



# GeraldinePrimary

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## Newsletter

**Week 5, Term 1**

**Thursday 3 March 2016**

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

The Year 4 – 6 swimming sports held last Wednesday provided an example of how the GPS community comes together to support and celebrate the achievements of our students. It was held as swimming tuition came to an end and it was great to see the students participating and competing at their personal level. Many thanks to everyone who came along and to the staff who organised the event.

The Home and School group have again funded swimming lessons this year (approximately \$5,000) and we are most grateful for this. Many thanks also to our tutors Natasha Rankin, Sue Sheed (Year 1 – 3), Adrienne Ross and Jo Cummings (Year 4 – 6).

Our lost property box goes through various stages of being full to overflowing throughout the year. If clothing is named, it will be returned to the owner. Unnamed items tend to stay in the box until we have a clear out. It is important that all items of clothing are named. If an item has been passed on by another family, please rename it.

Up until last year, Religious Education / Bible in Schools took place on Thursdays in Terms 2 and 3 from 11.45 – 12.15pm. It is now proposed that from 2016, RE is held at lunchtimes, from 12.30 – 1pm. This is so our normal classroom programmes can continue to operate for all children during class time and this time is preserved for the delivery of areas of the NZ Curriculum.

If this proposal is adopted, children, with the support of their parents would opt into the lunchtime RE programme (day to be confirmed), which would

be held at school. The programme will be run by RE teachers. This opting in will occur soon and a separate note will come home about this.

A short online survey through Survey Monkey has been created to gauge the thoughts of our parents. It will be appreciated if you could take part in this survey. The link to write into your browser is:

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/35VPZG9>**

Please note, that if you choose not to take part in the survey, we will presume that you are in favour of the proposal. We ask that you complete one survey per family. The survey period ends at 3pm Friday 11 March.

Finally, a reminder about two events signalled in the last newsletter. Tomorrow's coffee morning is on from 9 – 10am – all welcome. There is also a Relay for Life mufti day on tomorrow, rainbow theme / gold coin donation.

Our newsletters are now also posted on our website.

**Reminder:** The Ministry of Education requires State Schools to be closed on Good Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Easter Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Until next time  
Andrew Leverton  
Principal

## **School Notices**

### **Room 8**

Welcome to Room 8 for another year.

We have had a great start to the year and swimming has been fun when the sun has been out. We wrote class rules and something about why we are special. This is our class for 2016 and we have decorated a picture of ourselves with two of our friends. We have learnt how important it is to have friends and how to treat them.

### **Room 1**

We have had a great start to the year. We have been really busy with our swimming lessons and then swimming sports. It was our first time so was a bit scary and nerve racking. We have been learning our class routines and how we can be caring towards each other (our PB4L value). Hopefully by the time you read this we will have had our Middle Syndicate triathlon, which we are very excited about. We are busy colouring in our Flat Stanleys which we are going to be sending all around New Zealand as well as the world so

we can learn about different places and countries. We are looking forward to all our learning this year.

## **Room 5**

### **Swimming sports.**

As we stride down to the pool  
The sun is shining,  
We can't wait to get lovely and cool,  
No one is whining  
As we find our space and get into our togs  
The first people jump in like frogs  
Everyone knows it's hot  
But in the pool it's seriously not!  
Every single person did their very best  
But they can't wait to rest because they are out of breath!  
As you line up, you're normally shaking  
But when you feel the chilly water, it is really waking  
Some people came first and others last  
Some people are speeding fast  
But no one cared it was really tough  
You can hear people Puff! Puff! Puff!  
Some people were incredible at freestyle  
As they finish you are rewarded with a smile  
We love swimming sports its incredibly fun  
We feel proud of what you have done.

By Olivia Auld.

### **The Triathlon**

I jump into the pool and immediately we make a huge splash.  
I hear water everywhere and names being shouted.  
All I feel is water everywhere and the butterflies in my stomach.  
A sign of relief escapes me as I get on my bike.  
I taste the tension in the air and the water from my bottle.  
I see lots of bikes.  
I see people in front and people behind.  
I can see the finish line.....  
I don't think I can make it!  
I cross the finish line and smell the grass that I have plopped my body onto.  
I am exhausted but I did it!

By George Hayes

### **New students**

A special welcome to our new students Jake Traynor, Rhys Lawson, Kherrah and Wilton-Hubbard, who all started in Room 6 recently and Gian Ramos who started in Room 8.

## **Gotcha Draw**

The following students won the Gotcha draw recently:

Samara, R5; Adriana, R3; Lilly G, R1; Alex, R11; Lilly, R2; Alli, R3

## **PB4L**

Congratulations to the following students who received PB4L certificates last week:

R1	Leilani Short	R2	Michael Tilsley
R3	Jonty Sowden	R4	Olivia Chapman
R5	Serenity Pullman-Stewart	R6	Tom Muff
R7	Millah Banks	R8	Isaac Boorer-Lilley
R10	Jacob Mowat-Gainsford	R11	Alex Royce Bainbridge
R12	Levi Sabey	R13	Eligh Worner
R14	Caitlyn Clarke	R17	Joji Wada

Mr Leverton – Quinn Foley-Smith

## **GPS Senior Syndicate Triathlon Results.**

Year 5 Girls 1st. Charlotte Orange, 2nd. Phoebe Wilson, 3rd. Isla Fisher

Year 5 Boys 1st. Jack Boorer-Lilley, 2nd Will Morrison, 3rd. Luke Skinner

Year 6 Girls 1st. Kristin Schoneveld, 2nd. Lydia Hanrahan, 3rd. Rebecca Skinner

Year 6 Boys 1st. Ben Wyborn, 2nd. Cody Roberts, 3rd. George Powell

## **Breakfast BBQ**

The Breakfast BBQ is being held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 8.00 – 9.00am.

Our Year 6 students will have various stalls to raise money for our sponsored child Htet Wai Yan Oo who lives in Myanmar. Games at the stalls will cost 50c, \$1 or \$2, so bring plenty of change.

There will also be a second hand stall so any unwanted books, toys, puzzles or games that you don't want can be sent along to Mrs Scott (in Room 14).

The ever popular cake stall will also be run and we would love any baking and home made sweets for this stall. Please also send to Mrs Scott.

## **Relay For Life Mufti Day!!**

We will be having a Mufti Day on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March to raise money for the Geraldine Gladiators Relay for Life Team which some of our staff and children are part of. Can children please come to school dressed in rainbow colours, with a gold coin donation toward this great cause.

Also there will be a donation bucket in the school office for anyone who would like to donate to The Cancer Society and our local teams!

### **Year 6 Camp - Reminder**

If you have forgotten to pay your Year 6 child's camp fee of \$55 could you please pay this as soon as possible. Our Internet Banking number is: 01-0841-0024832-10. Please use Y6 Camp and your child's name as a reference.

### **Swimming Pool**

The **school pool** will close on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please return all pool keys to the school office as soon as possible.

### **Library Books/Journals/Readers**

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

### **Lost Library Books**

We have a fabulous resource with a huge selection of books the children love to read and make excellent use of. We encourage the children to get books out to read independently and support reading at home. But last year 120 books were not returned to our Library. This cost our school between \$1800 - \$2400. This equates to \$15 - 20 per book, and as you will understand we cannot sustain this loss.

So starting this year, we have found ourselves in the position of having to charge for any library books that are lost or damaged.

Books are electronically issued to the children, (they have their own personal individual barcode). Each book has a barcode which is zapped and issued to that child.

We will be sending notices home for overdues and if they are still not returned by the date on the overdue notice, then we will have to charge you the replacement cost.

We want all children to have access to these books and foster responsibility when issuing and looking after them while reading them so that others can too.

Thank you for your understanding

### **Dental Clinic**

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

## School Calendar -

### **Week 5**

Tuesday 1 March Middle Syndicate Triathlon  
Thursday 3 March Postponement Middle Syndicate Triathlon

### **Week 6**

Tuesday 8 March Y6 Camp commences – Lindisfarne  
Friday 11 March Y6 Camp ends

### **Week 7**

Wednesday 16 March Board of Trustees meeting, staffroom, 5pm –  
All welcome  
Thursday 17 March Room 2 & 3 kayaking  
SC Triathlon  
Friday 18 March Room 4 & 5 kayaking

### **Week 8**

Thursday 24 March Breakfast BBQ  
Friday 25 March Good Friday – School Closed

### **Week 9**

Monday 28 March Easter Monday – School Closed  
Tuesday 29 March Easter Tuesday – School Closed  
Thursday 31 March –  
Friday 1 April Room 4 & 5 rock climbing  
SC Swimming

### **Week 10**

Friday 8 April 3 Way Conferences all day

### **Week 11**

Friday 15 April Open Assembly 1.30pm  
Term 1 ends 2.45pm

## **2016 Term Dates**

### **Term 1**

Monday 1 February – Friday 15 April 11 weeks

#### Includes:

Good Friday – Fri 25 March (school closed)  
Easter Monday – Mon 28 March (school closed)  
Easter Tuesday – Tues 29 March (school closed)

## **Term 2**

Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July

10 weeks

### Includes:

Teacher Development Day – Fri 3 June (school closed)

Queen's Birthday – Mon 6 June (school closed)

## **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**

### **Sausages**

One of the popular Home and School services offered is cooked sausages (in bread, with tomato sauce and onions as options) every Friday. Orders are taken for sausages on Friday mornings 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. The card is stamped and signed for each sausage ordered. 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 - see contact for Michelle Howell below.

### **Sausage Roster**

The Friday sausages relies on volunteer support. Two volunteers take the orders in the morning and two further volunteers cook and serve the sausages from 11.15 - 12.30. Please contact Michelle Howell 027 693-7367 if you are able to assist with this service which usually involves only two duties per term.

### **Second Hand Uniform**

Another popular service is the sale of second hand uniform every second Friday following the school newsletter from 0850 - 0915 in the Meeting Room in the School Office Block.

We welcome donations of clean and tidy uniform.

Sale Dates:

Friday 4 March

Friday 18 March

Remainder of Term 1 TBA

Upcoming Events:

**Easter Art Exhibition** and Sale 23 March - 27 March.

This is an invaluable fund-raiser for our school for which we rely on support from volunteers to do door entry over the duration of the exhibition. The commitment is only for a two hour slot and is a fantastic opportunity to see the exhibition. A roster will be available at the School Office soon but in the meantime, we would welcome the contact details of anyone from the school community who is willing to assist. The Art Exhibition is an annual event run by John and Kaye Jackson, supported by the Home and School. All entry fees and commission on sold artworks are donated to the school. Entry forms for artists are now available at the Office.

The Home and School Committee is a group of parents/caregivers who meet approx 4-6 weekly during term time to provide support and fund-raising for our school. We welcome new members for 2016. For enquiries please contact Sarah Wilson or attend our next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** AGM Monday 14 March, 7pm, School Staff Room, All Welcome

## **Policy Review**

### **How to review a GPS policy on School Docs**

School Docs is an online portal that houses all our school policies and procedures.

This term we are due to review our policies on:

- ✓ School Swimming Pool
- ✓ Alcohol, Drugs and Other Harmful Substances

We would like your help with this. This will only take you a short while.

Go to: **[gps.schooldocs.co.nz](http://gps.schooldocs.co.nz)**

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

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

This will take you to our School Docs home page.



In the search bar (top left), type in the name of the policy to be reviewed and click search.

With the policies that now come up, click on the policy you wish to review. There are often additional procedures which can be read alongside the policy.

Read through the policy and to comment, go to the **Red Policy Review** button (top right)

Click the parent / caregiver option and type in your name if you wish. Click the **Login** button. A new window will appear – you can now review this policy. You will be asked to rate the content and implementation of this policy. You can provide a comment if you wish. Click **Submit** when you're done.

This is how our policies are reviewed by parents / caregivers, staff and Board of Trustees members. 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 at the top right.

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

## Community Notices

**Brainwave** Early Years Presentation Wednesday 2 March 2016 10am-12 noon. Venue Temuka Alpine Energy Stadium AD Hally Lounge (upstairs)> RSVP by 29 February 2016 to Lyndsey Hubert ph 027 4076017 or 03 6155180, email [lyndsey@aws.co.nz](mailto:lyndsey@aws.co.nz) Door Charge – free. Light finger food, tea and coffee available after the presentation. Pre-schoolers welcome.

**Geraldine Multi Challenge** Run / Walk / Bike – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016.  
[www.geraldine-multichallenge.co.nz](http://www.geraldine-multichallenge.co.nz). Entry forms at GPS Office.

### **The Karate Kid - A Fundraising Movie Event**

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 4.30 – 7pm \$10 per ticket At the iconic Geraldine Cinema Fundraiser for the Seido Karate Club Geraldine Contact Lizzie 027 2321316

Beginner class for **Seido** is on Thursday 5-6pm - \$2 per person - at the Geraldine bowling club all welcome !

### **Geraldine Football(Soccer) Club**

Anyone wanting to play Football this year , aged 6 plus , male or female,we have a team for your age group,any age ,any ability.

Also for the 4-6's we run a First Kicks programme , learn the skills , after school Thursdays. Term 2 & 3.

Contact Paula Irvine [geraldinefootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinefootballclub@gmail.com) , 03 6938594 or 0276374775 to register

Registrations close for our Mens team closes on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

We need more players for our Men's Div 2 team , anyone aged 15 and over is eligible.

Morning grades 7<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> grade close's March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Practices for anyone Males aged 15 and older have started in the Geraldine Domain at 6.30pm , Tuesdays.

### **Coaches**

If you are interested in coaching a team get in touch with Paula.

**Bridge Lessons:** Stimulate your mind. Find a new interest. Learn to play the king of all card games. Suitable for all ages 10yrs+. Wednesdays 7.15pm. Test your interest first with Mini Bridge, 23 & 30 March. Full 10 week lesson programme follows, starting April 6<sup>th</sup>. Phone: Helen Rinaldi 693 7566

Hayley Butcher Dance Studio Does your child love to dance?

I am taking the below classes in Temuka on Mondays.

- Tap Dance Classes aged from Year 1 –Year 4
- A NEW Jazz/Hiphop fun class for year 2 – year 6

If you would like more information please feel free to contact me.

Home 03 6159300, Cell 0274570151 or through facebook



## Geraldine High School PTA

"Give it a go"

### Primary School Rogaine Event



**What?** "Give it a go" Primary School Rogaine event is a cross-country map-reading sport.

**Where?** The beautiful foothills of Geraldine (Meeting at Woodbury Hall)

**When?** Sunday 10th April - registration from 10.30am  
Start at noon. Rogaine is 1hr long.

**Who?** Open to Yr 5/6 primary school students.

Entry forms will be available at your school.

**Pre entry is essential.**

Teams of 2 to 4 students.

**Entries close April 4th 2016.**

Cost \$10 per student.

Entry fee covers map, certificate and prize for all students.

This event is to encourage students to try out a Rogaine event and use skills they have learnt from Kiwisport training.

Detailed information will be sent prior to the event.

**Questions?** email [j.a.hornsby@xtra.co.nz](mailto:j.a.hornsby@xtra.co.nz) or 6939319.

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Tiger Aspec Productions together with...

# **The Geraldine Lodge Theatre**

Presents an amateur production of



Written by Richard Curtis and Paul Mayhew-Archer

Directed by Don McCully

**Geraldine Lodge, Talbot Street**

**31 Mar-2 Apr 7.30pm; 3 Apr Matinee 2pm; 7-9 Apr  
7.30pm**

**Tickets available from Louk, Talbot St, Geraldine  
and**

**Newman's Musicworks Timaru**

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**Relay for Life Fundraiser** Stall Friday 4 March from 9.30am outside Westpac Geraldine. Raffle tickets also available for sale. Any donations of baking greatly received and can be dropped to 77 McKenzie Street, Geraldine. Contact Cathy 027 421 1386. Thank you for your support.

**Parent Course** run through The Parenting Place occurs every Friday at school in Room 14 for the next 5 weeks. It's not too late to join. Subsidies available. Contact Lorraine Morgan 022 415 5407 for more information.

## **'Power Off' devices, turn on 'Family Time'**

### **& WIN for your school!**

The Pinnacle Programme and Hyundai NZ are challenging Kiwi families & schools across the country to switch off their electronic devices for the Hyundai Power Off/Family On Weekend from the 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March.

Last year, 17,623 Kiwi families disconnected their laptops, gaming consoles, tablets and phones to connect with something much more important – their kids, parents, siblings & friends. We're hoping for even more this year!

**Sign up to participate in the Power Off/Family On Weekend and nominate your school to WIN \$500 worth of sports gear. The four schools with the most nominations will win, so share this with as many people from your school as possible to increase your chances!**

**You can sign up here: <http://bit.ly/1SbmQkH>**

**Netball trials** for year 5 & 6 girls Saturday teams this Sunday 6th March at Geraldine netball courts 2pm! Any queries contact Megan 0275-504848

**JUNIOR DISCO:** Friday 18th March 5-6 pm at the Geraldine Primary School hall for ages 2.5-6 years. Gold coin admission includes snack and drink. Glow sticks for sale. Organised by the Geraldine Home and Kindergarten Committee.

# COFFEE HOUR

**FRIDAY 4 MARCH**

**FROM 9.00 – 10AM**

**Geraldine Primary School staffroom**

**LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.**

*CRECHE AVAILABLE.*

*Deana*

