



# Geraldine Primary

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## Flyer

Thursday 16 November 2017

### Reminder Health Consultation 2017

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. In the last newsletter we 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.

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

### Reminders:

**New Entrant Information Afternoon**, 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.

### 2018 Classes

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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Dental Clinic**

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

### **Swimming Safety**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November all of the Y4 to 6 children will be given a ½ hour of water safety instruction. This will be held at the Geraldine community pool and run by Lee Bell who is an Education Advisor for Swimming NZ.

Children will have need to bring their togs to school on this day.

Thank you to our Home and School for the hire of the pool for the day.

GERALDINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**GERALDINE DISTRICT SCHOOLS ATHLETICS**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at the Geraldine Domain :  
commencing at 9-30am

This is a fun event and you are most welcome to come along and watch.

Postponement day will be Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

If postponement is necessary, listen to Port FM, check our facebook page or listen to the school notices on our telephone (option 3)

**All children will participate in Sports Day.**

**There will be Junior and Senior Sections.**

**Junior children are grouped according to their current ages**

**As the events for the Seniors are "standards" based,  
the children are grouped according to their ages on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017**

**The Junior Section is morning only.**

**All these children will return to school after lunch -  
if parents are taking children home, please let their teacher know.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER :**

- ◆ Children to come to school at the usual time
- ◆ They should have a water bottle, named sunhat, and it would be good to put sunscreen on.
- ◆ They need to wear suitable footwear (not jandals).
- ◆ They need to wear uniform shorts and t-shirt.  
If it is cold, they will need jerseys, jackets, etc.
- ◆ They will need to bring a cut lunch and water.  
Children will have lunch in their school area and you are most welcome to join them there.

***The day's programme is printed on the other side of this page***

**District Athletic Sports Sausage Sizzle**

This year the **Geraldine Primary Home and School** will be selling sausages and drinks from 11.30am-1pm at the **District Athletic Sports**, next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, at the Domain. Due to an anticipated high demand, we encourage parents to purchase sausages (\$2 each) and drinks for their families (athletes included) **before** the children stop for lunch at 12pm, in the hope of lessening the queue at 12! Thank you in advance for your support

**Teachers that are running events are the official judges.  
Please respect this and accept their final decision.**

### Junior Athletic Sports Timetable

	9.30	9.48	10.06	10.24	10.42	11.00	11.18	11.36	12.00
Ball Throw (Distance)	6yr Girls	6yr Boys B	5yr Girls	5yr Boys	Morning Tea	7yr Girls	7yr Boys	6yr Boys A	Lunch
Hurdles	6yr Boys A	6yr Girls	6yr Boys B	5yr Girls		5yr Boys	7yr Girls	7yr Boys	
Obstacle	7yr Boys	6yr Boys A	6yr Girls	6yr Boys B		5yr Girls	5yr Boys	7yr Girls	
Sack Race	7yr Girls	7yr Boys	6yr Boys A	6yr Girls		6yr Boys B	5yr Girls	5yr Boys	
Ball Throw (Accuracy)	5yr Boys	7yr Girls	7yr Boys	6yr Boys A		6yr Girls	6yr Boys B	5yr Girls	
High Jump	5yr Girls	5yr Boys	7yr Girls	7yr Boys		6yr Boys A	6yr Girls	6yr Boys B	
Sprints	6yr Boys B	5yr Girls	5yr Boys	7yr Girls		7yr Boys	6yr Boys A	6yr Girls	

### Senior Programme

	EVENT	1 9:30	2 10:00	3 10:30	4 11:00	5 11:30	LUNCH (12:00 - 12:20)	6 12:30	7 1:00	8 1:30
1	SPRINTS	U9G	U10B	U10G	U11B	U11G		U8B	U8G	U9B
2	HIGH JUMP	U9B	U9G	U10B	U10G	U11B		U11G	U8B	U8G
3	DISCUS	U8G	U9B	U9G	U10B	U10G		U11B	U11G	U8B
4	HURDLES	U8B	U8G	U9B	U9G	U10B		U10G	U11B	U11G
5	THROW	U11G	U8B	U8G	U9B	U9G		U10B	U10G	U11B
6	SHOT PUT	U11B	U11G	U8B	U8G	U9B		U9G	U10B	U10G
7	LONG JUMP	U10G	U11B	U11G	U8B	U8G		U9B	U9G	U10B
8	RELAY	U10B	U10G	U11B	U11G	U8B		U8G	U9B	U9G

2:10 Schools baton relay. Prize giving 2:15

## Geraldine Schools Transport Network

Recently there has been an increase in behaviour issues on the school buses. We ask that you take the time to remind your child/ren of the Code of Conduct (copy on back of this newsletter).

There will be consequences for inappropriate choices on the bus.

For safety reasons:

- Seating plans will remain in place until Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.
- Parents are asked not to uplift children from the buses at the High School.
- Hi Vis vests are to be worn on the bus morning and afternoon.

### **Please Note**

**As the High School student numbers are decreasing at this time of the year, the buses will be running earlier from now on. During the week of 11-14<sup>th</sup> December, when there are no High School students, in the mornings the buses will be running approximately 5-10 minutes earlier. Please have your children at the bus stop on time to meet the bus.**

### **THERE WILL BE NO BUSES RUNNING ON THE AFTERNOON OF THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER**

Any new students wanting to catch the bus in 2018, please make sure the completed bus registration form is handed to GPS office before school ends. This will ensure your child is on the bus roll and allocated buses fit the rolls.

Mrs B. Hawkins  
Transport Manager

### **School Bus Code of Conduct**

Students agree to abide by the behavioural expectations described below:

- When I am a seated passenger, I will remain in my seat for the whole journey.
- I will not eat on the bus or throw anything inside or out of the bus

- If I am a standing passenger, I will stand quietly and not push or move around the bus
- I will respect other students and their property at all times (this includes pushing, verbal or physical abuse, or any other behaviour that may distract the driver)
- I will use socially acceptable language when conversing with the driver and / or other students and I will not speak at a volume that may distract the driver.
- I will respect the property of the Bus Operator at all times (e.g. refraining from standing on seats or vandalizing the vehicle in any way).
- I will not engage in any behaviour that could put the driver or other students at risk
- I will observe the requirements and instructions of the bus driver, teachers, transport manager for the bus duty at all times
- I understand that any damage I cause to the bus will result in my parent / caregiver being billed for the cost of repairs
- Cellphones are not allowed to be used on any of the Geraldine Schools' Transport Buses unless for an emergency.
- I will wear my Hi Vis vest daily am and pm (Compulsory for GPS students)
- No Scooters, wheels of any kind allowed on the bus.

The safety and comfort of everyone on the bus depends on a standard of behaviour and consideration for others that is expected in the classroom. We hope that parents/caregivers will support the schools in maintaining these standards of behaviour.

**Breaking the Code will result in the following:**

- The student will be spoken to by the Transport Manager and depending on the seriousness of the incident(s) parents may be notified immediately, or within a short time if there is no improvement in the behaviour.
- If the behaviour doesn't improve within a week, parents will be phoned and may be required to attend an interview at the school.
- Failure to reach the required behaviour standard may result in School Bus Transport being withdrawn for that student for a period of time, or permanently.
- In extreme cases of misbehaviour, the privilege of travelling on the school bus may be withdrawn immediately.