



# GeraldinePrimary

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## Newsletter

**Week 8, Term 3**

**Thursday 14 September 2016**

### **From our Principal....**

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

We are one week out from the end of term and it has been a term that has had a number of highlights and one that seems to have gone rather quickly. Many thanks to our parents and whanau who have contributed in a variety of ways over the term. Thank you also to our staff who have planned and co-ordinated activities and events outside of their classrooms, in order to provide a varied education of the students. I wish you a safe and enjoyable break and a change of pace over the holidays.

From Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, Siobhan Hayward, Jo Drake, Murray Davidson and myself will be away from school to attend a conference. Debbie Scott will be the Acting Principal during this time. Syndicates will be led by Debbie (senior) Kirsty Smith (middle) and Andrea Bathgate (junior) over these three days.

I would like to acknowledge the significant contribution that Deana Averill has made to the Geraldine community, both in her initial role as a Teacher Aide and as a Family Support Worker over the past ten years. She has provided invaluable advice and support to many in our community and for this, we are all grateful. We wish her well for the next chapter in her life. Deana will be finishing at the end of next week and was farewelled at our Open Assembly this afternoon.

Until next term,

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

*Ngā mihi nui,*

*Andrew Leverton*

*Principal / Tumuaki*

## **Class News**

### **Room 17**

We have been doing lots things this term including tennis, studying the Olympics and Paralympics, doing Father's Day pictures and acrostic poems, writing poems for Deana, using the iPads and laptops, and holding our own mini- Olympics with the Junior and Middle Syndicates. We have been practising hard with the Middle Syndicate learning songs for our Open Assembly, including Ana Hi! and Reach (S Club 7). We were busy doing portraits of our Fathers, drawing them before we used pastels to colour them in. Room 17 has been learning to do forehand and backhand strokes in tennis. We went to see Harold mid August and learnt about personalities and the five senses. We had to help with Harold's homework.

In week 7 we had a lock down drill. It was very squishy under the desks. We have been learning about the Paralympics and how the people participating have been injured or born with missing limbs, visually or auditory impaired. Using the iPads and working in buddies we created our own books using the book creator app. We enjoyed going to other classes during maths week and having an open morning where our parents could come in and visit. The parents enjoyed coming in and seeing us work with the maths equipment, including the lego, using challenge cards that meant we had to problem-solve and using maths websites and apps on the computers and iPads.

### **Room 13**

Our class has been very busy!

In Room 13 we have been doing persuasive writing. It has been great. We have started Geometry for our Maths topic. Geometry is about shapes. In maths we have also been using number lines.

A wee while ago we had an Olympics Day. My favourite was the bean bag throw. Also on Olympic Day we played javelin and handball. And we loved the hockey game and water pistol game.

We have been practising our big assembly. We are singing Ana Hi and Reach for the Stars and Deana is her name o. We made actions for Ana Hi.

On Friday we went to Room 12 where we played games and they were fun.

## Room 12 Persuasive Writing

Here are some of the arguments we have written in Room 12 lately.

### Cats vs Dogs

Dogs are way better than awful cats. Here are some reasons why I strongly believe this. Firstly, dogs are more fun than lazy cats. You can play with dogs and teach them tricks. Secondly, cats are boring and do their own thing whereas dogs can play with you. Lastly, cats are moody and scratch you but dogs are just very gentle. Overall I think cats should be banned from being pets.

**By Lucy Patrick**

### Class Pet

I think Room 12 should have a class pet. A turtle would be a good pet. Here are my reasons why. Firstly, a turtle would be a good pet for Room 12 because you don't have to feed them every day or in the weekend. Secondly, they don't distract you when you are working, as they don't make a noise. Lastly, they live for a long time so you don't need to worry about them dying. Overall I think a turtle would be good in Room 12.

**By Milly Chapman**

### Class Pet

Room 12 should have a class pet. It should be a bird. Here are the reasons why I strongly believe this. Firstly, birds are small so they will be quiet and when you're doing your work they won't distract you. Secondly, birds live in a cage so they won't get out. This means they will not fly around and be annoying. Finally, birds eat seeds so when you eat an apple you can give the seeds to the bird. Overall a class pet would be fine for Room 12.

**By Ryan O'Connor**

## Room 2

Ice Skating, Tubing and Hot Pools!

On **Wednesday** the whole **Senior Syndicate** went to **Lake Tekapo** for an ice skating trip. We did **ICE SKATING, TUBING AND HOT POOLS**. The tubing was so **AWESOME!!!!** When we were ice-skating it took everyone a few minutes to get used to the ice but eventually it was *easy*. The hot pools were really **relaxing**. The ice was a bit **melted** but we

managed. There were heaps of frames all over the ice rink. It was an amazing day and so fun but we were all very **tired** at the end!

By Tily Allpress.

Yay! We're going ice-skating. Getting ready early so we can go. We hop into the car and put some beats on as we are going to Tekapo. We ran in excitement to the tubing and we had to find helmets. Then we lined up and waited to go up the magic carpet. Its takes ages to go up the carpet and not long to get down. It was so amazing. Then after that we zoomed down and got ready to jump in the steaming hot pools. It is so hard to haul yourself out of the warmth. Lastly we had 2 ice-skating sessions. It was fabulous and a good ending. When we arrived at school we felt exhausted but it was the best day ever.

By Jack and Luke.

I – Icy cold frost under my feet  
C – Cornered in ice-skating  
E – Ears full of screaming laughter

S – slipping over hundreds of times  
K – “Kay, now I’m tired and ready to go home”  
A – All the people I see scream and shout  
T – Taking the tubes was super fun  
I – Icicles on my nose  
N – Noise everywhere because everyone is having a great time.  
G – Gaping at how long the line was at tubing.

By Charlotte McArthur

T – Tubing down the icy slope  
E – Eating delicious lollipops on the way home  
K – Kid blowing the hooter confusing all of us  
A – Actually learning to ice skate!  
P – People splashing about in the pools  
O – Oh so much fun and laughter

S- Skating around at terrif speeds  
P – Probably tired after so much fun  
R – Rolling around the skating rink  
I – I t eh car we sang happy birthday to Tash (Alana’s Mum)  
N- Never ending fun  
G – Going up the magic carpet which takes 5 minutes

S – Screaming happily while zooming down the tubing hill

By Alana and Carlos Johnson

## **Room 14**

As part of the topic about Movement and Flight, Room 14 students learnt how to make a parachute from a plastic bag with an army toy weighting it at the bottom. When we dropped it from the top of the fort, the parachute floated down really well.

We wrote the instructions and then invited some children from Room 1 to follow the steps to produce their own parachute. We enjoyed working with children from another class.

We enjoyed reading the true story about Philippe Petit who had a dream to walk across a wire between the Twin Towers in New York. He did it in 1974 and is still alive to tell the story!

Charlie said, "Philippe Petit disguised himself as a construction worker so he wouldn't get caught."

Caleb said, "15 years ago, the twin towers were flown into by 2 planes."

Josie said, "Philippe Petit walked on some wire in between the Twin Towers."

## **School Notices**

### **Sun Hats**

A reminder that navy bucket style or rimmed 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.

### **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to the following children who won the Gotcha Draw recently: Mya, R13; Milly, R12; Blake, R7; Jonty, R3; Emma, R11; Lily, R10.

### **PB4L Certificates**

Congratulations to the following children who recently received PB4L Certificates:

R1	Bailey Nicholls	R2	Charlotte McArthur
R3	Tor Ashton	R4	Rebekah Skinner
R5	Reuben Pace	R6	Harry Sowden
R7	Addison Campbell	R8	Adam Rae
R9	Kherra Wilton-Hubbard	R10	Liam Baird
R11	Rose Fletcher-Young	R12	Rachel Roberts
R13	Kyle Jackson	R14	Ezra Pullman-Stewart
R15	Ivy Gurr	R17	Thomas Anderson
Mr Leverton	Olly Adams		

## **New Students**

A special welcome to our new students Logan, R15 and Archie, R6

## **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.

## **Reminder for Y6 students**

All Year 6 students who are intending to go to Geraldine High School next year need to have their enrolment forms in to the Geraldine High School office as soon as possible.

## **School Calendar -**

### **Week 8**

Friday 16 September                      Mufti Day for Geraldine Children's Social Work Trust

### **Week 9**

Friday 22 September                      Term 3 ends

### **Term 4**

#### **Week 1**

Monday 10 October                      Home & School Meeting, 7pm

#### **Week 3**

Monday 17 October                      ASB Financial Literacy Sessions  
Wednesday 19 October                      BOT Meeting, 5.30pm

## **2016 Term Dates**

### **Term 3**

Monday 25 July – Friday 23 September                      9 weeks

### **Term 4**

Monday 10 October – Thursday 15 December                      10 weeks

Includes: - Labour Day – Mon 24 October (school closed)

## **Home & School**

### **Sausage Sizzle Volunteers**

We would love a couple of extra hands to help with the sausage sizzle roster on Fridays. Duties include either taking the sausage orders in the morning,

or barbequing and serving the (precooked) sausages at lunchtime. Duties are carried out in pairs. It is not onerous and is a great way to help out at school, meet other parents and be involved in the school community. Please contact Michelle Howell 027 693-7367 if you are able to assist, even if just as a back-up.

### **Save the Date!**

We have a fun and active new fundraising event planned for the afternoon (school time) of **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** at the Domain. This will be fun for the whole family. Look out for the brochure coming home with students at the end of this term and make plans to be there if you can.

### **Abacus Fundraising**

Students have come home with order forms for Abacus Fundraising. This is a great chance to turn your children's art into a memory or create perfect gifts for Christmas using your photos and at the same time supporting the GPS Home & School fundraising efforts for 2016.

Examples of the range of options are on display in the school office. Last year the Diaries and Notepads were very popular. Please take note orders need to be in by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, to ensure you get them back in time for international postage cut-off dates.

Art paper is available at the display; please feel free to take as many sheets as you like to keep your children busy over the school holidays.

Payment can be made in cash or cheque (payable to Geraldine Primary School) to the school office, or....you can now pay the GPS Home & School directly through Internet banking! Please reference your **name** and **abacus** on the payment details. Also make a note on the order form you have paid online. The GPS Home & School Account Number is: 01-0841-0034184-02

### **Second Hand Uniform: Please note changes as below**

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 14 October

Friday 4 November

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**

Monday 10 October, 7pm, Staff Room. New members most welcome.

**ROTARY VEGETABLE COMPETITION**

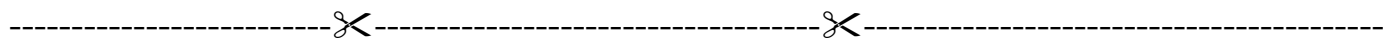
The Rotary Club of Temuka-Geraldine has decided to give Geraldine Primary pupils the opportunity to take part again in this vegetable competition this year.

Students are given peas, carrots, radish, lettuce and potato seed to grow in their own plot at home. Parents permission must be granted beforehand and it is expected that parents will assist the children with the project.

The gardens are judged by Rotary Club members just prior to school break-up in December and prizes will be awarded to the best gardens.

Entries to be in by tomorrow, **Friday 14 SEPTEMBER** so that the seeds can be handed out before the end of this term. This could be an activity for the school holidays.

If you wish to participate in this competition, please complete the attached form and hand it to the office by Friday 14 September.



**Rotary Vegetable Garden – Permission Slip**

I ..... give permission

for Name of pupil: .....

Year ..... Room .....

Phone Number: .....

Address: .....



Parent's signature .....

## **Community Notices**

**The Geraldine Toy Library** has teamed up with Christine Horne to offer you a Basic First Aid Evening on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the Geraldine Kindergarten, \$15 per person

This is an invaluable and informative evening for any Parent, Caregiver, Grandparent or Babysitter, focusing on First Aid specifically for children. As the medic from Geraldine's Australasian winning Road Crash Rescue Team, and representative from our local St Johns, Christine will share her wealth of knowledge and lifesaving skills with us.

Tickets can be purchased from the Geraldine Toy Library (Tuesdays 10:30am-11:30am & Saturdays 9:30am-11:30am) or from the Toy Library Secretary, Alicia Pridham ([geraldinetoylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinetoylibrary@gmail.com) ph: 0226383700)

Please note there is no official qualification or certificate given for this evening, but it will provide lifesaving skills.

### **Geraldine Ladies Spring Fling**

**Friday 16 September 7-9pm** - Geraldine Rugby Club Rooms

\$10 per ticket (includes glass of bubbles & spot prize entry)

available from The Running Duck & Parkside Dairy

All profits go to Geraldine Childrens Social Work Trust.

**South Canterbury Cricket will be running a Cricket Holiday Programme for boys and girls from Yr 2 – Yr 6 at the Graeme Blanchard Indoor Cricket Centre in the first week of the upcoming school holidays.**

There will be 2 sessions per day – one for the years 2, 3 & 4's and one for the years 5 & 6's.

The programme runs over 3 days with each group having a two hour session where coaches will cover some fundamentals of cricket and hopefully set

these budding cricketers off in the right direction as well as incorporating fun games and activities for the participants.

Sessions will run from 10am -12pm (Yr 2-4) and 1pm – 3pm (Yr 5 & 6) on the following days:

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September

**Cost:** \$35 for all 3 sessions. (Payment will be required on arrival at your first session).

Cost includes giveaways/gear to take home.

So that we are able to sort the boys and girls into equitable groups you must REGISTER!! <http://www.southcanterburycricket.co.nz/holiday-programmes/>

## Geraldine Sport and Recreation Facilities of the Future...

**Venue:** *Geraldine Community Pavilion, Hislop Street*

**Time:** *21<sup>st</sup> September 2016*

**Date:** *7.30 pm*

The Geraldine Community Board, Geraldine Combined Sports Association and Go Geraldine invite all sports clubs, community groups and individuals to an evening to learn about the upcoming South Canterbury Sports Facility Plan, a region-wide initiative that will review current facilities and develop plans for the future.

Bill Steans (Timaru District Council Parks and Recreation Manager) and Shaun Campbell (Regional Manager, Sport Canterbury) will outline why the review is taking place, what the process will be and how the community can get involved.

A consultant will be reviewing Geraldine's sport and recreation facilities and resources in *January/February 2017* and reporting back to council so it is important that the community addresses this opportunity *now*.

From there the meeting will decide the next steps for gathering ideas from all across the community for future projects.

This review is an excellent opportunity for our community to join together to review current facilities, think about how sport and recreation will look in our district in the future and ultimately to make plans for various key projects which will be submitted for funding under the resulting South Canterbury Sport Facility Plan.

**The finalised plan for the region will have an impact on what facilities our town enjoys into the future and it is vital that people participate to get the best outcome for our community!**

