



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 7, Term 4

Friday 26 November 2015

From our Principal....

Our Athletics day on Friday and again on Monday was a great example of how our school community comes together to support the events of the school and the children within it. Congratulations to everyone involved: the children who competed, family members who came along to support and staff who were involved in the planning and setting up of the event.

An update on **staffing for 2016** – as previously indicated, Trish Robertson has tendered her resignation as of the end of the school year. We will also be bidding farewell to Jason Kinnaird who is moving on from Geraldine Primary. Amy Trainor will be leaving us at the end of the school year to embark on overseas travel.

Next year we will welcome Cathy Taiaroa and Paige Chellew to the middle syndicate. Cathy is currently teaching at Timaru South School and Paige is at Hampstead School. Rosie Ulrich will join us from Waihi School and she will teach in the senior syndicate.

This term we are due to review the following policies:

- ✓ Improving Educational Outcomes for Maori
- ✓ Religious Instruction
- ✓ Harassment

We would appreciate your input into our policy review. This will only take you a short while.

All our policies are online with School Docs. Go to: gps.schooldocs.co.nz (no www at the start, preceded by http:// - not https)

If you are asked for a user name, enter **2017**

If you are asked for a password, enter **geraldineps**

This will take you to our School Docs home page.

In the search bar (top left), type in the name of one of the above policies and click search.

With the policies that now come up, click on the one due for review.

This policy will come now up. Read through it and to comment, go to the **Red Policy Review** button (top right)

Click the parent / caregiver option and if you wish, type in your name. A new window will appear – you can now review this policy. Click **Submit** when you're done.

This is how our policies are reviewed by parents / caregivers, staff and the Board of Trustees. Please feel free to look at any other policies. All policies are reviewed over a 3-year cycle.

You can send feedback on any policy at any time to the Principal via email by clicking the **Blue Send Feedback** button.

If you have any queries, please feel free to see Andrew Leverton.

On Thursday 10 December we will be having our **Principal's Assembly**, starting at 1.30pm.

Until next time,

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

Congratulations:

PB4L Certificates

The following children received PB4L Certificates at Assembly last week:

R1 Tily Alpress

R2 Alana Berry

R3 Caleb Shaw

R4 Teagan Marett

R5 Logan Sowden
R7 Vlad Ruban
R9 Cormack Auld
R11 Poppy Slater
R13 Bryn Hanrahan
R15 Millah Banks
R17 Kohl Brown

R6 Angelo Wharehinga-O'Keefe
R8 Seven Felizardo
R10 Mackenzie Waldron
R12 Kingsley Wells
R14 Kharlaya Te-Ruhui Clark
R16 Charlie Nichol

Gotcha Draw

The following children received prizes in the gotcha draw:

Bede Fisher, R5; Kristin Schoneveld, R5; Shilah-May Bradshaw, R1;
Conor Boase, R3; Jonty Sowden, R2; Harrison Oliver, R4

NZ Speech & Drama Exams

The following 2 girls did really well in their Speech and Drama exams recently:

Rachel O'Brien received Honours plus, Level 3

Alana Berry received Honours Level 2.

Cricket

On Tuesday/Wednesday 12 boys from year 6-8 to played in the primary school cricket tournament. While both days weather wasn't ideal they played extremely well and won 3 of the four games.

They beat Opihi and Waimataitai convincingly and lost a close game to Pleasant Point. They finished off with a good win against a strong Gleniti side to finish in the top 3 and a chance to advance to the finals. (to be advised)

Four boys from the our school were in the team.

Logan Sowden, Amon Coster, Caleb Orange and Sam Wilson.

Last Sunday Logan Sowden, Scott Robertson and George Powell all represented South Canterbury in the Year 5/6 team who played North Otago.

The game was won with relative ease.

All the boys will be involved in the final 2 trial matches v Canterbury and Mid Canterbury before the tournament team is selected to play Otago in Timaru on the 13th of December.

2015 Memorial Championship Swim meet

Congratulations to Rafael Johnson and Jack Boorer-Lilly who swam extremely well in the 2015 Memorial Championship swimming meet held at Rolleston lately. Rafael came home with 6 Gold Medals and Jack 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze. Keep up the great work boys.

Mufti Day

A mufti day will be held tomorrow - **Friday 27 November**.

The gold coin donation will be given to the **Geraldine Children's Social Work Trust** who raise money to pay for Deana (Geraldine Primary, Woodbury, Geraldine Kindergarten and Geraldine Pre-School) and Ann (Geraldine High School and Carew Peel Forest).

Deana and Ann do some really valuable work in our community, which is funded solely by community donations and grants.

Disco

Friday 11 December

Juniors; Rooms 15, 16, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, & 13 6 – 7.14pm

Seniors; Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, & 17 7.15 – 8.45pm

This Disco will be supervised, but parents need to drop their children off and pick them up again at the end of the sessions. For safety and organisational reasons could all the junior children please be picked up from the school playground side of the hall. (Not through the main entrance because the seniors will be starting to arrive). **Please note this disco is for Geraldine Primary School children only.**

Many thanks to the Home & School for providing money to purchase food, drink and also prizes and decorations.

Swimming Pool Opens

The **school pool** will be open from next Tuesday. Mr Campbell has been busy getting it ready over the last few weeks and with the warmer weather coming on, it will be a welcome activity for many children. Each class will have a set time each day, so please remember togs, towels and sunscreen. Formal lessons commence in Term 1, with the older children going to the community pool.

Our pool is heated and the temperature sits at about 26°C. Children need to bring their togs each day. Children must bring a note for their teacher if they are not to swim. All swimmers are to practise the hygiene rule for the pool, an example being if your child has had diarrhoea there is a two week exclusion before they can swim again. Please name all clothes.

Pool Volunteers

Pool availability to school families will only be possible if we get some suitable volunteers to look after it during the Christmas break. Please contact the school office if you are able to help out.

Pool keys

If you wish to purchase a pool key these cost \$55 and will soon be available from the school office on signing the usage contract.

Gps Kapa Haka Christmas Parade 4th Dec

Thanks for getting out of bed early for the Arts and Plants Festival on Saturday - it was an awesome turn out. It's very encouraging to know that our kapa kids have the support of their number 1 fans!

We decided not to perform in the Hakatere Festival which was on the school calendar - sorry for the confusion.

A big thanks to Aoraki EarthWorks for providing the truck and driver again for this years Geraldine Christmas Parade. We encourage kapa kids to participate because it's lots of fun and they bring so much energy to the parade. Please meet at the truck no later than 6.45pm on Hislop St Domain end. The parade starts at 7pm and we have asked to be near the front. Uniforms will be worn over clothes, black preferably. Please collect your child/ren from Hislop St after the parade.

The group will be performing after the parade at 8pm on the Village Green before prize giving. If you are happy for your child/ren to perform please collect your child/ren from the truck on Hislop St and meet on Wilson St behind Westpac away from the crowd. It will be a short performance of 3 items.

Nga Mihi, Whaea Bianca

Library Books/Journals/Readers

There is a box under the table in the office for any books to be returned.

Library Closes for 2015

The Library closes on Friday 4th December and we request that all library books be returned by this date as we will be having a library stocktake soon.

Kiwisport Term 4, 2015-11-23

This term has certainly been a busy one. The Kiwisport Run Jump Throw sessions for year 4-6 classes had students from Geraldine, Woodbury & Carew Peel Forest Primary Schools gather to learn athletics skills and have fun together at the Geraldine Domain.

Week 2 we were lucky enough to be able to offer the popular Top Team event to the year 5 & 6 students from these schools. We had a wee bit of a false start on Friday with a sudden downpour halting the Geraldine District School Athletics sports late morning. Luckily Monday was a beautiful day and it was neat to see the teachers, children and their families enjoying themselves as the athletics programme was completed. I have to say, I am really enjoying my new role as Geraldine Kiwisport Coordinator and would like to thank school staff and parents for their help and support with Kiwisport sessions. A great big thank you to the students I have been interacting with – a great bunch of kids. Keep active over the summer.

Lynda Brodie

Thank you

To all Dairy farmers who registered their purchases of zoom products and nominated our school in the ZOOM2WIN competition. For more information please visit ZOOM2WIN.CO.NZ. This competition closes on Tuesday 1st November and currently Geraldine Primary School is in 2nd place.

Dental Clinic

The Geraldine Primary School Dental Clinic is now open on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. To make an appointment please phone 0800 846 983.

Hall Chair Donations

If you would like to show your appreciation as your child leaves the school and moves on to High School a good way to do this is to donate a chair for the hall. This is a \$69.00 donation and will be acknowledged on a plaque in the hall.

To the Staff, Parents & Students at GPS

We would like to thank you all so much for the tremendous emotional and financial support that you have given to our family on the recent sudden loss of our daughter Laura and mum to Eve, Harry, Chairlie, and Parker.

It was extra special, thoughtful that a "jandal" day was organised at school as this was a very personal tribute to Laura, she loved wearing jandals!

Please accept our heart-felt thanks, you are all absolutely amazing and we will never forget your kindness.

Richard & Lynne Openshaw,
Eve, Harry, Charlie & Parker

School Calendar – Term 4

Week 8

Tuesday 1 December SC Athletics pp Tuesday 8 December
School Pool opens – all classes swimming daily,
weather permitting

Week 9

Wednesday 9 December BOT Meeting, 5pm – all welcome
Thursday 10 December Principal's Assembly, 1.30pm
Friday 11 December Y6 Pool BBQ – Community Pool
GPS Disco

Week 10

Tuesday 15 December	Carols on the Village Green	11.15 am
	Picnic lunch at school grounds	12.15 pm
	Final Assembly	1pm
	Last Day for Buses	
	Last day for students	
Wednesday 16 December	School Year ends	

2016 School Start Date - Term 1 starts Monday 1 February

Home & School

Geraldine Primary Community Stock Scheme

Sale day for the calves this year is Thursday 10 December. You will be receiving your school ear tags in the next few weeks. We will be picking up the calves on Wednesday 9 December. If you do not hear from us or receive your tags please phone Peg 0274366441.

Second Hand uniform The last second hand uniform service for the year will be available Friday 26 November 8.45-9.15 ish. A huge thank you to Trudy Banks who is the wonderful person responsible for this service.

Home and School Committee members

We will require some new faces on our committee for 2016. Please give some thought to volunteering some time to this worthwhile cause.

Kaboodle Swim Bags

It is nearly time to dust off the swimming togs. Make sure your children are organised with a colourful and durable swimming bag. Kaboodle swimming bags fit the bill and can be viewed online at kaboodlebags.co.nz. When you place an order, click in the fundraising section and nominate our school and we will receive 10% of all orders.

Sausages

Please note: sausages will be available every Friday lunchtime. Children may either pay in cash with the correct change of \$1.50 or purchase a sausage card from the office for \$15 which entitles the bearer to 10 sausages. Orders for sausages are taken on the hall veranda between 0820 – 0850 every Friday.

Community Notices

Carols in the Park: Bring a picnic and the whole family to enjoy musical entertainment, sing-a-longs, kids games as well as a lolly scramble by Santa, in the Geraldine Domain, on **Saturday 12th December from 5-7 pm**. For information contact Lorraine on 693 9447.

Go Geraldine Christmas Parade: Friday 4th December 2015, children's entertainment on the Village Green from 6 pm. The parade starts at 7 pm from the corner of Hislop and Talbot Street and will travel along Talbot St to Peel St. Spend local this season for a chance to win in the **Santa Sack** draw taking place on the Village Green following the Lolly Scramble. Band, Sons to Remo, will play until late.

Holidays @ Kids Alive: We will be running two holiday programmes: Thursday 17th December to Wednesday 23rd December – 8.45 to 3.00 (there is care available till 5.30 each day). Come along for lots of fun games, bouncy castle, crafts and then our special Pool Party on Wednesday 23rd. The January programme will run from Tuesday 5th January through to Friday 29th January. For more details and registration forms visit www.kidsalive.co.nz or phone Lorraine on 0274038126

To Give away to a good home; **Pip** - a 5yo vizsler x curly coated retriever, needs long walks or a lifestyle block where she can run. Loves being off the lead, water, great with kids, excellent natured dog. Please phone Gabby 0212574038 or 693 8827.