



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 2, Term 2

Thursday 11 May 2017

From our Principal....

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

Welcome to Term two. This term we welcome Whaia Ange into Room 2, Fiona Wilcox into Room 5 and Ingrid Hanrahan into Room 12.

I would also like to welcome back Rochelle Fisher who has proved to be one tough and resilient lady. Well done, we all think your amazing.

Our new Road Patrol is underway and the children are doing a great job. Many thanks to the parents who help supervise in the mornings. It is greatly appreciated. The Road Patrol children follow a procedure, which is as follows...

leader calls – 'Signs out'

Arms go out

leader calls – 'Check' then 'Clear'

Arms go down

leader calls – 'Cross' and then children can cross.

If you are at the crossing with the Patrol on duty, please wait for them to finish their procedure and say 'Cross'.

We have our school cross country on the afternoon of Friday 26th May. All the children are currently practising for this and working on their fitness and stamina. This is a great event for children to set personal goals and work towards these.

Trip to fire station for our Year 1 to 3 children was a great success and we appreciate the time given by our local Fire Brigade.

The Senior Syndicate have several EOTC events this term with ARA Polytechnic.

This is a relationship that we have built up over five years and is mutually beneficial.

Included for some will be kayaking, rock climbing, basic bushcraft and team building.

For these events to be successful we require parent help with transport and some supervision. Further information will follow.

Our Kapa Haka has started this week and Whaia Ange is very pleased with the large number of enthusiastic children. I would like to thank Bianca Sheed and Jordyn Te Rahui-Hobbs for their continued support.

Pink Shirt Day is on Thursday 25th May. We make a statement of 'No to bullying' on this day by having fun by dressing up in pink. No money is required for this mufti day, just wear pink.

Teachers are busy writing reports for your children. These reports will be sent home on Thursday 6th July.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Murray Davidson

Acting Principal / Tumūaki



School notices:

Geraldine Primary School Cross Country

Tuesday 26th May

The children have been practising for our school cross country during school time. They will get to go around the course so they know where to run on the day. Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear during this time.

Our cross country will be held at the Domain, starting at 1pm. If postponed then Monday 29th May, this will be on our phone messages, twitter, and on Facebook.

All children take part in this activity unless they have a medical reason for not participating, in which case a letter needs to be written to the Principal or Deputy Principal. We see this activity as being the same as Reading or Maths and that all children should try to do their best.

The race programme will start with the juniors and go through to the senior classes.

Junior Syndicate classes are run by age group. Middle and Senior Syndicates are run by year group.

Children may leave after their race if their parent is there to take them. Please let the teacher know.

Bible in School

Bible in School has started and will run until the end of Term 3. It will take place at lunchtimes on Thursdays from 12.15 – 12.45 in the library. It is again optional and parents should discuss attendance with their children if they wish them to go.

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

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Please use your child's name as a reference and what the payment is for eg: Activity Fee, Camp etc.

Geraldine ANZAC DAY Service





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!

The word for the week 8 – 12 May is:



The word for the week 15-19 May is:



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who have won Gotcha draws recently: Drew, R12; Isla, R5; Eligh, R17; Vlad, R10; Alex, R17; Matthew, R4; Ava, R11.

New Students

A special welcome to our new students Eve, who started in R7; Flynn, Jade, Lachlan, Alexandra, Kohei, Xavier and Thomas who all started in R9 this term.

Term 1 Open Assembly Awards

At the final open assembly in term 1 4 students were presented with the Ethan Dampney Memorial Trophy Swimming. Jack Boorer-Lilley, Charlotte Orange, Nicole Schoneveld and Hannah Boorer-Lilley.



We also presented the certificates from the South Canterbury Triathlon where the Year 5 and 6 Girls, Charlotte Orange, Phoebe Wilson and Nicole Schoneveld won their event.



We also lucky to have our Year 6 team, Charlotte Orange, Maelle Rossignol, Carlos Johnston and Jack Boorer -Lilley win their relay at the South Canterbury Swimming Sports held recently in Timaru.



Our Year Swimming Trophies went to Jack Boorer - Lilley and Charlotte Orange.



Dental Clinic

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

Lost / Mis-Placed / Taken

Green MGP Scooter, Labelled Logan Batty. Last seen outside Room 13 prior to school holidays, please contact Julie 027 6262 897 or office. Thank you.

School Calendar -

2017 Term Dates

Term 1	30 January–13 April	Term 2	1 May–7 July
Term 3	24 July–29 September	Term 4	16 October–15 December

Term 2

Week 2

Monday 8 May	Home & School Meeting, 7pm, Staffroom – all welcome
Tuesday 9 May	Playhouse Theatre visit, “Puss in Boots”
Wednesday 10 May	R2 & 3 Kayaking
Thursday 11 May	R4 & 5 Kayaking

Week 3

Wednesday 17 May	Y5 & 6 Girls Rugby Skills session
Friday 19 May	Strike Percussion visit

Week 4

Tuesday 23 May	R3 Outdoor Education Peel Forest
Wednesday 24 May	R2 Outdoor Education Peel Forest BOT Meeting, 5.30pm, Staffroom
Thursday 25 May	Pink Shirt Day
Friday 26 May	GPS Cross Country

Week 5

Monday 29 May	pp GPS Cross Country
Wednesday 31 May	R4 Rock Climbing
Thursday 1 June	R5 Rock Climbing

Week 6

Monday 5 June	Queens Birthday – School Closed
Friday 9 June	Muffi Day for Social Workers Trust

Week 7

Wednesday 15 June	SC Cross Country
Friday 16 June	pp SC Cross Country

Week 9

Wednesday 28 June	Jump Jam Competition
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Home & School

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

Trail Bike Ride: This was held on the last wet and muddy Sunday of the school holidays. Despite the conditions, a large number of hardy souls participated and approximately \$4000 was raised which is a very worthwhile figure. Our heartfelt thanks to the farmers who generously allowed the use of their land for this event, and to Marissa and James Grant and Jeremy Barnes for manning the sausage sizzle.

Save the Date: The hugely popular biennial entertainment evening is back for 2017! Book Saturday 12 August into your diary. There will be a new troupe of Geraldine Stars, a new theme and a winner – make sure you have the opportunity to be the judge.

Burgers: Burgers will be available with the Friday sausage sizzle as a one-off offer on Friday 19 May (sausages will still be available). The cost of the burgers will be \$3 and the ordering process will be the same. Two stamps on the sausage card can also be used for payment.

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: A decision regarding the future of this service will be advised soon.

Next Meeting: Mon 12 June, 7pm, Staff Room

Community Notices

Souvenir Geraldine Tea Towel and Aprons on sale now. Pre-order via [Facebook.com/thegeraldineteatowel](https://www.facebook.com/thegeraldineteatowel) or email geraldineteatowel@gmail.com. Tea Towels are \$12 each (5 or more are \$10 each), aprons are \$25 each and a combo (1 x tea towel and 1 x apron) is \$35. Great design and the perfect gift! This is a fundraiser organised by the Woodbury School Support Group.

Funsticks Hockey.

Beginners hockey for 4-6 year olds.

Geraldine High School turf, Friday 3.30-4 pm

For more information please email Hilary on nofrillshils@gmail.com

John Parsons – Cybersafety Evening

Monday 29 May 7-8.30, Geraldine High School Hall. All Welcome.



Ashburton Parents Centre

Hot Topic – Family Information Evening

Could your family have a food allergy?

Dr Rodney Ford has been helping families with food allergies and food intolerances for the last 30 years. He was Associate Professor at the Christchurch Paediatric Department and was Director of the Food Allergy Service and he is coming to speak to Ashburton parents on Monday 15th May.

Food allergies are often not easily recognised. He will talk about how food allergies can show up in your children, how to diagnose them, and what to do.

Food allergy causes a wide range of symptoms, which are often put down to a virus or behaviour problems.

He will explore with you:

- Symptoms of food allergy
- Skin tests for allergy
- Eczema and its link to foods
- Coeliac disease and gluten intolerance
- Vomiting and gastric reflux
- Milk allergy and lactose intolerance
- Nut allergy



Dr Rodney Ford will also be available to answer questions at the end of the session.

Dr Rodney Ford with Ashburton Parents Centre

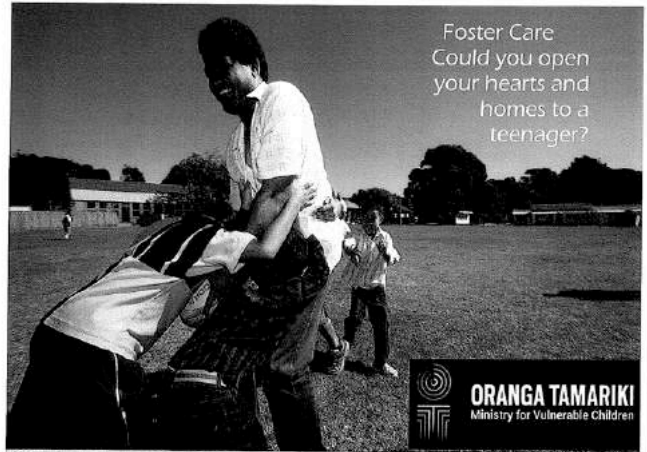
Monday 15th May at 7:00pm

Tinwald School Hall – 131 Thomson Street, Tinwald, Ashburton

To book a place – please email your name, contact number and whether you are a member or non-member to ashparentscentre@gmail.com. We will reply and give you details on how to pay.

- \$20 for current Ashburton Parents Centre members
- \$35 for non-members


Supper will be provided and there will be a raffle to purchase. We look forward to seeing you there.



If you want to know more about becoming a Foster Carer for a teenager, then come along and talk to us

1st June Geraldine Resource Centre 7PM

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