Pink Shirt Day 18th May  Keeping Ourselves Safe *	Life Education (topic tbc)  Dog Safety - Year 0-3	St John Lesson  Water Safety  Sun Safety
	<b>Middle</b>	Cyber Safety NZ Police (ongoing)  Setting up a Successful Class Environment - NZ Police	Sneeze Safe (Yr 1-4) Road Safety (walk)  Pink Shirt Day 18th May Self Defence (girls)  Keeping Ourselves Safe *	Life Education (topic tbc) Dog Safety - Year 0- 3	St John Lesson  Water Safety  Sun Safety
	<b>Senior</b>	Cyber Safety - NZ Police (ongoing) Positive Puberty *  Setting up a Successful Class Environment - NZ Police	Keeping Ourselves Safe*  Pink Shirt Day 18th May  Road Safety (walk, bike)	Life Education (topic tbc)	St John Lesson  Water Safety  Sun Safety
<b>Odd year (2019)</b>	<b>Juniors</b>	Cyber Safety - NZ Police (ongoing)  Setting up a Successful Class Environment - NZ Police)	Sneeze Safe (Yr 1-4)  Pink Shirt Day  Food and Nutrition	Life Education (topic tbc)	St John Lesson  Water Safety  Sun Safety
	<b>Middle</b>	Cyber Safety - NZ Police (ongoing)  Setting up a Successful Class Environment - NZ Police	Sneeze Safe (Yr 1-4)  Pink Shirt Day Self Defence (girls)  Food and Nutrition	Life Education (topic tbc)	St John Lesson  Water Safety  Sun Safety
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\* Parents will be informed what lessons will be covered for these topics.

## Geraldine Primary School Health Programme 2018 - 2019

### DRAFT SCHOOL STATEMENT

Schools are required to consult with the school community about the content of the Health Education components of the curriculum. Prior to this consultation, the school will prepare a draft statement and programme about the delivery of the health curriculum, then share it with the community. Schools and their communities are required to consider the learning needs of their students in regards to their well-being.

Once accepted, the school will then adopt the statement and programme. While schools are not required to obtain parental permission for each programme once it has been approved by the Board of Trustees, parents are permitted to apply to the Principal in writing to have their child excluded from specified parts of the Health programme relating to sexuality education / Positive Puberty.

#### **Rationale:**

Through the delivery of the Health programme, we aim to enhance the Hauora / well being of our students.

Hauora involves the physical, social, mental and emotional development of the children. We aim to assist every child to develop a positive attitude and to take increasing responsibility for themselves. This can be enhanced by a healthy and safe learning environment that encourages students to make a positive contribution to their own well being, the well-being of others and the wider community.

#### **Purposes:**

1. To enable all students to develop positive attitudes and take responsibility for hygiene, nutritional and growth needs.
2. To encourage positive relationships for all students and staff that are based on respect for others, acceptance of differences, and to develop interpersonal skills to enhance this.
3. To prepare students to contribute to the health and safety of their environment by identifying and using safe practices, cooperating with others and recognising the support people and resources that enhance community well being.

#### **Guidelines:**

1. Provide regular, varied, progressive and safe learning experiences where positive attitudes to Health are encouraged.
2. Develop programmes which meet the specific needs of the children.
3. Present programmes in a way that encourages children to set their own goals and start to develop their independence and self responsibility.
4. Provide opportunities for children to work cooperatively.
5. Involve resource people from within the school and the wider community to enrich and extend the programmes.
6. Where appropriate, an interactive partnership between the school and home will be established and maintained to involve and keep parents/the community informed of activities and expectations.
7. We recognise that PB4L is an integral part of the GPS curriculum and is woven through our programmes.

8. As a school we are also aware of the importance of Mental Health and Wellbeing. We will investigate suitable programmes that can support our students in this area.

(November 2017)

### **Classes for 2018**

We are beginning the **process of forming classes for 2018**. If you have a 5 year old New Entrant child who will start with us next year, or know of someone who this applies to, it is important that the office is informed as soon as possible and an enrolment form completed, if this hasn't been done already. This also applies to children in other year groups who will be attending GPS from 2018. Having an accurate understanding about new enrolments is important as it assists with the composition of classes.

As part of the class formation process, if parents have any factors that they would like senior staff to consider regarding their child(ren), please put these in writing to Andrew Leverton, by way of a letter or email – [principal@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz) as soon as possible or by **Friday 17 November** at the latest. Whilst we will take these factors into consideration, we are unable to guarantee each request. Please note that this is not an opportunity to request a particular teacher or being placed with particular friends. If you know that your child is not going to be attending GPS in 2018 (other than Year 6's), please let me know in writing as soon as possible.

### **Mufti Day**

A big Thank You to everyone who supported our mufti day last Friday. We raised \$460 for the Geraldine Social Worker Trust. This was a fantastic effort.

### **Lost Library books**

Thank you to everyone who has paid to replace lost books from the Library.

If you still have overdue books, please keep looking for them so they can be returned. At present there are 163 books **overdue** with an average replacement cost of \$15 which means there is \$2,445 worth of books that haven't been returned by their due date for a variety of reasons.

There has been a big increase in severely damaged and lost books this year which impacts on what is available for your children to borrow.

So please help your children be responsible for caring and returning library books so that everyone can enjoy them.

### **PB4L Certificates**

Congratulations to the following students who received a PB4L Certificate at assembly on 26 October:

R1	Caylin Brook	R2	Iluka Gardziej
R3	Emily Geary	R4	Nevaeh Wharehinga O'Keefe
R5	Ashleigh James-Corcoran	R6	Justina Courage
R7	Ollie Barnett	R8	James Baddeley
R9	Zac Grant	R10	Scarlett Fletcher
R11	Miller Coburn-Gaskin	R12	Jackson Snow
R13	Jade Dudson-Moko	R14	Murphey Hopa-Parke
R15	Aliza Orzols	R17	Mya Henry

Bin Classification Award – Room 6

Power Saving Award – Room 12

### **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to the following children who were lucky enough to win a Gotcha Draw recently:

Charlotte O, R5; Ruby, R8; Regan, R8, Couper, R5; Jess, R5; Lily C, R3.

### **School Disco**

Thursday 7th December 2017

Years 0-3 6 - 7.15pm

Years 4-6 7.15 - 8.45 pm

The disco will be supervised by staff. Parents need to drop their children off and pick them up again at the end of the sessions. For safety and organisation reasons could all children please be picked up from the school playground side of the hall.

Please note this disco is for Geraldine Primary School children only.

Thanks to the Home and School for providing money to purchase food, drink, prizes and decorations. The children do not need to bring any money to the disco.

### **Cooking Class**

Tuesday, 21 November 9.30am – 1.00pm, GPS Hall kitchen.

To register your interest or for more information, contact Lorraine Smith or Susan at office.

### **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.

### **Online Payments**

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:

*Ārani Orange*

*Hua Whenua Vegetables*

### **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.

### **Lost**

School jersey named Lindsay McKay. If found, please return to Room 2

### **School Calendar -**

#### **2017 Term Dates**

**Term 4** 16 October–15 December

#### **Term 4**

##### **Week 4**

Friday 10 November Hiwi the Kiwi show, afternoon

##### **Week 5**

Tuesday 14 November Y6 testing at Geraldine High School

##### **Week 6**

Wednesday 22 November Y4-6 Water Safety  
New Entrant Information Afternoon, 1.30pm, R9  
BOT Meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

Friday 24 November District Athletic Sports

##### **Week 7**

Monday 27 November pp District Athletic Sports

##### **Week 8**

Monday 4 December Home & School Meeting, Staffroom, 7pm  
Tuesday 5 December SC Athletic Sports  
Wednesday 6 December NE – Y3 Water Safety  
Thursday 7 December pp SC Athletic Sports  
School Disco – details to follow  
Friday 8 December Principal's Assembly, 10am

##### **Week 9**

Tuesday 12 December Y6 Pool Party and BBQ – community pool  
Board of Trustees, 5.30pm, Staffroom

Thursday 14 December

Buses in morning only  
Carols on the Village Green 11.15  
Family Picnic at school  
Final Assembly 1pm  
School year ends  
No buses running in the afternoon

### **2018 Term Dates**

**Term 1** 31 January – 13 April

**Term 2** 30 April – 6 July

**Term 3** 23 July – 28 September

**Term 4** 15 October – 18 December

### **Home & School**

Geraldine Primary Home & School Form: have you returned this to the office yet? We would welcome involvement at any level. Thank you to those who have done so already, we will be in contact soon.....

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

**Athletics:** Sausages will be available at the Athletics Day on Friday 24 November at the Domain. If this is postponed, sausages will be available as usual at school.

**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 (\$15.00) 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.

### **Community Notices**

**Lost** from Scate Park. 1 skateboard blue and dark blue with Girl written on it. If found, please return to Georgia Coles.

**Geraldine Giant Pumpkin Competition:** Join in the fun this summer and grow a giant pumpkin! Seeds can be purchased from Robbies Cafe and Milkbar, Geraldine, for \$2 until end of October or feel free to use your own! Judging will be held in conjunction with Anzac in Action 2018. Find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/Geraldine-Giant-Pumpkin-Competition](http://www.facebook.com/Geraldine-Giant-Pumpkin-Competition) to post updates and pictures of your growing success!

**Geraldine Gun Club:** Invites new members, young and old, to visit and find out all that we have to offer. We offer excellent facilities and equipment for the experienced as well as those completely new to target shooting. This is a great parent/child activity to do together and we provide training and support for all with a friendly and knowledgeable team in hand to help. Training is held on Wednesday evenings and there are plenty of competition events as well. For more information please contact Tim on 0274 923 296.

**Go Geraldine Christmas Parade: Friday 1st December, from 6.30 pm.** Leaving from the corner of Hislop St, travelling along Talbot St to Peel St. Entertainment, float prizes and

santa sak draw in **Domain from 7.15 pm**. Bring a picnic or purchase from the food stalls. For float entry forms contact Janene on 027 555 6524.

**Geraldine.nz 2018 calendar now on sale:** Lovely images of Geraldine district. **\$18**. Makes a great gift for friends and family and easy to post. Purchase online at <http://geraldine.nz/product/geraldine-2018-calendar/> or from Fresh Choice Geraldine, Just One Wish, Cafe Mes Amis, Kiwi Country, Geraldine Books and Post. For more info contact Janene 027 555 6524.

### Splash for Cash

Temuka Pool, November 25<sup>th</sup> (after the Temuka Christmas Parade).

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## **New Entrant Information Afternoon**

***Would you like to find out more about our school?***

***Pre enrolment information for parents of children turning 5 between December 2017 and June 2018, or any other interested parents.***



**We are holding an information meeting on  
Wednesday 22 November, 1.30 pm in Room 9.**

***You are cordially invited to come and find out what Geraldine Primary School has to offer and ask any questions you may have.***