



GeraldinePrimary

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Newsletter

Week 5, Term 4

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From our Principal....

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

Last Friday afternoon saw our school field overtaken by a mass of colour, student engagement and fun activities, as part of the **Fun Run** organized by the Home and School. It was rewarding to see the whole school so involved, being challenged and giving everything a go. Many thanks to all the parents and whanau who came along to support and encourage, the Home and School for their planning and co-ordination over a number of weeks, parents who acted as marshals and the staff who assisted on the day. Congratulations to everyone involved. More details about this fundraiser will be mentioned in the Home and school section of the newsletter.

On Tuesday we held our second **WAVE (Wellbeing and Vitality Education) challenge afternoon**. Classes buddied up and moved around a series of activities that were planned by the WAVE team, who adapted and modified their activity to suit the group. It was great to see our students being actively involved and enjoying themselves.

The Fun Run and WAVE Challenges are just two examples of what can be achieved when groups work together to achieve a goal.

Two weeks ago we had 18 students representing GPS at the **South Canterbury Schools' Mountain bike** event and we achieved some excellent results in the top 5:

Kristin Schoneveld	1 st Girls A Grade
Elsie Talbot	2 nd Girls A Grade
Emily Coleman	4 th Girls A Grade
Will Morrison	4 th Boys A Grade
Phoebe Wilson	2 nd Girls B Grade

Congratulations to all competitors and thank you very much to all parents who provided transport and supervision on the day!

We have had some wonderful results from the recent ICAS exams. Congratulations to everyone involved. Details about these are listed later in the newsletter.

Progress continues in our **junior block upgrade** and we are now in the final stages of the project. There are still a number of aspects of work that needs to be done to ensure the rooms are ready for teaching and learning. Once it is all done, the rooms and remodeled toilet area will look great and we will look forward to moving back in. When we have a clearer idea of when this move will occur, we will let parents of junior students (Rooms 6, 7, 8, 9, 15) know.

A request about **exiting the school at the end of the day**. We ask that the Wilson Street gate by the office is used for bus students only. Other students / families who exit the school onto Wilson Street are asked to use the gate by the swimming pool / Room 14. This will help with a smoother egress from school and ensure safety around buses is paramount.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School Notices

Room 8

We have been very busy over the last few weeks.

Here are our rocks for the Arts and Plants festival, come and see them in the hall over the weekend. We have made ladybirds on a leaf and buzzy bees with googly eyes.

We had an awesome time last Friday afternoon at our school fun run. Thanks Home and School. We have also enjoyed our Wave day activities with our buddy class. We are getting very excited about moving back to our new improved classroom, not long now!!!

Room 10

We read the story of how the Kangaroo got his tail. We produced some Aboriginal art work using dots and the colours blue, orange, green, yellow and white. We used black paper to do our art work and then used white paper to back it. It looks good. It is going on display outside the office in week 7.

On Friday we had the fun run at school and there was a big water slide, it was a very slippery slide. My favourite part was the army net because you got to crawl under a net in the mud and the sprinkler sprayed over you which formed the squishy mud. By Clint.

On Monday the 7th of November the Middle Syndicate had athletics training. We had to line up in age groups there were four activities. Sprints, ball throw, shot put and discus throw. Mrs Taiaroa took the sprints. I can't wait until athletics day which is next Friday the 18th of November. By Josh M.

The last two weeks we have had Kiwi Challenge Tuesday Afternoons. The whole school took part. There were a lot of fun activities. The wave team and Miss McCone did a great job of organising it for us. Our favourite activity was obstacle course because it was fun and we were blindfolded. By Emily, Gracie and Nicole.

Room 15

Term 4 has been a lot of fun so far. We loved dressing up as our favourite movie or book character. The Wave days have given us lots of new challenges and a chance to spend time with our great buddies from Room 11. The Fun Run was awesome, fun and hard but we loved the hay bales. We have also painted rocks for the Arts and Plants and studied Joy Cowley as our author focus. We drew some great Mrs Wishy Washy's and love her stories. Room 15 has also welcomed Macy and Ollie and look forward to Josie starting soon. We hope you have a lovely summer.

Room 4

The Ghost ship

If you are too slow you'll miss her. She's as dark as your shadow. People say that there is nobody driving the ship, which is true. The crew is a bunch of Halloween spirits that only come out on Halloween. The ship is a ghost ship; you can't touch it because your hand will go straight through it. The crew doesn't say anything they just stand and stare. The ship is at least one hundred years old. The number 13 means that there are at least 13 scary things about the ship. There is a bell on the ship. It's used to warn the ship if they don't want to be seen. The windows on the ship glow yellow.

By Jamie

The Ship On The End

This ship sails on the edge of the world, where the wild things and others live. There is no one on this ship as every three days the ship sails over the end of the galaxy and somehow returns back home.

This ship is 209,000,000,000,000, years old. Only I know this as I am an immortal butterfly that lives on the flag. This is a magical flag that counts down the days I shall live. I have thirteen days until then. I should go now as the boat could fall any minute . . .

By Gracie

The Strange Ship.

Through clouds of mist she lurks. On rows and rows of black waves. As the sail of silk flutters in the deathly cold wind, people that live in dark places come out and dance through the deadly cold waters of the black world. As the sun sails and the moon walks, the people of the dark celebrate the life of escaping war on land and living the life on the Caribbean. The ships vines thread the ship together and make the ship come to life. Just before dawn the ship sails into the moon never to be seen again.

By Tipene

The Strange Ship!

This ship is a large old ship that sails across the dark, cold winters night. The ship has a large torn up flag and it has a large number 13 on it. The number 13 on it means the 13th deadliest ships alive. This ship also can talk like a real human. On this ship live evil villains, nice monsters, old zombies and ghosts. This ship has large bells that ring when trespassers tiptoe onto the ship. The ship also has long, sharp vines wrapped around the ship. Lights dangle from

the ships wires creating swirls in the air. The large ship thrashes around chucking creatures overboard.

The end!

By Lily Schwalger!

ICAS Exams

Well done to all the students who sat ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) last term.

Special congratulations to Phoebe Wilson (English), Olivia Chapman (English), Georgia Coles (Maths) and Uziah Horne (Maths) who achieved Distinction (above 90%).

Congratulations to these students also:

Merit - Maths

Ethan Taylor
Ryan Chambers
Rebekah Skinner

Credit – Maths

Cassidy Sherriff
Poppy Wheeler
Alana Berry
Isla Fisher
Luke Skinner
Harrison Taylor
Phoebe Wilson
Conor Boase

Merit – English

Jody Quiambao
Leilani Short
Poppy Wheeler
Alana Berry
Isla Fisher
Ashleigh James-Corcoran
Harrison Taylor
Rebekah Skinner

Credit – English

Ethan Taylor
Georgia Coles
Luke Skinner

Anna Barrie
Ryan Chambers
Meg Johnston

School notices:

We are beginning the **process of forming classes for 2017**. 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 2017. 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 as soon as possible or by Friday 18 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 2017 (other than Year 6's), please let me know in writing as soon as possible.

Sun Hats

A reminder that navy bucket style or rimmed small Sunhats are a compulsory part of our school uniform from the start of term 4 until the end of term 1. These can be purchased from The Warehouse, or from A Little House Embroidery, Winchester phone 03 615 6004 (cost \$12.50 with the option of 2 embroidered initials for an extra \$4 or 3 initials for \$4.50).

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who won the Gotcha Draw recently: Cayden, R11; Jacob, R10; Sophia, R7; Leilani, R1; Mason, R8; Logan B, R15.

PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded PB4L Certificates at Assembly recently:

R1	Georgia Harris	R2	Phoebe Cooper
R3	Georgia Coles	R4	Scott Robinson
R5	George Hayes	R6	Chase D'Ath
R7	Ruby Ellis	R8	Portia McRae
R9	Macaulay Cleverley	R10	Hunter Wilson
R11	Emily Muff	R12	Bodean Flannery
R13	Caleb Clark	R14	Lincoln Davidson

Activity Fees

Thank you to all families that have paid their Activity Fee over Terms 1-3. This is a reminder that the Activity fee is \$80.00 per child each year needs to be paid. If you have any difficulties with this, please let Mr Leverton or the office know.

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.

Wave Disco 25th November 2016

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 by staff and 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 of 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.

Thanks to the Home and School for providing money to purchase food, drink and prizes and decorations. Also thanks to the GPS Wave team for organising activities for this event.

-Keeping Ourselves Safe 2016

Each class will soon be starting or is currently taking part in the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme. Keeping Ourselves Safe helps children develop safety skills when interacting with others. Your child may bring home some follow up homework for this programme. A police educator may visit the classroom as part of this topic.

Students in Year 1-3 will cover the following modules:

1. I am unique- Students will learn their name, address, feelings and who they live with.
2. My body is my own- Students will learn body parts and touch that they like, that hurts and that is confusing.

3. Dealing with unwanted behaviour and touch- Students will learn about good and bad secrets and saying no to unwanted touch.
4. Adults who help- Students will learn about adults they can trust and who can help them.

Students in Year 4-6 will cover the following modules:

1. Confident me- Students will develop confidence in their decision-making and feelings.
2. Safe or unsafe- Students will learn to identify safe and unsafe situations.
3. No excuse for abuse- Students will learn about what abuse is and that it is wrong.
4. Why should I tell?- Students will learn to stop inappropriate touch and say no.

The following New Zealand Police website has further information for parents if you are interesting in finding out more.

<http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping-1>

Lost

Lost polar fleece named Caylin Brook. If found, please return to R11.

Photos

All Heritage photo orders have now been handed out to children. If you have made an order and not received it back, please contact the office.

Headlice

There have been some cases of headlice reported. To reduce and eradicate head lice in our school we ask that parents are extra vigilant and treat their children at the first sign.

If staff spot head lice or eggs in a child's hair, we will contact parents / caregiver and ask that the child is collected from school to be treated before returning to class.

School Calendar -

Term 4

Week 5

Friday 11 November

Transition to school visit 9am

Week 6

Monday 14 November

Home & School Meeting, 7pm, Staffroom

Wednesday 16 November BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Friday 18 November District Athletics – Geraldine Domain

Week 7

Tuesday 22 November Postponement date District Athletics
Whanau Hui, Time to be advised
Friday 25 November Wave Disco

Week 9

Tuesday 6 December South Canterbury Athletics
Thursday 8 December Postponement Date SC Athletics
Friday 9 December Y6 Pool BBQ

Week 10

Tuesday 13 December Reports home to parents
BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Wednesday 14 December Christmas Carols on the Green
Final Assembly
Last Day for students
Last Day buses running

2016 Term Dates

Term 4

Monday 10 October – Wednesday 14 December 10 weeks
Includes: - Labour Day – Mon 24 October (school closed)

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

Home & School

Adidas Fun Run

Well, what an action packed fun afternoon we had on Friday with our Adidas fun run event. It was great to see all the kids smiling and getting involved - and the parents too! The committee did such a wonderful job putting the course together and the support from parents and the community was tremendous. The children have done such a fantastic job with fundraising. We are collating the final forms as they are returned so will have an exact figure raised for you in the next newsletter - we can at this point tell you it will be around the \$10,000 mark. WELL DONE EVERYONE! The children will receive their certificates soon and their prizes will be ordered once all forms finalised this week.

Thank you again for all your support as this was a new concept of fundraising for us to try and we welcome any feedback.

Second Hand Uniform:

The sale of second hand GPS uniform will now be held on the **first Friday of every month** from 0850 – 0915. Any additional sale dates and times will be advertised in this newsletter. If any parents/caregivers are in urgent need of uniform between the advertised sale dates, please text 021 02644-332. The venue during the Junior Block upgrade will be the corridor of the Office Block until further notice. Donations of clean tidy uniform are always appreciated.

Term 4 Sale Dates:

Friday 2 December

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: 14 November, 7pm, Staff Room. New members most welcome.